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Jim Reed as Orator

"One More Chance"

Congressman Cannon of Missouri, speaking in the house following the recent death of former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, referred to Reed as one of the most eloquent men in the long list of congressional orators-"a word painter, a phrase maker, a coiner of epigrams, a master of satire and sarcasm, of invective and caustic objurgation."

Then he quoted Reed's tribute to Speaker Champ Clark, a fellow Missourian, on March 5, 1921. Cannon said it was delivered almost extemporaneously, it is, indeed, a literary gem, reminiscent of Robert G. Ingersoll.

We quote it, as reprinted in the Congressional Record:

A wonderful stream is the river of life. A slender thread emerging from the mysterious realm of birth, it laughs and dances through the wonder world of childhood. Its broadening currents sweep the plains of youth between the flower-decked banks of romance and hope. A mighty torrent it rushes over the rapids of manhood and breaks in foam upon the rocks of opposition and defeat, then glides away across the barren, sterile field of age until it is engulfed and lost within the waters of the eternal sea.

The robes of royalty, the beggar's rags, the rich man's golden hoard, the pauper's copper pence, the jeweled diadems of princes, and the thorny crowns of martyrs alike are swept by the same ceaseless tides.

The miracle of birth, the mystery of death, remain the unsolved problems of all time. The shepherd philosopher who 3000 years ago upon the Syrian plain, observed the procession of the planets and contemplated the decrees of fate was as wise perhaps as is the wisest of today. He only knew that standing here upon this bank of time his straining eyes could not glimpse even the shadowing outline of the farther shore. He could only behold the white sails of receding fleets, ships that sail out, but never come again. He only knew that at the grave's dread mouth all men must cast aside the burden of their honors and their griefs; that man takes with him only that which he has freely given away; but that even death may not despoil him of the riches of service and selfsacrifice.

Measured by that standard, he who sleeps today bears with him to the tomb, a legacy so rare that even envy is compelled to pay the tribute of admiration.

Governments and Foreign Trade

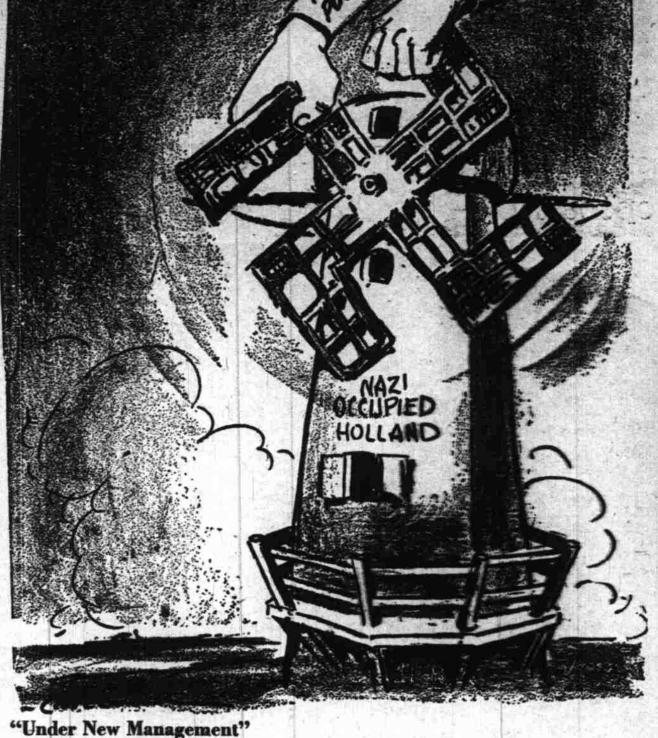
In an address Friday in Troy, New York, Vice President Wallace said there would be "no unemployment in Russia after the war," and that the United States must "do better or step back." He went on to say that after the war the United States would have "one more chance" to prove that our form of government is best; and that we would have "one more opportunity" to show that free enterprise is progress.

We get tired of having to endure this gun-atour-heads tactic. This "one more chance" theory is enough to make Americans boil over. Why just "one more chance"? Why just one more op-, portunity to show progress? Is Wallace some god almighty uttering a mandate of "do this or else"? This is presumably a free country, and we can stick to the form of government we please, or change it if enough people feel that way.

If our people want to go to the totalitarian form in which all people work for the state, as in Russia, where labor organizations are powerless and the penalty of any breach of responsibility may be "liquidation" by death, why they can go that way by vote or by revolution. But the people of the United States do not like that kind of government. They have demonstrated over and over again that they want their freedom. The violations of the prohibition law and the present lack of regard for OPA rules shows an unwillingness to yield to the mandate of law if it is unpopular.

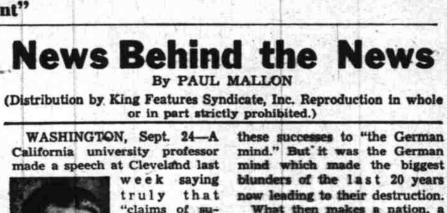
We get tired of the jerking of this Russian bogey now and then. Russia can live its own life; we can live ours. The competition as to rival systems should be stimulating to each other. But this "one more chance" theory is neither true nor wise. A system which has provided its people with more automobiles, more washing machines, more radios, more electric power than any other country in the world is not so weak that it is down to "one more chance."

Leith F. Abbott, well known through western Oregon as the advertising agent for the Southern Pacific in this area, has guit working for the railroad to become director of publicity and public relations for KALE. That will keep Abbott in the field of public relations. In fact, Leith will need some such outlet because he will find his style cramped a bit by radio. Anyhow his many friends wish for him continued suc-



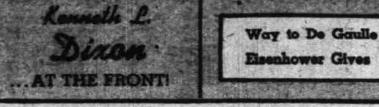
The Literary Guidepost By JOHN SELBY

"BOSTON ADVENTURE," by Jean Stafford (Harcourt, Brace; \$2.75). I doubt that Jean Stafford's ecstatic publisher will persuade many men to read "Boston Adventure," although as an exercise in the apt use of words, the novel will not be improved upon this year - most likely. Miss Stafford is almost a literary voluptuary. I kept seeing her at her desk, picking up a word and fondling it like a stage miser with a pile of double eagles. But after her moment



blunders of the last 20 years now leading to their destruction. What then makes a nation, a periority for race or a people superior? Well, obviously there are differences people based of superiority between people. on racial puri-In this country for instance, ty" are biologthe Declaration of Independen said all are created free and That is no equal before law, but it is an acnews. It has vledged fact that no to ften been people are precisely equal. In all

LANDINGS



WITH THE AEF By Nedville Nordness Substituting For Kenneth L. Dixon)

PARIS, Sept. 21 .- (Delayed)-(P)-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower teclined to sign the honorary register at the Arc de Triomphe -because he thought the name of Gen. Charles De Gaulle should head the post-liberation list.

De Gaulle visited the unknown soldier's grave and the eternal light Aug. 27 but at that time the book still was in its four-year hiding place.

It was brought out for the Sept. 8 ceremony when Eisenhower presented a plaque to the city. Today the committee of the

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the myth of the ring of Rhinegold, are four in number: The Rheingold, The Valkyrie, Sieg-fried and Goetterdammerung. This is the story:

Alberich, prince of the Nibelungs, gnomes who live under the Rhine, steals from the Rhine maidens the gold which shone in the water. To satisfy the giants who have built for him a wonderful castle in Walhalla, Wotan, the god, steals from Alberich the Rheingold and the ring he had fashioned from it, and gives them to the giants. Siegfried, a grandson of Wotan, forges a sword and slays the dragon in the cave where the giant had left the ring. In spite of the curse which Alberich had cast on the ring of Rheingold others covet it and seek to secure it from Siegfreid, who has met and taken as bride Brunnhilde, one of the nine Valkyrie, daughters of Wotan and

Erda, the earth goddess. For Wotan and the gods of Valhalla there is the threat that if Alberich recovers the ring the rule of the gods will come to an end. In the Goetterdammerung, the final opera of the series Siegfried leaves the ring with Brunnhilde, but is himself betrayed by magic potion so that he gives Brunnhilde to Gunther for a the history of the world in any bride, and himself takes Gunthis "Sixty at Sixty" until we ther's sister to wife. In the enread Mrs. M. Brown's letter to suing tragedy, Hagan, the arch-The Statesman. She backs her deceiver, kills Siegfried, whereargument up with Bible quotaupon Brunnhilde fashions a great tions that to her it seems all funeral pyre on which Siegfried's right for the state to be compelled to tap the pocketbooks of body is placed.

"keepers of the undying flame" started the book on its way to De Gaulte and then will send it to Eisenhower.

In all the years of the occupation the gas-fed flame was kept burning. During the liberation of the city a one-legged guard of the Arc De Triomphe slept by it to prevent vandalism by Germans.

Hitler never officially visited the site as popularly supposed. but many other German officials did.

On June 14, 1940, when the Germans entered Paris a general alighted in the Place De La Concorde, walked up the Champs Elysees, knelt before the grave and made the sign of a cross, said Leon Moussou, vice president of the committee.

"Then he turned and asked if we wanted to Germans to keep the flame alive," Moussou said. "I told him it was a shame for the German flag to be raised over the grave of France's unknowns. The general ordered the flag down."

The committee's nightly prewar ceremony of turning the flame up high, to the salute of beating drums, was suspended during the occupation but will be resumed next month.

During the liberation Moussou himself attended the flame every day despite fierce fighting close by. In 1940 he had wanted to blow up the grave and the flame system rather than have the Germans molest it, but other members of the committee dissuaded him.

The Germans used to goosestep by the grave every day in the changing of the guard and other military ceremonies and paid their respect by saluting the grave. But they ordered civilians to keep away at those periods.

"We are willing to honor your dead, but not French civilians." Moussou quoted the Germans as saying, nor would they allow the French to place the tricolor upon the grave as was done before the war.

The **Safety Valve** Letters from Statesman Readers

We hadn't thought much about

some to give to others. Now it

also says in the Bible "If ye will

not work, neither shall ye eat."

This proposed law will kill am-

SIXTY AT SIXTY to the Editor:

A symposium on the question of foreign trade following the war, conducted by the National Industrial Conference board, revealed that topflight industrial executives are optimistic about its revival, but they want government to keep its hands off. This is challenging in a period when governments are in business up to their necks, doing the principal export and import business, if not directly then under license and control. Here is one expression said to be typical of the attitude of businessmen:

We believe the policy of the government, in order to facilitate foreign trade of private industry after the war, should be to leave industry alone.

In other words, totally divorce the federal government from private industry, except to see that any and all business is conducted in an honest, ethical and fair way, for which there are ample laws, which need no bureaucratic interpretation and control.

The participation of government is desired in one particular-that is, the stabilization of foreign exchange. As one executive said: "If the exporters can be assured of a fixed relationship between foreign money and the American dollar, then the greatest obstacle to foreign trade will have been removed."

But one of the factors which affect stabilization of exchange is tariffs, and businessmen have come to recognize that the only way foreign countries can pay for their imports is by exports, which means that we must be willing to accept goods if we have to sell others in foreign trade.

So complete is the present domination of foreign trade by governments, and so critical is the financial situation in some countries, Great Britain especially, it is too much to expect an immediate relaxing of government activity in the field of foreign commerce. What governments should do is to make an orderly retirement but to pave the way so that private trading can be resumed on a fairly firm basis.

The democratic party's Liberty league, the CIO-PAC, is giving the regular campaign organization plenty of embarrassment. Chairman Hannegan denies he was instructed to "clear everything with Sidney." Meantime, the PAC seems to be doing most of the political chores for Roosevelt's reelection.

Editorial Comment

PENSION TAX SCHEME

We have with us on the November ballot, in the pension plan sponsored by the Townsenders, another of those rosy but unsound taxation schemes which could be only disastrous to California.

The tax on which this proposition is based flies in the face of all revenue-raising principles. It is a gross income impost of 3 per cent, which might rise to 5 per cent. This hits everybody and all in-come, regardless of source. It would be confiscatory in a great proportion of cases, and most of these among people of small incon

Mind you, this is a tax on gross, not net, income, There are no deductions, no credits, no allowances. There are many small concerns that do not make more than 3 to 5 per cent. Such a tax would take their entire net income. In case of a concern that had a loss for the year, the tax would, nevertheless, be levied on everything it took in. Adoption of this scheme would mean that Cali-

fornians would pay three income taxes-the federal income tax, the state net income tax and a state gross income tax. The effect could only be in-

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) says that Governor Dewey in his west coast speeches is endorsing the basic new deal policy "only he would make it broader." By the way, what has become of the republicans who purged Willkie because he was too much of a new dealer?

V-day in Europe means lifting of restrictions on manufacture of women's apparel. But the fair sex will still have to go without silk hose until the Japs get their drubbing. Spite of the war, the silk-boycott is not one that will be revived, when the war ends.

The Japs never admit the loss of any vessels but five more admirals are reported dead in action. Apparently the Jap navy will run out of admirals before it runs out of ships.



The elements of decisive military disaster were present for nazi Germany on four war fronts this weekend

Given good weather to bring the full weight of Russian and allied air supremacy into sustained play and simultaneous collapse of enemy defensive dikes east, west and south might come at any moment. It would send a flood of United Nations forces pouring across the Rhine and the Vistula and up through Italian, Balkan and Hungarian gateways in converging stabs at the heart of nazidom.

At the very moment the battle of the Rhine reached its crisis at Arnhem in east central Holland there came word of nazi defeats in the east and the south.

Russian-Polish columns were reported across the Vistula at last and in Warsaw itself, insuring the fall of the critical central anchorage of the German eastern line. Other red forces were moving into the Hungarian plain from the Transylvanian Alps, within striking distance of the Budapest hub of nazi southeastern communications.

In Italy the collapse of the Gothic front has begun with allied capture of Rimini, its Adriatic bolt sition. A blitzkrieg invasion of the Po valley was ent to bring, allied liberation of all Italy and a swift allied junction with the Russians in the Balkan peninsula in sight. A nazi flight from Crete, the islands of the Aegean and the Palaponin sight. A nazi flight from nesus if not all Greece, Albania and southern Yugoslavia was credibly reported.

The potentials of a Russian-allied trap that could turn the Balkan peninsula into a prison camp or death scene for cut-off German forces were too clearly apparent to be ignored by Berlin. That had already happened in Estonia, the Baltic states and in western Holland. It was on the verge of happening to nazi lost legions in Finland and northern Norway.

The whole vast sweep of western Industrial Ger-many was close under allied guns as well as air at-tack from the Rhine delta to the Wonges. The last German abandoned garrisons in Brithany and Bel-gium were being blasted into automission. A Rus-sian steam-roller in the Baltic states was grinding nazi resistance to powder. In wentern other 100,000 or so nazis were no less hopele

Miss Stafford seems automatically to drop the word into its just and proper place. Most consciously literary people don't do that; they more often drop it into the place they like best, which is a very different thing

indeed. Anyway, Miss Stafford's first novel is a set of character studies, in which the women are amazingly successful and the men rather shadowy. It also is a kind of exercise in the pathology of poverty, through much of its course. Its narrator is a young girl, half German and half Russian, whose parents detest each other and eventually separate. The father was a bootmaker from Germany, but also lazy. He drifted down, his fiercely stupid wife pulled him down, and their

Before it came, the little narrator's mother had worked summers in a hotel not far away. Occasionally the daughter, whose name was Sonia, took her mother's place as chambermaid, and bit by bit she achieved a fixation on a certain Miss Pride. Sonia loved the immaculateness of Miss Pride's room and possessions, and when she found that in Boston this determined spinster lived on Pinckney street, Sonia made of the remote address a kind of Valhalla to which she retreated when her home grew noisesome.

disaster was inevitable.

Then (and entirely by chance) Miss Pride decided to have Sonia's father make some shoes, and eventually, after the father disappeared, fate rearranged matters so that Sonia actually did go to live in Pinckney street and

stressed. He Paul Mailon was speaking a post mortem on the politics Hitler played in Germany trying to build up the notion that the Nordics are a "pure strain" and therefore greater as a race, just to get them to fight harder for

ical rot.

him and his cause. His tactics deceived few. The victorious march of our armies on Berlin is sufficient current proof to the unthinking of what reasonable men have long known about the "superiority" of the Germans.

But does this make us biologically superior? The Russians also are driving upon Berlin and have gone a greater distance. In truth, these developments

reflect the activity, energy, skill and production of our winning nations. They have nothing to do with biology. Yet in this constant reitera-

tion of simple biology truths, among speakers who get in the daily news, I have seen no one point out that there are certain differences, certain superiorities among nations as well as among

The Germans made a pretty good grade of steel before the war. They showed exceptional skill and energy in contriving and fighting this war. Some of their philosophers are popular in this country-and indeed in Russia (Mr. Karl Marx, for

I have beard people attribute

By Mossler

far from magical circle. It is not a very deep book, but it is a fine character study for the hour between tes and dinner.

country, no two persons existed who had precisely the same personality or were exactly equal in mentality, ability, energy. Some like to work, some don't. Some cheat, some do not. Even twins differ essentially in their beings. The natural endowment

of men at birth is variously influenced by their experiences in life. These then are the standards by which men judge each other

as superior or inferior, the natural standards of ability evident in themselves, Exactly the same differences exist in nations as in men. When the average individual ability is high, the people or nations are obviously superior.

It seems to me, therefore, someone ought to be making speeches stressing the need for higher intellectual standards in the country, the need of developing better workmanship, inspiring greater ability, promoting greater individual and national energy.

That is the only way we can keep our nation superior in the postwar world. Armaments alone will not do it. Someone will always come along with a better gun, unless we maintain a superior ability to create one. That force of higher practicalism must always be behind our armaments, as well as our lives. This whole question of national and race conflict has become involved in such stressing of tolerance-needful stressing - that the people who read the front pages and listen to speeches may have forgotten the visible, inspirational and intellectual standards which do really guide men. Tolerance does not mean tolerance of sloth or chicanery for instance.

The responsibility for pe petuating our historic idealism rests on leadership because the people will do no better than their leaders. No matter what

Practical Religion -by Rev. John L. Knight, jr., Counselor on Religious Life,

In "Aurora Leigh" Elizabeth Barrett Browning offers this in

teresting thought: "The music soars within the lark. And the lark soars."

How true to life! - If a man really achieves in life, it is because of the quality of manhood with him. If a man conquers despair and defeat, it is because of an inner strength and courage If a man can withstand criticism and opposition, it is because of the deep nobility of his character. And if a man has a real purpose

Astride her. Valkyrie horse, Grane, she mounts the pyre as it leaps in flames. The river Rhine rises and puts out the fire, and the Rhine daughters recover the ring from the embers. In this final catastrophe, Valhalla bursts out in flames and in them the gods and the heroes meet their fate.

The comparison is apt of the ultimate fate of Hitler and his cohorts, who by their greed have brought on themselves the eternal curse. Hitler, brooding in Berchtesgaden, may feel that he is another Wotan in Walhalla, who sees the allied armies thrust their spears of armor between the strong points of the Siegfried line even as Hagen of old found a vulnerable spot between Siegfried's shoulder-blades. Perhaps in that day of doom when the flames rise from the cities and towns along the historic Rhine and the river rises to lap the good German blood of the defenders of the fatherland, Hit-

Goetterdammerung, and as the music of Wagner rolls from the great hall, he will set torch to his dwelling, enter an airplane and take flight into the sun-to become a hero for the German mythology of an indefinite future.

Perhaps . . . but there is another German legend which to me fits Hitler better . . . but that is a story for telling another day.

their constitution, their attitude toward tolerance and equality. their arms or whatever else, they will be no more superior than their standards. I would Ross says applications from any like to read some speeches about who can use a typewriter at all

bition by destroying all incentive to work. They will begin to slack up around forty-five and count time throughout their fifties. Now suppose they all do this-where will the state get the money to even pay our soldiers? Many have done everything they can think of to keep from going to war. Are these entitled to sixty at sixty? If they have property they deed it to their children so the state will have a clear conscience in keeping them. Jesus worked-and He could command the stones to be turned into bread. If an individual reaches sixty without this law and they are in need; then I say feed and clothe them of course. They didn't plan to out-

smart anyone. MRS. M. ALLEN Portland.

ler himself on his mountain top Linn Tax Deputy Seeks 13 Typists

Albany, Sept. 23-Wih a staff of 14 typists needed to serve taxpayers calling at the office of Herbert Shelton, Linn county sheriff, one lone girl is at present the only one holding forth, according to an-

nouncements made by Amy Ross, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections.

Unless more girls or women who can operate a typewriter become available. Linn county tax papers are liable to have to wait for some time for their 1944-45 tax statements. While, of course, experienced typists are preferred. Miss

competently will be welcomed.





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became a part of Miss Pride's "THE YOUNG IDEA"

