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Foreign Report Optimistic

Home from Europe, including a visit in his own former country of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Frank Munk of Reed college has an optimistic report of progress in western Europe.

As for his native country Czechoslovakia Dr. Munk brought a bleak report. Prague is "drab and grey"; people are ill-clad and go about in silence.

This testimony from Czechoslovakia is confirmed by a special correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor who reports that it is the only country in central Europe whose living standard has been lowered perceptibly in recent months.

Dependent on the west both for raw materials and for markets industrialized Czechoslovakia has suffered. It was eager to join the western countries to obtain Marshall plan assistance; but Moscow coerced the Prague government to repudiate the U. S. offer and tried to reorient its economy with the east.

"Today there is a general air of a steadily increasing impoverishment."

In short, there is sound basis for optimism regarding western Europe, with Britain alone some distress. Progress in the west, if unaccompanied by a similar progress in the east will bring substantial victory to the west in the "cold war."

Pearson in Mike's Line of Fire

Our state treasurer, Walter J. Pearson is finding that politics sometimes works in reverse... and in perverse too, it might be added. Just as he did the great run-out on Sheriff Mike Elliott, in the name of party expediency, the sheriff comes back with a blast at shenanigans undertaken allegedly in Pearson's behalf.

The sheriff doesn't identify the two senators... who in the world could they be? And he doesn't say just how his office was expected to provide the \$60,000... how could a sheriff's office furnish that much money? And if it can provide that much... why give it away?

One thing seems certain, Sheriff Mike had help in writing his piece for the paper. It clears libel laws and merits a better-than-passing grade on

its English. He evidently has found a good ghost-writer.

Pearson has refused to explain the distribution of an expensive circular publicizing himself, which was given out at the democratic booth at the state fair. It was printed (a four-color job) at the state printing office.

Republicans Win Congress Seat

The republican victory in the special election in the 28th congressional district of Pennsylvania gives the GOP a chance to crow. Against the mother of the former congressman, one who had distinguished himself for valor in war the republicans nominated John P. Saylor, a navy veteran who had supplied the flag raised on Iwo Jima. He won by a decisive vote.

The gold star mother, Mrs. Coffee, was handicapped in not being a public speaker herself; but democratic orators rallied to her support. They made support of the Truman program their battlecry. Since this district, which includes industrial Johnstown, has a heavy labor vote they hoped that it would swing the tide to the democratic candidate. They were mistaken; the democrats lost the election.

This by-election isn't a sufficient test of the trend in public opinion; but at least it shows that the GOP still has fighting strength. It will hearten republicans over the country... and spur the democrats to great activity.

The real test will come in 1950 and specifically in Ohio where Bob Taft is running for reelection. That will be a preliminary to the knockout of 1952.

Poland is trying to get more work out of workers, so it has added two decorations for star performers, "Banner of Work" and "Builder of the People's Poland." That is quite in contrast with the dream of communism as a worker's paradise, big pay and lots of play. The Poles have however turned to with great energy to restore their country and have made great progress since the war's end.

The Pendleton East Oregonian is very much exercised because the federal government isn't building a bridge at Umatilla dam. One is badly needed there, it says, since 70,000 visitors stopped to take a look at McNary dam. Maybe a bridge is needed; but why should it be built by the federal government to accommodate sightseers? A bridge has been needed at The Dalles for years, and now Wasco county is taking steps to build a bridge there. It isn't leaning on the federal government.

Harvard university is now displaying the Mark III, mechanical calculator. It does its sums 20 times faster than Mark II and 80 times faster than Mark I, its predecessors. It will multiply two numbers of 16 digits each in 12/1000ths of a second. Seventh graders are asking when the junior models for school use will be on sale.

Now that Miss America and Mrs. America have been picked for 1949 we can regard the summer season as definitely ended.

Speed Vital to Avert British Collapse

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 — "We've got about six months left," remarked one of the participants in the Anglo-American economic talks which have just come to an end. He meant that there remains only half a year of grace in which to evolve a joint Anglo-American policy capable of preventing the disintegration of British world power.

The remark was, of course, no more than an informed guess. Much may happen to upset this gloomy forecast of British collapse by early spring. There are, for example, apparently reliable reports that it is now planned to devalue the British pound on or about September 18, and that a general reevaluation of European currencies will shortly follow.

No one knows just what the effects of sterling devaluation would be, but most of the experts believe that it should ease the drain on British reserves and thus prolong the half-year of grace.

The six months time-table is, nevertheless, as good a guess as any. Yet the crucial economic talks have seemed to some of those taking part about as bold and searching as the conversation at a Victorian tea party.

tion, above all British pound devaluation.

Thus it has been impossible, for example, seriously to discuss the project, recently described in this space, for continental economic union, because this would involve the taboo subject of devaluation.

Even so, the short term devices for easing the crisis which the conference has produced will certainly be useful. But much the most important result of the talks has been that the American policy makers have now been brought face to face with the real political meaning of British economic collapse, which would leave great gaping holes in the long wall of power which contains Soviet expansion.

Moreover, both the British and the Americans have been inching their way toward agreement on how disaster is to be prevented. This area of agreement is still vague, and it will be the task of Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to begin to define it in the political talks which they are now starting. But basically it is agreed that a great extension of the existing Anglo-American partnership is essential. The object is to find some way of sharing on a joint basis those world commitments which the British are no longer capable of supporting alone.

This generally agreed concept falls into two parts. In the first place, there are great undeveloped resources in the sterling area and the British Empire, especially in the African colonies. The British do not have the capital to develop these resources, simply because, in their desperate economic straits, they need all their capital to develop home industries. What is being

considered is a joint development program, making maximum use of American private capital, which would ease the British position by getting dollars abroad, while giving American capital great new investment opportunities.

Second, while these areas were opened to American investment, the United States would also share in British commitments in the Far East, above all India. India represents the greatest single drain on the British economy and British gold and dollar reserves. Yet with China lost, India is the key to holding Asia. If the British are forced to abandon India as they were forced to abandon Greece two years ago, the result would be disaster. Yet the British cannot afford indefinitely to subsidize India as they have been doing.

Thus Acheson and Bevin are certain to discuss a joint economic program for the Far East. Acheson will then canvass the same subject with Indian Premier Jawahar Lal Nehru, when Nehru comes to Washington next month. Already there is talk of an IRP—an India Recovery Program. But whatever plan is finally worked out, it is likely to differ from ERP in two ways—first, there will be a much greater emphasis on private capital investment, and second, it will be based squarely on intimate Anglo-American collaboration. Thus the broad outlines of a re-organized western power structure are slowly emerging. A real economic union on the continent would be balanced by an intimate Anglo-American partnership, a partial merger of British and American world power. So far, to be sure, all this is in the stage of mere talk. Only bold leadership in the United States will transform it into action. It remains to be seen whether this sort of leadership will be forthcoming.

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"UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR"

DON'T CHA KNOW YOU AINT SPOSED TO GO TO WORK TIL 1950?



IT SEEMS TO ME

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business is of less relative importance — comparatively few lawyers specialize in this field. Court work — trial of cases — also is not the most important part of legal work nowadays.

One class of business has shown marked increase, and that is suits arising out of motor vehicle accidents, though here again most claims for damages are settled out of court.

Specialized fields for lawyers are developing in labor relations, tax matters, utility regulation, and practice before administrative boards. Patent law is another highly specialized field.

The most profitable business is that of corporate practice which consists largely in guiding corporations so they will keep within the complex rules of conduct prescribed by laws and regulations.

Lawyers now are better prepared than formerly for practicing their profession for they are screened more closely both in law school and by bar examinations. Standards of ethics are higher and enforced more promptly and rigorously. The public can repose confidence in the profession as a profession, for those who abuse the confidence of clients are very few. And the public ought to learn

Hollywood On Parade

By Gene Handsaker HOLLYWOOD — "The Judge Steps Out" in the picture of that name, because he is bored with legal stuffiness and his nagging wife. The movie itself is tedious and longwinded, but it manages some diverting capers.

Alexander Knox, as the Boston judge, despises his own correct but cold-hearted decision in a child-custody case. His wife (Frieda Inescort) is needing him to quit the bench for a fat job as a corporation lawyer. Enroute to Washington, he meets up with a whimsical, boozey old physician. This vaguely familiar movie character counsels the wisdom of to heck with responsibility, get away from it all.

The judge goes fishing. His wife presumes him dead. He overhears her — sounding as grief-stricken as she would over the demise of a not particularly well-liked goldfish. So then he really does vanish. He peddles books across country to California, takes a job in Ann Sothern's roadside bakery. This, with its lazy chow, shaded hammock, and new romance, becomes his fool's paradise. But eventually duty, and his now humanized view of things, call him back to the staid world he belongs in.

Knox, much of the time, wears the expression of a faithful, a bused hound. Sometimes he looks more like a whipped puppy. Miss Sothern is refreshing. The picture's main weakness is that, like the aging judge, it sometimes seems a little bored with it all.

Glimpses: Ponderous Thomas Gomez mopping up his luncheon plate with a piece of bread... Gary Cooper, in a candy-striped shirt, claiming he was just sighting on the Paramount lot. Says, "I was skee-in" until two weeks ago in Colorado. He paid \$40,000 for screen rights to "The wisdom of consulting a competent lawyer before they get into legal difficulties — they'll find that much cheaper."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Yes, I know a brilliant future is predicted for Television... but remember... the same thing was predicted for radio!"

Mac Prefers Catacombs to Greta Garbo

By Henry McLemore ROME, Sept. 14—(Special)—I could kick myself, good and hard.

Here I am in Rome at the same time Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman are here, and where do you think my autograph book is? With me? No. At home? No.

It is in some stationer's shop, waiting for me to have a dizzy spell and go in and buy it. As a result, I haven't been able to join in the chase that has had all Rome burning for the past week or so.

The sound of sirens in the streets no longer means that a fire truck or an ambulance is tearing past; it usually indicates that one or the other of the two Swedish girls is crossing the city incognito and as inconspicuously as possible.

Miss Garbo, I was told by a fellow lucky enough to catch a glimpse of her after having waited only six hours outside the door of the Hasler hotel, is disguised as Greta Garbo, which means she looks exactly as everyone expects Greta Garbo to look. Her glasses are of the type generally used for watching an eclipse of the sun, and her hat, a large, floppy one that wouldn't be becoming to a scarecrow, is pulled far down over her face.

It seems a shame that I am not spending any time in Rome chasing Miss Garbo or Miss Bergman. I must be getting old, or something, for I much prefer seeing St. Peter's, or wandering through the Sistine Chapel, or admiring the art treasures in the Vatican, or going down in the Catacombs, to chasing about Rome's hot streets for a glimpse of two movie stars who undoubtedly will be remembered long after Michelangelo or Raphael.

Honestly makes me admit, however, that I would like to see Miss Bergman's Stromboli boy friend, Roberto Rossellini, who is chaperoning her on her visit to Rome. I have seen pictures of this Casanova of the Camera, but I want to see him in the flesh, and find out for myself if he is as unglamorous as the photographers make him out to be.

If he is, then my belief in my own charm will leap five hundred, yes, a thousand percent. He hasn't much more hair than a clipped poodle, and his stomach profile isn't any better than that of thousands of us. If he can get movie actresses to swoon over him, why, there is

hope for the rest of us to set Hollywood on its ear. You let me get all dressed up in my white flannel trousers, a Norfolk jacket and a straw hat, and I'll bet I'll look every bit as good as Roberto does. And wait! I tell you about how I can handle a camera! Some of the results I got would make the eyes of Chaperone Roberto pop right out of his head. The last batch is being developed today, and tomorrow I'll be able to give you a full report on the works of one of photography's most undistinguished men. (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Public Records

DISTRICT COURT

John Melvin Miller, Portland, charged with driving while intoxicated, trial set for September 15 following plea of innocent; held in lieu of \$350 bail.

Arthur M. Henshaw, 4270 Glenwood dr., charged with rape, continued to September 15 for plea; held in lieu of \$3,500.

Albert J. Wilson, 160 Union st., charged with larceny, bound over to the grand jury; held in lieu of \$2,000 bail.

James T. Dye vs. F. M. Gray and O. P. Emery: Suit seeks to collect \$5,000 for injuries allegedly incurred in an auto accident.

James T. Dye vs. F. M. Gray and O. P. Emery: Suit seeks to collect \$400 for auto damages allegedly occurring in an auto accident.

Elmer H. K. Dorris vs. Glen Stevens: Jury finds for defendant in injury damage suit.

Mildred Tuel vs. Melvin Tuel: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of two minor children and \$25 per month support money for each and approves property settlement agreement.

Winifred Melford vs. William Floyd Melford: Suit for divorce charging defendant left plaintiff. Married April 28, 1915, at Flaxville, Mont.

Fern Seifer estate: Order sets October 18 for date of final account hearing.

Glady's Lydy guardianship estate: Order approves guardian's annual report.

Stephen Hemshorn estate: Order released executor.

Kyle H. Blake estate: Order appoints F. H. Weil, Luis A. Martine-Lally and Lena M. Hewitt as appraisers.

Augusta Hockema estate: Order appoints E. M. Runyan as administrator.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Frank L. Kolousek, 27, bartender, Woodburn, and Hazel R. Polge, 29, saleswoman, Lexington, Mo. Richard A. Voight, 21, postal employee, Lebanon, and Doris Strong, 22, bank clerk, Brownsville.

White fir lumber is being produced at the rate of 500,000,000 board feet every year.

Literary Guidepost

THE DESPERATE CHILDREN, by David Cornel DeJong (Doubleday; \$3)

Two youngsters are introduced in this novel to each other, and to adults, and they suffer growing pains which are made none the easier by their eccentricity of the community into which this author has thrust them.

The boys are Orrin, whose father killed himself, and Sebastian, whose mother tells him his father tried to kill himself. Their teacher, Miss Tumoloy, is all sympathy and understanding; but the principal, Miss Strock, though ostensibly it is a progressive school, is as old-fashioned as birch rods and maiden aunts, and she does her best to counteract Miss Tumoloy's good influence. Orrin, who lives on a farm, learns about sex from his cousin; Sebastian is given one lesson by a Negro girl, and he gets a low mark. In the background are the stilted, dry romance of Miss Strock, and the love affair of her sister and Orrin's cousin Cret. And there in a zany Mrs. Gilooly, has for oddity's sake changed her name from Geel, and who puts up signs on her property. "All children welcome."

THE MYSTERIOUS CABOOSE, by Mary Graham Bonner. Illustrated by Bob Meyers (Knopf; \$2)

In this tale for and about youngsters, the author has worked ingeniously many fictional matters which appeal to grown-ups; while she skips the love interest, there are some boy-and-girl business, bravery and its reward, mystery and its solution.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There was left exactly ten boxes." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "newspaper"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Capitalist, catastrophe, caprice. 4. What does the word "impugn" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with "timid" and "modest"? ANSWERS 1. Say, "There were left." 2. Pronounce first syllable nus, u as in use, not nooz. 3. Catastrophe. 4. To attack by words or arguments; to contradict. "The truth hereof I will not rashly impugn, or overboldly affirm." — Peachment. 5. Diffident.

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