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Gandhi: Saint or Quisling?

Speculating upon the lack or at any rate the scarcity these last fifteen hundred years of great spiritual leaders comparable to Jesus Christ, Guatama (Buddha) and Mohammed, thoughtful Americans have been disposed for two decades to recognize in Mahatma K. Gandhi a modern prophet possibly fitting the description, without limiting his sphere of conceded influence to the benighted millions of India, even though it was clear that their sorry plight afforded him easy access to such a role.

Gandhi fought for India's political independence, for the shattering of the caste system, for the spread of education and in general for the salvation of India's people from squalor and hopelessness. In his quest of a worthwhile goal and an inspired following he developed a philosophy somewhat midway between Christianity and Buddhism, one which commanded admiration among the devotees of both as well as among sincere freethinkers.

That Gandhi came into frequent conflict with the law—British-made law—scarcely modified the esteem in which he and his leadership were held by persons of humanitarian or philosophical tendency, they being the sort of folk who recognize that prophets almost necessarily are likewise martyrs. That his defiance of British rule was carried on by means of "passive resistance" naturally had strong appeal to all who deemed violence unnecessary. His method's effectiveness was, indeed, an example often cited by pacifists throughout the world.

It requires little insight or reflection to recognize the steps by which Gandhi has come, from full support of the allied cause in World War I when he led in a recruiting campaign and personally organized an ambulance corps, to his present position. Along the way there were disappointments and setbacks which led him to the extremity of desperation.

Yet there is no blinking at the implications of his position. He counsels interference—again through passive resistance—with the defense of India against the conscienceless invaders whose rule, if they achieve control, will wipe out the substantial social gains instituted in part by the British voluntarily and in part due to the pressure of Gandhi's movement. He threatens a course of action which will do immeasurable injury to those millions whose cause has been his life's concern.

More than that—though the facts are disputed—he is charged with having lent a sympathetic ear to the treacherous appeal of Tokyo for collaboration. If the charge be true, there can be little doubt that Gandhi deserves the title of quisling rather than saint.

But even if he has not treated with the enemy, this crisis has served to lift, for non-orientals, the veil of India's mystery to the point where it is seen more clearly that the Gandhi movement is largely political, that political power is one of its goals, and that today—though it was different a decade ago—achievement of that goal would involve injustice to, if not actual oppression of, the Moslem minority.

Thus—deservedly, we think, even making allowance for our inability to fathom Hindu mental processes—Gandhi has descended in the eyes of progressive westerners from the stature of a great modern spiritual leader to that of an irresponsible power-seeking politician, if not still lower.

Fire Hazard Near Peak

Though our slogan is "Keep Oregon Green" nature at this season forces a modification of its applicability. Where a month ago there was green, growing grain, today there is brown stubble. Pasture grass too has changed color, along with some items of the forest undergrowth. Presently the leaves of deciduous trees will begin to alter their appearance—leaving green only that division of Oregon vegetation which is the primary concern of this fire avoidance program, the coniferous evergreens.

And because nature—the normal life cycle of annual plants and diminution of soil-bound moisture—thus modifies Oregon's greenness in late summer, this is the time in which the "Keep Oregon Green" objective necessitates the greatest vigilance.

Attention will be drawn this coming week by various means to the historic fact that the great Tillamook fire of 1933, which resulted in property loss of \$350,000,000, broke out on August 14; that the Bandon fire, costly in life as well as property, occurred even later in the year and that nearly all of Oregon's great forest fires have occurred in the months of August and September.

The Tillamook fire's ninth anniversary, Friday of this week, will be the kickoff date for a concentrated campaign to maintain through these critical weeks the almost miraculously good record, in view of conditions, made thus far in 1942 in the avoidance of great forest fire damage. This is a campaign in which every Oregonian has a role—active or passive—to play. "Keeping Oregon Green" is each individual's responsibility.

They executed six of the saboteurs, and told us about it afterward. We're not blood-thirsty but this elevates our optimism as to eventual victory. It proves that America can get tough when necessary, and compliance with the rules of justice required only a month in this case. Now to hand out similar treatment, with even more practical benefit to the nation's security, to those citizens who treasonably aided them.

For eight days after it had decided to close the Higgins shipyard, the maritime commission continued to approve commitments for regular expenditures there—not much under a million dollars a day, one official testified before a congressional committee. There is a great deal of inertia about big bodies, and it works both ways.

Wartime Rackets

Though there aren't many William Ducey Pelleys, bitter disappointment is in store for any individual who expects all his fellow-citizens to be patriotic in every act, word and thought. A national magazine recently listed a dozen or so rackets related to war conditions, which have come to light since Pearl Harbor.

Portland Better Business Bureau calls attention to one racket concerning which many Salem citizens need to be advised. It is reported that men styling themselves "employment experts" maintain curbside "offices" in the vicinity of the shipyards at Portland. For a fee, they offer to steer job applicants to the jobs. If the applicant "bites," he is told to hunt up some designated official of the shipyard company. This official, probably unaware of the game but knowing more help is needed, tells the applicant yes, he can have a job—but he must go to the United States employment service office to sign up. Because of the encouragement given by the official, the job-seeker may never realize that he could have obtained the job through the employment office without any wire-pulling.

The truth is that there are jobs to be had and getting them is as easy as falling off a log—and there is no justification for payment of a fee to anyone.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Vice President Wallace's board of economic warfare seems to be folding its wings—or the parts that remained after President Roosevelt clipped them in April.

BEW is certainly not flying as high as forecast in its prospectus at the start of the war, when Mr. Wallace's devotees were saying it would be the big organization of the war and post-war world, eventually absorbing WPB and everything else.

Instead, WPB has issued order No. M-63 restricting imports, which rather seems to have put BEW down into strictly an advisory hole.

All official WPB and BEW comment on this order is vague. Both claim it had only routine aspects.

Before it was issued, however, Mr. Wallace's group had the power for exclusive buying of foreign products, and for ordering other foreign purchases on its own say-so; now it does not. Import orders are to be issued by WPB.

Inasmuch as State Secretary Hull succeeded in getting out of Mr. Roosevelt, last April 13, an executive order affirming his right over BEW, to handle all foreign affairs of the nation, Mr. Wallace and his little group of planners are now in the position of being free to think but are not able to do.

They were supposed to plan out and blueprint the overall policy on economic warfare. (Such as buying up foreign copper before the Nazis could get it.)

Speeches of Mr. Wallace, and his major domo, Milo Perkins, have been bearing down upon the further-reaching problem of making everybody happy after the war by giving them a quart of milk a day, and other things.

Some curtailment in personnel has been noticed in BEW this past month. On July 1 it had around 2000 employees. Authorities there say they decided to curtail in the interest of economy, but some of the bright young men who have left say they realized its scope was being limited.

The major policy row between Price Fixer Leon Henderson and War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis reached annoying, but unreported, heights this week.

It seemed to develop aspects of a duel to the death with Henderson convinced there was no use trying to hold down the cost of living if Davis continues increasing union wages. Mr. Davis feels the same way about it in reverse.

A decision by Mr. Roosevelt is expected before the end of the week.

Newsmen around the old Victorian state department building got tired of seeing 40 staircases with heavy brass-handled rails when they read news dispatches this week that small arms making plants were closing down for lack of brass.

They petitioned officials to turn it in on the scrap drive but were referred to the public buildings administration, which was supposed to have such matters in charge.

PBA, however, said it was doing nothing about brass stair rails, and was only collecting old plate boilers and unornamental iron.

The old stair rails are still there. Newsmen are considering tying them up with a nice little bow of red tape.

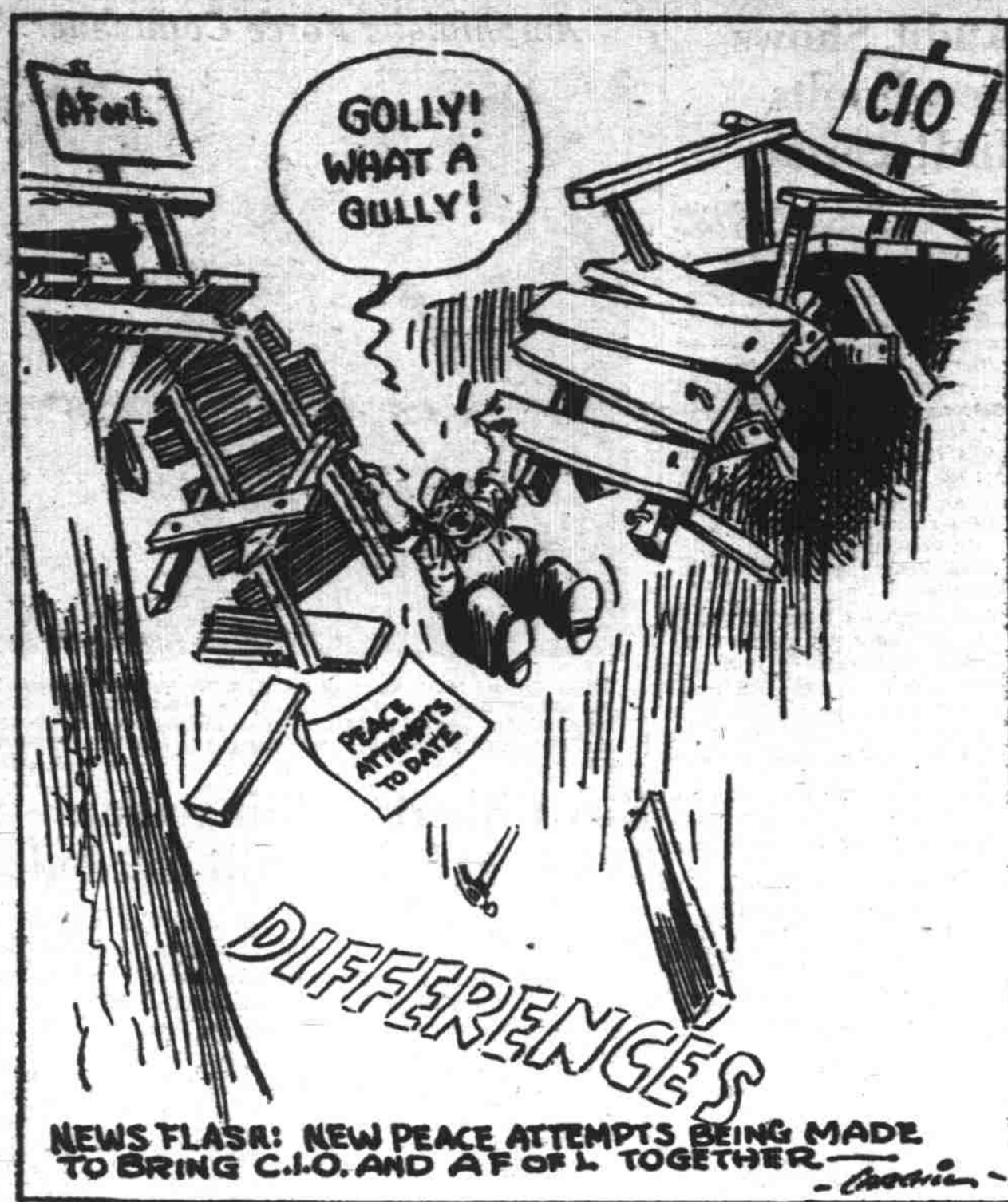
This does not relieve you of your obligation to get in all the scrap from your house, where there is no red tape. Excellent publicity is promoting national interest in the drive, but nobody seems to be telling citizens exactly what to look for around the house.

See if you have in the attic an iron or brass bed; brass or copper screen, old lamps or lighting fixtures, door knobs, even keys, locks or springs, roller skates, ice skates, sleds, ash trays, metal vases, old knives, pots and pans, metal fans, electrical cords, old porch or garden furniture.

In the cellar, look for old stoves, and irons, poker, furnace parts, faucets, sinks, garden tools, carpenter tools, any kind of rubber, tennis shoes, garden hose, overshoes.

The Texas primary result dismayed the White House only privately. Everyone knows an invisible Roosevelt blessing was on Judge Alford, who resigned a federal judgeship on the White House steps to enter the race against Senator O'Daniel.

However, Alford's friends here counseled against the president doing anything openly to aid Alford's cause, as they thought it might cause an unsatisfactory reaction. Consequently, any regrets that Alford was barely able to force O'Daniel into a run-off likewise have been kept confidential that there was nothing for



The Grand Canyon of America

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

California's poet laureate writes on the live subject, the dreaming of dreams:

(Concluding from yesterday:) Another of the neighbors related his experience in a dream which was of a pleasant nature. He was in a house unfamiliar to him as the people dwelling there were also unfamiliar—an attractive house in which two brothers and a sister greeted him. "They were nice people, rather young and handsome. The brothers sang lovely songs accompanied by their sister on the piano. The music was as real to the dreamer as were his hosts. Refreshments

were served. Everything about it all was as normal as an incident in walking life. The neighbor said that if he ever were to meet these people in reality he would recognize them instantly although years had passed since the dream.

"And so these tales went the rounds, one after another. Pages of print would be required to relate even half their number. Efforts were made to find explanations but in vain. They could not be connected with any thought or act that the dreamer had gone through the day before or at any other time. There was nothing to do but to relegate

them to the countless mysteries of the ages.

Before the neighbors dispersed for the night, each to go his own way to his nine bean rows and his hive for the honey bee, they consulted the greatest of all books, the Bible, concerning dreams.

In the 27th chapter of Matthew they found the dream of the wife of Pontius Pilate when that great Roman magistrate was conducting the trial of Christ. Matthew relates that the wife of Pilate said to her husband and said: "Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

What she said did not sway Pilate in his final decision and his surrender to the clamor of the mob, but it bothered him a good deal and made him very uneasy. He did not doubt the medium that dreams constitute between the spiritual and the physical world.

"In the first chapter of St. Matthew the neighbors came also upon this statement: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

"Dreams upon dreams are injected by some mysterious power into the troubled sleep of earthly beings—Cain haunted in the night by his crime of murder—Eugene Aram and all the offenders of the law since Cain—the wife of Pilate troubled because of the persecution of a 'righteous man'—Joseph with his worried mind set at peace by the message of an angel sent to him in a dream."

ADD BITS The annual reunion of the Bonney clan of the Oregon Country, being held at Champeog State Park today, is among the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Young lady members of the Bonney clan were the first to discover gold in California, nearly three years before what may be called the "official" discovery of Jan. 24, 1848, by Marshall, Bennett and Staats, from and near Salem. The Bonney families had stopped for resting themselves and their teams and doing washing, on an upper reach of the Sacramento river on the trek of their 1845 covered wagon train westward. Young women of the train wading in the stream found therein the particles. They did this again, a few days later, near the spot where was the "official" find. These facts are well established, AND RECORDED, and should have as much prominence in history as the "official" story, to say the least. Among the young ladies discovering the gold were the grandmother of this writer, to him in his young life one of the greatest women ever born. May the clan people have a pleasant day. There are perhaps 3000 to 4000 of them, all west of the Rockies.

The newspaper reported that the reduced dividend had tipped over prices rather as an extra brick on a child's top tower will send half of it toppling. Rainer's had fallen 30 shillings during the day's trading, and other leading shares proportionately. It had been something that sensational journalism delighted to call a "Black Monday."

Still he did not think there was anything much to worry about. The theoretical study of economics was far removed from the practical guesswork of Throgmorton Street, and his reading of Marshall and Pigou had given him no insight into the psychology of speculation. For a week afterward he ignored the financial pages, being temperamentally as well as personally disinclined to them. Not till he received an alarming letter from Sheldon did he search the financial lists again to discover that in the interval Rainer's ordinary had continued their fall from two pounds ten to 17 shillings. And even then his first thought was a severely logical one—that they were either worth more than that, or else had never been worth the higher prices at all.

(To be continued)

Radio Programs

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- KESL-SUNDAY-1230 Kc.**
 8:00—Longworth Male Trio.
 8:30—Eugene Brown's Orchestra.
 9:00—News Briefs.
 9:30—Songs, Herb Jeffries.
 10:00—World in Review.
 10:15—Moonbeam Trio.
 10:30—James of Tomorrow.
 11:00—American Lutheran Church.
 12:00—Longworth Choristers.
 12:30—Wrestling.
 12:45—The Argentinian.
 1:00—Young People's Church.
 1:30—Central Church of Science.
 2:00—Life of Paradise.
 2:15—Church of Christ.
 2:30—Songs, Herb Jeffries.
 2:45—Miracles and Melodies.
 3:00—KBS Sunday Symphony.
 3:30—News Town.
 4:00—Hit Tunes.
 4:30—Mabion Merrick Ensemble.
 4:45—Central Church of Science.
 5:00—Tonight's Headlines.
 5:15—Anita Boyer & Tomboyers.
 5:30—Central Church of Science.
 5:45—Popular Music.
 6:00—Langworth Novelty Group.
 6:15—Central Church of Science.
 6:30—First Presbyterian Church.
 6:45—Levitov's Salon Orchestra.
 7:00—News.
 7:30—News.
 8:00—Organist.
 8:15—Happy Home Hour.
 8:30—News.
 10:15—Dream Time.
- KALE-MBS-SUNDAY-1230 Kc.**
 8:00—Reviewing Stand.
 8:30—Central Church of Christ.
 8:45—Gems of Melody.
 9:00—Detroit Bible Class.
 9:30—Jerry Sears.
 9:45—TBA.
 10:00—News.
 10:30—Resonance of the Hi-Ways.
 11:00—Voice of the Field.
 11:30—Pilgrim Hour.
 12:00—TBA.
 12:30—News.
 12:45—Bob Allen Orchestra.
 1:00—Hansel Band.
 1:15—Hancock Ensemble.
 1:30—Young People's Church of A.S.
 1:45—Sweden Baptist Temple.
 2:00—Portland Bible Class.
 2:15—Wynne Williams, Commentator.
 2:30—Nobody's Children.
 4:00—News.
 4:15—Johnny Richards Orchestra.
 4:30—Stars and Stripes in Britain.
 4:45—American Forum of the Air.
 5:00—Across the Clock.
 5:15—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
 5:30—John R. Huesler.
 5:45—Wings Over West Coast.
 6:00—This is Our Enemy.
 6:15—Elston Memorial Church.
 6:30—News.
 6:45—Sunday Serenade.
 7:00—Henry King Orchestra.
 7:15—News.
 7:30—Cab Calloway Orchestra.
 7:45—Bob Crosby Orchestra.
 8:00—Henry Busch Orchestra.
 8:15—Jan Savitt Orchestra.
- KEX-NBC-SUNDAY-1230 Kc.**
 8:00—News Roundup.
 8:30—Horace Heidt Review.
 9:00—The Quiet Hour.
 9:30—Radio City Music Hall.
 10:00—Floyd Wright Organ.
 10:45—Speaking of Glamour.
 11:00—Elias Theatre Players.
 11:30—Show of Yesterday and Today.
 11:45—Roy Porter, News.
 12:00—Chautauque Concerts.
 1:00—National Vespers.
 1:30—Army-Navy Games.
 1:45—Musical Nite.
 2:00—A Man and His Music.
 2:30—Sweet and Low.
 2:45—Stars of Today.
 4:00—Passing the Buck.
 4:30—Inevitable Mr. Sand.
 4:45—Elizabeth Russell Singer.
 5:00—Song Shop Romance.
 5:30—Drew Pearson.
 5:45—Remember.
 6:00—Inner Sanctum Mysteries.
 7:00—Good Will Hour.
 8:00—Earl Godwin's News.
 8:15—Jimmie Fidler.
 8:30—When Evening Comes.
 9:00—Grandpa and His Pal.
 9:30—News Headlines and Highlights.
 9:45—Palace Hotel Orchestra.
 10:00—The Quiet Hour.
 10:15—Valley of the Shadow.
 10:30—Music Graphs.
 10:45—The Quiet Hour.
 11:00—Melodies for Uncle Sam.
 11:30—War News Roundup.
- KGV-NBC-SUNDAY-830 Kc.**
 4:00—Dawn Patrol.
 4:30—War News Roundup.
 5:00—People, Robert St. John, NBC.
 5:30—The Church in Your Home.
 6:00—News.
 6:30—Commando Mary.
 6:45—Sunday Down South, NBC.
 7:00—Ernie Otero, Singer, NBC.
 7:15—People, Robert St. John, NBC.
 7:30—Silver Strings.
 7:45—Modern Music, NBC.
 8:00—Stars of Today.
 8:15—Chicago Round Table, NBC.
 8:30—Music for Neighbors.
 8:45—Dance Class, Commentator.
 9:00—The Army Hour, NBC.
 1:30—We Believe.
 2:00—Dear Abner.
 2:15—Music of the American.
 2:30—Home Fires.
 2:45—Symphony of Melody.
 3:00—Music for You.
 3:30—Victory Parade.
 4:00—How Do You Do It?
 4:15—News.
 4:30—Band Wagon, NBC.
 4:45—Star Spangled Vandevelles.
 5:00—One Man's Family, NBC.
 5:30—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round.
 6:00—American Album Families.
 6:30—Hour of Charm, NBC.
 7:00—Walter Winchell, NBC.
 7:30—The Parker Family, NBC.
 8:00—John R. Faxon.
 8:15—Story Behind the Headlines.
 8:30—Remarkable Miss Tuttle.
 9:00—Musical Interlude.
 9:30—Orchestra Solo.
 9:45—Log Cabin Farms Orchestra.
 10:00—Musical Interlude.
 10:15—New Flashlight, NBC.
 10:30—Betty Martin Singer.
 10:45—Smilin' Irish Eyes.
 11:00—When Evening Comes.
 11:30—St. Francis Tote! Orchestra.
 12:30—War News Roundup.
 12:30 a. m.—Swing Shift.
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