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The New U.N. Mediator

Stern gang fanatics who murdered Count Folke Bernadotte in cold blood had threatened the same fate for Ralph Johnson Bunche, the American who succeeded to Bernadotte's position as truce-maker in Palestine.

That would be too bad. There are few enough men of high caliber willing to serve the cause of world peace, and there are certainly few men who illustrate as well as does Dr. Bunche the validity of the ideal American success story.

Ralph Bunche was born in 1904 the son of a Detroit barber. When his parents died he went to live with his grandmother in Los Angeles and went to public schools there. He worked his way through the University of California at L.A. as janitor and assistant in the political science department. He also played football and baseball and was star guard on UCLA's basketball team. He was sports editor of the yearbook, too, and active in forensics and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated summa cum laude in 1927.

With the aid of scholarships he went to Harvard. By 1934 he had a doctorate and was well known in academic circles for his first-hand studies of native tribes in Africa, Asia and South Pacific islands. From 1938 to 1940 he served as chief aide to Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish sociologist, who made a survey of conditions of the negro in this country for Swarthmore. Both men were three times "run out" of southern communities.

During the war, Dr. Bunche worked for the Office of Strategic Services and volunteered for military duty. He helped write the trusteeship sections of the United Nations charter as assistant to the U.S. delegation. He was, by that time, associate chief of Dependent Area Affairs in the U.S. state department and an authority on non-self-governing territories.

So it was no surprise when Trygve Lie asked him to serve on the U.N. secretariat. And his previous association with Swedish scholars made him a natural to work with Bernadotte on the Palestine assignment.

In private life, Dr. Bunche likes to fish and watch Jackie Robinson handle second base for the Dodgers. He married a girl from Alabama and they have three teen-age children. He is non-sectarian in religion and independent in politics.

There's nothing extraordinary about his story...until it is pointed out that Dr. Bunche is a negro and his grandfather was a slave.

That is why, as the New York Herald Tribune said some years ago, "Americans must regard him with pride and humility." And why it would be especially unfortunate if he should be killed; there are so few examples of negroes who made good despite the hurdles whites set up for them.

Contrast in Calaboose

"It stinks!"—That is what the Eugene Register-Guard said about the Lane county jail in a page one story this week. The reasons for that expletive are enough to make it a gross understatement.

The county pokey, it seems, has no class. In fact, it has little to offer besides unpleasant odors and vermin. Its accommodations are mostly negative: not enough room, not enough toilets, not enough wash basins, not enough food, not enough beds, not enough bed-coverings, not enough soap and water.

It is dank and dreary and unhealthy. And Eugene citizens are mildly upset because juveniles on their way to proper institutions are housed in the local jailhouse along with toughs of every description. And drunks are loaded into the tank like so many sacks of grain into a boxcar. It's enough to drive anyone stir-crazy, they say.

Well, just for contrast, here's the word on an entirely different institution. This plush pokey is a candidate for a cover picture on "Better Homes and Gardens" or "House Beautiful" magazines. It is strictly a classy joint.

The architecture is Spanish-modern. The drunk tank has lemon-yellow walls and offers a sweeping view of Beverly Hills between the lemon-yellow bars. The quarters for lady guests are a delicate chateau shade. And the warden has modestly admitted that he is often complimented on the food.

There are two bunks in every cell and the limit is one occupant per bunk. Each bunk has two soft fluffy blankets, a pillow, sheets and a pillow slip. Magazines and books are available to while away the hours. And the calaboose guest book is spotted with the names of some of the nation's most famous people.

As yet, this lavish jailhouse is not quite in keeping with the surrounding toney structures. It has no private swimming pool. But in Beverly Hills, that glaring inadequacy may soon be remedied. Meanwhile, Eugene, take heart!

What if Electors Can't Decide?

Suppose the Dixiecrats and the Progressives capture enough electoral votes so that no presidential candidate gets a majority—what would happen?

Well, Joseph Martin, speaker of the house who vied for the republican nomination in June, might become acting president. Here's how that could happen, the Associated Press says:

The constitution says that if no candidate gets a majority, 266 of the nation's 531 electoral votes, then the house of representatives shall choose a president from the three candidates who got the most votes. In a house contest, each state would have one vote and 25 votes would be the majority. Top three candidates would probably be Dewey, Truman and Thurmond.

If the house can't agree, the vice president takes over on January 20. But it's not likely the house could agree on a vice president if they can't organize a majority voting for president. Then the contest would go to the senate.

Should both houses become deadlocked—and that has never happened—the speaker of the house would take over. Joseph Martin is now running for re-election.

Thomas Jefferson was the first president chosen by the house and in 1825 it made John Adams chief executive. In 1837, the senate elected Richard M. Johnson of Kentucky for vice president.

But, if the pollsters are right, there's no chance any one but Dewey will be in the running by November. Certainly the fact that Joseph Martin, far to the right of any candidate but Thurmond and Gerald L. Smith, might become president should give pause to any voters who might cast their ballots carelessly.

At Least Americans Eat

Winston Churchill drove home a sharp thrust at the British labor (socialist) government when he wrote in support of a conservative candidate in a by-election:

"And even our present standards can only be maintained because we are receiving a large part of our needs from capitalist America, at whose system our Socialist rulers never cease jeering."

In America everybody eats, and the standard of living is the highest in the world. No other system has demonstrated as much capacity for production of goods or shared of its abundance so widely. If this be "capitalistic imperialism" hungry people elsewhere would like a taste of it unless they are victims of some ideology.

Demo Ranting Fails to Shake Polite Iowans

By Joseph Alsop
DEXTER, Iowa—Sept. 21—All the elements in Harry S. Truman's well-nigh hopeless political problem were neatly, picturesquely summed up in the formal opening of his campaign here among the yellow fields of ripened corn.

The Truman strategy is to make his audience's flesh creep with talk of the "gluttons of privilege" who inhabit Wall Street. But in the first place, the obvious, moderately and flatly unemotional president is almost comically miscast in the old role of William Jennings Bryan. And then his audiences are so prosperous, well-fed and optimistic that if he dresses up as a ghost, and did the authentic dance of death upon the platform, he would still fail to raise a single goose-pimple.

The scene, much more than what the president said, was in truth the real political story here. The setting was the prosperous Iowa farm of Mrs. T. R. Agg, widow of the dean of the Iowa State college.

"Vast County Fair" The fields of the place are rich, the farm has been much improved by concrete dams and terraces for erosion control, plantings of trees to hold water on the gentle slopes, and other inventions of the devilish New Deal, wickedly aided by the federal treasury. Here nearly 90,000 people gathered, to witness the annual national plowing contest, to look over Mrs. Agg's experiments in progressive farming, and to enjoy something like a vast county fair.

The crowd itself was overwhelming. It seemed to trample down the farm, although Frank Sommer, Mrs. Agg's weather-beaten farm manager, remarked cheerfully, "A few rains, a couple of freezes and some snow, and it'll all be back the same next summer."

At the looks of the people were still more impressive than their numbers. In this part of the country, people have begun to achieve a sort of homogeneity that is not seen elsewhere in America, where the melting pot's work is not done. They all have the same wiry, energetic good health.

All Look Prosperous Moreover, they all look prosperous. In one field outside the impromptu fair grounds, over 50 bright red, blue or yellow flying farmers' aircraft were lined up. And while only a tiny percentage were as rich as this, and none at all pretended to be anything but farmers, the whole crowd wore an air of comfortable, homely well-being.

Such were the people whom the president sought to arouse against his favorite republican "gluttons of privilege." In a sense, he had a good case. He spoke nothing but the truth when he reminded his listeners that by the close of the Hoover administration, much of the state was owned by eastern insurance companies—the actual figure was above 40 per cent. He spoke the truth also when he claimed for the democrats much credit for agricultural progress.

Mrs. Agg's dams and terraces testified to that. And he was even truthful when he spoke of the republican 80th congress's responsiveness to big business lobbyists such episodes as the attempted raid on the farm cooperatives cannot be laughed off.

Audience Unemotional Yet his 70 per cent republican audience listened to him with the respect and interest they would accord any decent president of the United States, but without a quiver of emotion even when he recalled the terrible times of the early thirties.

In the early thirties, the mood of Iowa was almost revolutionary. But now the president's strong talk utterly failed to re-create that mood. They applauded mildly when he showed the curious, small-man's spunk which is the distinguishing mark of his campaigning. They laughed when he used only a few of his early expressions. They clapped him politely at the close. And that was all.

Warning for GOP On the other hand, in these crowds there is also a warning for the republicans. It may be that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey does not wish to turn the political clock back. But there are plenty of his partisan comrades in arms who have different views. And if the clock is turned back—if these people should ever be deprived of their well-being and dams, their prosperity and terraces, then will be the time to watch out.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This post will be a challenge to your training, Snodgrass...you will will go forth as a missionary amongst the landlords..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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three years. Production is ample and no stimulus is needed. As it now stands the public is being soaked twice, once in taxes to finance the purchase of surplus and again in the price kept artificially high by the government's taking the surplus off the market.

This was part of the wartime guaranty. What really grieves is the action of congress and the president in extending the wartime act through another year.

A singular thing is that leaders in farm organizations wanted the law revised. They were afraid of consumer resentment if prices were continued on wartime levels or higher, adding to the cost of living. But the politicians were after the farm vote, just as the candidates are now, liberal with promises.

I am sure no one wants the farm economy to sink to levels of the 1930's — or the business and industrial economy either. But the original parity law and its extensions are antiquated. They relate today to a distant past which is wholly unrealistic. Unlimited guarantees invite expansion of production which in turn forces government restrictions on production. The economy of abundance is turned into an economy of scarcity.

Urgently needed is a complete revision of the government's farm policy, which is not in sight from the utterances of any of the presidential candidates.

Church Council Totals Aid for Flood Relief

Nearly \$5,000 for books, Bibles and baby furnishings for Vanport flood victims was raised and expended through the Oregon Council of Churches, Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, president, announced Tuesday for the executive committee.

The committee has also approved a request to state authorities for an investigation of housing in rural and industrial areas. Members stated that they felt conditions in migrant labor camps were especially bad.

By an appeal through the churches of the state following the May flood disaster, a total of \$4,797 was raised. To this was added enough to make expenditures \$4,915. Largest expense was \$1,904 for baby beds, buggies, high chairs and other baby furnishings lost in the flood.

Other items included replacement of books lost by Vanport ministers. Bibles lost by families, bedding and other household supplies, furniture and payment of first month's rent. The council also supported a vacation Bible school among children of evacuees, sent evacuee boys and girls to summer camp, gave special aid to churches which housed evacuees and sent toys to the Red Cross to use in emergency housing units.

Warden George Alexander of Oregon state penitentiary was back in Salem Wednesday after attending the national prison congress in Boston, Mass.

Pvt. Gottfried's Body Returned From Pacific

The body of Pvt. Raymond J. Gottfried, Salem air force man who died in a Japanese prison camp on the Philippines, has been returned to this country aboard the U.S. army transport Sergeant Morris E. Crain, carrying home the remains of 8,336 war dead.

The army announced the arrival in a press release Wednesday. Besides Gottfried, the war dead included five others with next-of-kin in the mid-Willamette valley area.

Gottfried was one of six wartime servicemen sons of Mrs. Mary Gottfried, 1280 N. 4th st., and Jacob S. Gottfried of Oswego. All his brothers survived the war. He was taken prisoner on Guam where he was an air force mechanic after enlisting in 1940.

Others whose bodies arrived, as listed by the army, included: PFC James W. Agalozoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Agalozoff, 870 Marsh st., Independence; Pvt. John I. Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bryant, Lebanon; Pvt. Ivan J. Harris, next-of-kin listed as Mrs. Nina M. Harris, Mill City; Pvt. Robert W. King, next-of-kin A. W. King, McMinnville; route 2; Pvt. Grover Vaughn, next-of-kin John W. Vaughn, Lebanon route 1.

Christian Jew To Give Talks in Salem, Turner

Dr. A. U. Michelson, founder of the First Hebrew Christian synagogue of Los Angeles, is to speak in Salem and Turner three times Sunday at public meetings.

The talks will be at 11 a.m. in Turner Christian church; at 2:30 p.m. in Salem armory, about his recent visit to Palestine, and at 7:45 in the armory on "Why I Am a Christian."

The son of a rabbi, Michelson became a judge in German courts. After his conversion to Christianity, he gave up this position and came to America to teach and preach.

Death Takes Frank Buell

Frank L. Buell, Salem resident for many years, died this week in the home of a daughter at Los Angeles, members of the family were notified Wednesday. He was 84.

When a Salem resident, Mr. Buell had been an employee of the old Farmer hardware store and had been a member of First Baptist church. Funeral services will be held in California.

Surviving are the widow, Lizzie, and three daughters in California; brothers E. D. Buell, G. A. Buell and H. M. Buell, all of Salem, and D. O. Buell of Cushing, Okla.; sisters Mrs. Cara Aumiller, Seaton, Kan., and Mrs. Mary Streetter, Hiawatha, Kan.

Turkey Growers Told Meat Shortage Worst in 25 Years

The meat shortage is greater today than at any time in 25 years, Frank L. Ballard, associate director of Oregon State college extension service told the Oregon Turkey Improvement association at their banquet at Marion hotel Wednesday night at the close of the ninth annual business session.

Ballard, talking on the progress of agriculture in Oregon during the past 25 years, pointed out that Oregon produced 26 million dozen more eggs, a million pounds more beef and six million pounds more milk than were produced just a quarter of a century ago. He saw an increase in production through better use of land rather than increase of land in cultivation, and he predicted an immediate increase in livestock production based on new forage grasses and further increase in specialty crops in Oregon.

Edith Fairham, Willamette university, was soloist at the banquet.

Panel Discussion Held Because W. Norton, manager of the northwest Poultry and Dairy Products Co., was unable to give his scheduled talk on "Turkey Market Outlook," a panel discussion was held, led by Harold Ryals, McMinnville, and V. V. Runyan, Seaside. Other speakers were: Poultry and Dairy Products association; Kenneth Smart, Albany, Swifts; Henry Bonnie, Canby, Bonnie Producers, and Lawrence Roberts, Roseburg, Oregon Turkey Growers. They substantiated predictions made earlier by Graydon McCully, national Turkey Growers president, that the outlook for the 1948-49 turkey selling market was good.

Other convention speakers were Dr. E. M. Dickson, OSC veterinarian, who said that there had only been one case of Newcastle disease in turkeys in Oregon; Agnes Kolshorn, OSC extension nutrition, who told how to cook and carve a turkey, and Dr. J. E. Parker, head of OSC poultry department, who told of the increase in use of artificial insemination in the turkey world.

At the business meeting, Price Schroeder gave the supervisor's report; Noel Bennion, the secretary's report and W. H. Schwedler, the national turkey federation report.

Resolutions Adopted Resolutions adopted favored advancement of trap nesting and progeny testing work at the state experiment station. Eggs and stock developed would be made available to turkey raisers in the state under the plan. Voted down was a resolution asking a change in method of election of board of directors and one to establish a disease detecting and blood testing laboratory in the vicinity of Corvallis, testing and control unit for the state was favored.

Price Schroeder was the only new director elected, taking the place of John Sayer, who was not a candidate for re-election. Officers re-elected were: W. F. Geurts, Portland, president; N. L. Bennion, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer; W. H. Schwedler, Portland, director; William Chase, Aurora, director; with hold-overs, Paul McDowell, Sherwood; Loren Johnston, Scappoose, and C. H. Coyle, St. Paul.

Hayesville School Enrolls 105 Pupils

HAYESVILLE — One hundred and five are enrolled in Hayesville, largest number ever recorded this early in the year, Mrs. Genevieve Wegner, principal, reports.

Mrs. Lillian McKay is the primary teacher and has 35 pupils in her room, 21 beginners. The beginners include Linda Benson, Edith Koehler, Larry Gibby, Sigrid Wolfe, Dennis Nelson, Marilyn Jones, Douglas Brown, John Glaisyer, Warren Pestikka, Jerry Foster, Tom Hammang, Sherman Van Cleave, Alden James, Charles DeGuire, Linda Christenson, Sylvia Smith, Lynn Nyström, Charles Hens, Harold Jones, Riley Elwood and Mary Ann Hults.

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