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No Axis Conference

The Statesman is inclined to agree with Premier Tojo that a conference of the axis powers, Japan, Germany and Italy, to frame a declaration to counter that of Cairo would be "devoid of benefit." The world already knows what the axis concept is. It has been thundered forth at the Sportsplatz, at the Nuremberg party rallies, and from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia. Tojo himself has declaimed in the Japanese diet plans for the "co-prosperity sphere", while other Japanese spokesmen have talked of writing the peace in the White House and of ultimate world power.

Besides being "devoid of benefit", the holding of such a conference would be a bit difficult right at present. Mussolini might get a parole from whatever hospital he is resting in; but where would the Big Three or the Big Two hold their meeting. They couldn't travel by air to any common meeting place. Their only chance would be by submarine, and it's a long, long way from Tokyo to Wilhelmshaven. "Neutral" Argentina might welcome such a conference, but is too far distant.

The truth is that the axis has broken down. Italy is out of the war as a factor of consequence to either side. Germany and Japan are now fighting their own battles. The latter has resisted German pressures to attack Russia, which shows its independence. There is no more harmony between Hitler's and Tojo's objectives than between Japan and Britain. If the axis should triumph, it would not be long before there would be the battle of the Titans in a final Armageddon. All of Hitler's contempt for any but the German people and all of Japan's pride of race would bring the two countries into inevitable collision.

The only basis for the present alliance is their common enemies in Great Britain and the United States. But each has its particular foe. Germany has Great Britain and Japan has the United States, while Russia, lying between is the natural foe to both, though at present the open enemy of but one. Germany and Japan have put their feet in the path of national aggression, Japan setting the pattern with its rape of Manchuria in 1931. But the mere fact that they have similar aims and are being resisted by common enemies does nothing to weld the two with any bonds of affection or fidelity. Each fights its own war in its own way; each tries to profit by the other's successes; each hopes to carry on even if the other falls.

Premier Tojo's speech brushing aside the idea of an axis declaration did contain a paragraph contrasting the Cairo statement with Japan's program:

"The Cairo declaration is nothing more than a declaration enslaving other races, whereas the (Japan's) East Asiatic joint declaration proposed to the world the elimination of race discrimination, and a cultural upliftment throughout the world."

This may not be discounted merely as rhetoric. No matter how sincere our own purposes may be, the heart of the matter now is the effect on the populations of the far east. Japan is working industriously to win over the loyalty of the peoples of east Asia. If the seeds of prejudice can be sown they may yield a harvest of present support of Japan and of future leaning on Japan even in case of allied victory.

This means we must look beyond this present war and prepare to adopt policies that will effectively and permanently foil Japanese aggression in east Asia. Otherwise, like the Germans, the Japs will merely await a favorable hour to strike again to gratify their ambition for Asiatic hegemony preliminary to world dominion.

Crack-up on Labor's Political Front

The American labor party which flowered in New York state as a militant political arm of workers has been floundering of late on the rock of communism. Violent dissension has arisen in ALP's ranks as the pink right wing has sought to foil the red left wing of the party from capturing the party organization. As it stands now the reds control the New York City setup and the pinks the state organization.

This feud extends to Sidney Hillman's CIO political action committee which wants to spearhead the labor front in the campaign for continuing the Hillman slate in the coming primary election, claiming it opens the door for communists to get into control. This "boring from without" may be expected the more since Earl Browder announced the dissolution of the Communist party as a political party, turning members loose to affiliate with existing parties. Splits and divisions are characteristic of radical parties which rarely are able to agree among themselves. Despite all this it may be expected that labor will line up for the fourth term.

Oregon folk will be happy to learn that Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee has been named by Gen. Eisenhower as his deputy US Commander in the European theater of war. Gen. Lee, then a colonel of engineers, was division engineer for the war department in the Portland office in the years immediately preceding the war, having succeeded Gen. Robbins, then a colonel. For many months now Gen. Lee has been on duty in England in a very responsible position, and his selection as deputy of Gen. Eisenhower is a recognition of his great ability. Since Eisenhower's command has been extended to include command of all US troops in European duty, the deputyship is of very great importance.

It's safe to say American soldiers will be tired of digging and living in foxholes by the time the war is over. A publicity "release" reaching the editorial desk warns that unless there is adequate planning, a lot of them will have to live in foxholes after they return. There will be need for many new homes after the war, but this warning doesn't disturb us too much. It emanates from a firm that's interested in selling "mobile bungalows."

In the Casualty List

The daily sheaf of mimeographed sheets reaching this office, comprising the army's list of wounded, missing and killed-in-action, is becoming thicker—but not as thick as it may be later. One arriving Monday for release today listed 743 men wounded. Of these only two had next-of-kin in Oregon.

But there 95 names of men from Hawaii, wounded in action in the Mediterranean theatre, halfway around the world from their homes. On this list there were no such names as Smith, Moran, McDonald, Gonzales, Makowski, Schwartz—names suggesting varied European ancestry. There were instead such names as Hayashi, Matsumoto, Nagasaki. Some had such given names as Paul and Richard, at least two were 'guys named Joe' while others were named Yoshito and Sakai; one's first name was Tokio.

There were a few exceptions, including two sergeants named Gora who apparently were cousins living in the same block in Honolulu, but it was clear that nearly all these men had some Japanese ancestors or were full-blooded Japanese. It's a point which will not and should not affect anyone's thinking about the war in the Pacific; but it is an item to be filed away for future reference, when the postwar treatment of loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry is up for consideration.

The anti-Willkie book by the ex-mayor of Akron has other people than Mr. Willkie squirming. Ickes' man Briggs who admits he helped "document the piece" says he is being thrown to the wolves, a victim of "power politics." Most everyone has been put on the spot but Willkie. The book was a bazooka with fire at the wrong end.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, January 24—A leading child welfare authority diagnosed the juvenile delinquency problem as a labor magazine something like this:

Children feel that they have been pushed around by the war, that they are "in trouble," and this "trouble" is due to a spiritual hunger.

Now I hesitate to take issue, as an amateur, with so eminent and experienced a professional leader, but I would like to submit to her, and to those many readers interested approvingly, in my recent columns on the subject—that one main thing wrong with the problem is the attitude she reveals in her diagnosis.

From her own analysis can be gleaned the proof which should convict her of her mistake. She says girls' cases in the courts have swollen 38 per cent, boys, 12 per cent. Chief girl offenses were "ungovernable behavior," "running away", and "sex offenses."

How in the world does she expect to cure these problems—no matter what else she does—if she coddles the miscreants with the thought that they are just "in trouble" due to "spiritual hunger" of their own dear little adolescent selves?

Instead of going at it that way, why not try to cure ungovernable behavior, running away, and sex offenses by stronger discipline including some on parents responsible for such delinquency?

She tells, for example, of a "Julia", whom she describes as:

"A little 14-year-old girl found living with her girl friend, aged 15, wife of a soldier in a nearby camp. Both girls were having many soldiers visit them each night. The police picked them up one night in a tavern near the camp. Life in her village was 'so dull' as compared with life around an army camp."

Dull, huh? Well, that is what Julia told the social workers anyway, but obviously there must be more behind Julia than that in a family background and the lack of discipline or respect for it in either the home, school, or church. Julia got away with this explanation to my friend, the authority, who only asks in her article:

"Must the fun children have always been dangerous?"

Apparently so. Sixty-one per cent of all the recent burglaries, robberies, and hold-ups in Seattle, she then says, were committed by youths from nine to 16, who, no doubt, find life at home as dull.

My complaint is that to look at the problem that way invites juvenile delinquency (it creates the excuse for all the little Julias, who after all, have minds of their own and have learned to get around doting parents and social workers).

Spiritual hunger? Is that what really caused Julia to embark to the camp and the boys to start robbery as a career? They may have thought it, but they are adolescents, and if the free expression of their own little minds is going to be any guide in national handling of the problem, I wouldn't say the nation was being furnished the best possible leadership.

"Julia" does not sound genuine to me. But say there is a "spiritual hunger" on the part of the young, a genuine hunger which causes juvenile delinquency. Even admit Julia had it.

Is a lax, fondling attitude toward her crime going to make it any better, or is it going to encourage other little Julias to think they can get away with the same story, or at least will not suffer the effects of stern discipline.

I do not know what the answer for all spiritual hungers is, but I know where I would start looking—in a church, not around army camps. That is where most adults would start to look for it, and my point is that the time has come to let the adult outlook on the problem prevail over the child outlook.

My friend, the expert's recommendations for cures run along this line:

A nation at war must assume responsibility, make up for the absence of fathers and big brothers, and—these are exact quotes—"compensate the children of mothers required to work for the loss of their time and attention," "keep schools open," "maintain social services," "open new social centers."

I do not believe any of those things will do much with the problem, but I think a change of attitude on the part of child welfare leaders might



The Windy City

Today's Radio Programs

- ASLM—TUESDAY—1300 Kc.**
 7:00—News.
 7:30—Morning Farm & Home.
 7:45—Rise 'n' Shine.
 7:55—News.
 8:00—Morning Moods.
 8:05—Cherry City News.
 8:05—Program Parade.
 8:10—Music.
 8:30—Tango Time.
 9:00—Pastor's Call.
 9:15—It's the Truth.
 9:30—Cliff Edwards.
 9:45—Orchestra.
 9:55—Music.
 10:00—News.
 10:05—Song and Dance.
 10:10—Music.
 11:00—News.
 11:05—KSLM Presents.
 11:30—Tote of Yesterday.
 12:00—Organalities.
 12:15—News.
 12:20—Hillbilly Serenade.
 12:30—Matinee.
 1:00—Lum 'n' Abner.
 1:15—Spotlight on Rhythm.
 1:30—Mildie Melodies.
 1:45—Mystery Theatre.
 2:00—Isle of Paradise.
 2:15—US Navy.
 2:30—David Harum.
 2:45—Broadway Band Wagon.
 3:00—Concert Hour.
 3:15—Johnny Marinba.
 4:15—News.
 4:30—Teatime Tunes.
 4:45—Homespun Trio.
 5:15—Let's Reminisce.
 5:30—Russian Balalaika.
 5:45—David Harum.
 6:15—War News Commentary.
 6:30—Evening Serenade.
 6:45—Music.
 7:00—News.
 7:15—Texas Jim Lewis.
 7:30—Kevytone.
 8:00—War Fronts in Review.
 8:15—Music.
 8:30—Mustangs.
 8:45—Excursions in Science.
 9:00—News.
 9:15—Cotton in Air.
 9:45—Arthur Wilson.
 9:55—Serenade.
 10:30—News.

- 11:00—The Guiding Light.**
 11:15—Today's Children.
 11:30—Light of the World.
 11:45—Hymns of All Churches.
 12:00—Women of America.
 12:15—Ma Perkins.
 12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
 12:45—Right to Happiness.
 1:00—Reckless Youth.
 1:15—Stella Dallas.
 1:30—Lorenzo Jones.
 1:45—Young Wilder Brown.
 2:00—When a Girl Marries.
 2:15—Portia Faces Life.
 2:30—Just Plain Bill.
 2:45—Front Page Farrell.
 3:00—Road of Life.
 3:15—Vic and Sade.
 3:30—B. Boynton.
 3:45—Rambling Reader.
 4:00—Dr. Kate.
 4:15—News of the World.
 4:30—Music.
 4:45—Golden Gate Quartet.
 4:55—H. V. Kattenborn.
 5:10—Ok for Release.
 5:15—How Do You Do It?
 5:30—A Date with Judy.
 5:45—Mystery Theatre.
 6:00—Fibber McGee and Molly.
 7:00—Bob Hope.
 7:15—Red Skelton.
 7:30—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.
 8:15—Commentator.
 8:30—Mystery Theatre.
 9:00—Salute to Youth.
 9:30—Hollywood Theatre.
 10:00—News Flash.
 10:15—Hometown News.
 10:30—Labor News.
 10:45—Carnegie Story.
 11:00—Voice of a Nation.
 11:15—Music.
 11:30—War News Roundup.
 11:45—News.
 12:00—2 a. m.—Swing Shift.

- 9:45—Art Baker.**
 10:00—Down Memory's Lane.
 10:30—Orchestra.
 11:00—Concert Hour.
- KOIN—CBS—TUESDAY—670 Kc.**
 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter.
 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin.
 6:30—Texas Rangers.
 6:45—True Story.
 7:00—CBS Clock.
 7:15—Headline News.
 7:30—News.
 7:45—Nelson Pringle News.
 8:00—Consumer News.
 8:15—Valiant Lady.
 8:30—Stories Amen Loves.
 8:45—Aunt Jenny.
 9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
 9:15—CBS Clock.
 9:30—Lifeline of Helen Trent.
 9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
 10:00—Romance Can Be Beautiful.
 10:15—Ma Perkins.
 10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
 10:45—The Goldbergs.
 11:00—Young Dr. Malone.
 11:15—CBS Clock.
 11:30—We Love and Learn.
 11:45—News.
 12:00—Neighbors.
 12:15—Open Door.
 12:30—William Winter News.
 12:45—Children's Children.
 1:00—Broadway Matinee.
 1:15—Al-Flo of the Air.
 1:30—Music.
 2:00—Mary Martin.
 2:15—Newspaper of the Air.
 2:30—American Women.
 2:45—News.
 3:00—Collins Calling.
 3:15—Jack Smith, Songs.
 3:30—The World Today.
 3:45—Chet Huntley.
 4:00—Stars of Today.
 4:15—News.
 4:30—American Melody Hour.
 4:45—Galen Drake.
 5:15—Red's Gang.
 5:30—Harry Flannery.
 5:45—News.
 6:00—Bill Henry.
 6:15—Burns & Allen.
 6:30—Report to the Nation.
 6:45—Romance.
 7:00—Congress Speaks.
 7:15—Guy Lombardo, Orchestra.
 7:30—Love A Mystery.
 7:45—Harry James Orchestra.
 8:00—Big Town.
 8:15—Judy Canova.
 8:30—News.
 8:45—Million Dollar Club.
 9:00—Five Star Final.
 9:15—Warline Women.
 9:30—Horace Heidt Orchestra.
 9:45—Edwin C. Hill.
 10:00—Harry James Orchestra.
 10:15—Henry Busse Orchestra.
 10:30—Manny Stinson.
 10:45—Dale Jones Orchestra.
 11:00—News.
 11:15—Serenade.
 12:00—9:00 a.m.—Music and News.

- KEK—SB—TUESDAY—1190 Kc.**
 6:00—Musical Clock.
 6:15—National Farm and Home.
 6:30—Western Agriculture.
 6:45—Music.
 7:00—Top of the Morning.
 7:15—News.
 7:30—The Humbird Family.
 7:45—Breakfast Club.
 8:00—True Story.
 8:15—Breakfast at Sardi's.
 8:30—News.
 8:45—Sweet River.
 9:00—Ed Jorgensen.
 9:15—Baby Institute.
 9:30—Hop Harrigan.
 9:45—The Mystery Chef.
 10:00—Ladies Be Seated.
 10:15—News.
 10:30—Livestock Reporters.
 10:45—Carnegie Story.
 11:00—Hays.
 11:15—Blue Newsroom Review.
 11:30—What's Doing, Ladies.
 11:45—News.
 12:00—Labor News.
 12:15—Ted Malons.
 12:30—Grand Hotel Reports.
 12:45—Glenn Howard.
 1:00—Ozark Rambler.
 1:15—Awake at the Switch.
 1:30—Hop Harrigan.
 1:45—The Sea Hound.
 2:00—The Pirates.
 2:15—Dick Tracy.
 2:30—Jack Armstrong.
 2:45—Carnegie Story.
 3:00—Three Romances.
 3:15—News.
 3:30—Sight Bands.
 3:45—Sports.
 4:00—Swing.
 4:15—News.
 4:30—Red Ryder.
 4:45—News.
 5:00—Lones and Absent.
 5:15—Dutty.
 5:30—Music.
 5:45—Say With Flowers.
 6:00—News.

- KALE—MB—TUESDAY—1370 Kc.**
 6:45—Dave West.
 7:00—News.
 7:15—Texas Rangers.
 7:30—Memory Timekeeper.
 7:45—Garden of Rest.
 8:00—News.
 8:15—T. B. A.
 8:30—Beakie Carle.
 8:45—Woman's Side of the News.
 9:00—Buyer's Parade.
 9:15—Believe It or Not.
 9:30—News.
 9:45—Stars of Today.
 10:00—This and That.
 10:15—Cedric Foster.
 10:30—News.
 10:45—Casino Games.
 11:00—Melody Rendezvous.
 11:15—Marketting.
 11:30—Concert.
 11:45—On the Farm Front.
 12:00—Melody Time.
 12:15—Walker Compagnie.
 1:15—All-Star Parade.
 1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
 1:45—Ray Dobby.
 2:15—Texas Rangers.
 2:30—Yours for a Song.
 2:45—Warline Women.
 3:00—News.
 3:15—Radio Tour.
 3:30—Treasury Star Parade.
 3:45—Music.
 4:00—Bill Hays Reads the Bible.
 4:15—Fulton Lewis.
 4:30—Johnston Family.
 4:45—Better Business Bureau.
 5:00—Rainbow Rendezvous.
 5:15—Learn to Dance.
 5:30—Superman.
 5:45—Show Time.
 6:00—Norman Nesbitt.
 6:15—Gabriel Heatter.
 6:30—Believe It or Not.
 6:45—American Forum.
 7:00—Fulton Lewis.
 7:15—Pulitzer Quizer.
 7:30—Musical Show.
 7:45—Cus Arsham Orchestra.
 8:00—Hasten the Day.
 8:15—Concert.
 8:30—Helen Miller.
 8:45—Fulton Lewis.
 9:00—Orchestra.
 9:15—Blues Feudish Amigos.
 9:30—News.
 9:45—Music.
 10:00—Melodist.
 10:15—Orchestra.
 10:30—Footlight Showparty.

- EOAC—TUESDAY—49 Kc.**
 10:00—News.
 10:15—The Homecoming Hour.
 10:30—School of the Air.
 10:45—Walk Time.
 11:00—Concert Hall.
 11:15—News.
 11:30—News Farm Hour.
 11:45—News.
 12:00—Transit Salute.
 12:15—Variety Time.
 12:30—News.
 12:45—Memory Book of Music.
 1:00—News.
 1:15—News of the Markets.
 1:30—Southland Stage.
 1:45—Voice of the Army.

Interpreting The War News

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Caught flat-footed by the allied sea-borne flanking attack just south of Rome, the Nazi high command is confronted with the same sort of dilemma in Italy that it faces on a larger scale in Russia.

It must decide, and decide now before it is too late, to run for it in Italy, abandoning Rome and substantially all of the Italian peninsula south of the Livorno line, or fight it out at the risk of disaster. That choice probably has been made, although the decision is not yet discernible.

The first indicated Nazi reaction to the allied beach came in furious counterattacks against fifth army positions on the Cassino-Minturno line far to the south. They served to blunt somewhat the Anglo-American-French threat to the Cassino gateway to the Liri valley, interior land route to Rome. Yet they may turn out to be only rear guard operations to screen a wholesale Nazi retreat northward.

The extent of the allied beach holdings is not clear. It is reasonably certain from both allied and Berlin accounts, however, that the objective is not Rome directly, but the roads and railroads that fan south and eastward from that transportation hub.

First allied official accounts told only of the taking of Nettuno—with its undamaged port-facilities and landing beaches to the north and south. It was a walk-ashore operation that forged four miles or more inland at the first rush.

Under the cover of that advance, allied air power and naval guns, heavy reinforcements in men, guns, tanks and all the necessary equipment for major action were landed. The critical phase of any amphibian assault seemed over almost before it had begun.

The result is obvious. The Nazi command is faced on its western sea flank not with a precarious allied beach foothold as at Salerno, but with a ponderous threat that has brought under gunfire a dozen or so vitally important supply and escape routes for Nazi troops south and east of Rome.

The main Rome-Naples coastal route, the Via Appia, is already useless to the enemy for defensive or offensive purposes. Tank-bolstered allied spearheads obviously are pushing up the Nettuno-Cisterna road to reach and cut the Via Appia and up the Anzio-Albano

route to nip it again closer to Rome.

Within striking distance beyond lie the Rome-Cassino and Rome-Pescara spokes of the Roman transportation wheel upon which the whole Nazi defense of the center of the Italian peninsula and Rome depends.

The Nettuno landings, the core of the allied sea-borne thrust, were aimed at what seems the most vulnerable sector of the Nazi sea flank. By striking above the soggy Pontine marshes, the allies have converted a potential liability into a prime military asset. The marsh shields their Nettuno beachhead from Nazi attack from the south.

The Nettuno-Naples landing point has another great advantage. It permits columns to fan out on both sides of the Alban hills just southeast of Rome which would have proved a serious obstacle to a drive on the capital from the Cassino sector.

It probably is the allied desire to bypass Rome, Washington and London have sought to avoid bringing the eternal city under actual attack.

Rome will become another Naples only by German choice. The world has the word of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill for that.

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Best omen of the war, he declared, is the fact that the "average American for the first time is meeting the average Britisher." Insofar as they are able, under rationing, the British people are attempting to make the American soldier feel at home and the doughboy is as happy as is possible so far from home, McDonald said.

The story of how Edinburgh's only serious bombing shattered a whiskey storehouse causing the pattern to run with Scotch brought from his audience roars which grew as McDonald explained that he did not "think the Scots will ever forgive Hitler for that."

British to Turn Next to Pacific, Consul Reveals

There is no doubt in the mind of any Britisher that when the European war is over the full attention of the United Nations will be turned to the war in the Pacific, James McDonald, British consul in Portland for the past five years, declared Monday to Salem chamber of commerce.

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Fourth War Loan Thought For Today

Bonds Fit Picture

What is nearest and dearest to you is the safe return of your son or brother or husband. You want to see all the boys from this community come home soon and safely. You won't be very happy if that empty chair will still be empty when the BIG DAY at long last comes.

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Extra war bonds foot the bill for extra war equipment. Your \$100 war bond has paid for an all-important Tommy gun or an extra clip of bullets or an extra medical packet. You have made it possible. "Let's all Back the Attack" with extra war bonds.

4:30—Novatime.
 4:45—Adventures in Research.
 5:00—On the Upbeat.
 5:30—Story Time.
 5:45—It's Oregon's War.
 6:15—News.
 6:30—Evening Farm Hour.
 7:30—March of Dimes.
 7:45—Songs.
 7:55—Basketball.
 8:25—News.
 9:05—Evening Meditations.
 10:00—Sign Off.



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invasion of Sicily and had sent military forces to Rome at the time of Mussolini's ouster Italy might have fallen without much struggle. The Nazis then were caught off balance, but the tempoizing over policy gave them time to recover and move in their own armies.

Another thought suggests itself from this operation near Rome, and that is, that the Germans have not been able to fortify the whole line of coast in western Europe. The first landing parties found only a few mines to impede their progress. While it may be assumed that western Europe is far more strongly fortified, and perhaps made almost impregnable at the most probable points of invasion, there must be weak joints in the armor, which if they could be located and seized, would greatly ease the allied opening of the western front.

The thrust toward Rome rather redeems the winter stalemate on the fronts of the allies. Gen. Eisenhower was not ready to unpeck his power-punch in the west. The Gustav line across the Apennines had stalled the fifth and eighth armies of Americans and British. The success at Nettuno gives fresh zest to the allied cause. Like the first pussy-willow or the first robin, it is a harbinger of spring, the spring that we expect to be the climax of the European war.

The Safety Valve

Accidents Don't Happen To the Editor:

I like your editorial "Accident misnomer" appearing in the Statesman Saturday morning January 22. You close with the suggestion that a new word "negligent" be substituted but express little hope for its general adoption.

For years I have worked on the theme that accidents don't happen—that they RESULT from CAUSES, preventable in most cases. The unfortunate effect is so much easier to observe than the cause which, while usually discoverable, remains unrecorded. Perhaps it is a comforting alibi for troubled souls to call the thing an "accident."