

Exchange of Views

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Book Burners too Late

THERE have been few times in modern history when there were as many reasons for pessimism about the future of civilization as there are today. Nevertheless, it is also true that one's pessimism can very easily be overcome.

For although the de-civilizing forces which are abroad in the world today have a sweep and a power which must not be underestimated, the opposing forces are not without power, either. The picture is black, but it is not all black. The Jews have been currently predicting the downfall of civilization may be overlooking a few bits.

There is, for instance, the matter of the book-burners.

Shortly after the German Nazis took over Austria, Nazi chieftains announced that they would purge the famous "Austrian National Library" of all "non-Aryan" volumes. Considering the way they interpreted that sinister catchword in Berlin, this is apt to mean that almost any book which is really worth preserving will get tossed into the bonfire.

Now it happens that the Austrian National Library is one of the great libraries of the world. It contains some 1,200,000 books, including thousands of ancient manuscripts and priceless historical documents. Merely to think of a squad of storm troopers going through that collection with carte blanche to destroy all that is beyond their understanding is enough to make a man shiver.

Such things have happened before. The ancient library at Alexandria, Egypt, was once a treasure-house of human knowledge. When the Mohammedans burned it—on the ground that since all man needed to know was written in the Koran no other books were necessary—the world became measurably poorer, and the slow and painful rise of the human race from barbarism received a measurable set-back.

Yet the book-burners in Vienna do not have the power that the book-burners in Alexandria had, much as they might like to have it. They are operating in a totally different sort of world: a world which does not sit dumbly by while brute ignorance destroys the heritage of intelligence, but which bestir itself to make the loss good.

For the world has moved, after all. Man's progress could be delayed some centuries by the destruction of the Alexandria library; it cannot be so delayed by the destruction of the one in Vienna. The widened horizon represented in those books at Vienna does not exist in those books alone. It has been diffused among thinking men all over the world.

All of which is a sign that human civilization rests on stouter pillars now than used to be the case. The militaristic Samsons may be doing their best to throw those pillars down, but the job is beyond them. In the end, it is not quite possible that they will destroy nothing but their own strength?

Put 'Er There

MRS. ROOSEVELT has diagnosed how to shake hands with 3000 people without batting an eyelash. The wives of several thousand men with presidential aspirations doubtless have filed the lesson away for future reference, but what the country needs most today is a good 5-cent lesson on how to shake hands with just one person.

The proper method when greeting a few thousand, according to

Mrs. Roosevelt, is to grasp their hands by the ends of the fingers and draw them gently off to one side. It discourages a pause for conversation and keeps the line moving. And never, she says, let them get the jump on you in the finger-grabbing business. But she fails to instruct in just how to do this. It's one of those everyday problems, too. Just as valuable would be instruction in: How to discourage a pause for conversation when there is no line to keep moving. How to act like a big boy when the fatherly grip-by-the-arm is employed. How to recognize the approach of a manual rock-crusher. How to stay casual while a rhythm-pumper goes through with his non-stop endurance contest. And how to keep a handshake with a beautiful girl 100 per cent brotherly when circumstances make it advisable.

Editorials on News

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mark. But it doesn't seem to make sense (at least as yet) that the LaFollettes can hope to win by starting a new party and DIVIDING their forces.

It is an axiom of politics that you can't win by dividing the votes you hope to get.

THIS dispatch from London is interesting:

"The premiers of Britain and France today (Friday) concluded a vital two-day conference in which they forged a mighty entente (understanding) designed to keep the peace of Europe by virtue of its own strength."

IN OTHER words, they propose to say to the rest of Europe, and pointedly to Hitler: "Keep the peace, or you'll have us to settle with. And TOGETHER we're big enough to finish anything you start."

It is the old idea of the balance of power, which means lining up enough strength on one side to stop anything the other side may start.

It kept the peace in Europe for a long time before the great war. Maybe it will keep the peace again—at least for a while.

Behind the Scenes

In Washington

By Rodney Datcher

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Congressman Bruce Barton of New York, the advertising man who wrote "The Man Nobody Knows," remained relatively obscure in Washington as long as he merely kept proposing repeal of a law each week.

But now Mr. Barton proposes that a new law be passed and he is in the headlines. Democrats are embarrassed by the Barton proposal. They probably will manage to bury it, but their faces will be red just the same. Barton wants an amendment to the copyright laws which would send to prison any official distributing government funds who influenced the political beliefs or actions of a recipient.

It is hard for a politician to think up any plausible reason why such a law shouldn't be passed. Any reason that he can give publicly, that is. But the embarrassment which comes from failing to get behind such an obviously good law is by no means equal, in the case of many politicians, to the embarrassment which might be caused by its passage.

About This Confusion

One of the surviving New Deal brain trusters, who has been brain-trusting and functioning in various important capacities almost since the beginning of the Roosevelt administration, was quite frank the other night when taxed with the fact that there still seemed to be an enormous amount of confusion within the administration ranks.

No more confusion than there always had been, he insisted, and quoted for a comparison the remark of an old Boer general who said after the South African war: "Our lines of communication were so disorganized that not even the British knew what we were doing!"

Sure G. O. P. Gain

A republican gain of 35 seats in the next congress may be taken as a reasonable rock-bottom prediction at this time.

In a recent poll of Washington correspondents and outstanding politicians of both parties taken by the magazine News-Week, the lowest guess by any politician called for a 35-seat G. O. P. gain and the highest predicted 81 new republican seats.

National Chairman John Hamilton and Jim Farley both took part in the poll, as did the chairman of the two major party congressional campaign committees. Correspondents guessed all the way from 19 to 109. The average guess of both groups was for 68 new republican seats.

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Critics Dissent

LESLIE KANE TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

Leslie James Kane, sentenced in circuit court yesterday to three years in the state penitentiary, was taken to Salem today by Sheriff Percy Webb and was delivered there to prison authorities. Kane pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from a local service station.

OUT OUR WAY



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

RAMBLINGS

by Paul Jenkins

LATE last autumn the folks east of the Cascades were uneasy because of a threatened lack of moisture at the time in the mountains. Dependent on the irrigated districts over there are upon heavy snowfalls in the great natural reservoirs of the hills, the people usually feel uneasy each fall—until the deluge comes. However, they aren't worrying much about it this spring, as the following extract from a letter recently received from Klamath Falls points out:

"We've had a wild winter—not much cold, but an awful lot of moisture. There has been no frost in the ground at all this winter, and all the water—and there has been plenty of it—has sunk in. The result is that the ground is saturated like a sponge."

"The chamber of commerce directors went over to Lakeview the other night for their annual visit there, and I never saw so much water. The bottom has simply fallen out of the road up on top of Quartz mountain. We managed to make it through in the daylight on the road over, but coming back at night we got stuck cold in the first hole, and if there hadn't been a highway truck to pull us out we'd have been there yet."

"Lakeview is in much drier country than this, but over there dry towns that haven't had a drop of water in them for years are running bank full, and Goose lake is coming up again till it is plainly visible from the town. It has been entirely dry for 12 years. If the stockmen don't have a good feed year this time, they'll never have one. The desert ought to turn green this summer."

Later in the same letter the writer touches on politics, which is springing up all over the state as lush and green as the expected crop of grass:

"What do you think of Old Man Martin? I'm going to do something next fall, if he's nominated, I've never done before, and that is vote for a democrat. I really had it in me to vote for a democrat as a democrat so I could vote for him at the primary, but it looks now as if he will be nominated any way, so I'll spare myself that."

This letter, by the way, was written AFTER the governor had endorsed the stand Oregon's Senator Roames took in voting for President Roosevelt's reorganization bill.

BEFORE this hearty and apparently sincere endorsement of a major new deal measure by him, I believe a great many of our republicans felt that we could vote for Governor Martin, if he survived the primaries, with a good grace. Now, I'm not so sure.

However, after all, a governor usually has a small opportunity to exercise effective influence upon national legislative matters. The Reorganization appointment was unusual, in this connection, and unfortunately so, I believe, for Governor Martin.

The heavy increase in democratic registration in Oregon is thought by many observers to indicate that many republicans have switched their registry in order to vote for Governor Martin in the primaries. Do you suppose by any chance the switch could have been occasioned by republican supporters of Willis Mahoney? There must have been some mighty well directed effort back of such a general movement as this one appears to have been; and Mahoney is backed by powerful organizations capable of working this concerted job, Oh, well—

Bellview Club to Meet — The Bellview club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Della Kelly.

FEATURE FLASHES FROM

KRNR

ON THE AIR FROM EVERYWHERE

Ranny Weeks, Tunesful Trobadour

Tanny Weeks, the "tunesful trobadour" of eastern airlines for past three years, now, with Bob Mitchell, Hollywood's busiest man, forms the new song and music team whose offerings reach western air lanes over facilities of the Mutual-Don Lee Broadcasting system.

The pair, featuring organ, piano and Weeks' baritone voice, are heard three times weekly, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2:45 to 3 p. m.

Tycoons to the Microphone

Chieftains of the three radio networks of the United States link hands in a unique broadcast originating in New York and broadcast to western air lanes through facilities of the Mutual-Don Lee system on Wednesday, May 4, 10 to 10:30 a. m.

As guests of the Women's National Radio Committee meeting in the St. Regis hotel roof garden will be Alfred J. McCosker, chairman of the board of Mutual Broadcasting system; William S. Paley, president of the Columbia Broadcasting system and David Sarnoff, president of the National Broadcasting company.

Local Recital Scheduled

The first locally originated broadcast of a pupils recital over KRNR is scheduled for 8:15 Wednesday evening, when Miss Gladys Strong presents her charges in a half hour's entertainment. The recital will originate in the Umpqua hotel studios of KRNR, and will be under the direction of Miss Strong. Numbers will be presented by Marjorie Ott, Jane Clarke, Charley Clarke, Helen Chamberlain, Carolyn Cord, Florence Hamilton, Betty Owen, Faith Young and Virginia Young.

Black Expose Wins

Reporter Sprague's series disclosing Justice Hugo L. Black's one-time membership in the Ku Klux Klan won the \$1,000 award for the most distinguished example of a reporter's work in 1937.

The Bismarck Tribune received \$500 for the "most distinguished meritorious public service rendered by a newspaper" for its campaign to restore the confidence of drought-stricken residents of the dust bowl.

The Columbia trustees called the campaign "an outstanding example of newspaper leadership and public service."

Krook, winner of a similar award in 1935, received the \$500 prize for distinguished service as a foreign or Washington correspondent for his exclusive interview with President Roosevelt on the president's political philosophy.

The world's only woman tiger and lion trainer, Mabel Stark, will be seen in action with the Al G. Barnes and Sells Floto combined circus coming to Roseburg Thursday, May 12. After two years spent in Hollywood making pictures, Miss Stark has returned to her first love, the circus. Her newest offering is unquestionably her most daring. She uses in it 30 ferocious wild jungle beasts.

All the experience she has gained in her brilliant subjugator career has been poured into this amazing act; which for daring, sheer nerve and breathtaking thrills has no equal. The tawny-mantled and velvet-barred tigers have been taught tricks never before attempted. The entire performance is a revelation in training skill. Needless to say, the Angel of Death occupies a front row seat each time Miss Stark enters the triple steel-barred amphitheatre. When the massive iron door clangs behind her, she faces a seething sea of man killing flesh. Only iron nerve can overcome the killers. Miss Stark has it in abundance. She has also in abundance claw marks, souvenirs of many narrow escapes.

Miss Stark has a truly marvelous act. It is, however, only one of the 1,000 new wonders on the Al G. Barnes and Sells Floto combined circus 1938 diversified program. Doors open at 1 and 7 p. m. Performances are at 2 and 8. The additional hour affords time to inspect the enlarged menagerie.

Here Yesterday — Mrs. Scruggs and Mrs. Myrtle Sutherland of Sutherlin came to Roseburg yesterday to attend to business and remained over last evening to attend the Catholic Ladies Sewing society benefit card party.

By Williams

MARTIN BLASTS AT LABOR RACKETEERS

Governor in Roseburg Talk Also Raps 'Soreheads' Among Democrats.

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He urged united efforts to develop Oregon industry and replied to critics of his social security policies by declaring he was heartily in favor of the program which had put Oregon in 12th place in the nation in caring for its unemployed on an income which was in 34th place. Shortly after his noon hour meeting here with his supporters, Governor Martin left by auto for Grants Pass.

In his brief address he urged industrial development, declaring that the 70 per cent of Oregon's income from agriculture is out of balance. The state he said is in the raw material era, adding that there is no reason why Oregon products should be shipped to other states, and, in fact, to Europe, to be returned in enhanced value through processes of manufacture. The finished product might as well be produced in Oregon, he said.

"Soreheads" Cited

Striking out at some of his critics, Martin said: "Labor racketeers are making an organized effort to bring about my defeat. They are appealing to a lot of 'sorehead' democrats. I have on my desk the names of more than 25,000 democrats who have appealed to me for jobs. Because I didn't do it, they call me a lot of them are 'sore' and they are gunning for me."

"Another army is being mobilized by deception and misrepresentation. In this army are the aged and unemployed. They are being told that I am a tough, hardboiled old soldier and that there are no humanitarian principles left in that old devil."

"In that connection I am ready to stand on my record."

Favors Aid to Needy

"When I was in congress in 1930 I was one of the first to advocate old age pensions."

"There is no question of old age assistance any more than there is an issue about increasing the pay of workers. The aged and needy should be given every possible aid, but we can't bankrupt the property owners in doing it. The laborer is entitled to a just share of the wealth he helps to create and I am for these principles."

"No man can stand in the way of the greedy and selfish without making enemies. My enemies include those who would continue their rackets; those who would rob the people of this state of Oregon; those who say, 'That old bird never did anything for me.' I am glad to have them for my enemies."

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(1500 Kilocycles)

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Morton Gould's Orch. MBS.

4:30—Fulton Lewis Jr. MBS.

4:45—Radio Campus. MBS.

5:00—The Children's Hour.

5:15—The Johnson Family. MBS.

5:30—Howie Wing. MBS.

5:45—The Umpqua Valley Serenaders.

6:00—Gladys Firman's Dancetini.

6:15—The Phantom Pilot. MBS.

6:30—Frank Bull. MBS.

6:45—Interlude.

6:50—Hansen Motor Co. News.

6:55—News Flashes.

7:00—The Place to Go. MBS.

7:30—Green Hornet. MBS.

8:00—N. Y. State Symphonic Band.

8:30—World Affairs. MBS.

8:45—Johnny Johnson Orch. MBS.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News. MBS.

9:15—Leighton Nobel's Orch.

9:30—Sign Off.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:00—"Early Birds."

7:30—News-Review Newscast.

7:40—Hansen Motor Co. News.

7:45—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."

7:50—Alarm Clock Club.

8:00—Merrymakers. MBS.

8:30—Radio Garden Club. MBS.

8:45—Rhythms of Life. MBS.

9:00—Man About Town.

9:30—Rex Battels Orch. MBS.

9:45—Voice of Experience. MBS.

10:00—Women's Natl. Radio Committee Luncheon. MBS.

10:30—American Family Robinson.

10:45—Hollywood Charm Council. MBS.

11:00—Country Church of Hollywood. MBS.

11:15—Variety Show of the Air.

11:30—Jam Session. MBS.

11:45—Bill Wells & Organ. MBS.

12:00—Ed Fitzgerald. MBS.

12:15—Radio Music.

12:30—Noontime Melodies.

12:35—Parkinson's Information Exchange.

12:45—Chas. A. Sprague Speech.

1:00—Hansen News.

1:05—News-Review of the Air.

1:15—Man on Street. Henninger's.

1:30—Afternoon Dance Melodies.

2:00—Rudy & His Music. MBS.

2:30—Today's Front Page.

2:45—Rannie Weeks' Orch.

3:00—Feminine Fancies. MBS.

3:30—Modern Vocalists Reveries.

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