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"It Can't Happen Here"

Spectacular disclosures continue on the heels of the Dies committee's initial revelation of the existence of a well-organized anti-semitic group headed by General Van Horn Moseley and others. The second chapter revealed that the organization's primary aim was not that of stirring up resentment against the Jews, but actually the seizure of control in the United States by methods whose practicality has been demonstrated in Germany.

For the immediate present, the American people can afford to laugh at these plottings which have a comic-opera flavor; to laugh especially hard at the group's paradoxical program of disseminating propaganda wholesale and at the same time keeping its activities secret. They can afford to laugh first because there is no domestic crisis which might provide opportunity for these fascists to start their revolution; secondly because the believers in Hitler's philosophy and methods are so far hopelessly few in this country; thirdly because, while the fascists have a number of organizations which are extremely active, they have no leader capable of uniting these separate groups and capturing the popular imagination to the degree that such a revolution would necessitate.

Either through coincidence or through inside knowledge, the Saturday Evening Post this week publishes an article by Stanley High, outlining the status up to early this year of the fascist movement; the German-American Bund, the Silver Shirts headed by William Dudley Pelley, the Knights of the White Camellia headed by George E. Deatherage, the reviving Ku Klux Klan still directed by Hiram W. Evans, the minor or under-cover organizations, the relation to these of Gerald Winrod, their general approval of Father Coughlin who appears to have remained aloof from them; and the possibility that General Moseley might be selected as their leader.

Some of these leading characters have appeared before the Dies committee, others have been subpoenaed. If the committee's announcement of last Saturday is borne out by competent evidence, it appears that some of these individuals might be indictable for treasonable activities, but that is not so important as that the American people continue to think straight. The menaces, including that of a communist revolution, to which they point exist at present only in their imagination; even if such dangers did exist, they would be no worse than the alternative which this group proposes.

House-to-House Canvassing

The problem of the house-to-house "peddler" or canvasser has been worrying communities and particularly their established merchants for many decades, and occasionally some new "solution" is offered. At present the city council has before it the "Green River" ordinance which would practically bar all house-to-house solicitation no matter what the purpose or the auspices.

The evils, uncertainties and disadvantages of patronizing fly-by-night peddlers are not in dispute; neither is the unfairness of their competition which established merchants who pay taxes and make other contributions to the community. Newspapers, whose interest coincides with that of the local merchants—peddlers buy no advertising—have repeatedly pointed out these facts. The only remaining problem is the cure.

It is proper of course to require of out-of-town solicitors a reasonable license fee to compensate the city for the fact that they pay no direct taxes; it is not out of place to provide for investigation of the merchandise offered, at the time the license is issued, or even to require a bond to protect purchasers.

But there are limits to the protection which can be given wary householders and there are also limits to defensible restraint of trade. After all, peddlers were the first merchants, and it is unfair to deny anyone the right to engage in an honest business just because he may lack the means to so engage in "de luxe" fashion. Many of the ordinances proposed or enacted in various communities are too drastic.

The fundamental error is the preconception that all evils should and must be corrected by "passing a law." If the peddler's activities are unfair to established business and if his wares are of uncertain quality, the correct solution is to educate the public to those facts. In the last analysis it is the only adequate solution; denied the right to ring doorbells and place a foot inside the door-jamp, the itinerant merchant will violate the law or revert to telephone or mail-order solicitation which lend themselves even more readily to the perpetration of fraud.

New Superintendent Chosen

Assuming his acceptance of the proffered contract, Frank B. Bennett will be Salem's new superintendent of schools. Willamette university sends out from Salem each year a number of graduates who attain executive positions in the educational field. Bennett will be the first of these, at least in many years, to return as head of the school system in the city where he prepared himself for this work.

A number of present Salem people will recall Bennett as a student here; others including, it happens, three present members of The Statesman's editorial and news staff, were his schoolmates at Willamette. Due to his attendance at frequent meetings of educators held in Salem, a number of others in this city are acquainted with the newly-chosen superintendent, and are familiar with his success as a school executive in other cities.

As a student, Bennett was a diligent worker who insisted upon mastering his courses thoroughly and attained membership in Alpha Kappa Nu, the principal scholastic honor available at Willamette, but he also found time to participate in campus activities and to exert a type of quiet leadership which was always constructive. Reports from various sources indicate that his influence, both as an educator and in civic relations, has been similar in each of the communities he has served. His record bespeaks a highly satisfactory administration of Salem's school system.

It appears that the father of the Dionne quintuplets has no sense of humor. He has sued Dr. DaFoe, who officiated at the children's birth, because of the stunt which figured in the famous country physician's initiation into the Circus Saints and Shiners club in New York. Especially does Dionne object to the sign printed on the apron which the doctor wore, reading "doctor of litters." It is to be hoped that the quint's themselves inherited a sense of humor from some other source. They will need it when the efficient safeguards that now surround them are removed.

Achievement Day Program Is Held
BRUSH COLLEGE—A group of parents and friends attended 4th Achievement day at Brush College school Friday. Those receiving awards in the Handy Bowers were Lois Froehlich and Lucinda Froehlich and Maxine Smith. Bests; Laura and Irene Low, second; Mildred Nelson and Marie Low, third; in Nifty Knitters, Gertrude Meier and Juanita Johnston, first; Doreen Smith and Phyllis Wilson, second, and Sadie Singer, third.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

King Louis Philippe 5-15-39 of France gave a lift to the St. Paul Catholic church: Capt. Menes' story:

In this column, issue of May 15, the article concluded: "How many people, even Catholics, know that King Louis Philippe of France gave \$2000 francs toward the Catholic mission enterprise centering at St. Paul, and ordered 14,400 more francs donated? Explanations will be made later in this column."

Well, in the story of the early career of the Catholic missions of Oregon in Bancroft's Oregon History, one finds these words, volume 1, page 326:

"Oregon was erected into an apostolic vicariate by Pope Gregory XVI who appointed Blanchet archbishop of the territory, Demers succeeding him as vicar general. (They were Fathers Francis Norbert Blanchet and Modeste Demers.)"

"The briefs were made out December 1, 1847, and reached Oregon November 4, 1844. Soon afterward Blanchet proceeded by sea to Canada, to receive his consecration at the hands of the archbishop of Quebec."

"He then made a voyage to Europe to devise means of increasing the resources of the Oregon mission."

"He met with great success in securing funds and volunteers, and returned to Oregon in August, 1847, with 21 recruits, among whom were seven sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; three Jesuit priests, Gaetz, Gazelet and Menestrey, with three lay brothers; five secular priests, Le Bas, McCormick, Delevez, Pretot and Veyret; two deacons, B. Delorme and J. F. Jayot; and eight Sisters of Mercy. Notes (in fine print) on the above appear. The read:

"An offer was made by the Catholics to purchase the buildings and grounds of the Oregon Institute, situated on Wallace Prairie, and offered for sale by Gary, who was closing up the Methodist mission; but that gentleman declined to sell to the successful rivals of Methodism, though the Methodist society would have received double what it did receive for the property."

(An explanation is needed here. The Catholics did not seek to buy the property of the Oregon Institute on Wallace Prairie. The Methodist (Jason Lee) mission did not own that property, and Rev. George J. Ayer, its agent, could not sell it. The Catholics made an offer for the Indian manual labor school of the Lee mission, twice as large as Gary got from the Oregon Institute trustees. He got \$4,000, of which \$3000 was cash, received by the Oregon Institute from John Lord Foster for its Wallace Prairie property, and a \$1000 note. The manual labor school building had cost \$10,000. The Oregon Institute opened classes therein August 13, 1844, and it became, by change of name, Willamette university, January 13, 1852. Note that 23 is a lucky number for Willamette and Salem.)

Further quoting the Bancroft notes: "Louis Philippe of France gave \$2000 francs, and ordered the ministers of the Interior and marine to pay 7200 francs. The Leopoldine Society of Vienna gave 4000 florins, and other societies or corporations different sums."

"The vessel which brought Blanchet's Catholic colony was L'Ettoile du Matin, Captain Menes, belonging to V. Marston & Co., of Harre de Grace, and was sent by them to Oregon having a half cargo for Tahiti. She was not, like the indefatigable, obliged to cross the bar without chart or pilot, but was brought safely into the river by Pilot Reeves, and ascended the Columbia to the mouth of the Willamette, where her cargo was unloaded."

"Proceeding immediately she finished her voyage to Tahiti, and returned to France, whence her owners once more dispatched her to Oregon, where they designed establishing a French colony."

"On returning to the Columbia in '49, Captain Menes, after waiting outside for a pilot several days, undertook to cross the bar without one, but his vessel struck on the sands, where she pounded for nine hours, and suffered serious damage."

"She was finally brought into Baker's bay by the assistance of Latta, a pilot of the Hudson's Bay company, who with a number of natives went to her assistance, and constructing a box raider brought her in."

"She was afterward taken to Portland, where her cargo was landed, and the hull burned for the iron and copper."

"Captain Menes opened a French store at Oregon City for her owners, Marston & Co. In 1856 McLoughlin became a partner in the firm, and so remained till 1855, when the business was closed."

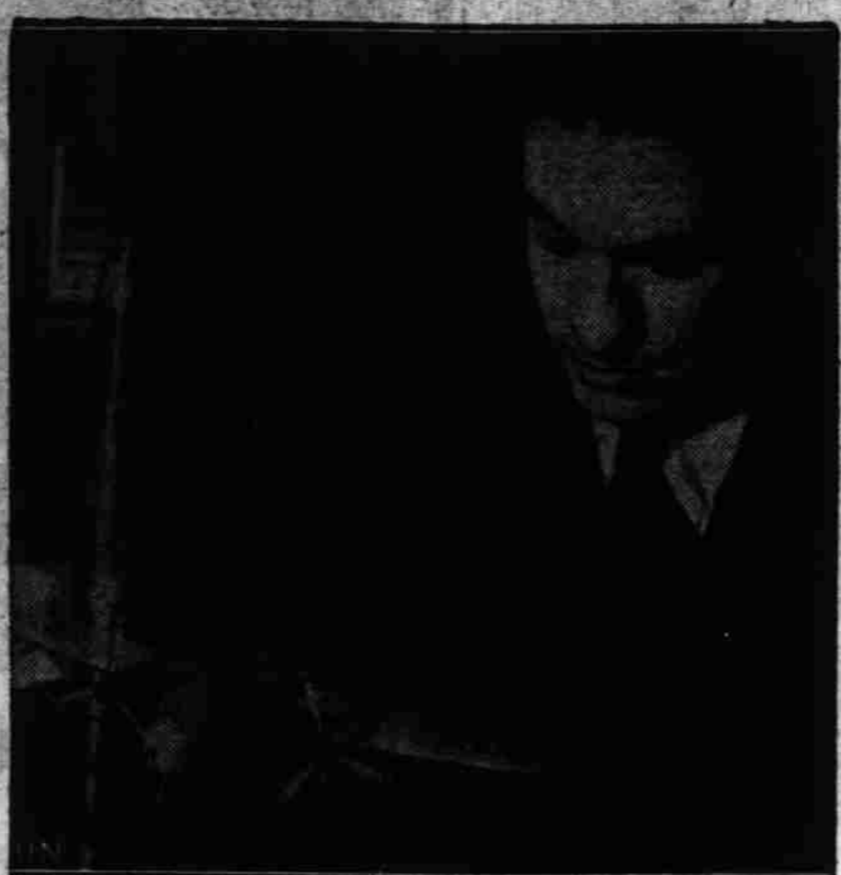
"Captain Menes settled on French prairie, where he resided up to his death in 1867."

Bancroft credits the same matter just quoted to the Oregon City Enterprise of March 21, 1868.

The name of the vessel, "L'Ettoile du Matin," of which Menes was captain, meant Star of the Morning, according to this writer's school French dictionary.

That Captain Menes "settled on French prairie, where he resided up to his death," suggests a story.
A search of the old records of Marion county furnishes ample hints that the part of his life spent on French prairie was an interesting section of his earthly career.
(Continued tomorrow.)

Designs Artillery Plane



Donald De Lachner and his model

Development of a twin-motored pursuit plane which is capable of flying 400 miles per hour and firing 100 shells a minute from a 37-millimeter cannon mounted in its nose has been announced in New York by Donald De Lachner, chief engineer of the American Armament company's aircraft division. De Lachner is shown with a model of the plane. An actual size shell is beside the model.

10 Years Ago 20 Years Ago

May 25, 1929
Brenda Savage, art student at Salem high school, has been elected to receive Joseph Albert \$25 cash prize.

Colorful parade staged on the streets of Salem by nearby community clubs last night, Keizer region took highest honor for size of crowd and Stuyton and Lashby sections tied for second.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, will leave for Europe for purpose of studying flax industry.

May 25, 1919
Miss Catheryn Gibbard of Salem was yesterday elected president of Western Oregon Girls' conference of Sunday schools.

Major Jack Hamilton, veteran of three wars, who holds more military honors than any man in Oregon, will give his famous lecture in person at the Liberty theatre next week.

Salem high school baseball team virtually can claim to be Willamette valley champion as team defeated Corvallis high school 11 to 5.

- KEM-THURSDAY-1260 Kc.**
6:30—Millman's Serenade.
7:30—News.
8:00—Morning Meditations.
8:15—Haven of Rest.
8:30—News.
8:45—Pastor's Call.
9:15—Bargain a Minute.
9:30—Hits and Excess.
9:45—Friendly Circle.
10:15—News.
10:30—Singing Magazine.
10:45—Varieties.
11:00—True Story Dramas.
11:15—Williamette U Chapel.
11:25—Value Parade.
12:15—News.
12:30—Hitful Records.
12:45—Musical Salute.
1:00—Interesting Facts.
1:15—News and Music.
1:30—PTA Program.
1:45—Soc. of Interior Harold Ickes.
2:00—Pacific Parade.
2:15—Williamette U Speech Dept.
2:45—News.
3:00—Pacific Parade.
3:15—Hawaiian Paradise.
3:45—Fulton Lewis, jr.
4:00—News and Music.
4:30—Sinfonietta.
5:00—Organalities.
5:15—Classical Hour Melodies.
5:30—Green Hornet.
6:00—Salem Echoes.
6:15—Tonight's Headlines.
7:00—Swingtime.
7:45—Pat Kemp's Orchestra.
8:00—News.
8:15—Scrapbook Stories.
8:30—Organalities.
8:45—Instrumental Novelities.
9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
9:15—Classical Hour.
9:30—Low Fidler's Orchestra.
10:00—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
10:15—Leon Meillon's Orchestra.
11:00—News.
11:15—The Squires.
11:45—Just Before Midnight.

- KEM-THURSDAY-1180 Kc.**
6:30—Medical Clinic, Pianist.
7:15—Family Altar Hour.
7:30—Financial Service.
8:00—Light Opera.
8:00—Dr. Brock.
8:15—Farm & Home.
8:30—Sinfonietta Today.
8:30—Patty Jean.
8:45—Christian Science.
9:00—Home Institute.
10:15—Poetry Penthouse.
10:30—News.
10:45—Light Opera.
11:00—Alexander-Hull.
11:00—Grand Slam News.
11:30—Little Concert.
11:45—Saxophone.
12:00—Smile Parade.
12:30—News.
12:45—Dept. Agriculture.
1:00—Market Reports.
1:05—Quiet Hour.
1:15—Symphony in Action.
2:00—Curstons Quiz.
2:15—Financial and Grain.
2:30—Orchestra.
2:45—Box Score Extra.
3:00—News.
3:30—Band.
4:30—Curtain at 3:30.
5:00—Promenade Symphony.
5:30—Piano Surprises.

- KOIN-THURSDAY-840 Kc.**
6:15—Market Reports.
6:30—Clock.
7:45—News.
8:00—Breakfast Bugle.
8:15—Nancy James.
8:30—Helen Trent.
8:45—Our Gal Sunday.
9:00—Outdoors of the Day.
9:15—Life Can Be Beautiful.
10:00—Big Sister.
10:15—Lunt Lunt.
10:30—Harvey Harding.
10:45—Romance Trail.
11:00—Tish and Tish.
11:45—News.
12:00—Kitty Kelly.
12:15—Lunt Lunt.
12:30—Harvey Harding.
12:45—Romance Trail.
1:30—Ed McGee's Show.
1:45—News.
2:00—Kitty Kelly.
2:15—Lunt Lunt.
2:30—Woman's Magazine.
2:45—Easy Aces.
3:00—Mr. Kees.
3:30—News.
3:45—Stars of Today.
4:15—Love's Mystery.
4:30—Woman's Magazine.
4:45—Easy Aces.
5:00—Mr. Kees.
5:30—News.
5:45—Stars of Today.
6:15—Love's Mystery.
6:30—Woman's Magazine.
6:45—Easy Aces.
7:00—Mr. District Attorney.
7:30—Quartet.
8:00—Orchestra.
8:15—Symphony Hour.
9:45—Orchestra.
10:00—News Flash.
10:15—Orchestra Preferred.
10:30—Orchestra.

- KOAC-THURSDAY-560 Kc.**
9:30—Today's Program.
9:35—Remembrance Hour.
10:00—Weather Forecast.
10:15—Story Hour for Adults.
11:00—Alexander-Hull.
11:30—Music of the Masters.
12:00—News Hour.
12:15—Variety.
2:00—Home Garden Hour.
2:45—Guard Your Health.
3:15—Cities of the World.
3:45—Monitor Views the News.
4:30—Symphony in Action Hour.
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
5:00—On the Campus.
5:45—Yester.
6:15—News.
6:30—Yester.
7:30—Neighborhood News.
7:45—Words of the Poet.
8:15—Oregon: Past and Present.
8:45—Orchestra in Action.
9:00—ORC Round Table.

- KGW-THURSDAY-620 Kc.**
7:00—Vernese Ensemble.
7:15—Drill Blazers.
7:45—News.
8:00—Organalities.
8:15—The O'Neill.
8:30—Stars of Today.
8:50—Time Signal.
9:00—Piano Recital.
9:15—Martha Mena.
9:30—Dangerous Roads.
9:45—Dr. Katz.
10:00—Betty and Bob.
10:15—Grimm's Daughter.
10:30—Vallent Lady.
10:45—Hymns of All Churches.
11:00—Mary Martin.
11:15—Ma Perkins.
11:30—Pepper Young's Family.
11:45—Guiding Light.
12:00—Backstage Wife.
12:15—Stella Dallas.
12:30—Vic & Sade.
1:00—Midstream.
1:15—Houseboat Hannah.
1:30—Ed McGee's Show.
1:45—Singer.
2:00—Stars of Today.
2:15—Love's Mystery.
2:30—Woman's Magazine.
2:45—Easy Aces.
3:00—Mr. Kees.
3:30—News.
3:45—Stars of Today.
4:15—Love's Mystery.
4:30—Good News.
4:45—Music Hall.
5:00—Mr. District Attorney.
7:30—Quartet.
8:00—Orchestra.
8:15—Symphony Hour.
9:45—Orchestra.
10:00—News Flash.
10:15—Orchestra Preferred.
10:30—Orchestra.

Educational Rally For all Graduates Is Sunday Night

ROSEDALE—An educational rally will be held at the church here Sunday night at 8 o'clock in honor of all graduates of this and nearby communities. All young people, and especially graduates from eighth grade, junior high or senior high schools. Representatives from Highland and Friends churches of Salem, Scotts Mills and Marion attended the Friends' quarterly meeting at the local church Saturday. Also present were fraternal delegates from Springbrook and General Superintendent and Mrs. Chester A. Hadley, Portland.

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SON TO McCONNELLS
ERNA—Mr. and Mrs. Ben McConnell are being congratulated on the arrival of a son at the Deaconess hospital May 17.