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## THE RIGHT TO KNOW

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The period from October 1 to 8 is the ninth observance of National Newspaper Week. In 1939 the Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., at an annual meeting in Chicago, arranged the first program for 1940, with the original purpose to "coordinate effort in answer to organized attacks and criticisms aimed at weakening the prestige and influence of newspapers."

While National Newspaper Week affords a newspaper the opportunity to "toot its own horn," giving the public an opportunity to consider the importance of a free press, the special observance has had a double-barreled reaction in that appraisal by the press of its achievements has strengthened self-confidence and resulted in stronger determination to assume the full responsibility of its task in firm conviction that it has a duty which must be performed regardless of all attacks.

Perhaps none of our constitutional institutions has been subjected to as long, or vigorous, or sustained attack as has freedom of speech as represented by a free press. Time and again efforts have been made to bring the press under control of vested authority. One of the first endeavors of the New Deal party was to restrict the power of the press through a license system. Failing in that purpose, an organized program of sniping and smearing was undertaken. Every New Deal speaker, from the President on down, took insidious potshots at the press in an endeavor to alienate public confidence. The press today is assailed from every side by political demagogues, labor radicals, financial racketeers, pressure groups and the leaders and mercenaries of self-interest organizations. Communist leadership particularly is anxious to destroy public confidence in the press, for as long as we have a free press Communism cannot attain its purposes in this or other countries.

National Newspaper Week this year has as its theme: "The right to know is the key to all your liberties." It is a sobering theme when once we stop to realize what it means. Only an ignorant people may be enslaved. When people have opportunity to know the truth they will demand their liberties. The German people were enslaved by Nazism only because the German press was controlled by the Nazi party. Russia is a Communist nation today only because the strictest control is maintained over its press.

The free nations are spending millions of dollars annually to beam radio programs into the enslaved countries of Europe to preach the gospel of freedom. But the effort is of little avail because it is the press, rather than the radio, that most directly affects the thinking of people.

Totalitarian governments censor all the news appearing in their controlled newspapers. Misrepresentation, misinterpretation and deliberate untruth, coupled with carefully screened news, pour out daily to the Russian people. Thus they are denied access to a complete understanding of world events. They know only what their governments want them to know. Given a free press, the Russian people, who by nature are a friendly people, would soon be peaceful participants in world affairs instead of international hoodlums.

Time and again we hear and read that the American press is controlled by Wall Street, that it is the servant of vested interests, that it is the enemy of Labor, that its policies are dictated by its advertisers, etc. These charges are made by persons having special interests to serve but handicapped by a free press which subjects their purposes to public appraisal. The honest man has no reason to fear a free press; the dishonest man seeks to achieve his dishonest purpose by discrediting the press.

Publication of a newspaper is a free enterprise carried on in open competition. Anyone can start a newspaper, but a newspaper can continue its existence only so long as it commands the respect of its readers. Whenever a newspaper loses its prestige, fertile ground exists for competition.

The newspaper organization, within itself, is based on competition. The various news agencies strive constantly to score "scoops" over their rivals. Advertising solicitation is a highly competitive field. Newspapers constantly are warring for circulation.

Stop and ask yourself seriously how it would be possible to serve special interest in such a field. The minute one newspaper attempted to mislead or misinform its readers, a rival newspaper would immediately come forth with the facts and proof. Nothing can be hidden long from the American public providing we continue a free press.

It is true that we have certain newspapers that are not entirely unprejudiced or unbiased. We have "sensational" newspapers. We have newspapers serving various organized groups, supplying news and propaganda. And we have, in turn, thousands of newspapers striving earnestly to give their readers a true, unbiased daily or weekly news report, general information, editorial opinion, and pleasant entertainment. In such a field the American reader has access to full information.

The American press insists that the people of this nation have the "Right to Know." The "Right to Know" is the "Key to All Your Liberties. Throw away that key and America, too, soon will be locked behind an iron curtain.

## Thurmond Thinks He Has Chance for Presidency

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, presidential candidate of the states' rights Democratic party, said yesterday he expects to win more than 100 electoral votes in the Nov. 2 election. He predicted he will carry

"most, if not all, of the Southern states," and said the likely result is that the election of a president will be thrown into the House of Representatives, where each state has one vote. If that happens, he added, he believes his own chances of election are "good."

Weeds can kill as much as 10 per cent of a given crop.

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



## Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Does the 'exception prove the rule'? Is it a rule if there is an exception? How would you explain this? He was a young Italian, about seventeen, desperately ill with pneumonia, in a big city hospital. He was a soloist in a large Catholic church. There had been two other incidents before the one which seems so inconsistent with the usually accepted theories about speech and the vocal organs. In his delirium he had been caught in the nick of time by an orderly; he had one leg over the window sill on which lay four or five inches of snow. He was put back into bed and a strait jacket rigged about him. Next, while seemingly too weak to move a finger he had twisted himself free, seized a thick water glass on the stand by his bed, and hurled it across the large ward. It had missed a young nurse's head by a hair; she felt the whiff of air it made as it passed her face. The glass smashed in the opposite corner in countless pieces. Came the morning when the attending staff had decided he would pass from this experience; he had been 'given up'. Suddenly that Sunday morning from behind the screen placed around an expected deathbed, there came a most beautiful sound: the opening words of the "Ave Maria" sung in a clear, resonant, and sweet voice. The young lad was sitting up in bed... singing... an 'impossible' thing from the standpoint of physical condition of his respiratory system. But he sang—and no one thought to do anything but listen in stunned amazement. Then he lay down again—the best part of the story is that he recovered. Another story which various ways, is that of a middle-aged woman stricken with paralysis... unable to move her hand. In another city her sister in great distress was telling about it to a neighbor. "Suggest to her since she is so devout a believer in the Bible that she try to turn the pages of her Bible," said the neighbor, pityingly. "Ask her to expect her arm and hand to obey her..." Lovingly the sister wrote. The stricken one considered... and patiently began to try to turn the pages of her Bible. At first with no success; the hand lay inert. Then it began to 'obey' her, little by little, until she had full use of it.

## Northwest Urged To Speed Its Own Power Program

TACOMA, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Interior Secretary J. A. Krug told a power conference here yesterday that the Pacific Northwest should speed plans for its own power development. He remarked that the Federal Government is not likely to provide enough electricity for this area during the next few years. Kinsey Robinson, President of Spokane's Washington Water Power Company, suggested organization of a "generating corporation" to be financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Robinson argued that no single company could afford to generate power at a cost of \$30 a kilowatt year, to compete with Bonneville power at \$17.50, but that by dividing the burden the extra cost might be met. Secretary Krug said the power shortage is nationwide. "Aluminum companies ought to be producing one-third more to meet peacetime demands and would have to double their capacity if they were but there's not power available for a single additional tonnage," he declared. Krug said a plan to equip barges with generators, so that emergency power could be provided to areas confronted by urgent power needs, has been proposed.

## Meat, Butter Prices in New York City Decline

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Retail price drops of two to six cents a pound on some meat cuts in the past week were reported today by the city markets department. Markets Commissioner Eugene C. Schultz said there was "a general opinion in the trade that the high point in meat prices has passed." At the same time, wholesale butter prices continued a 10-day decline on the New York Mercantile Exchange with new drops of as much as 24 cents a lb. Schultz report said retail meat supplies were more than sufficient to fill the demand. Declines included sirloin steak five cents a pound to \$1.05; chuck

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courtesy be shown him. I personally want to welcome him to the state and expect to do so."

In his quite inimitable manner, Mr. Truman goes on: "In 1940, all the metropolitan papers were against me when I was a candidate for the United States Senate. Even the President (F. D. R.) called me in and offered me a job because he didn't think I would be elected... Last spring, the same experience I had in 1940 came along again. Friends said I had no chance to win... Right then I decided that if a President of the United States couldn't get himself renominated for re-election he wasn't worth a damn anyway."

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## Week Set to Urge Jobs for Persons With Handicaps

Proclamations calling for observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week Oct. 3 to 9 have been issued by Governor John H. Hall and Mayor Albert G. Flegel. It was announced today by Erwin Short, chairman of a local committee which is publicizing the week.

"National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week has been set by federal law for observance during the week from Oct. 3 to 9, and I am glad to endorse the program sponsored by the national organization, as I know the people of Oregon recognize the merit of this worthy program," the governor's statement said.

"Not only does the movement contribute to the welfare of the individual, who can be trained for useful employment and aided in overcoming his handicap, but it serves to augment the supply of workers that we definitely need in business and industry to bring full production and economic welfare to our country."

Full Support Urged "State, county, city and community officials, leaders in business and industry, labor and management, as well as individuals, are urged to join in observance of the week. Every constructive phase of the program is worthy of study and support and through our united efforts the goal of full employment can be achieved and the physically handicapped can be given the assistance to which they are fully entitled."

In Mayor Flegel's proclamation, all local officials, employers, civic organizations and all local citizens are called upon to assist "in every way possible" to accomplish the following objectives:

- 1. To promote employer acceptance of men and women with impairments as workers in jobs for which they have been prepared and for which they are qualified. 2. To find jobs for all qualified handicapped persons now unemployed locally. 3. To effect better job adjustments for those handicapped workers here who are capable of fulfilling more responsible assignments. 4. To develop rehabilitation, training and job opportunities for local handicapped persons who can be made employable.

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