LETTER TO MR. McNINCH

tions Commission,

Chairman, Federal Communica,

My dear Mr. McNinch: On No-

Fourth District National Associa-

tion of Broadcasters convention

at White Sulphur

Springs, W. Va.,

ever be an at-

tempt here by

"Should there

you said:

Mr. Frank R. McNinch.

Washington, DC.

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe" From First Statesman, March 28, 1851

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Protecting Investor Difficult Job

Although the "American end" of the McKesson-Robbins company is reported to be unaffected by the fraud charged to the Musica brothers, the fantastic record of their activities as it unfolds indicates that the mess will not be straightened out without some severe jolts to various business structures. The question has arisen with respect to the victimized corporation, as to why present laws and agencies are not sufficient to prevent the practices in which the Musicas have indulged.

It is true that there is a securities and exchange commission entrusted with the task of regulating the stock exchanges and protecting investors, in so far as possible, against fraud in connection with the issuance of securities; but it has no effective supervision over the activities of legitimate businesses after they are organized and financed.

There was a time when a billion dollars worth of totally worthless securities were sold to the American public each year, this sum coming largely out of the savings of wage earners, low-salaried people, small business men and widows. Few such securities were sold to the people who could afford to take the loss, for they already had ways of knowing what

they were buying. A start toward the curbing of the J. Rufus Wallingfords was made with the passage of the state "blue sky laws," Kan-* sas leading the way in 1911. Oregon's corporation commission, in charge of administering this state's blue sky law, has done excellent work, as have many of the others. There remained a loophole for fraud, through interstate operations; the 1933 and 1934 securities laws passed by congress were designed to complement the state laws and close this avenue for fraud. In so far as securities with nothing at all behind them are concerned, these enactments have helped greatly; but it has not yet been demonstrated that they are especially effective in preventing subtler varieties of fraud.

Salesmen of stocks and bonds are now able to tell prospective customers that their wares are honest and point out registration with the corporation commissioner or with the federal securities and exchange commission, thus lulling suspicions. But neither state nor federal registration is or can be time reaching shome ports." a guarantee that the particular issue of securities is a sound investment; the most that the federal law attempts is to collect information from which an investor may make this judgment himself. Once again, the "smart" investor is already informed; once again, the "lamb" is unable to make proper use of this information.

A moment's reflection will show why the federal government cannot guarantee any investment, cannot even advise the prospective investor, cannot enforce sound business practices after securities are sold. The conclusion seems to be that the person with money to invest is still in the position of a boxer who, technically protected by the Marquis of Queensbury rules, is solemnly advised that those rules require him to "protect yourself at all times.

Trade War of Ideologies

Not only in sabre-rattling and the threat of armed force is the conflict between democracy and totalitarianism going forward. That is a threat of future struggle; going on full tilt and was sent, 2nd lieut., already is the trade warfare between the two groups of na- to the artillery; served in the

The United States' recently signed trade pact with Great Britain was an important factor in that struggle, drawing these two nations closer together in trade matters and pushing Germany, in particular, farther away because it will not participate in any of the benefits which will accrue to many nations under the "most favored nation" clauses in their re- just quoted are from the Dictionspective trade agreements.

While some of the imposing aims with which Secretary Hull and others in the American delegation set sail for the Lima conference are running into difficulties, an achievement which may outrank them all in its practical importance was recorded when the conference unanimously adopted the United States trade resolution calling for a general lowering of tariff barriers and eliminating other trade hindrances. This like the other actions of the conference is not binding upon the nations involved; the real test will come when delegates seek ratification at home; but it is a promising begin-

There have been repeated statements that the United States is losing out to Germany in the South American market, but while it is true that Germany has gained, the United States actually is still far ahead in volume of exports to those nations. To a considerable degree, United States and South American production complement each other so that this trade is mutually beneficial. If the United States delegation can come away from Lima, leaving a greater friendliness than existed before it went there, the mission will have succeeded better than if its political objectives had been won.

Economic Aims in Voting

The really significant thing has been happening in the United States since 1932, is that the people have been learning to use the ballot for what they consider to be their own economic advantage, a nationally known forum leader said in a northwest city the other day. On this basis he explained faithful, efficient, self effacing. the two Roosevelt victories, not as a rise to dominance by the democratic party as such, but as evidence that the voters were acting upon conviction that their interests lay in that direc-

Likewise he characterized the new deal as a "percolator' philosophy, based on the supposition that if prosperity can be created at the bottom, some of it will bubble up to the top, in contrast to the "drip" system which had prevailed previously, and which presumed that prosperity created at the top would seep through to the bottom. The law of gravity appears to be on the side of the "drip" method, but may not apply if prosperity is viewed as a lighter-than-air vapor created by boiling. Perhaps this is not a safe analogy to pursue.

But if Americans are voting their economic convictions in this generation, there is no use in deploring it; that is their right. It was perhaps an inevitable development in the course of political evolution. This year's election results may be interpreted in the same manner, but if so they represent a shift in popular economic thought; an admission that the previous goal proved unsubstantial. The only possible hope is that along with a desire to use politics for economic gain, there is also developing a greater intelligence as to what measures and what leadership are likely to bring such gains on a permanent and sound basis.

Hearing Anthony Eden's address on democracy and liberty over the radio and reading what he said in the paper are all right as far as they go, but seeing in the movies the expanse of white shirt fronts before which he delivered it, at a manufacturers' association meeting in New York City, adds mightily to the impression. Television needs to be speeded toward perfection.

Thomas E. Dewey wasn't elected governor of New York so he will be able to proceed with another court fight to convict James J. Hines. The trial opens January 9, which is getting to be quite an important date on the calendar. Dewey lost 10 pounds at the first trial and during his campaign, but he has regained them while on a vacation in the south.

The Coster (or Musica) swindling probe Extends to all civilized parts of the globe;

Detectives are searching from Kobe to Rhodesia For boxes of firearms marked "milk magnesia."

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Roll of honor grows: 12-20-38 Men who learned here

and saved the nation for America, democracy for world: ٠. (Continuing from Sunday:)

The courtmartial sentence of Revere was reverted by President Lincoln on September 10, 1864, (as of course it would be.)

General Refere wrote several books: "Tour of Duty in Cali-fornia," (1843), "Keel and Saddle; A Retrospect of Forty Years of Military and Naval Service," (1872), and others that were (and are) informative and interesting.

Cadwalader Ringgold takes number 149 on this peculiarly distinguished scroll. Born in Washington county, Md., Aug. 20, 1802, he lived till . pril 29, 1867. He become a midshipman March 4, 1819, lieutenant in 1828, commender, 1842. "He cruised on the Vandalia to the Pacific, 1828-82." says the Dictionary of Biography, adding:

"He commanded the Porpoise in the Wilkes exploring evpedition, 1838-42. Under Wilkes he cruised along the antarctic continent; participated in a kirmish with Fiji Islanders Aug. 18, 1840, and made surveys along the west coase of America, and returned to the East Indies. . . In 1849 and 1550 he (Ringold) was engaged in further surveys on the California coast, and in 1851 published 'A series of Charts and Saging Directions ... to the Bay of San Francisco,' which reached a fifth edition, and, the following year, 'Correspondence to Accompany Maps and Charts of California. He subsequently commanded the North Pacific Surveying and exploring expedition which left Norfolk on June, 1953, chatred numerous Pagific shoals and islands, and seached China in 1854. Delayed there to protect foreigners duling revolutionary disturbances, Engold was a long

At the opening of the Civil war, Ringgold commanded the sailing frigate Sabine. He saved all but seven spoard the steamer Governor; was commended twice by congress. He became a com-modore in Juy, 1862; retired August 20, 1864. Two years later he was made & rear admiral.

Edward Davis Townsend is given the even number 150 in this charmed crele of immortals. Born at Boston, Mass., Aug. 22, 1817, he lived through interesting years to Flay 10, 1893. His mother was a daughter of Elbridge Gerry, a leading statesman of his period, governor of New York, vie president with Madison, etc., etc. Townsend Florida Indian wars and assisted in removing the Cherokee Indians to what is now Oklahoma.

"In 1846 be transferred to the adjutant general's department and for the next 15 years served on the Pacific coast and at Washington D.C." (The words ary of Biography.)

During the winter of 1860-61 ne was consuded as to the defenses of southern forts. He recommended that as the forts were in no condition to resist attack, a nominal defense be made, stipulating only for honorable 'crms and a free passage to the north of the defenders

"When Lincoln became president, Townsers was a lieuten-ant colonel; became adjutant general to General Scott, com-mander in chief. Bowed with age, Scott left the direction of affairs to Townsend. President Lincoln frequently visited his office, and formed a lifelong friendship with Townsend.

"Townsend was responsible for many measures taken in 1861 for the defense of Washington and for the firganization and discipline of the newly raised Scott's retirement, On troops. Nov. 1, 1861, she became senior assistant to the adjutant gener-March 23, 1863 al's departmena he became adjutant general; continued with the president and secretary of wer for three years -carried out Sheir orders; was At the end of the war, Townsend was bregetted major gen-eral for his services." The quoted words are from the Diction-

ary of Biography.
When, in 1889, Grant became president, he made Townsend adjutant general, and he had been and was largely responsible for the splendid condition of the

vast mass of war records. Townsend regired in 1884. He published two? religious books that year, containing many anecdotes of the givil war.

John Caldwoll Tidbail takes number 151 in this imortal scroll. Born in Ohio county, Va., Jan. 25, 1825, he lived until May 15, 1896. He was a member of the 1848 West Point class, and went to the 3d Artillery. "He saw service against the Seminoles, in New Mexico, and in the exploration of a route to California, with the Coast Survey, and with the Harper's Ferry expedition to suppress John Brown's raid, (1859," says the Dictionary of Biography.

After the outbreak of the Civ-war, he took part in the exedition to Fert Pickens, Fla. April-July, '61 He had become captain in May; returned to Washington in command of Battery A, 2nd Aftillery; ser ed in the Manassas ampaign. His and another batterg covered the withdrawal of the Union forces from Centreville into the defenses of

Washington. In September he organized his battery to operate with cav-alry—was in all the battles .: the Peninsulai campaign; sup-ported Porter; withdrawal to Gaines's Mill, where he checked the Confederate development and again assisted in the withdrawal. He initiated the custom of hav-ing "Taps" a unded at a sol-

They'll Do It Every Time



ACCUPLE OF WEEKS LATER - OH, BOY! THERE IT IS! COUNT IT, YOURSELF, AND SEE IF IT AIN'T TWO -BITS SHY! I OUGHT TO TAKE THIS UP WITH THE BOSS! ISN'T IT DIFFERENT HEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU'RE NOT GOING WINDOW DOUGH AROUND HERE! SALTIMORE -

Radio Programs

11:00-News. 11:15-Paul Carson.

7:45-News. 8:05-Ted White.

7:00-Story of the Month, 7:15-Trail Blazers.

8:15-Dr. Laurence Cross.

10:15—Pepile and Jive Five. 10:30—Dangerous Roads. 10:45—Dr. Kate.

11:00—Betty and Bob. 11:15—Arnold Grimm's Daughter,

11:30—Valiant Lady.
11:45—Hymns of All Churches.
12:00—Story of Mary Marlin.
12:15—Your Radio Review.

12:30—Pepper Young a Family. 12:45—Guiding Light. 1:00—Backstage Wife.

1:15—Stella Dallas. 1:30—Vic and Sade.

2:45-Edward Davies.

4:15-Mr. Keen. 4:30-Stars of Today.

6:00-Martin's Music.

6:30—Fibber McGee. 7:00—Bob Hope. 7:30—Uncle Exra.

9:30-Orchestra.

10:00-News Flashes.

10:15-Orchestrs

6:30-Market Reports. 6:35-KOIN Klock.

8:15-The Old Cowhand.

9:45-Our Gal Sunday.

11:30—School of the Air, 12:00—News. 12:15—Singin' Sam.

12:30—Scattergood Baines. 12:45—Silver Serenade.

1:00-Pretty Kitty Kelly. 1:15-Myrt and Marge.

1:30-Hilltop House. 1:45-Of Men and Books.

3.00-Newspaper of the Air. 4:00-Backgrounding the News.

8:30-Big Town. 9:00-Al Jolson, Freddie Bartholomew

KOAC-TUESDAY-550 Kc.

2:00-Music for Fun.

4:30-Second Husband

-Orchestra

:00-Dr. Christian

:45-Little Show.

00-Orchestra.

9:30-Jollytime.

2:48-FHA. 1:15-Variety.

:45-Vespers.

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7:30-Jimmy Fiddler

10:00-Five Star Final.

10:15-Nightcap Yarns.

10:30-Westerners Quartet.

11:45-Prelude to Midnight.

9:03-Homemakers' Hour. 10:15-Story Hour for Adults.

11:00-Music of the Masters,

2:30-Market, Crop Reports

2:00-Dr. Howard Taylor. 2:45-Guard Your Health.

15-Facts and Affairs, 45-Monitor Views the News.

15—News.
30—Agriculture as Viewed by Editors.

7:45—Citizen and His School. 8:15—Book of the Week. 8:45—Globe Trotting With Oregonians.

Zion Church Choir Sings

Christmas Music Tonight

SILVERTON HILLS-The Men-

nonite chorus of the Zion church

from Hubbard will make its 5th

yearly appearance in the Silver-

7:30 p.m. The program is free

and open to every one. The sa-

THE PROGRAM

OF THRILLS

6:15 to 6:30 P. M.

THE GREEN HORNET

MBS - KSLM

1370 Kc.

Community hall at

:00-Symphonic Half Hour,

7:15—H. P. Ewalt, Dairy Dept. 7:45—Citizen and His School.

12:00-News. 12:16-W. C. Leth, Polk Agent.

6:30-Orchestra.

5:45-Leon F. Drews.

6:00-We, the People,

5:00-Five o'Clock Flash. 5:15-Howie Wing.

2:30-Hello Again. 2:45-Songs for You

9:45—Our Gai Sunday.
10:00—The Goldbergs.
10:15—Life Can Be Beautiful.
10:30—Harvey Harding.
11:00—Big Sister.
11:15—Real Life Stories.

8:30—This and That. 9:15—Her Honor Nancy James. 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.

5:00-Swartout's Music

5:30-Information Please.

7:45-Voice of the Farm

8:15—Vocal Varieties. 8:30—Johnny Presents. 9:00—Good Morning Tonight.

KOIN-TUESDAY-940 Ke.

8:00-Amos 'n' Andy

3:00—News. 3:15—Candid Lady

4:00-Easy Aces.

1:45-Girl Alone. 2:00-Houseboat Hannah.

3:30-Woman's Magazine,

2:20-Three Cheers. 2:30-Smilin' Ed McConnell.

9:00—Ray Towers. 9:15—The O'Neills. 9:30—Tens and Tim. 9:45—Music Makers.

KGW-TUESDAY-620 Kc.

6:30—Sport Column. 6:45—Community Chest Review. 7:00—If I Had the Chance. 7:30—Naws,
7:45—Time O'Day,
8:00—Morning Meditations,
8:15—Salon Melodies,
8:30—Haven of Rest,
8:45—News,
9:00—Pastor's Call 7:30-Rhythm School. 7:45-Dr. Joseph Jastrow. 8:00-News. 8:15—The Name-It Game. 8:30—Covered Wagon Days. 9:00—Your Health. 9:30—Orchestra.

8:40—News.
9:00—Pastor's Call.
9:15—Friendly Circle.
9:45—Richardson Ensemble.
10:00—Hawaiian Paradise.
10:15—News.
10:30—Morning Magazine. 10:45-Hitmakers. 11:00-Or: nalities

1:30—Fit gerald Review. 1:45—Hollywood Whispers. :15-News. :30-Hillbilly Serenade. 12:45-Musical Interlude. 1:00-Better Business Bureau. 1:15-Midstream. 1:30-Two Keyboards. 1:45-The Hatterfields.

2:00-Brad Collins.

2:15—The Johnson Family. 2:30—WOR Symphony. 3:00—Feminine Fancies. 3:30—Christmas Seals Show. 3:45-Musical Interlude 4:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr. 4:15-Raymond Gram Swing. 4:30-Private School. 5:00-Pinky Hunter Sings. 5:15-Adventures Gen Shafter Parker. 5:30-Johnny Lawrence Club.

5:45-Dinner Hour Melodies. 6:30-Morton Gould's Orchestra. 5:45-Dinner 6:45-Tonight's Headlines. 7:00-Waltz Time. 7:30-Green Hornet. 8:00-News. 8:15-Don't You Believe It.

8:30—"Just Think."
8:45—Musical Interlude.
9:90—Newspaper of the Air.
9:15—Wrestling. 10:30-Chuck Foster's Orchestra. 11:00-Jack McLean's Orchestra. KEX-TUESDAY-1180 Ke.

6:30-Musical Clock.

7:00-Family Altar Hour. 7:30—Financial Service. 7:45—Lou Webb. 7:55—Market Quotations. 8:00—Breakfast Club. 9:00—Dr. Brock. 9:30—Farm and Home. 10:15—Agriculture Today. 10:30—News. 11:00-Travelogue, 11:15-The Ranch Boys. 11:30-Voice of American Women

11:45-Radio Review. 11:50-Little Variety Show. 12:00-Dept. Agriculture. 12:15-Army Band. 12:25-Hints to Housewives 12:45-Market Reports. 12:50-The Quiet Hour. 1:15-Club Matinee.

2:00—Lord Lurgan. 2:15—Financial and Grain. 2:20—Fran Allison. 2:30—Landt Trio. 2:45-Curbstone Quis. 3:00-Orchestra. 3.25—News. 3:30—Orchestra. 3:45—Ralph Blaine.

4:00-Orchestra. 4:15-Heward Miholland. 4:30-Oscar Shumsky, 4:45-Vivian Della Chiesa. 5:45-Stringtime

dier's burial, in lieu of firing volleys.

* * * In the Maryland campaign of 1862 he served with the cavalry division. The fire of his battery was frequently the decisive factor. He was in the operations culminating in Chancellorsville.

In June, 1863, Tidball assumed the command of a brigadier of horse artillery. He ably suprorted the cavalry corps throughout the Gettysburg campaign. In August he was appointed colonel of the 4th New York Volunteer Artillery and was assigned to the defense of Washington. He was reassigned to the Army of the Potomac in March, 1864, commanding the artillery of the 2nd Corps; rose to chief of artillery of the 9th Corps. In 1865 he was directed to the artillery preparation and support in the final assault on Petersburg; was made brigadier general of volunteers.

5 5 5 Following the Civil war, General Tidball had service on the Pacific coast and Alaska, In 1881-4, he was aide-de-camp of General Sherman.

He retired for age Jan. 25, 1888. He wrote a good deal on artillery service.

Egbert Thompson draws number 152 in this long list. Born in New York City June 6, 1822, he died Jan. 25, 1881. Was made midshipman March 1°, 1837. "After a year's duty on the Independence, he experie ced unusual trying duty, first in the Wilkes exploring expedition, 1838-42, in the Antarctic and South seas, and next in the brig Somers, commanded by Caut. Alexander S. M Kenzie at the time of the alleged mutiny led by Midshipman Philip Spencer, which resulted in Spencer's execution." (The quoted words are from the Dictionary of Liography.) Thompson was the executive of the Lonita during the Mexican war. During the Civil war, he was co the Powhatan in the Gulf, and on January, '62, joined Foote's Mississippi flotilla

at Cairo (Continued tomorrow.)



December 20, 1928 -What's the Big Idea.

rary board.

Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor sion of the YMCA.

15 Years Ago

December 20, 1928 Dr. Henry E. Mosris was elected to succeed himself as president of the Salem Federated clubs at a meeting at the chamber of commerce.

Brazier Small, Salem attorney, was yesterday appointed attorney for state land board replacing Roy Shields.

With the First National bank today taking over the Cunningham drier in West Salem, announcement of a new cooperative cannery with headquarters in Salem, has been made by George F. Rodgers, president of the

Call Board

CAPITOL

Haviland, and Gene Autry in "The Sagebrush Troubador," and chapter 8, Dick . Tracy serial. Wednesday-Double bill. "Nancy Drew Detective,"

with Bonita Granville and Hopalong Cassidy in "The Frontiersman."

· Today-Charles Boyer, Hedy LaMarr and Sigrid Gurie in "Algiers," and Mickey Mouse in "Polar Trappers." Thursday-Jones Family in "Safety in Numbers." and "Time Out For Murder," with Gloria Stuart, Michael Whalen and Chuck Chan-

GRAND * Today-Tony Martin, Phyllis Brooks, Slim Summerville and Preston Foster in "Up

the River." Wednesday-Double bill, "Ad- " venture in Sahara" with Paul Kelly and "Pana- * mint's Bad Man," with . Smith Ballew.

Saturday-Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in "Blondie," based on the comic strip by Chic Young.

HOLLYWOOD with Joe Penner.

Ruby Keeler.

Rooney in "Hold That Kiss" . with Maureen O'Sullivan and Dennis O'Keefe and Rin-Tin-Tin, jr., in James Oliver Curwood's stirring story of the mountles, 'Caryl of the Mountains."

ELSINORE Today-Double bill, "Brother Rat," with Priscilla Lane and Wayne Morris and "Shadows Over Shanghai," with James Dunn and Ralph Morgan.

cis and Ian Hunter.

10 Years Ago

By Jimmy Hatlo

Miss Cornelia Marvin, the only state librarian Oregon ever has had and holder of that position for last 25 years today handed her resignation to the state lib-

of the First Presbyterian church, was speaker Tuesday night at dinner of the Young Men's divi- sary that we should display the

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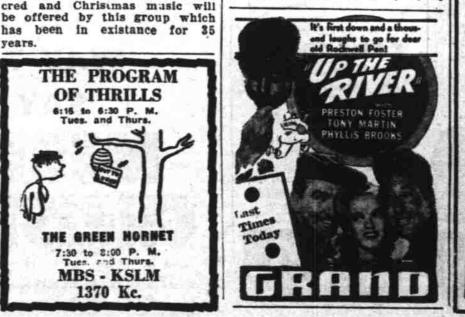
Saturday-Midnight show, "Three Loves Has Nancy" with Janet Gaynor and . Franchot Tone.

Today-Double bill, George O'Brien in "Painted Desert" and "I'm From the City,"

Wednesday-Family night. Kate Douglas Wiggin's famous novel, "Mother Car- . ey's Chickens" with Anne Shirley, James Ellison and Friday-Double bill, Mickey .

Thursday-"Comet Over

Broadway," with Kay Fran-



anyone to so debase radio as to use it as an instrument of racial or religious persecution, the communica-

tions commission would employ every resource it has to prevent any such shocking offense. President Roosevelt would, of course, support us to the limit in such a stand. He has consistently sought the safeguarding of radio as an instrument of democracy, never to be used to injure any racial, religious or other group.'

This statement of policy will hardly be questioned by any American anxious that this country should avoid the racial agitations which have turned so much of Europe into a shambles. The instinct which prompted you to make such a statement was, we believe, very sound. For this country, being composed of many racial strains, might be peculiarly vulnerable to such agitation should it once start, and our democracy shaken and disturbed by it at a time when it is very necesutmost unity based on the tolerance and good will of each citizen toward all other citizens.

Racial and religious persecution is contrary to the basic concepts and laws of American constitutional government, and is so dis tasteful to the American mind that time and again, in our history, and at this very moment, the president of the United States and the leading spokesmen of all our political parties and of our educational and religious institutions have protested officially and publicly against such persecutions outside our own borders. In view of the policy which you

so clearly enunciated a month ago. may I ask whether you have been listening to the broadcasts of Father Coughlin? Have you sent for the records of them? And if you have, do they, in your opinion, contribute to the fomenting of 'racial or religious persecution''? other group"? Whether you feel and necessity"? * Today-"Hard To Get," with * that they do or not, you would to the broadcasting companies, and, second, to the American public, by making a ruling on the matter. In case they have escaped your

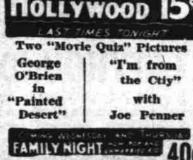
attention, may I say that in a somewhat cautious and subtle manner, in a style which is not unfamiliar to me, since I became acquainted with it some years ago when I was living in Germany, Father Coughlin is coupling in his own mind and in the minds of his hearers Judaism with atheism and with communism.

He has taken some of the 'facts' to substantiate many of his remarks from a publication called "World Service" which is published in Ehrfur, Germany, in eight languages, and distributed in this country by numerous agencies, one of them being the "American National Confederation," which openly calls itself an American fascist party and distributes propaganda put at its disposal by the German government.

It would seem to me in view of your statement of policy last month, to be fitting that the federal communications commission should analyze these broadcasts. the groups that are supporting them and demanding that they be continued on the air and the effect they are having on American public opinion. I am aware that the federal

communications commission is strained and rightly so by the act which created it, from censorship.

Nevertheless it issues or withholds its licenses to broacasting networks on the basis of whether the radio is serving "the public interest, convenience and necessity." And on several occasions it has been led to reprimand broadcasting companies because of the nature of their programs. We all recall the fact that when Mae West went on the air with a rather ribald script called "The Garden of Eden" the federal communications commission called for records of the program, demanded a hearing, and issued a reprimand to the broadcasting company responsible for the number,





ABUSE OF THE AIR? AN OPEN | and threatened to take it into account in considering the renewal of licenses for all stations that

On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

carried it. At that time you wrote:

"The care which the public has a right to expect, and which is, vember 19, 1938, speaking at the we understand, the practice in the writing and editing of the manuscripts . . . would seem to exclude the elements of accident and surprise. "The admittedly objectionable

character of these features is, in our opinion, attributable to the lack of a proper conception of the high standard required for a broadcast program intended for reception in the homes, schools, automobiles, religious, social and economic institutions, as well as clubs, hotels, trains and other places, reaching in the aggregate a much larger number of people daily than any other means of communication, and carrying its message to men, women and children of all ages. A clear recognition of the social, civic and moral responsibility for the effect upon listeners of all classes and ages requires such a high standard for programs as would insure against features . . . offensive to the great masses of right-thinking, cleanminded American citizens . . . The right to continue operation under a license can be justified only so long as public convenience and necessity are served through programs broadcast to the listeners."

Again I should like to ask you: Do you think Father Coughlin's recent broadcasts, in the light of the present situation in the world at large, serve "the public convenience and necessity"?

Recently the federal communications commission held a hearing on a broadcast of "Beyond the Horizon," a radio program made from the famous play of Nobel Prize winner Eugene O'-Neill.

The uttering on the radio of the words "damn" and "hell" awakened the sensibilities of the federal communications commission. Does the federal communications commission believe that these two words are more likely to offend or corrupt any part of the American public than the implications of some of Father Coughlin's broadcasts? H. G. Wells's mythical invasion

from Mars as dramatized on the air led the federal communications commission to call for an explanation. Is an invasion from Mars more to be feared than an invasion of nazi propaganda? And, finally, does the federal

communications commission believe that the truth or untruth of Do you believe that they serve a statement of fact transmitted over the radio is a matter affectto "injure any racial, religious or ing "public interest, convenience If it does, then it would seem to me that Father Coughlin's recent broadcasts might be investi-

> saying is true, or whether he is disseminating misquotations and misrepresentations Sincerely yours, DOROTHY THOMPSON. (Copyright, 1938, New York Tri-

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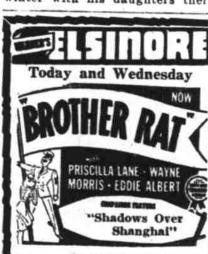
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Five Tires and Trumpet Taken From Barker Car As He Goes for Gasoline

CLOVERDALE-Thieves stripped Clyde Barker's car of five tires and also took his trumpet from it one night recently when he left it along the road after running out of gasoline.

William Anderson left Sunday for Ventura, Calif., to spend the winter with his daughters there.



Coming Thursday KAY FRANCIS in "Comet Over Broadway



Last Times Tonight Comedy Hit 'Hard to Get" and

Gene Autry in

"Sagebrush Troubadour"