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Shoe Pinches Left Foot

Officers of leftist organizations are being cited for contempt by the house committee on un-American activities because they have refused to divulge membership lists or other data about their groups. One of the latest to be so listed is Corliss Lamont, son of Thomas W. Lamont, Morgan partner. Young Lamont has been a radical leftist and is chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Another organization whose officers refused to furnish this congressional committee information about its sponsorship was one of the anti-Franco groups in this country.

The alleged reason for not disclosing the information is that contributors or sponsors would be exposed to hounding by the committee and in the case of the latter any relatives they had in Spain would be subject to persecution by the Spanish government. These objections may be correct. But we recall not so long ago when officers of so-called reactionary organizations (pro-fascist, the left would say) declined to tell the facts about their support, the radicals of the left pounced on them and wanted to have them forced to divulge the evidence. The same sized shoe seem to pinch the left foot the same as it did the right foot.

The committee cannot well make fish of one and flesh of the other. And the same news item that tells of Lamont reports that the chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberty (which sounds definitely rightist) is also cited for contempt for failing to spill the beans the committee wanted.

The truth is that the woods are full of splinter groups camouflaged under high-sounding titles which are really trying to develop partisan ideologies of one kind or another. Th commies have used this technique for years; and the radiacls of the right are using similar tactics now. It would seem if the cause is worthy of support its good angels ought not to be unwilling to have their names made known, especially on a national scale and trying to affect national policies.

The state game commission is the latest state department to blossom out with a publication of its own. Vol. I, No. 1 of its Bulletin is at hand, a modest, six-page publication giving news of the activities of the state game department and information on various fish and game matters. P. R. Needham, director of fisheries contributes an article on Coastal Fisheries Maintenance Problems. The bulletin is scheduled for monthly appearance. Miriam Kauttu, secretary of the commission is listed as editor. The publication should prove a good means of disseminating information of value to people of the state relating to their resources of wildlife and the regulations imposed for governing hunting and fishing.

The wheat news is mixed. With stories about empty warehouses and diminished supplies in Oregon and Washington comes the crop forecast of over 800 million bushels of winter wheat for 1946. At least we will not have to struggle long on a diet of potatoes and carrots until new wheat is available. The scare may have some educational value on the deficiency in world foodstuffs which previously was thought of as quite remote from American cupboards.

The new cars stick out along the curbs like the first Easter bonnet worn to church in February.

The friction between Russia and Iran was eased by the application of a familiar lubricant —oil.

Editorial Comment

ONE ZILLION NOSES

Orlando Park, who is a Northwestern University zoologist and not a Florida real estate development, is taking a census of the world's insects, and expects to come out with a figure near 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

Dr. Park says there is probably no name for such a figure, but it is strange that he should think so: any man with the audacity to conduct a world insect census should know that there has been somewhere a mathematician adventurous enough to evolve a term for a figure followed by 39 ciphers. For convenience, call it a zillion; that is still a lot of minuscular noses to count.

Lest Dr. Park fall to one of his own butterfly nets, it should be explained that he is not out to gather personally and count by hand every insect on earth; it is done by sampling. Water insects are collected with a fine-mesh sieve, counted and multiplied by something. Dry-land insects are lured into an oven, which roasts them and drops them into bottles to be counted and multiplied.

Mankind will certainly benefit, as Dr. Park expects, from the census. It will be advantageous to know by zones where there are surpluses and shortages of useful and non-useful insects. Farmers will benefit by the opportunity to borrow bees, for instance, and this recalls the anecdote about Darwin deducing from rich clover fields that there were spinsters in nearby villages: the spinsters kept cats which ate birds which otherwise would have eaten bees which, uneaten, pollinated as busily as—as bees.

The most spectacular aspect of Dr. Park's work, of course, will be in the grand total; and at that he warns that the one-zillion figure will be tentative; insects reproduce faster than he and his men can work. One can already visualize the Sunday-supplement article showing that all those insects, if piggyback, would make a pile three times as tall as the Chrysler building, and predicting, of course, that they will some day stage an entomological Armageddon and devour the world.

Our heart goes out to Dr. Park and colleagues, doggedly sieving, trapping, roasting and counting, while insects already running into 39 ciphers, drawing upon no effort beyond that of being insects, inch along toward several ciphers more.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Prison for Defrauders

At the time of the Spanish-American war a great scandal arose over "embalmed beef." Big meat packers were accused of selling the army bum beef and if our memory is correct they were brought to book. We have heard little accusation of fraud on the part of suppliers of food in the present war—perhaps because government standards and inspection are far more rigid than ever before.

Yet down in San Francisco the head of an old wholesale produce firm has gotten a stiff jolt for skinning the government to the tune of about $1,000,000. The firm short-weighted on butter, substituted sub-standard eggs and rearranged eggs in rejected crates, putting the good eggs on top. The president of the concern was fined $35,000 and sentenced to five years in federal prison, the city sales manager and chief shipping clerk were fined $700 each and sentenced to a year in prison.

No sympathy will be wasted on these pirates. The prison sentences particularly will delight the public.

Price-line Sieve

The bend in the price-line described by government authorities when the new wage-price policy was announced proves to be somewhat of a polite fiction. Thus prices of General Motors cars have been raised from $66 to $417 higher than 1942; and this is just fiction too, because it does not take into account the late wage increase of 18½c an hour. Presumably cars will be sold with a price increase clause, the final price awaiting OPA determination. This same technique prevails in other lines, and may be regarded as forerunner to further breaks in the price line.

The line, the famous line proves to be something of a sieve, an odd sieve too, for while a Cadillac can get through a quart of milk gets squeezed in the process.

OPA is yielding both to realities and to pressures. It job has become almost impossible.

While there is something small-townish about the entertainment of Mrs. Truman's bridge club from Independence, Mo. in the White House, the story has a homey flavor about it. Certainly Bess Truman has comported herself well as the nation's first lady; and has not let her position sunder the friendships of a lifetime. It is something of a jaunt for the ten ladies from Independence, one they will talk about the rest of their lives; but after all they are the stuff America is made of, and quite as worthy of a bed and meal at the White house (the president pays for the food) as many who have enjoyed its hospitality in the past.

Results are not yet fully known on the late Japanese elections, but we may be sure that the people won. How could they fail when they had the following assortment of parties to choose from: Liberals, Progressives, Social Democrats, Cooperatives and Communists. This is the hey-day of democracy. Even in Greece it was the Royalist-Populist party which won; the King's friends were the people's label.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall returns to a China as bitter and nearly as chaotic as the one he entered last fall.

One of the first tasks facing the president's special envoy is to get back into working order the truce machinery he helped set up in January.

J. D. White

This has broken down in spots. The big spot is Manchuria, which was almost entirely in Russian hands when the truce was agreed upon. Now the Russians are pulling out, and the Chinese factions—the armies of the kuomintang and the communist—are fighting over it.

The truce teams which have worked well in North China have scarcely got to first base in Manchuria. Today a kuomintang general at Kaiyuan, Manchuria, assigned a "bodyguard" to the communist members of a truce team, deprived them of their radio, and told newsmen candidly he had no orders to talk to a truce team about stopping the fighting just outside town.

Stand Reflects Chiang

His stand reflects Chiang Kai-shek's policy, which is to reassert central government authority over Manchuria before settling any "local problems" like the local autonomy the communists demand. Actually, the general at Kaiyuan says, they aren't communists anyway, but "bandits."

The communists—and possibly the "bandits"—also have placed a few things like blown-up bridges in the way of truce teams.

One reason the truce teams are being ignored is that the truce machinery has stalled higher up during Gen. Marshall's absence. This is no reflection upon Lt. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem, Marshall's proxy.

Little Known Mayor

The kuomintang member, Gen. Ghang Chih-chung, has been sent off by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to be governor of the remote but strategic province of Sinkiang. In his place is the little known former mayor of Peiping in 1937, Gen. Chin Teh-chun.

The communist member, Chou En-Lai, also has turned his duties over to a subordinate.

All this comes at a time when the communists express fears that large American loans might be used by the kuomintang government to consolidate its political hold over the coutry. A government spokesman made the interesting reply that if an American loan were granted, the communists would join in a coalition government immediately.

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Not a Single Ringer

IT SEEMS TO ME

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and of larceny. When the villains are found very often they are teen-age youngsters or chaps just turned 20. Usually a cache is found of articles stolen in several forays. This is our real crime problem. We dare not belittle it, however; for snitching from a store or home is often the first step on the road to crime. The petty thief may become a burglar, then a stick-up man, and finally a murderer and big-time robber.

Everything points to the need for better discipline of youth. Parents have the primary responsibility, and unfortunately they often fail to discharge properly their parental duties. Of the five young men who escaped recently from the state prison, in two cases they came from broken homes (divorce) and in two cases one or both parents were dead. The sad grinding of divorces in the courts today surely is damaging to home discipline, the first essential to training in good citizenship.

Supplementing home and church and school are youth organizations which provide programs of work and recreation, summer camps and emphasize good moral standards. These bodies need not merely financial support but personal work from adults interested in youth and adapted to working with youth.

Besides all these character building agencies there is need for a strong, competent police force. The quick and understanding grip of the policeman plus the intelligent appraisal by the judge of the juvenile court are still indispensable. We ought to get away from the conception of the policeman as "flatfoot," a village Hawkshaw whose uniform merely cloaks native stupidity. Your up-to-date policeman is alert, intelligent, interested in law-enforcement as a career and in right guidance for youth. Salem should have a large enough police force and pay salaries sufficient to attract and hold the better type men.

Even if the facts about Salem's crime count are not as bad as indicated in the FBI report there is no basis for being complacent and shrugging aside the implications of the figures. They are disturbing enough to stimulate constructive effort in crime avoidance.

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

THIS SIDE OF INNOCENCE, by Taylor Caldwell (Scribner's; $3).

Old William Lindsey the philosopher, son Jerome the rake, adopted son Alfred the plodder, beautiful Amalie Maxwell the schemer and the humpback Philip, Alfred's sickly son, are the characters at the start of this 500-page novel.

But these qualities soon shift. The rake is not all evil, the plodder not all good, the philosopher can err, and the slut isn't wholly sluttish . . . which is the way it is in life, with nothing all black or white. Besides the unexpected twists in character, which serve to hold your attention, there is a double jilting, a flagrant case of adultery and a whale of a beating of one man by another.

Thanks to the smart handling of the plot, smarter indeed than in the author's "The Wide House" of last year, the tale keeps moving. A lot of people will read it, for it's the Literary Guild choice for May and the first printing is 650,000 copies.

Miss Caldwell's characters are not drawn, however, but pulled out of a hat, and an old hat at that; they are not built up with care, but thrown in your face. The reason for the adultery is not love but the fact that, with 200 pages already used up, it was time to turn on the heat; the graph, not the man and woman, called for it. And the reason for the beating is not anger, but the lapse of 100 pages more.

Above all, there's Miss Caldwell's explosive English. She doesn't write, she screams. If a man is in love, it's the passion of the ages. If there's a storm, it's the worst of the century; if the weather is clear, then the air is described, all within seven lines, as "incandescent," "pristine," "bitter pure," "sterile" and "fresh," in that order. Where one adjective is too much, she uses two, and there's no sentence so firm and solid but she will chop a hole in it and wedge in an adverb.

It's 500 pages of climax. It's writing at fever pitch. But the effect is subnormal.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

A NEW COURTHOUSE

To the Editor

With Marion County growing out of its boyhood clothes, it would seem that our courthouse has served its useful service as our county is growing into lusty young manhood.

Some of the conditions which need betterment are, there is not room enough as the school superintendent has been moved into offices in a privately owned building, the records have filled or are rapidly filling all available space, and the jail is on the ground floor when it should be in the top story. There are other conditions such as light, heat, cramped quarters, etc.

Now what is needed for a courthouse is a modern type office building, one which we could feel proud, where county business could be expedited, and planned economies could be carried out.

It would seem wise to have the courthouse on the east half of the block facing the Salem postoffice, which would be ample for years to come until it became obsolete as the present one is now.

The west half of the block, with perhaps some conditions attached, would make a large area for a public auditorium which is very badly needed by the city of Salem, which by the way would solve the place where the state basketball tournament could be held. The two corners could be sold to private parties which would help finance our new courthouse together with other funds which are accumulating.

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Leslie Pupils Win Awards For Activities

Leslie junior high school has awarded merit letters and pins to its students who have been outstanding in extracurricular activities during the school year.

Highest awards were silver pins presented to Lila Parmentier, Tom Paulus and Catherine Person. No gold pin was awarded this year. Other awards were:

Merit letter (ninth grade)—Loren Bartlett, Jack Cater, Bill DeHart, Sharon Hamilton, Joyce Jensen, Bob Jones, Dean King, Dolores Kuper, Jeanette Martin, Louella McClellan, Phyllis Miezvia, Norma Pound, Marilyn Quamme, Eddie Scott, Pat Severin, Evelyn Sikorra, Philip Sitner, Roger Smith, Diane Stoody, Donald Walker, Gordon White, Beverly Wikstrom, Richard Wyatt, Donald Young.

Merit letter (eighth grade) — Lola Blacksten, Donald Clark, Erma Darr, Mary Feike, Barbara Flagg, Peggy Foelkl, Gene Garver, Marilyn Hall, Lea Holgate, Allan Kleinsmith, Jo Anne Majek, Arlethe Meyer, Jim Moore, Helen Nairns, Edward Otto, Dorothy Pederson, Jim Sandifer, Betty Schreder, Merlin Schultze, Elinor Sikorra, Elizabeth Simmons, Wallace Wenganroth.

Bronze pins: (ninth grade) — Bob Bain, Mary Brehm, Ann Carson, Joyce Edgell, Beverly Krueger, Alice Lehman, Enneta Neunschwander, Allie Lou Ohling, Audrey Simmons, Joan Smith, Anne Swigart.

In 1945, more than twenty-three and a quarter billion passengers rode the street cars, trackless trolley coaches and gas buses that make up the nation's urban transit lines.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"It was very disappointing! Why, he wasn't anything like the psychiatrists the movies have accustomed me to!"

Care Urged in Appraisal of Vet Property

A large amount of distressed property will fall back into the hands of lending agencies in about two and a half years if great care is not taken now in making GI property loans to veterans, Leo Page, assistant cashier of the United States National Bank of Portland, warned the Salem Board of Realtors Friday.

Speaking at the board's weekly luncheon meeting at the Marion hotel, Page said that the current property and material price boom makes it difficult for lending agencies to correctly appraise the true property price and the veterans' ability to pay, but makes the appraisals doubly necessary.

Declaring that it is the aim of both the lending firms and the veterans administration to protect the veteran, Page added that the relationship of the veteran's income to the amount of debt assumed is most important.

No More Than 20 Per Cent

"At no time should the monthly loan payments required to be paid by the veteran be more than 20 per cent of his total monthly income. Payments should not be more than would be reasonable for rent."

GI loans are now set up for 25-year term payments, Page stated. However, most lending agencies will not grant a 25-year loan because no consideration is given to the age of the property in most cases and because there is no provision made to grant extensions beyond the 25-year term if such an extension would be needed, he said.

No Definite Policy

Page stated that to date there had been no definite policy laid down for the granting and handling of the GI loans. He described the situation as "floundering around between the veterans administration's red tape and the various lending agencies who are working in the dark."

Stock Market Moves Lower

NEW YORK, April 12 —(AP) Stocks moved narrowly lower today although the market was free of any selling pressure and selected "blue chips" and low priced industrials retained gains.

Rubbers, rails, farm implements, retail stores and aircrafts were mostly on the offside. Air transport issues turned soft at the close after a strike threat by two pilots. Motors were steady and oils showed some advances.

The late selling in air transports sent the "thin" Eastern Air Lines shares down 6½ points. TWA dropped 3c, American Airlines dipped 3⅛ and United Air Lines 1⅞.

Public Records

PROBATE COURT

Margaret Alquire, guardianship estate: April 25 date set for hearing on petition of Ruth Overcross that she be appointed guardian.

Carol Ann Bay, Sandra Kay Bay, Tommy Guy Bay and Virginia Lee Bay, guardianship estate: Pioneer Trust Co. appointed guardians.

Philip DeWitt Roth and Joseph Earl Roth, guardianship estate: Order approves annual report of Dorothy V. Roth, guardian.

Edward Hassing, estate: May 20 date set for hearing on account of Rose Hassing, administratrix. Estate appraised at $2227.

Justina Zitzelberger, estate: Decree of final settlement.

James G. Theodorian, guardianship estate: Order authorizes Pioneer Trust Co., guardian, to pay fees.

Ralph Hook, estate: May 11 date set for hearing on final account of Tillie Hook, administratrix.

CIRCUIT COURT

Gordon L. Sines vs Eileen Senade Sines: Application filed for place on trial docket and motion for default of defendant filed.

Albert F. Berry vs Thelma Irene Berry: Application made for place on trial docket.

Mae O. Scott vs Harlan Scott: Application made for place on trial docket for April 15, and default of defendant entered.

Janice Marie Newcomb vs Earl William Newcomb: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of one minor child and $25 per month support money. Married July 3, 1943, at Vancouver, Wash.

Charles F. Lacher vs Flora E. Lacher: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married March 20, at Vancouver, Wash.

Mary Matheny vs Robert D. Matheny: Defendant files amended answer admitting and denying and in counterclaim asks for custody of three minor children.

Harley V. Cross vs Geraldine D. Cross: Application made for place on divorce calendar for April 15.

Aseenth Gardner vs Asa A. Gardner: Application for place on trial docket for April 15.

Lucille Hunt vs Dale Hunt: Application for place on trial docket for April 15.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Stanley L. Ehlke, 20, farmer, Brooks, and Audrey Swerson, 19, secretary, Salem.

John M. Copenhaver, 22, U.S. Navy, and Lorah Kate Griffith, 21, nurse training, both Salem.

Robert Brill, 23, musician, Alameda, Calif., and Barbara Wirline, 21, cashier, Independence.

Lamar Haddock, 26, sawmill worker, and Polly Payton, 20, clerk, both Monmouth.

Lawrence F. Tegen, 27, baker, and Evalyn Fayett Albert, 18, waitress, both Salem.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Dennis Beutell, Salem, parking violation, $3 bail posted.

Robert McEwan, Salem, parking violation, $3 bail posted.

W. E. Stewart, jr., Salem, parking violation, fined $4.50.

M. E. Green, Salem, parking violation, fined $4.50.

Marion Towery, Turner, no driver's license, $5 bail posted.

JUSTICE COURT

Roy Luken, charged with threatening to commit a felony; preliminary examination set for 1:30 p.m. April 15.

Richard Allen Knutson, no operator's license, fined $1 and costs.

Delbert Ray Fromm, failure to yield right-of-way, fined $10 and costs.

Loss of Farm Parity Formula Deflates Rye

CHICAGO, April 12 —(AP)— Word that Representative Pace (D-Ga) would not attempt to add his farm parity formula to the OPA extension measure squelched all bullish influences in grain futures trading today and May rye skidded the allowable net loss of 5 cents a bushel.

New crop oats deliveries slipped as much as a cent a bushel, but all other futures contracts held at ceiling figures.

The May rye price shifts were the broadest and most rapid in several weeks. At the start of trading a flurry of offerings extended yesterday's late 7⅛-cent setback another 3 cents on reports that distillers must reduce their inventories of the grain from 15 to 7½-day supplies. The order was expected to bring out considerable liquidation by those interests.

After absorbing the initial offerings, brokers bid the price upward to net advances of about 3 cents. Within a few minutes, however, after the Pace announcement was received a flood of liquidation carried the price down the limit.

Wheat, corn and barley remained at ceilings of $1.83½, $1.21½ and $1.26½ respectively. Oats closed unchanged to 1 cent lower, May 83-cent ceiling. Rye unchanged to 5 cents down, May $2.36.

Stocks and Bonds

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April 12

STOCK AVERAGES	30 Indus	15 Rails	15 Util	60 Stks
Friday	108.0	48.9	53.9	79.7
Previous day	107.9	47.0	54.0	79.8
Week ago	106.5	47.2	54.2	79.2
Month ago	98.6	45.3	51.5	74.2
Year ago	38.5	38.1	42.2	62.4

BOND AVERAGES	30 Rail	15 Indus	15 Util	60 Fogn
Friday	106.3	104.5	107.9	78.4
Previous day	106.4	104.5	108.0	78.5
Week ago	106.8	104.7	108.1	78.0
Month ago	106.2	105.0	108.1	77.6
Year ago	100.0	104.9	107.5	71.7

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