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Einstein and the Communists

What about old fuzzy-wuzzy in his sloppy sweater and the rarified air of his Princeton study?

Is Albert Einstein the old master "faker," in fact, "the world's greatest faker," as Representative John Rankin (who is something of a political curiosity himself) has charged in a more than usually frothy-mouthed and venomous manner?

Negro-hating, Jew-baiting Rankin of Mississippi described Einstein in congress as a yiddish communist and denied the mathematician had anything at all to do with the atom bomb. (Said missile, said John, is exclusively the product of lily-white all-100%-American scientists.)

The rabid southerner quotes in the Congressional Record the dozen or so so-called communist front organizations to which Einstein has lent his illustrious name as member or sponsor. That proves to Rankin that Einstein is a communist and likely as not to blow up Capitol Hill, in person.

As for Einstein's recent appeal (which sounded almost a note of desperation) to the nations of the world to swear off war lest civilization be doomed, Rankin thinks anything Einstein says is "bunk," "simply carrying out the communist line," and "an attempt to get this country into a world government."

We don't know why Einstein dabbles in left-wing politics. A victim of fascist persecution, he may have turned to the other extreme in reaction. He may be just another of those intellectual idealists who have no conception of practical politics and to whom the hazy-rosy prospect of a socialist utopia appeared achievable. Evidently, he doesn't apply the cold precise logic of mathematical formulae to the glittering formulae for a better world advanced by the left-wingers.

But that's his own business. As long as our scientists do not, like Dr. Klaus Fuchs, sell secrets as a sideline we cannot demand that they all subscribe to the party line of southern Democrats like Rankin.

Einstein is entitled to his own opinions but they are not necessarily the last word. Sometimes the public and the press act as though an expert in one field is necessarily an expert in all. Just because Einstein is a mathematical genius, it does not follow that he is an authority on international relations—although the fact that he knows a good deal about atomic science lends weight to his warnings of what may happen if it gets out of hand.

Election in Britain

This week, Wednesday, comes the general election in Great Britain. Conservatives and Labor are fighting it out on the hustings. Old Winston Churchill (75) belies his age with the vigor of his campaigning. Prime Minister Clement Attlee is touring the shires with his wife for chauffeur. And an English version of the Gallup poll is offering its sampling of voter opinion as an index of the result.

Labor's appeal to the country is that it has fulfilled its party pledge of five years ago in nationalizing major sectors of the economy, steel being the latest, the changeover there not due till summer. This time Labor is not promising more socialism but riding on its claim of credit for "full employment." The British are at work; records show production for export has passed pre-war levels. Life is still austere, but to government ministers can show how they have evened up incomes, stripping the rich by taxes and helping the poor by subsidies to keep food costs down.

Conservatives seek to throw not the rascals but the fumbler out. They attack the complex system of controls and bespeak a return to individual enterprise as the best chance for sound recovery. Churchill has been pressing a point on what was marked "off limits" for the campaign: foreign policy. He says if he returns as prime minister he will seek a big three conference to end the arms race. This has had an appeal and Attlee is trying to parry the thrust.

Labor probably will win. It has won every

bye-election since it came to power in 1945. For all the griping the lot of the multitude of British workers is easier than formerly. The spectre of unemployment haunts memories there as in America. The fears of an ultimate decline because of the paralysis of initiative do not excite them. Conservatives may make gains but an overturn of Labor's majority in parliament does not seem in prospect.

Spring Tonic

That invigorating "something" in the air these past few weeks isn't just spring coming around the Siskiyou, it's politix. It's so thick you could slice it and stick it in a ballot box. And, man, it's colorful, too!

Tribal meetings to whip up the old team spirit and add some wampum to the war chest put punch in the starting bell. The Fancy-Dan democrats chomped their \$100-a-steak dinner. The Poor-Man's-Pal republicans gnawed their \$1-a-chicken-leg box supper—and, incidentally, worried some bones of contention.

Here and there, the little farces usually billed for election year were being played out—to the hilt. Classic melodramas are dusted off and revived. Novel or "experimental," in the vernacular of the trade, methods are getting a run.

In Salem, "Pinky" Josselin was delicately compared to one Don Quixote, mounting his steed to ride to the rescue of that lady in perennial distress, Dame Democracy of Oregon. Only instead of a white horse, this "good soldier" so willing to enter the lists, jounces into battle astride the lop-eared demo donkey.

And down in the deep south, such a letter to the editor of the Medford Mail Tribune begins: "This morning I received a chain letter, from a Farmer Union member in Iowa, asking me to make 10 copies of the letter, and mail to 10 friends, each of whom would do the same and all send one dollar to a fund to partly match the two million now dedicated to Sen. Robert Taft's defeat . . ."

Next, we suppose, some aspiring public servant will try the Spanish prisoner gag to collect campaign funds and marry off his beautiful in one fell blow!

Yup, there's politix in the air all right. Ain't we got fun separating the men from the boys?

Pine timber in Deschutes national forest brought \$27.05 on bid at auction last week. The buyer was Leonard Lundgren of Sisters, the same one whose sole offer for 280 acres of state school land was accepted by the then state land board in 1948, the price figuring to around \$18 a thousand, with the land thrown in. Timber values differ of course and we don't know how the state timber compared with the federal timber. But what was a mistake was failing to offer the timber only for sale on competitive bidding. That will not happen again because the legislature tightened up the law at the last session.

Rummage sales have aided many a worthy cause but this is the first time we've heard of one coming to the rescue of a financially embarrassed newspaper. In Forest Grove, staff members of the high school paper peddled second hand baby clothes, trousers, old shoes and what have you. Sales netted \$75, "insuring presses will roll on time this spring under a stepped-up schedule." . . . There's ingeniousness for you.

Salem's school expansion problem is not unique. Gresham voters will decide next week whether to approve a \$250,000 special bond issue to finance 20 additional high school classrooms and other improvements. Says the Gresham Outlook: "The high school issue appears to be one of the most controversial of recent financial matters to confront district voters, as taxpayers take a wary view of all issues that might further increase their tax bills." . . . Taxpayers, it seems, are the same all over.

Russ-China Threaten to Realize Hitler's Dream

By James D. White
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(P)—The western world may fool itself tragically if it goes on merely belittling the Russian-Chinese communist pact signed last week in Moscow.

Under communist leadership Russian and Chinese politicians have found for the first time in history, a formidable large area of mutual self-interest beyond just letting each other alone.

China is no little European satellite. China and Russia together threaten to realize Adolf Hitler's grandest dream in terms of Kaiser Wilhelm's blackest nightmare: The bulk of the great continent of Eurasia under a single power—but a non-western, communist power.

The largest continuous land area on earth is held by about one-third of the human race. On paper, anyway, this third is united.

The proof of any pudding is always in the eating, naturally. All manner of things can go wrong with this set-up. The fact remains that it defines in black and white the basic shift in power that communist triumph in China implied for the world.

The western world can now consider, if it wishes, the price tag that history is hanging upon its habit of assuming the rest of the world will wait patiently while it attends to its own needs first.

TAX TIPS



YOU CAN deduct most interest payments. Nearly all local taxes can be deducted. You can deduct auto accident damages and uninsured losses.

Whether Stalin and Mao Tse-tung did each other in the eye on this deal is important, but hardly as important as the extent to which they have agreed to work together to hold the potentially strongest strategic position in history. That may be the minimum they have agreed upon.

To Russia this pact means two very big things which only China could have provided.

First, Russia's frontier with China—the longest in the world—now seems secure for the first time. If Russia wants to, she can turn to Europe with more energy than ever. She can tackle anew the critical Tito problem and the broader question of non-

communist Europe.

Second, red China's airtight renunciation of anything resembling Titoism probably extends the life of the Soviet power system immeasurably. It has preserved on paper the supreme authority Moscow is supposed to wield over communists around the world.

China could have wrecked this authority by developing Titoism herself. The Russians knew this. That is why they apparently gave China a better deal than they ever gave any European satellite.

HARBINGER OF SPRING



Mac Objects To Rickey's Locked Fist

By Henry McLemore

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 19.—Mr. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is said to have a simple method of keeping his weight down. During the course of each day Mr. Rickey, so I hear, takes around three hundred bows, and a couple of hundred pats on the back, for being the man responsible for opening the gates of major league baseball to colored players.

He is given credit — and accepts it, I might add—for breaking through the racial barrier by hiring Jackie Robinson to play a lot of second base for the Dodgers.

He is to be congratulated for that brave and decent step, but I, for one, am going to stop applauding Mr. Rickey now that the news of the signing of Don Newcombe has been made public. Newcombe is going to be paid \$13,000 for the 1950 season, give or take a few thousand on either side. I believe that Simon Legree would pay a pitcher of the sort that Newcombe is more than that to throw practice balls for the Uncle Tom's Cabin team.

Don, a colored giant, is one of the best five pitchers in baseball. He may very well be the best pitcher in baseball. Mr. Rickey wouldn't sell him for less than a quarter of a million dollars, but he is perfectly willing to pay him a measly \$13,000 a year.

Newcombe will pay his own salary six times over before he ever before a ball in Ebbets field. His box of office pull in the spring training camp schedule will have him working for free long before he ever gets north for the regular season. And once the season starts he is a mortal pinch, given his health, to win 20 or more games for the Braves.

When is Mr. Rickey going to pay Newcombe for value received? Last year Newcombe got something like \$7,000, and all he did was make the difference between a pennant-winning club and a runner-up.

I am quite sure that Mr. Rickey considers all the stories written about his stinginess as good publicity. I feel that he welcomes each one as a plug for himself and his ball club. But I am not quite sure that he is right. I have a notion that American baseball fans, a pretty fair bunch of sportsmen, are going to get sick and tired of Mr. Rickey's locked fist policy, and quit being so enthusiastic over a team whose motto is "The Laborer Is Worth of His Hire—But Doesn't Stand a Chance to Get It."

Mr. Rickey's "emancipation" is not limited to Newcombe. He is paying Campanella, another colored performer, in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Campanella happens to be the best catcher in baseball, by a country mile. Good catchers are hard to come by. Great catchers are rarer than the ringed neck of a swan. The Yankees would pay him \$50,000, and he is glad to give up to \$100,000 for the privilege. What Yawkey and the Red Sox would pay Campanella is anybody's guess. But it wouldn't resemble \$15,000 any more than white resembles water.

End of essay on Rickey. I would much prefer never to mention his name in this column again.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We need about fifty foot of wire."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "sacriligious"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Irredeemable, irrational, irascible, irritable.
4. What does the word "pre-dispose" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with d that means "marked by cowardice"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "fifty feet of wire." 2. Pronounce sak-ri-le-jus, a as in sack, i as in it, e as in me, accent third syllable. 3. Irascible. 4. To give a tendency to. "Debility predisposes the body to disease." 5. Dastardly.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Damned unfair to develop M-Bomb . . . after all the trouble we took to move out of range of the A-Bomb . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

manufacturing plants. Certainly no responsible employee would mix espionage with this important and delicate business.

We should recognize however that the United States is trying to get all the information it can from behind the iron curtain. Its intelligence service surely has agents in the satellite countries, and in Russia itself if that is possible. So it should occasion no real surprise if some of them are apprehended and arrested. In this case it seems that some able scientists have left these satellite countries and crossed into the western zones. The communists suspect they are being induced to desert; and since Vogeler is an engineer they put the bee on him as a procurer. Only time will tell how the mystery will be resolved.

How sad and how foolish it all is. If men would only get the twist out of their minds we could have free travel over the world, free communication. Our energies could be devoted to helping folk in other lands instead of scheming on how to decimate them by the thousands. Vogeler, whether guilty or not, is a victim of the warped thinking which forces a cold war on the world.

The Safety Valve

Retired Army Officer
Calls Air Watch "Silly"

To the Editor:
I read your statement in today's Journal telling the truth about the silly air watch set-up that is now proposed.

I hope you pounce on this hard. YOU ARE RIGHT.

This recent statement of War Secretary Johnson, to the effect that we could retaliate in an hour is the most irresponsible utterance of any public official in our history as a nation.

We are rapidly maneuvering ourselves into the role of world villain, we will have to be the first to use the atom bomb. We have little else now, and I for one think Johnson would have a hell of a time telling how we would meet an attack.

Thirty-six years of regular Army service back what I say. My today's paper also tells of the remarks of a high ranking official of the government who says the Northwest is expendable. Truly a deplorable statement (Walter H. Judd-MC)

Where the hell are we going anyway? And what kind of people are running our government anyhow? I think I know the answers to both my questions.

Sincerely,
Preston B. Waterbury
Colonel U. S. Army, retired.
Ashland, Oregon

Protests Macleay Dump
To the Editor:
How would you feel if the county court of your county secretly purchased a farm in your midst and established a public garbage dump with all of its offensive smoke, odors and rats? This is what has happened to the pioneer community of Macleay, eight miles east of our capital city. What effect do you think this will have upon our home and social life as well as the value of our property?

The pictures in a recent issue

Albany First Methodist Church To Celebrate Centennial Soon

Statesman News Service

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 18.—First Methodist church of Albany will celebrate the centennial of its founding in a February 26 to March 5 program. Although the first appointment of a pastor to the church was made in 1850, history tells of a mission school established in 1835. The program of commemoration will start on Sunday, February 26, Layman's day. The Rev. Brooks Moore, pastor of First Methodist church in Salem, will speak at the 11 a. m. service. Joe Unfred is program chairman.

Solons Start Drive to Cut Marshall Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(P)—A drive to cut Marshall plan spending by at least \$1,500,000,000 got under way today among members of the senate appropriations committee.

Secretary of State Acheson and Paul C. Hoffman, the economic cooperation administrator, go to Capitol Hill Tuesday to start the ball rolling on a third year's program of giving economic aid to western European nations walling off communism.

But in advance of their appearance before senate and house foreign relations committees, appropriations lawmakers who handle money bills—rather than merely the authorization measures before the foreign relations groups—were organizing for deep cuts in the program.

To Seek Reduction

Senator Robertson (D-Va.) told a reporter he is going to vote for a reduction of at least \$1,500,000,000 under the \$3,778,000,000 in Marshall plan funds congress provided for the year ending next June 30.

Chairman McKellar (D-Tenn.) hasn't got down to cases yet on how much he wants to slice off the \$3,100,000,000 proposed for ECA in the president's budget for the year beginning July 1. But friends said they believe he will back a substantial reduction.

Predicts Budget Cut

Senator George (D-Ga.), a member of the senate foreign relations committee, predicted that Hoffman himself will undercut the budget figures in his proposals to the two committees this week.

Observing that he believes the budget allowance too high, George called for a summary by Acheson of all foreign spending proposed for the year starting July 1.

"Until we know how much we are going to have to spend in Asia, in Greece and Turkey and other areas of the world, we can't pass intelligently on how much should be made available for the Marshall plan," he said.

He predicted the administration will ask for additional funds for economic—and possibly military aid—to countries bordering communist China.

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Won't Outlaw Reds

"The bill won't outlaw the communists or the communist part," Mundt explained. "But it will apply to them the same government regulations which govern the political activities of democrats and republicans."

of "The Statesman" are misleading. If the camera had been focused in the opposite direction, buildings and homes would be seen. At the base of the canyon pictured, are several good springs which are used by farmers on adjoining farms. These will be contaminated by the filth from decaying garbage. Cinders from the burning papers also make a fire hazard.

This dump is used by Silverton and Stayton and other communities. These towns are in the foothills fifteen to twenty miles away with canyons at their back doors, yet they haul their garbage to the Salem area.

We request that the court close the dump, resell the property for a farm home and select a site farther east. Roads to this area and other expenses involved could be paid for by the charges made for garbage dumped.

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