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**Jews and the British**

Who can blame the British for getting out of Palestine? It must be wearing to have to police a country where feeling is so bitter and outbreaks of violence so frequent. Sunday, mines were exploded under a train of sleeping cars, and 28 British soldiers were killed and 33 injured. The Stern gang, a Jewish underground organization, claimed "credit" for the dynamiting and said it was in revenge for bombing of a Jewish center in Jerusalem the week before.

Jews are exceedingly bitter at the British for barring immigration to Palestine, for herding the intercepted Jewish refugees into camps on Cyprus. They blame the British also with furnishing arms to the Arabs, and criticize the British attitude of non-cooperation in effecting the partition ordered by United Nations.

From a longer view however the Jews ought to be grateful to the British. Under Britain's administration of Palestine hundreds of thousands of Jews have been admitted to the country, there to establish homes and communities. A reading of the Balfour declaration of 1917 by no means sustains the Jewish claim that the British broke faith with the Jews by publishing the White Paper in 1939. This directed a tapering off and final suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Here is the text of the famous Balfour declaration:  
 "His Majesty's government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which will prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

This declaration guarantees no Jewish state, and gives specific protection to the civil and religious rights of the non-Jews. It was when the Arabs protested the continued Jewish immigration and began acts of violence that the British decided to put limits to that immigration. And certainly there are actual limits to the number of people the tiny country of Palestine can support.

As to whether the British are giving clandestine support to the Arabs now it is hard to say. The Jews are convinced they are, but their passions are so much aroused that they may be victims of their suspicions.

If and when peace does reign in Palestine, and when, as we hope, the Jews may live there in security and dignity a calmer view of history may prevail. Then the Jews may realize they have a great debt to Great Britain, which gave effect to the Balfour declaration for over 20 years and enabled the Jews to establish a national home in the land of their forefathers.

**Smearing a Scientist**

The house committee on un-American activities lays a serious charge at the feet of an important public official. It accuses Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the bureau of standards, of associating with alleged Soviet spies. Dr. Condon denied knowing of any association with espionage agents and affirmed his full loyalty to the United States. He is credited with being a "top atomic scientist" but the fact that he was recommended for his present position by Henry A. Wallace, former secretary of commerce, is evidently regarded as a bill of attainder against him. The commerce department, now headed by W. A. Harriman, had its loyalty board review the charges against Condon and found nothing on which to base support for the charges.

The Condon case shows the atmosphere which prevails in public employment in these days. Every one seems to be suspect. Finger-pointing, whispering are used to destroy confidence in public servants. Some may be guilty of consorting with enemy agents. But the majority are not, and those who are innocent suffer grievous injustice to have their characters put in question and their employment jeopardized. There is little in the record of this committee whether under its present chairman, J. Parnell Thomas, or its former chairmen, John Rankin and Martin Dies, to show that it has any scruple over unjust injury to individuals.

After all the stir and agitation and witch-hunting over alleged Reds in government employ it turns out, according to the report of J. Edgar Hoover, head of FBI, that of 84,923 federal employees examined the FBI found reason to suspect only 143 of disloyalty. Of these 143, investigations of only six have been completed. Of these two were cleared and four resigned. Four of 143 out of nearly 85,000 persons—the percentage of taint is infinitesimal.

Dr. Condon should be presumed innocent until he is proven guilty. The fact that his own department is satisfied with his loyalty bolsters the presumption of innocence which is a principle in Anglo-Saxon justice.

We can't help wondering however, if individuals are to be subject to persecution without chance of proper defense, how long the government will be able to employ scientists of the highest intellectual quality.

**Regulation That Kills**

Puget Sound suffers from state regulation that has throttled operation of its ferry boat system. Faced with orders for refunds of fares deemed excessive and a rate schedule that yields deficits instead of profits the private company tied up its boats and says it will put them up for sale. And the thousands of people who have depended on the ferries are driven to all sorts of makeshift conveyances: launches, LST's, automobile and truck detours to obtain transportation. Regulation thus has served to regulate the operating company out of business, with inconvenience and increased cost to the public.

There is talk about setting up a state-owned ferry system, but that will mean the state absorbs the loss in operations.

Mass transportation remains one of the most precarious of business enterprises. The public demands good service, improved equipment, fast schedules,—all at very low cost. Rarely under modern industrial conditions can the company engaged in urban and suburban transportation get enough money to keep up its equipment and improve the quality of its service. Most commuter service in the United States is abominable, using ancient coaches and giving indifferent service. Street buses are newer than streetcars so they are not such relies as the latter usually are.

The Puget Sound experience may shock the people into an awareness of the limitations of company finances. The court has ruled that the company cannot be forced to continue in business if its operations are run at a loss and its resources inadequate to meet the deficits. The public utilities department of the state which allowed only a 10 per cent rate increase against the 30 per cent asked must wonder how smart it was in doing its arithmetic.

The breakdown of regulation in Washington state fortunately is not a true sample for the country as a whole. Usually regulatory bodies act, even though belatedly and grudgingly, to give the workhorse a feeding of grain and hay before he falls over from financial exhaustion. What happened at Puget Sound may acquit these public officials with the financial facts of life and educate the public into understanding that in periods of inflation utility rate structures cannot always remain rigid.

From Seattle to Los Angeles in time short of two hours by navy jet plane? Why would anyone want to get to L.A. that fast?

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
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 be considerable duplication; but the single state board should be the one to keep the new school's expansion under control.

The change had the unanimous recommendation of the curricula committee of the board. However none of the publicity revealed what the attitude of the chancellor was. As the chief executive officer of the board and a professional educator, his views surely would merit careful consideration by the board—and the public is entitled to know what they were. The poll of the board on the question is reported by the Corvallis Gazette-Times as follows:

For — Herman Oliver, R. E. Kleinsorge, George F. Chambers, Phil Metcahan, Henry F. Cabell and Edgar W. Smith: Against — Leif S. Finseth, A. S. Grant and Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton.

The public is probably disposed to accept the decision of the board. Business courses, properly seen, a part of study offered in a practical institution like the land grant college. But I do believe all the schools should put brakes on expansion of courses and try to do a better job with those they are trying to cover. Crippled for lack of funds for auditing equipment and salaries the schools seem already to be spread out too thinly. It is time to drive stakes and set boundaries and devote energies and funds to cultivate the fields now claimed.

**The Safety Valve**  
**LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS**

**Thinks Bible Orders Universal Military Training**  
 To the Editor:  
 I see by the paper that George L. Rauch, commander of coast guard security forces for the Portland area, has taken his membership from the Presbyterian church over the M.T. issue. While the local church has taken no action on the issue, the national body has declared against U.M.T.

Mr. Rauch is to be complimented on his action. If more lay members of the church had the courage of their convictions it would cause the leaders and teachers to search further to see if perhaps they were themselves in error.

It is true, and that is as it should be, that the churches of America and people of America do NOT want war. However, if the leaders and teachers in the churches would study deeply enough in their textbook, the Bible, they would not only know that we will have war, but could name the enemy, could closely estimate the dates, and could give the outcome. Had these same leaders been on Iwo Jima, as I was, and seen men who were not far from raw recruits, slaughtered for lack of training they would feel that to oppose U.M.T. is an act of sending our boys to an early and unnecessary death.

Furthermore, if the church leaders would study more deeply in the Bible they would find that U.M.T. is a command of God to this nation. The Bible specifies that each man at the age of 20 years is to begin service in the armed forces. The same Book declares this nation to be God's battle axe and weapons of war to beat down the nations. That does not mean that we must be an aggressive people. But it does mean we shall free the oppressed and relieve those who are victims of aggression. This nation's history is filled with accounts of that selfsame performance of sacred duty.

The stand against universal military training, taken by the majority of church leaders, is a result of superficial study and of spiritualizing of God's Word, rather than an acceptance of plain commands and promises made to us by the Divine Father.  
 James F. Snook, D.D.

**Discussion of T-H Act Set**

Rep. Walter Norblad informed L. J. (Ace) Demers of the Ace Flying service Tuesday that "if I may firm belief that the flight training program (under the GI bill) is valuable to us from the standpoint of national defense and should be continued."

The communication was in response to Demers' query to Oregon's congressional delegation as to the status of current hearings in Washington relative to provisions under the GI bill of rights.

Demers' query, asking support for continuation of flight training programs, was signed by 55 flying students.

**Volume of County Work Increases**

Although the \$2,138 collected last month in fees by the Marion county recorder's office is \$162 less than the amount collected in February of 1947, the total number of papers recorded at the office has increased at least 10 per cent over last year.

Recorder Herman Lanke said Tuesday that February saw "a steady increase in real property transaction filings" over the same month last year.

Alexander the Great is credited with introducing onions into Greece from India.

**GRIN AND BEAR IT** By Lichty

—And in the future, I'll thank you to leave my name out of your broadcasts if you can't stop viewing me as a crisis!

**MATTER OF FACT**  
**Italy Next? April Elections May Bring Shift in Europe Power Balance**

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop  
 WASHINGTON, March 2—What has just occurred in Czechoslovakia, and what is clearly in the process of occurring in Finland, may happen within the next few months in Italy. That is the stark fact of which the American policy makers are fully, and agonizingly, aware. Serious as the Czech and Finnish events are, they do not greatly alter the balance of power between the Soviet sphere and the west. Yet if Italy, which enters the Soviet sphere, the United States and the whole Western world will have suffered a disastrous defeat.

An Italian election is scheduled for April 19. Italian politics are volatile and unpredictable. Yet as of now, it appears probable that the Communist-run Italian peoples' bloc, which has been gaining rapidly in recent weeks, may poll well over 40 per cent of the total vote. If that happens, it will almost certainly be politically impossible for Premier Alcide de Gasperi or any other non-Communist leader to form a government. That is why Italian Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti is now reported to be exuding a supreme confidence.

Togliatti's leadership of the Italian communists and their stooges has recently thoroughly justified his reputation as the shrewdest communist outside Moscow. All observers agreed last autumn that the Moscow-ordered campaign of violence had frightened and alienated a large proportion of the Italian electorate. But since then the communists have neatly reversed their field. They have assumed again the disguise of true democrats and patriots. Moreover, Togliatti has finally persuaded his old friends in the Kremlin to join him in wooing the Italian voters.

Italy Missions Jailed, Released  
 An Italian mission was sent to Albania shortly after the war, and was promptly jailed on orders from Moscow. Its members have now been released through the intervention of the Italian communists, and relations with Albania resumed. Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito has been equally cooperative. Seventy-odd Italian fishing boats have been quite illegally seized in the Adriatic by the Yugoslavs (one Yugoslav gunboat even pursued an Italian fisherman, with machine-gun fire, right into an Italian port). Recently a direct appeal from the communist trade union leader De Vittorio has elicited from the Yugoslav dictator the gracious promise that the Italian boats will be returned.

Such triumphs of communist diplomacy have been widely advertised in the pro-communist Italian press. There have been broad hints that they are no more than preliminary titbits. If the communists come to power, the grand prize, the return of the city of Trieste to Italy, will be forthcoming.

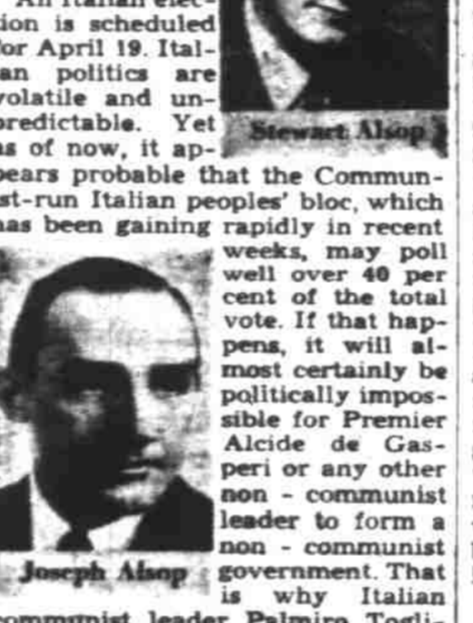
Moreover, the Soviets, after treating the Italians with open contempt since the end of the war, have suddenly begun to bid for Italian favor. Within the last few days they have announced that they are "still" in favor of Italian trusteeship for the former Italian colonies. And last Friday they stated that they were "very much" in favor of the return of Italy to the international Tangiers regime.

Such announcements have been published with much fanfare in the powerful pro-communist Italian press (which is lavishly and somewhat mysteriously supplied with paper). The fact that all the other Tangiers signatories, including Britain and France, had three months before signified their willingness to invite Italy back to Tangiers was studiously disregarded. So was the fact that the Soviets had previously tried to grab the Italian colonies for themselves. Instead, a riot in British-held Italian Somaliland, in which 52 Italians lost their lives, was held up as further proof of western imperialism, duplicitly and hatred of the Italian people.

In this rather squalid game of bidding for the favor of Italian nationalists, the United States and the western nations have few cards to play. If the red tape in which the Maritime Commission is as usually firmly bound can be unraveled, some 15 Liberty ships will shortly be dispatched to Italy, as authorized by congress. But against such minor gestures, the Soviets can still play their ace. They can renounce a portion of their reparations.

Meanwhile, Togliatti's grip on Pietro Nenni, Italian Socialist leader, is as tight as Gottwald's grip on the traitorous Fierlinger; indeed, the Italian communist party is known to pay more than 9/10 of the expenses of Nenni's Socialists. The other parties in the peoples' bloc, the Action Party and the Republican alliance, are in like case. With such tight organization, with apparently unlimited funds and with the miseries of postwar Italy working in their favor, it is now believed seriously possible that the communists and their stooges will poll a vote sufficiently large to prevent the formation of any non-communist government. Then the vena Nenni will be propelled into the premiership, and the reins of power will stretch back through the hands of Togliatti into the Kremlin.

If that happens—and it must be those who should know as a wholly serious possibility for the whole western position in the Near and Middle East will be outflanked, and the power balance in Europe itself will be disastrously altered. The world will then be close to war.



Dr. Charles Campbell told the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday that 90 per cent of this city's medical profession believed Salem badly needed "one big, new hospital."

Dr. Campbell and Dr. William Crothers, assisted by Jessie McDonald, head technician at Salem General hospital, presented problems arising from diseases of the heart. Dr. Campbell explained the structure and functions of the organ, and Dr. Crothers told of recent surgical developments to combat heart disease.

Miss McDonald showed how the heart action could be charted through electrical impulses, using Kiwanian Claude H. Post as the subject.

Preceding the talks, Mrs. Emily Stone gave several numbers on the flute, accompanied by Alice Cray Brown.

Kiwanians' wives were special guests at the luncheon in the Marion hotel.

**Hospital Need Cited in Talk**

**Horse Disease Increase Slight**

Oregon state agricultural department officials announced Tuesday they had been on the alert for signs of any increase in swamp fever but thus far there had been no serious outbreak in this state. Swamp fever is a serious disease affecting horses.

M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the state division of animal industry, said there had been some increases in both the states of Washington and California.

"Oregon always has had a few cases," Knickerbocker said, "but we have so far been successful in isolating them. There now are the normal number of cases."

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**Escapes Back At Fairview**

Two boys who had escaped twice within the past week from Oregon Fairview home were back Tuesday at the institution southeast of Salem. This time they had traveled, by hopping a freight car, to Albany — barefoot and dressed only in pajamas.

Attendants told city police that the boys, Kenneth Watson, 15, and Robert Lukker, 14, left Fairview Saturday and reached Vancouver, Wash., before being apprehended. Just returned here on Monday, they proceeded to kick out the wall to their room Monday evening and make the second get-away, attendants said.

**Englewood Girl Wins Art Award**

Pamela Clayton, nine-year-old fourth grade pupil at Englewood school, has won an award in a national art contest sponsored by the Milton Bradley Crayon company, Dorothy Daugherty, principal at Englewood school, was notified Tuesday.

The crayon picture entered in the contest was titled "America the Beautiful" and pictured a football team coming on the playing field. Pamela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Clayton, 1050, N. 18th St., and her teacher at Englewood is Mildred Randolph.

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