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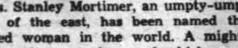
On McWilliams' Trail

What Is Well-Dressed!

The trial of the near two-score persons sharged with sedition came to an abrupt end with the death of Edward Eicher, the trial Judge, in Washington months ago and has never been revived. Little has been heard from the principal defendants since. But it is not to be expected that the big shot pro-nazis would surrender their ideas even with Hitler's defeat. Bo it is not surprising that Joe McWilliams who was one of the most offensive of the prewar agitators for a domestic fascism is caught working in the same lines as before. How he was located in Cleveland and how his goose there was cooked through the skilled work of a newspaper reporter is related in a recent asue of Editor and Publisher. The story is worth reproducing, and is as follows:

worth reproducing, and is as follows: CLEVELAND, Dec. 11-A reporting fob by Eugene Segal, Cleveland Press, with a follow through by the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, has resulted in smashing the Nationalist party in its present form. One morning last June, Segal got an anonymous pinnie call in the Press editorial rooms telling him that Joe McWilliams was registered at Hotel Statier in Cleveland under the name of J. Williams. Mc-Williams openly preached facist doctrines from soap-boxes in the Yorkville section of New York, ran for Congress in 1946 and later was indicted for sedition. Segal's caller said the Press had better do something about MeWilliams pretty quick or the caller and onme friends would get McWilliams in an alley and "take care of him." Take care of him." Tessal told his caller to indulge in no hoodlumism himself while he would try to find McWilliams and determine his business in Cleveland. The same morning another "lip" came to the Press city editor. Louis Clifford, that an unidentified man-registered at Hotel Cleveland was in town to solicit funds from industrialists for former U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds' Nationalist Party. Segal went to the Statier lobby and after a four-hour wait was rewarded by seeing McWilliams, whom he recognized from pictures. He followed McWilliams to Hotel Cleveland. McWilliams was met by a large and bulky gentleman with whom he drove off in a

he recognized from pictures. He followed McWilliams to Hotel Cleveland. At the Cleveland, McWilliams was met by a large and bulky gentlemand, McWilliams was met by a large and bulky gentlemand. McWilliams was met by a large and bulky gentlemand with whom he drove off in a big car. Segal got the license number of the car which he checked in New York and found had been issued to Rue S. Malone, a woman. Further check showed she is the wife of J. Victor Malone. He found Malone regresentative of Revnolds. The next day Segal followed McWilliams to Hotel Cleveland. McWilliams and Malone left the hotel to board a street car. Segal followed them in an auto-mobile to the end of the line and saw them enter the offices of a Cleveland industrial plant. During all this shadowing of McWilliams. Segal noticed a hitle man in a brown suit also on the trail. He thought first it was a bodyguard for "Hand-some Jos" but later concluded it was an TEI man. This was never determined. McWilliams and Malone, on the rounds to the offices of executives in big industrial plants. In a manner which cannot be disclosed he obtained a list of almost all the factories they visited. He interviewed the same industrial starge contributions to the Nationalist Party with promises that the new party would weld the disaident elements of both major political parties in the north with southern Democrats into a new party. The new party they promised, would take all curbs of business, suppress labor, stop immigration, see



Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, an umpty-umph socialite of the east, has been named the best dressed woman in the world. A mighty fine title, we'd say, and one of which we expect Mrs. Mortimer is quite proud. And so far as we know, the missus well deserves it, and may all her Christmases be as bright.

But who picked her? The New York Dress Institute. The institute may be all right, too, and all the little instituters. But have they ever been outside 5th avenue in New York? How could Mrs. Mortimer, in pure attractiveness, stack up against an Oregon girl in neat pinafore, saucy hat, well-fitted if economical coat, walking to the corner grocery, a fleck of rain on her pink check and a quick good-morning smile?

And the Duchess of Windsor who de-kinged a kingdom! She was fifth in that list of welldressed women, and a well-gotten-up one, it might be said. She dresses as befits her socalled "station in life." But if she looks any nicer than many a woman we've seen this holiday season right here at home, we've yet to see a picture that shows it.

This little dissertation isn't meant to bring out any moral like "beauty is as beauty does." It's meant to say that the New York Dress Institute can look out of its window or peruse its charge accounts to its heart's content-we've got our own ideas of what well-dressed means, and it doesn't run to any more diamond earrings, furred trappings, or be-jeweled necks or arms than can be shown by our more modest and unostentatious women.

Aimless Weapons

What to do with a storm-bound, disabled or otherwise unwanted airplane-especially if it is a few thousand feet in the air and travelling a couple of hundred miles an hour-is going to be an increasingly important problem as the number of planes increases in civilian life.

The question already has been brought home to the residents of Chillicothe, Ohio, where a twin-engined army transport craft crashed after flying pilotless for 900 miles from the heart of Nebraska, where its crew bailed out. Fortunately, the crash was in an open field and no lives were lost. But such good luck couldn't always obtain. It is difficult to see how there ever could be a complete overcoming of the hazards from a stricken plane, but to the limit of a pilot's ability a plane that has become no more than an aimless weapon should be headed toward a quicker and more controllable landing that is possible by setting its instruments for a further sustained flight.



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News Behind the News By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26-A German artist died at 78 in a small mountain town in Europe. I had never heard of her, but a national liberal weekly which

> ical thoughts of so many Americans, observed her death along with taxes, the full employment bill and such things, saying she was a "silent voice of protest against the Paul Mailon wretchedness of the lives of the common people." They did not say she was a good artist. They said she was "widely known" for her political

anti-nazism.

or in part strictly prohibited.) case as all instances present in my mind, they represent such inferior artistic quality, as to be fit only for burlesque in retrospect. Politicians, for their purguides the politposes, may make books, plays or paintings temporarily famous by

promotion-with the view of influencing political judgment of the people for their purposesbut art must come from the soul of man where inspiration is rooted deeper than the shallow politics of any day, whatever it is. **Judgment Dominated by Politics**

This is why the Russians have produced no great art, in my opinion. Their judgment in all lines is dominated by political considerations. Freedom of expression is impossible to newspapermen, citizens or artists. position. They did not mention In our own country, the pre-

any work of hers as being suvailing art leaders continue to

Housing Lack **Drives Board To Portland** m The "GI department" of the

state unemployment compensa-tion, commission, now with the (Continued from page 1) the activities of the Watch and Ward commission in the old high school society, and primitive judicial rulings on censorship, Boston is building, will move a large unit a center of liberal thinking and of its tabulation machines to maintains lively international Portland within the next two weeks, according to a commission interests. Not as cosmopolitan spokesman. as San Francisto it is by no means provincial. The British the unexpected number of claims would feel better there than pouring in, are the main causes

elsewhere in this country. New England is credited with for the move, the spokesman being intensely conservative - said. Experienced tabulation manber Maine and Vermont chine operators brought here for in the 1936 election? Yet on re- the huge task cannot find living cent political issues New Eng- space, he stated. land has been singularly advanced in its thinking. It ar- ernment agency within the state dently supported aid to the compensation commission setup

allies even before Pearl Har- which pays veterans readjustbor. Now its senators like Austin of Maine, Aiken of Vermont and have been twice the amount ex-Saltonstall of Massachusetts are pected, 70,000 claims per week staunch supporters of a world having been coming into the deorganization to preserve peace. partment, and it is expected that The political atmosphere of New England will be cordial to the United Nations idea.

at this season of the year. The rigorous as it looks on a Currier & Ives print. Icy gales still sweep in from the North Atlantic; and snow piles deep on the highways. Winter is no time

in Boston. Delegates from Saudi from Central America and the ing Wednesday noon. inevitable protesters from India

the people from the sweltering tion of Santa Claus. cities of New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

for the new Geneva (and better luck to it). The location of the buildings would need to be out-

liberty with justice.

If the salt of their being is used to savor that which is around

bered, the speaker said. "Nations do not make people side Boston, some place say like great, people make the nation Wellesley or Braintree or Ar- great," the speaker said, and citlington. The British might ob- ed outstanding examples in the ject to Lexington; yet it must be persons of Abraham Lincoln and admitted that the cause which Oliver Wendell Holmes, with was born in Boston and bap- their contributions to the nation's

will judge it also that in quality. The trouble is the small portion of superior art is obscured by prevailing political judgments in the great mass of production. In my home town I have Hopper, Burchfield, Bohrod, Speicher, Lucioni, Mattson, Chapin and James, for whose work I have paid my hard-earned cash which shows what I think of good American art today. I will buy others when I can get them. **Doesn't Mix With Politics** A few weeks ago, an American artist, N. C. Wyeth, was kill-

ed by a train and a few paragraphs noted his death. One of his last works was a spring house with pale stones and green grass which breathed a spirit of receptive coolness. It was a beautiful thing, perfectly done, yet publicly unmentioned and un-advertised. I will bet you it will be hanging in museums

when this German woman's work is in the basement. There is soundness in artbut not when they try to mix it

with politics, as they are doing

Of the climate, however, the less said the better, especially Rotarians Hear New England winter is still as Frank Bennett **At Luncheon** "A father can have no greated

will rise to 80,000.

Salem's housing shortage, plus

The GI department is a gov-

ment claims. To date the claims

by January 1 the weekly average

for any UNO assembly meeting happiness than to have a successful son," Frank Bennett, city Arabia would have to doff their school superintendent, told severflowing robes for red flannels al dozen sons of Rotarians at the and fur coats. Representatives annual father-son luncheon meet-

Speaking to fathers and their would wear out their teeth from sons, who ranged in age from 4 chattering. The meetings should year old Larry James Leighton, all be summer sessions. The son of Scout Executive Lyle summer climate of New England Leighton, to sons themselves is quin agreeable; that section members of Rotary, Bennett reis in fact the vacation spot for assured them all upon the gues-

When the score is totaled, them, if the light that is within Boston (after San Francisco) is used as a beacon for others to should rank very high as a site follow, those persons and what they have done will be remem-

Democrats into a new party. The new party, they promised, would take all curbs off business, suppress labor, stop immigration, see no agreements were made with foreign nations-especially flussia They attempted to frighten these Cleveland business leaders with stories about Communist activities and, depending on the man they interviewed, pitched their some other prejudicial grounds. Segal's investigation concluded, he wrote four stories all of which were placed on Page One of the Press toward the end of June. Realizing that the racket was killed in Cleveland bus would spring up in other places, Editor Louis B. Seitzer of the Press, sent Segal out to follow the story on a national scale. He wrote six stories syndicated by the Scripps-Howard Newsnaper Al-liance in July, as a result of which Reynolds ceased publication of the Nationalist Record and fired his money raisers.

publication of the Nationalist Record and fired his money raisers. Carl Mote of Indianapolis was dropped as president of the Farmers Guild and recently Bishop Toolen of the Catholic Diocese of Mobile. Ala., suspended a priest, the Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello of Annis-ton. Ala., nationalist propagandist. The Bishop suspended the priest for refusing to obey an order to stop sending out literature which, "we considered detrimental to the church and to the unity of the country." Segal had exposed the Rev. Terminiello's activities. Many denials and protests flave come to the Press and Scripps-Howard offices but in no case has the organization been, or felt, obliged to publish any retraction or the letters of the protestants. Begal has since followed up his exposes of sub-versive groups and individuals. All of this resulted from following up an annony-mous telephone Up.

We Can't Blame Them

The expressed sympathy of the general public with the GI desire to return home apparently has led to dangerous ground. There certainly should be no condoning of the march of 4000 men on the 21st replacement depot at Manila. Not that any blame can be attached to veterans for their longing for the homeland. They have served courageously and well, and it is a proud nation which is welcoming them by the hundreds of thousands. But there is nothing to be gained by dumping them on the mainland so fast that facilities cannot handle them. And the commanding officer at Manila, while perhaps too blunt, is right in declaring that "you men forget you're not working for General Motors. You are still in the army.'

Distasteful as it is, the fact remains that by the very necessity of discipline and control an individual loses a great deal of his individualism in the military. For at least the "duration and six," he is subject to the orders of the war department which may or may not feel free to publicly explain actions that, on the surface, appear out of line to the best interests of the men involved. Mistakes, too. have been made and will be made. But the shooting is over; our men are comparatively safe in all parts of the world. Our own impatience to have them home should not be such as to inspire still further their own natural inclination to rebel against continued absence.

The armed services, if they can't or shouldn't bring the men home any faster, could render a distinct service by keeping them busy, thus decreasing the pressure on the military and providing some other emotional outlet than what amounts, more or less, to peaceful revolt against things-as-they-are.

We want our men home, too, but we don't want an under-mining of the great organizations through which victory was won and must be maintained.

With the veteran's administration reaching out for, more doctors, and many of the latter inding work with the army and navy agreeable, there will not be as swift a recovery from the lack of medical assistance as may have been anticipated with the war's ending. It still behooves people to keep out of the hands of docived better after the holidays than before.

Interpreting The Day's News By Russell Brines

(Substituting for James D. White)

TOKYO, Dec. 26 .- (AP)-Premier Kijuro Shidehara's cabinet clearly is unwanted, but it probably will remain as an interim administration until late winter.

The Shidehara cabinet has taken more body blows than those which toppled its predecessor. The public has a general lack of confidence in its ability to solve livelihood problems. It also had stood under a series of directives from General MacArthur, the most important of

which eliminated military pensions and recently imprisoned Prince Morimasa Nashimoto.

It still is too early to say for certain how long the cabinet will remain, but indications are that politicians will retain the groggy group in office until after the late January elections. Then, the first party government in nearly 20 years is expected to be inaugurated.

Last Only a Month

However, any successor govern- J. D. White ment would have only one month

in office before the election results would force another change. Meanwhile, finance minister Viscount Keizo

Shibusawa has the inside track for the presidency of the dominant progressive party-a potential springboard into the premiership.

Seven members of the house of representatives said the progressive party soon would settle an internal fight for the influential presidency.

Shibusawa, 49-year-old former governor of the bank of Japan, is the main voice of a strong group advocating young leadership.

The party once made overtures for the leadership to former premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye who recently committed suicide, and subsequently considered the retired Gen. Kazushige Ugaki, 76 Shibusawa supporters say that Ugaki also is now out of the picture.

The progressives claim 270 seats in the house of representatives, a clear majority. Because their political machine is considered too strong for the opposition - particularly among the untutored electorate-the progressives are expected to retain their leadership

Normally, the party's president would be named premier after the general election.

Succession Planned

be named premier

Joji Matsumoto, minister without portfolio and the cabinet's constitution expert, said that in the future premiers should be recommended to the throne by the retiring premier.

Recent elimination of the office of lord keeper of the privy seal and so-called modern elder statesmen-former premiers of whom all but two have been imprisoned-necessitates a new technique for selecting the government.

Matsumoto has said that if a cabinet were forced to resign because of opposition of the diet, the head of the opposing party automatically would "I figure our new atomic experiments will take 3 years to finish-1

perior artistically, only that her estimate contempor a r y, and past art on its political messcanvas had some distinction in age. Critics of the great news-

Earlier I had seen the last papers and magazines have bitplay of one of our leading playten more than the average citizen on the bitter political roots wrights, the one who worked on Mr. Roosevelt's speeches in camof this era, and judge accordpaign time, and also on war ingly. Sales distributor centers cater to these political whims, propaganda, while continuing and thus the whole dominant his playwriting art on the side. group in art has led the people He always got his jobs mixed, and the country hato its own but in his last play he finally false values. This is as stupid demonstrated how silly your own war propaganda can sound after a situation as when the Louies of France and similar artistic the war is over. He wanted to tyrants denied prominence to prove newspaper editors are Millet, Renoir and other greatfascists, and he had some racial est artists of all time, denying issues (fostered by the bitter) their works the prestige of the mixed in with the plot, in acbest salons. The next generation cordance with political formula will denounce our own present of war days, but not even his day art faddists as thoroughly as utmost liberals could stand it. we denounce past falseness and War Ended Too Suddenly

corruption. The war ended too' suddenly Three Artists Ranked as Great for him and the play he had be-There have been at least three gun to write months back.

great American artists, and yet No good art is political art. I venture to say politics corrupts art. The very nature of a dominant propaganda purpose prevents political art from being good art in every canvas, play, book or sculpture conceived for political purposes, the political rank next. Not one did a politipropaganda effect, but in this

The Literary Guidepost By W. G. Rogers

today.

THE SHORT NOVELS OF DOS- CIRCUIT COURT TOEVSKY, with introduction by Thomas Mann (Dial; \$4).

TOEVSKY, with introduction by Thomas Mann (Dial; \$4). In these \$00 pages are these six novels: "The Gambler," "Notes From Underground," "Uncle's Dream," "The Eternal Husband," "The Double" and "The Friend of the Family." The earliest is "The Double," published in 1846, and the latest published in 1846, and the latest "The Gambler," written in 1867. They range in mood from the farcical and hilariously funny to the sublimely tragic. They tell of lowe cuckoldry isalously the sublimely tragic. They tell of love, cuckoldry, jealously, matchmaking, greed, crime, vice, gambling, hypocrisy, perversity, petty evil and tremendous, cos-mic evil; they tell of humanity degraded, repulsive, magnificent. Or rather, they don't tell it, they are it. You don't read Dos-toevsky, you suffer or delight toevsky, you suffer or delight def PROBATE COURT with him, you blush, cringe and cower with his characters. I'm not sure that his books can be called likable. They create a strange, mysterious tension, like walking on the brink of a preci-pice or living over dynamite. There's no rest or peace. There's only a terrific strain constantly drawing near the breaking point; with him, you blush, cringe and

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drawing near the breaking point; there's a merciless succession of blinding and awesome revela-tions; on page after page gates are flung open before your as-tounded eyes with the crash and thunder with which the gates of heaven and hell swing wide. In their scope these are not in a class with "Crime and Punish-ment," or "The Brothers Kara-mazov," but it seems to one who thinks this Russian incompara- MARRIAGE LICENSE bly the greatest novelist of all

that they plumb depths as black and awful.

Mann's praise of the matchless Russian is equally unbounded. After recalling Dostoevsky's nerve-shattering escape from execution and noting the fearful epileptic attacks which interupted his creative work, Mann

speaks with an enthusiasm and eagerness uncommon to him of the "titanic" novelist's "epic mo This volume introduces the works of great authors. There and two sons, Ronald and Jerry, couldn't be a better choice.

GREEK OFF TO LONDON

ATHENS, Dec. 26 -(AP)- The Greek government said today Salem, leaving here in 1930. Otto that Vice Premier Emmanuel D. has been engaged in the stoker Tsouderos and Minister of Sup-plies George Kartalis will leave of years. At present he is head for London Dec. 28 to continue of the Hillman Engineering Co. discussions on measures to stab- and the Seal-Terop. Co., and ilize the drachma and other re- chairman of the Chicago Stoker construction problems with the Dealers' association, a trade asso-

distion. 9:0.1 year of actual work, and 2 years testifying before Senate committees!" British government.

tized at Concord and Lexington has shown great powers. The Vern Esch, Salem high school United Nations organizations it- senior, sang two songs, "It Might self is but the true flowering of as Well Be Spring" and "Dreamthe old New England idea of ing of a White Christmas." Harry Johnson introduced the speaker and the singer. Public Records

Scout Honor

Society to Meet About 30 scouts of the area are

leaving Thursday for the annual meeting of the Order of the Arrow, national camping honor society, at the coast guard unit of Camp Meriwether, scout camp on the coast south of Tillamook.

Feature of the three-day meeting will be the granting of the second brotherhood honor of the society to the following: Lawrence Hobart, troop 52, Silverton; Glen Kleen, troop 3, Salem; John Thompson, Explorer troop 17: Tom Ulmer, scoutmaster of troop 14, Salem; Richard Easton and Ted Roake of ship 12, Salem, and D. L. St. John, Gervais.

The election of officers will given five days to answer also be held. Present officers are Frank Deckabach, Richard Easton, Bob Wagers, and Robert Schaschtsick. Scout leaders going on the trip are D. L. St. John, Verne Merrick and Lyle Leighton, scout executive.

STEVENS

APPLICATIONS APPLICATIONS Russell Milholen, 19, U. S. navy, Houston, Tex., and Della L. Stand-ridge, 19, cannery worker, Salem. Leonard A. Neal, 23, professional baseball and Stella Lulay, 21, stenog-rapher, both Sublimity. Edward F. Weaver, 19, U. S. navy, Salem and Arleen Louise Petters, 17, student, Independence. Hubert L. Taylor, carpenter and Mabel Teal, teacher, both Falls City. John P. Wilch, 26, farmer, Silver-ton and June Martin, 18, clerk, Cald-well, Idaho.

Otto Hillman Family Here From Chicago to

Spend Holiday Season Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Hillman

of Chicago, a' spending the holi-days in Salem visiting at the Phil Littke home, 1864 N. Church. Mrs. Littke is a sister of Hillman.

The Hillmans formerly lived in

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numents" and "colossal dramas." Dial's "Permanent Library" of the best short, or lesser known,

in my time there has never been a complete show of their works. Eakins is probably the greatest. His works rank with any world immortal anywhere (they were disliked in his hometown Philadelphia in his day). Winslow Homer and Grant Wood, I would

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cal theme. There were many contemporary painters who are likely to be known as great. Today is perhaps the greatest art age of all history. In bulk production it surely is, and I think the future

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motif inevitably leads the artist away from superior craftsmanship and true artistic conceptions. His message rules his presentation. Books like "Uncle Tom's Cabin" may carry exciting war messages and have great

