

Smear Campaign May Prevent O. K. For Lilienthal

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WASHINGTON, D. C., — Tennessee Sen. Kenneth McKellar's smear campaign against confirmation of David E. Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission seems to be taking hold.

Following the Hitlerian propaganda technique that if you stretch the facts often enough and far enough, the people will believe you, McKellar has succeeded in planting suspicion in the minds of his senatorial colleagues.

Three arguments — and a whispering campaign — have been launched against Lilienthal. First that he has communistic leanings.

Second that he is opposed to private enterprise.

Third that he is the last of the New Dealers and should therefore be liquidated by the Republican majority of the Senate.

The whispering campaign is that Lilienthal is of Jewish blood. He is. But what of it? Or is this the Nazi Germany of 1937?

To get this whole story out in the open and end the vicious gossip in this country that has so far fought a war for "Freedom of Worship," Lilienthal's parents were Czech Jews. Lilienthal himself was born in Illinois. He went to DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., a Methodist institution. He married a girl brought up in the Methodist faith. In Knoxville, their children attended an inter-denominational church and Sunday school.

McKellar's charges of communism in TVA are based on the thinnest of evidence. At the height of the Dies Committee activity in 1940, Dave Lilienthal as TVA chairman asked the FBI to come in and screen all of TVA's 6000 employees. Ten out of the 6000 were brought up for examination. Of the 10, three were found to be Communists. They were all in minor jobs. They were discharged.

Another Claim Blasted
Then the claim that Lilienthal was opposed to private enterprise was dreamed up. It is easy to say but impossible to prove that this campaign is sponsored by the power lobbyists. It is also easy to say but impossible to prove that the Army brass has contributed to this, hoping to get a general in the chairmanship.

If the charge that Lilienthal is anti-free enterprise is based on the fact that during his chairmanship TVA bought out certain private electric power companies that competed in the Tennessee Valley, it must be admitted. But TVA also stimulated private enterprise in the valley. It brought in new industries. And some of the biggest corporations in the country have operated check by jowl with TVA. They get along fine. Aluminum Company of America, for instance.

Also, in the \$500-million-a-year operation of the Atomic Energy Commission, the major operating contracts have been given to big business. General Electric operates Hanford, Wash. Monsanto Chemical operates Clinton Laboratories. Tennessee Eastman and National Carbon and Carbide operate Oak Ridge.

If there is anything to be alarmed at in this situation, isn't it that there is now too much concentration of atomic know-

how in the hands of these big businesses?
Public Welfare at Stake
The Republican angle — that Lilienthal is the last of the New Dealers — is dirty politics, but it makes sense to a political boss. The effects of this hatchet-work are far more serious than merely deciding whether Lilienthal gets a job. If the Senate rejects him, he can probably get twice as much as the government's \$15,000 a year. Big business would snap him up.

But who would want to succeed him? No right-minded man would want to submit to personal abuse such as Lilienthal has received. Things like this are what makes it so hard for government to get good men. The whole cause of efficient public service loses if Lilienthal is licked.

Greece Seen as Key to Political Future of Europe

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One of the most far-reaching and delicate international issues of the postwar period has been raised by Britain's unprecedented proposal that a big part of her obligations in Greece be assumed by the United States, and the U. S. State Department's reply which is reported to be "favorable in principle" contingent on congressional approval and British agreement to maintain troops there.

That John Bull should find himself unable to meet his obligations to his little Balkan protégé is easily understandable. He is in the midst of a life-and-death

economic crisis which renders him incapable of providing the money necessary — said to be some \$250,000,000 for the current year. What some folk may not find quite so clear is why Britain (and the U. S. A.) should feel it necessary to maintain Greece in this relationship.

The answer is that Greece is the keystone of Britain's all-important zone of influence in the Eastern Mediterranean. Greece is England's last hold on the Balkan Peninsula. Should the British be compelled to withdraw, there's small doubt that Greece, already hard pressed by Communist neighbors, would be swallowed by

the Red tide. Athens would take orders from Moscow.
Turkey Would Be Next
The result of such a development might easily render Turkey — now a friend of the Western Allies — vulnerable to Soviet pressure so that Russia would at long last gain her heart's desire of controlling the Dardanelles strait — strategically one of the most important water thoroughfares in the world. And there you have the foundations for the collapse of England's control in the Middle East and her lifeline to the Far East.

But this is not the whole story. Were Britain knocked out in the Eastern Mediterranean, the dyke

which has been acting as a deterrent to the sweep of the Red tide across Western Europe would have been breached. Italy might be the next country to come within the Soviet zone, providing a mighty lever for communization right through to the English channel.

Two Problems Faced
But, asks someone, why should we of the Western hemisphere worry about what happens to Britain's sphere of influence in Europe, or what the political developments are? Well, two world wars have convinced military experts that America's front-line defenses lie in Europe, and that being the case we most certainly

are vitally interested in the politico-military set-up there.
The present position poses two problems for America and Britain in particular and for the Western democracies in general:

(1) Is it wise from the standpoint of world peace for any one great power to control all of continental Europe?
(2) Do the Western Democracies intend to combat the encroachment of Communism on their territories or do they just intend to let nature take its course?
As for the first question, it would take a Hitlerian mentality to see any good in European domination by one nation. Should

such a situation be created, it would be a seven-league stride toward world control by the nation concerned.
The answer to the second query has been given many times in the capitals of the Democracies. Totalitarian Communism and Western Democracy are so diametrically opposed that the two cannot exist in the same country.

One of them must die. So the Western Democracies have turned thumbs down on Communism as a doctrine for their own countries. Its acceptance would mean their downfall.

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sprinkle with ¼ cup brown sugar, salt, pepper and paprika. Pour ½ cup orange juice over the parsnips and dot with butter or margarine. Cover and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes. Garnish with orange slices. Serves 6.

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