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SHAME ON US!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Associated Press and U. S. newspapers, particularly those holding membership in the Associated Press, feel very deeply the failure of the State department to provide protection for William N. Oatis, A. P. correspondent in Czechoslovakia.

Oatis was arrested in April. He was accused of being a spy. No member of the U. S. consulate, no fellow newspaperman, and no attorney of his own choice was permitted to see or talk to him. For 70 days he was subjected to such treatement as can only be imagined—treatment which transformed him into a virtual zombie, "confessing" to crimes against the state.

The plight of the A. P. correspondent is, of course, no different in import than that of other of our mistreated nationals—persons arrested and falsely charged — but the Associated Press and its members newspapers are directly concerned because he was employed with the organization.

The feelings of the Associated Press are succinctly stated in a public statement signed by all of its directors, who say:

Correspondent Oatis is a competent reporter who has been a member of the staff of the Associated Press since 1937; he has served in Indianapolis, New York and London with an excellent record of accuracy and judgment.

He was arrested April 23 and held incommunicado nearly 70 days before he was brought to trial, was deprived of the right to consult an attorney of his own choice and was forced to testify against himself.

Developments at his trial indicated the pattern in which a man can be convicted of so-called espionage when he has done no more than report established facts and daily developments in the country to which he is accredited. The statute under which he was tried appears to be so all-embracing that a prosecutor and court could, if desired, find his activities in conflict with the law if a correspondent recorded anything about public events in words other than those authorized by the Czeckoslovak government.

It is not possible to determine clearly the motives and purposes which actuated his prosecutors but it is important that all members recognize that this is a trial without precedent of a newspaperman of good character and record and that it is an inconceivable act of injustice that he should become the victim of his duty to objective and truth news reporting.

Will Work For Release

The statement continues to pledge the Associated Press to work for the release of Oatis. Announcement also is made of a special committee of members to aid in the effort.

It is shameful that any organization should be compelled to organize on behalf of a U. S. national undergoing mistreatment at the hands of a foreign power.

When we were a much weaker power in world affairs we did not hesitate to protect our nationals wherever they might be. An American, anywhere in the world, knew that his government would give him support and aid when subjected to unjust treatment. No foreign power would have dared deny an American the privilege of counsel from a representative of the U. S. government.

But recently we have seen our government making dishonorable ransom concessions to secure the release of Robert A. Vogeler, mistreated by the Hungarian government. Is it any surprise then that the Czechs should seek similar ransom for Oatis?

Senator Jenner of Indiana has proposed that we send a military air mission to obtain release of Otis. If necessary, we should send everything we have in the way of military force. Such action is not necessary. If our State department had the intestinal fortitude of a blind mole, it at least would be fighting back. We would intern Czech nationals, seize Czech resources in this country, sever all diplomatic relations, and let the nasty little satellite stooge know we mean business.

Would that someone in Washington had the courage of that early-day South Carolinan, Charles Pinckney, who, as ambassador to France, announced that the United States, still struggling for its independence, would pay "millions for defense but not a damned penny for tribute."

Scraps From the Mending Basket

by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874 Drain, Or.

"Near the scene of one of the biggest blasts that ever shook North America lies a city surrounded by trees and Indians, whose householders ca stay warm with free underground heat —" Klamath Falls, of course, in the July 14 Saturday Evening Post. Six pictures in color. The one taken from the air is beautiful in blues and browns. That's the only memory I have of Klamath Falls —that and a 5-minute stop at the airport.

If you had a round-trip ticket somewhere, wouldn't you naturally suppose your return flight would be the same way? Wouldn't you be astonished, too, to find you were east of the Cascades, making a stop at Klamath Falls, if you had gone south via Eureka?

We have planned so many times to take the loop drive through Roseburg, etc., and return via Bend. This article makes a person want to start for Klamath Falls — right now!

Speaking of motoring: The other day a young neighbor, Bruce Ross, who lives up the road a piece, came by with a rear vision mirrior attached to the handle of his bicycle. Maybe other boys have a mirror on the bike, but I had never noticed one before. It struck me as a fine idea. Who hasn't given a wide berth to a boy on a wobbling bike as he looked back over his shoulder? BJ gives all the road there is to a bike rider.

When a boy has his first bike, the parent starts training for the later years when he is out with a car. It always seems a pity to me if a boy is deprived of a bike or a dog. Incidentally the only accident either of our boys had with a bike was the time their own bicycles were at home, and one of the boys was "riding double," a forbidden activity, with a pal on a rented bike in a park!

Another traffic hazard is passing a horse at night. I can't see why reflectors cannot be attached to the back of the saddle. Laugh if you like, but why not a reflector on a strap around a hind leg?

COLLISION FATAL

DALLAS, Ore. — (AP) — A collision between a pickup truck and an automobile two miles west of here Thursday night caused fatal injuries to Oscar Holmes, about 70.

Holmes was driving his truck from a side road onto Ellendale road when it crashed with a car driven by Kenneth Standiford, Dallas. Standiford and a woman companion were unhurt.

Holmes died in a hospital here an hour after the crash.

"Shall We Ask For Detroit?"

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Courthouse records in Kansas City, Mo., reveal that a dummy corporation was set up to aid President Harry S. Truman and his buddy, Dave Morgan, of Eureka, Kans., in selling thousands of dollars in worthless oil stock in 19 16-17

Actually, despite a certification on June 26, 1951 from Jack J. Vaughn, Jackson county recorder of deeds in Kansas City, that the Truman-Morgan records are accurate, it is impossible to tell when the dummy organization was established. The permanent records in Kansas City deed books have been altered.

It is against the law to alter or deface permanent records relating especially to deeds, trusts or incorporation papers. Despite this, on the third line of the trust agreement filed in the courthouse there is an erasure and a "write-over" altering the date in which the papers were filed. The apparent reason is that the partners were selling stock in the oil company at $75 a share before he companyat $25 a share before the comdate ahead in the permanent record this oversight was covered up. In December, 1916, Mr. Truman, Morgan and a friend filed articles of incorporation setting up the Morgan and Company Oil Investing corporation. The number of capital shares was 3,000—1,000 for each of the three incorporators. They started selling stock to the public immediately—under the name of the Morgan Oil and Refining company. This must have raised some eyebrows in financial circles, for within three months the trio of oil speculators filed an amended declaration of trust setting up the Morgan Oil and Refining company. Since they were selling Morgan Oil and Refining company stock they thought it wise to have a Morgan Oil and Refining company. It is on this amended declaration of trust—a dummy organization involving the same men, same alleged holdings—that the incorporation date has been altered. Nowhere is there recorded any legal authorization to sell 60,000 shares of oil stock.

In addition, a search has failed to disclose in permanent court records what it was Mr. Truman and Morgan were actually amending—for there is no record of an original Morgan Oil and Refining company trust to amend.

The President and Morgan signed the declaration of trust for the Morgan Oil and Refining company at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of March 17, 1917, according to the defaced record. The trust, which floated 60,000 shares of stock, would shame a brokerage bucket shop today. Kansas, of course, had Blue Sky laws in 1916, but nobody paid much attention to them, apparently.

The articles of trust carefully sewed it up so that Truman and Morgan couldn't be nicked by lawsuits. But they tossed the suckers a little bait by announcing that quarterly meetings would be held and that all shareholders would be notified. The trust was set up for 25 years in the papers filed in the courthouse, but 90 days later the company was advertising that it was set up for a 20 year period.

From the records I've been able to find, there apparently never was a meeting of shareholders called, nor were any of the shareholders I've talked to ever apprised of how the company was progressing, where the money was going or who was splitting the profits.

In fact neither on the stock certificates nor in the newspaper advertisements were shareholders informed that they couldn't sue Truman and Morgan or hold them personally liable for what they did with funds collected from stock sales. Stock sales were good. Morgan, for one, says he is comfortably fixed today and that "Harry made a profit out of the company."

They are the only ones who did. One widow lost $262.50 when she succumbd to come-on letter signed by the President. She bought 10 and one-half shares at $25 each. Another customer of Truman and Morgan in 1917 is now an employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Kansas City. She got worked over good. She bought a total of 104 shares at $5 each, in April, May, November and December of 1917. I won't tell you who she is. She wants to keep her job. She just figures she got stuck for $520 by the current President of the United States. There may be no special honor in this, but at least it's novel.

There are some other novel features of the Truman-Morgan trust I'll go into later, such as the assertion that the trustees would set up a 15-man advisory board to help handle the affairs of the company. I haven't found the slightest trace of a single advisory board member ever having been appointed. They would have just cluttered up the scenery. Lawyers tell me the company operated illegally by not complying with the stipulations set forth in the trust agreement.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 4:00 P.M. And 9:15 P. M.

Resort Operator Fined For Clams

SEATTLE — (AP) — A Washington coastal resort operator has been given a whopping fine of (in lower level argot) 3250 clams. In higher echelons, that's $3,250. But clams (real ones) got her into all the trouble.

The State department of fisheries announced that the arrest and conviction of Mrs. Lillian M. Wilson brough an end to a six-year, large scale illegal traffic in razor clams.

Mrs. Wilson, operator of a tourist resort at Ocean park, on Long Beach, appeared before Justice R. D. McDonald in Raymond. He fined her $3,250, then suspended all but $800.

She was convicted of selling clams to her tenants without a limit, of canning clam commercially without a license, and of taking clams commercially out of season.

Fisheries department inspectors confiscated 11 cases of canned clam when they arrested her.

DR. CHANCE DIES

PORTLAND — (AP) — Dr. Arthur William Chance, founder of the University of Oregon medical school dental division died unexpectedly Thursday. He was 78.

Dillard

By MRS. ROSA HEINBACH

Mrs. Dorothy Mayse, former second grade teacher at Dillard school, visited friends in Dillard last week. For the past year Mrs. Mayse has been completing her studies at Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland. She was graduated June 3 with a bachelor of science degree. She was on the honor roll fro two terms, and a member of Sigma Epsilon Pi honor sorority. Mrs. Mayse was a dormitory housemother and a member of the Student Inter-Dormitory council. She will teach at Coos Bay this year.

Mrs. Frank Drew, Mrs. Mercy Buell, Mrs. Dorothy Mayse and Mrs. Webb Hill and sons, Phillip and Michael, motored to Myrtle Point Monday where they left Phillip at Methodist church summer camp at Myrtlewood. They later took Mrs. Mayse to Arago, where she will visit her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Mayse and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayse and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Street of Malin and Mrs. Street's father, Charles Siegel, of Tenmile arrived in Dillard Monday to spend the Fourth of July with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Barnes and Mrs. Belle Clark. Mr. Street has been principal of Malin high school for 27 years. Previously, he was supervisor of Douglas county schools.

On July 4 a picnic dinner was held at Tenmile in the home of Charles Siegel with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes, Mrs. Belle Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Byrde Smith attending. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Street.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes honored their relatives from Malin, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Street, with a dinner party. Several relatives and friends called during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post left Saturday for John Day to visit Mrs. Post's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mr. A. C. New. They visited on Monday at Lakeview among old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Post returned to their home in Dillard July 4 via Crater lake and Diamond lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burgess and two children, Phillip and Christine, returned Wednesday from a week's trip. They visited relatives in Portland, Salem, Sandy and eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Heinbach, Ina Lee and Warren took a trip to Steamboat on the North Umpqua river.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post on Friday were Mrs. Bob Hall and two little girls from Pasadena, Calif. Other guests were Mrs. Ronald Burgess and two children, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Burgess were classmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tealer went to Salem to spend the Fourth of July with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert De Hutt and twin sons, Graig and Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mahoney and son, Kenneth, returned Monday from a trip into Canada. They visited relatives in Toppinish, Wash., and Mrs. Mahoney's aunt, Mrs. Lois Coleman, at Cranbrook, Can.

Attempting To Bribe Deputy Sheriff Charged

SALEM — (AP) — Stanley Young, 42, Portland, charged with attempting to bribe a deputy sheriff after a gambling raid in St. Paul, Ore., will enter a plea July 30, Marion county Distrjct Judge Joseph Felton said.

Young is being held in the Marion county jail in lieu of $2,500 bail.

Sheriff Denver Young said Young was arrested when he offered deputy Sheriff Arthur Beddoe money if Beddoe would release a gaming table that had been seized by sheriff's officers and state police at the St. Paul Legion hall.

Young and Frank Caldwell, 42, Milwaukie, and Carl William Roan, 34, Portland were arrested on charges of conducting gambling games.

Caldwell also was accused of carrying a concealed gun.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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railroad building. He repays his debt by honeying up to the Communists, whose purpose is to DESTROY AMERICA.

A judge in New York has sent him to jail for refusing to tell where the bail money came from. I hope he stays in jail a long, long time.

I hope everybody keeps straight in his mind the facts about this man Oatis, in Czechoslovakia.

He is a hard-working reporter—an employee of the Associated Press. When he was sent to Prague, he was given a dangerous assignment — fully as dangerous as that of the soldier who is sent into battle. He knew the risk he was taking. But he had a job to do. He went ahead and did it.

He paid the price. He was captured and tortured by the Communists — as so many others have been, including many of our soldiers in Korea. He WASN'T a spy. He was just a working newspaperman, doing his job.

Why he was tortured, I wouldn't undertake to say. Who knows why a cat tortures a mouse before killing and eating it? The only answer I know is that it's the nature of the beast to do so. It's the nature of Communists to do what they do.

Communism, as inspired from Moscow, is probably the foulest thing that ever came into the world. It is so foul that in time it must fall apart of its own rottenness. It is so utterly foul that no decent person can hope to understand why it does what it does.

Here's a nasty thought:

Our human and decent inclination is to pay ANY PRICE to get Oatis out. We got Vogeler out of a similar situation in Hungary. Presumably, through our State department, we paid a price. What is was, we do not know. We assume it was something the Communists wanted.

If we buy Oatis back with concessions, as we did in the case of Vogeler, WILL THE COMMIES CAPTURE AND TORTURE MORE AMERICANS IN ORDER TO GET MORE CONCESSIONS?

It's more than a nasty thought. It's a frightening thought. But until we get strong enough to tell communism where to head in, instead of BUYING IT OFF when it threatens us, we'll have to face a lot of frightening and humiliating situations.

Red-headed Virginia Hill tells a girl reporter in Denver that "all I want is to be left alone to join my husband and child so I can lead an ordinary life."

If she means it (and I suppose she does now that the going has got rough) you can't help feeling sorry for her. But that wasn't what she wanted back when she was Bugsy Siegel's gangster moll. Then she wanted glamor and excitement and lots of easy money and the things it buys.

The pity of it is that things like that usually lead to things like red-headed Virginia is facing now. What lies at the bottom of the primrose path is seldom as attractive as the path itself. The first marijuana cigaret can be glamorous and exciting, but what it leads to is grim, shocking and disgusting.

In a way, Virginia, I'm sorry for you. But, having danced, you must pay the piper. That is the law of life — including the GILDED life. A long, long time ago old Omar the Tent-Maker put it this way: "The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on, nor all your piety and wit can lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

Collision Costs Lives Of Five Men On Tugboat

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Engineers planned to raise a sunken towboat, believed to be the tomb of five crewmen who perished when it collided with a 10,000 ton tanker in the Mississippi river near here Thursday.

The towboat—the Don Quinn of Memphis—sank in 28 feet of water 200 feet offshore.

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