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Leave Them Alone

Two Americans who have been held in Chinese prisons for 3½ years, without even having a detailed charge filed against them, finally are released "full of shame and remorse for their crimes against the Chinese people." Their "crimes," so far as anyone knows here, constitute having lived among the Chinese, and of having been unwarrantedly charged with espionage.

Presumably the two deserve more pity than censure. Certainly we would adjudge a person clear out of his head if we slapped him in jail for 3½ years for no good reason and he came out chanting our praise. But whatever they deserve, they are providing the Red propaganda mill with wonderful tidbits and doing their own country all the disservice in their power.

If the Reds want to claim another "first," assuming there's any they haven't yet claimed, they could cite their success with the most terrible weapon extant—the weapon that wipes men's minds clear of sincerity, honesty, and clarity and makes them subservient to whatever thought, ideology or demand their captors wish to implant. As surely as if they had plunged a needle of falsity through the skull and into the brain of their prisoners, the Reds again have abused themselves before the world as most successful revisionists to the tortures and cruelties of the middle-ages.

As for Malcolm Bersohn and Adele Rickett, let's get them into a hospital, feed them well and leave them alone for awhile until they're unhypnotized.

The Soviets' Burden Grows

Russia's swerve toward less consumer goods and more heavy industry (armament) has more of an immediate effect on the well-being of its populace than is readily evident from the bombastic oratory emanating from the Kremlin.

One factory not likely to set well with the proletariat is the new levy for bonds. Last year, Russians were required to purchase bonds valued at 15.9 million rubles. (The U.S. Department of Labor says this is "about \$4 billion, at the official rate of exchange arbitrarily fixed by the Soviet Government which exaggerates the purchasing power of the ruble.") The new levy is 30.5 billion rubles—about twice.

Two years ago, when the bond levy was cut to the 1954 figure, Soviet workers were quoted as saying it would be of tremendous help in improving their level of living. This is very apparent when it is remembered that Soviet bonds are not redeemable for 20 years and pay no interest "except in the form of graduated money prizes in connection with the drawing and cancellation of 'lucky bonds' twice a year for 20 years," as the U.S. Labor Department explains.

The new budget also drops from 36.6 billion to 27.9 billion rubles the allocation for the production and distribution of consumer goods, and planned capital investment in consumer goods production is dropped another 7 billion rubles. Verily, the lot of the Soviet worker is not to be improved.

Dr. Teller's Pronouncement Helps to Heal Internal Dissension Among U. S Scientists

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—The brilliant physicist, Dr. Edward Teller, has done a recent and generous thing, which is also a major contribution to national security. In an article called "The Work of Many People" Teller has scotched the poisonous myths which have grown up around the history of the hydrogen bomb.

The publication of Teller's article last week was an event of real national importance, although it did not attract great attention. For in these days, American survival depends on American science.

As Teller remarks in his article, "Disunity of the scientists is one of the greatest dangers for our country." An even greater danger is a breakdown of the partnership between American science and the American government. Within the last 12 months, this vital partnership has been threatened, while a bitter division has grown up within the American scientific community.

The trouble started, of course, with the government's action in labeling Dr. Robert Oppenheimer a "security risk," an action which most scientists considered a national disgrace. Atomic Energy Chairman Lewis Strauss was, of course, the chief instigator of this action, while Dr. Teller was the only really distinguished American scientist to testify against Dr. Oppenheimer.

The trouble became much more serious when the Oppenheimer case was used to propagate a whole mythology about American science and the hydrogen bomb. This mythology was disseminated chiefly in a book by James Shepley and

Clay Blair. The twin heroes of this book were Strauss and Teller, who were named by the authors among their sources. Virtually all other American scientists, conspicuously including the staff of the AEC's great Los Alamos Laboratory, were pictured as leagued in a sinister plot against Adm. Strauss, Dr. Teller and the hydrogen bomb.

Dr. Teller has now thoroughly exploded this mythology. He gives the lion's share of the credit for the hydrogen bomb to the Los Alamos Laboratory. He disposes completely of the notion that there was any plot to delay the bomb. He speaks generously of many other scientists, including Dr. Oppenheimer.

Teller also says that he "respects and understands" the view that it would have been "better never to develop this instrument"—and Dr. Oppenheimer's doubts about making the bomb, which were shared by many scientists, of course constituted one of the main counts against him.

The background of Dr. Teller's generous gesture is significant. Particularly after the publication of the Shepley-Blair book, it became obvious that the dangerous bitterness in the scientific community could be dealt with in only one way—by persuading the heroes of the new mythology, Dr. Teller and Adm. Strauss, themselves to explode the myth.

For some time, while Adm. Strauss reportedly urged him to say nothing, Teller resisted the efforts at persuasion of his fellow scientists. Shortly before he died, however, the late, great Dr. Enrico Fermi succeeded in persuading Teller that he had a duty to speak out.

As for Strauss, great efforts were made to get him to stand up for the AEC scientists by re-

High Adventure

Heinrich Harrer, conqueror of the Eigerwand and intimate of the Himalayas (and author of the best-selling "Seven Years in Tibet") told a California audience that you don't have to travel around the world to find high adventure.

This Austrian mountaineer, who has spent his life galavanting around to those faraway places with strange sounding names, doesn't think much of civilization with its highways, cars and telegraph wires. And ulcers. And neurotics. He likes the high and lonely places, and he is intrigued by the mountain dwellers, like the Tibetans and the Andes Indians. "Such people are linked, certainly by common responses to the challenge of their lofty and difficult existence," he says. "They are strangely alike in so many ways; it is a fascinating puzzle."

But all adventure isn't far away. For Californians with a yen for lofty and difficult outings, he urges a trip down the crest of the High Sierra—250 miles of snow-bound crags and canyons—on skis in mid-winter. With a mountain tent, sleeping bag and ten days' food cached here and there, it would be a jolly jaunt, he thinks. He hasn't done it himself, yet.

Although most folks might rather limit their high ascents to the four-bit ride on the chair-lift at Hoodoo Ski Bowl, the more derring-do among us might take Harrer's hint and mush down the snowy skyline of the Cascades in snowshoes or by dog sled or something. An army surplus sleeping bag and some C-rations ought to do it fine. And who knows? You might run into some of the friendly natives who inhabit the far out and real cool reaches of the lonely Oregon wasteland. If these people should seem to be strangely alike to you, chances are they are members of the Salem Chemeketas or some other equally admirable group who realize what Harrer went around the world a few times to discover: There's plenty of green grass in your own backyard under 14 feet of snow.

Four decades ago, the original merchant prince Marshall Field built a mansion on then-swank South Prairie Avenue in Chicago and proudly announced it was constructed to last 1,000 years. This week it is being torn down. Its surroundings now are shoddy houses and small factories. It is suitable for nothing useful. Charting the road into the far-distant future would be all right if there weren't so many detour signs springing up as the years go by.

Editorial Comment

\$20 A HEAD

Whenever anyone comes along and suggests cutting people's taxes he is going to get a pretty wistful reception. Taxes in this country have been so high for so long that many people can hardly remember when they were anything else, but everybody can dream.

So we suspect that Speaker Rayburn struck a responsive chord in the voting public—and well thought he would—when he promised that the Democrats were going to get taxes down. The House Ways and Means Committee voted to carry out the promise, and the House itself is expected to consider it tomorrow.

But in view of how the taxes got up so high, and what the Democrats propose to do about them, it seems to us that it was a pretty shabby promise.

The Democrats haven't said a thing about getting the government's expenses down; the present Administration has taken a bigger bite out of the government's costs than any Democratic Administration of the previous twenty years. And the Democrats aren't promising to distribute this tax largess on the basis of need, equity or justice. They are simply going to hand every taxpayer a twenty-dollar bill.

Well, there's going to be an election next year, and the Democrats are going to want a lot of votes from the taxpayers.

And as Mr. Rayburn knows, the twenty-dollar bill is the only piece of folding money the voter sees that carries the picture of a Democrat.

—Wall Street Journal

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Part of the fun of being in these phases, Otis, is listening to the fights between mom and pop, over what to do about it..."

The Safety Valve

"Alarming Demands Cited"

To the Editor:
You are entirely correct in your editorial of this morning's date that a straight across the board cut of 10 per cent in departmental budgets would be impractical.

The budgets as prepared and approved by the governor represent painstaking care on behalf of competent and conscientious department heads. Certainly they reflect the results of a sound administration by Governor Patterson.

In an attempt to establish a policy to serve as a guide to budget considerations by ways and means subcommittees, I suggested a flat 10 per cent cut. The suggestion was rejected in favor of a proposal to reduce the budget by \$20 million which would represent an overall cut of 10 per cent. I am in agreement with the principle of selective cutting, but it is my considered opinion that we will not achieve this objective by even one half.

An across the board cut in some amount does not represent haphazard hacking away as stated. It should be understood that 34.4 per cent of total appropriations goes into salary and related payments. When the budgets are prepared, the assumption is that every employe

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Mar. 1, 1945

The senate voted 22 to 8 to approve the house bill (HB 312) permitting \$1,500,000 to be borrowed from the school fund to build a new state office building.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in a broadcast asked Russian women to disclose their plans to promote world peace.

Wilfred Epping, youngest of four navy sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Epping, was home on a five-day leave after finishing boot training at San Diego. All of the boys attended Mt. Angel prep school and Mt. Angel college.

25 Years Ago

March 1, 1930

From "The Beauty Box" column—When selecting a chapeau, O seeker after pulchritude, remember that the brimless hat throws the feminine face straight out into the public eye. The brim ever so narrow, casts a flattering shadow.

Governor Norblad in Astoria conferred with Republican precinct committeemen, attending a meeting of school board; and confirmed Associated Press reports that Miss Beatrice Walton, his secretary, had tendered her resignation.

Senator Reed and Ambassador Matsuda continued to wrestle with the American-Japanese naval problem, the whole machinery of the London conference was given a trial run by the five-power delegations preparatory to getting up full steam when the French return.

40 Years Ago

Mar. 1, 1915

After two years of almost continuous session, the sixty-third congress, which revised the tariff and the currency system of the nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax, ended when the gavel of the house and senate fell signaling adjournment.

Fragments of shell thrown by the Germans upon West Hartlepool during the December naval raid fetched such high prices as souvenirs that a bricklayer and real estate agent went to law over a portion of a shell. The piece weighed 47 pounds, and retailed at \$2.50 per pound.

R. R. Nicholson was appointed on the police force to fill the vacancy left by A. F. Fuestman, who resigned. Mr. Nicholson had been connected with the H. S. Gile company and this was his first work in the police department.

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By Lichty Reds Would Use Talks With U. S. on PWs as Propaganda

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst
It's a strange bit of business, this belated word through Premier U. Nu of Burma that Red China would like to have "informal" talks with the United States about releasing 13 convicted Americans and easing international tensions. For one thing, it comes weeks

Top Kremlin Picture Said 'Confusing'

By TOM WHITNEY

(AP Foreign Staff)

Who's on top in the Kremlin these days? Party boss Nikita Khrushchev or new Premier Nikolai Bulganin? Are you puzzled? If so, you're not alone.

There are experienced Russian and Chinese Communist editors who apparently are pretty confused themselves about this right now. For them it's a serious question. They could lose their necks if they guess wrong.

It's the famous old Kremlin name game again. Whose name comes first? Under Soviet rules unless the listing is strictly alphabetical the biggest man should come in front. Stalin's always did. So who is first now? First Secretary of the Central Committee Khrushchev or handsome Premier-General Bulganin?

It all depends on what you read or hear. On Feb. 24 Moscow radio broadcast a news item published all over Russia on a meeting honoring Soviet Army Day. From among top Soviet leaders only two were named as being present. Premier Bulganin's name came first and Khrushchev second.

But in Pravda the day before it was different. Marshal Ivan Konev published an article praising Khrushchev and Bulganin in that order.

On Feb. 23 in Port Arthur, the Soviet naval base which is now being given to the Chinese Communists, there was a great celebration. The Chinese Communist radio said two portraits hung there for the occasion: Bulganin and Mao Tse Tung. This seemed to put Bulganin in front.

When Moscow radio reported the event it failed to mention the two portraits at all. The Chinese Communist radio itself the next day reported a speech at the Port Arthur ceremony by Soviet ambassador to Peking P. F. Yudin in which he listed Soviet leaders in the delegation to China last fall: Khrushchev, Bulganin etc., in that order.

Confusion is compounded, however, by the continuing habit of the Soviet press when it reports the presence at some meeting of all the members of the big nine (the Central Committee Presidium). It lists them alphabetically just as it has ever since last June when Malenkov's name fell out of first place. By the Russian alphabet Bulganin's name comes first in the nine and Khrushchev's last.

All this is amusing and in a way significant politically. It would be foolish, however, to jump to any far-reaching conclusions from the Moscow play with names—at least until the Russians themselves make up their mind whether Khrushchev or Bulganin should come first.

They ever do, this could be an indication of who is carrying for the time being the more weight. For the present it seems very unlikely that either one has unlimited absolute power on the Stalin model.

What difference for the outer world there might be between Bulganin and Khrushchev, if any, is by no means clear. Many people in the West, because of ardent hopes for peace, often seem to be inclined to overexaggerate policy differences within the Kremlin. No doubt they do exist and are important.

But it should never be forgotten that all these leaders are Communists, all disciples of Lenin and Pupils of Stalin trained in his school. They may argue among themselves for personal power or about tactics, but in general Bulganin, Khrushchev, Molotov and Malenkov too, are all fully committed to the same general over-all strategy and Communist Party line.

CAT RIDES RODS

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—(UP)—A "hobo" cat suffered no harm in "riding the rods" of an automobile for 84 miles. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Baker of Jamestown found the stowaway feline on the frame on their car when they returned from a trip to Clarence, N. Y. The cat belonged to Mrs. Baker's sister whom the couple had visited.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Grapefruit is one of the healthiest fruits there is."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "hysteria?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Acetylene, achievement, accumulator, acquisitive.
4. What does the word "formative" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pr that means "unreasonably absurd?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Grapefruit is one of the most healthful fruits there are."
2. Pronounce "his-ter-ee-a, both 'h's in ill, e as in here, a unstressed, accent second syllable."
3. Achievement. 4. Giving or having the power of giving form; plastic. "These experiences date back to the formative period of my life." 5. Preposterous.

Death Ends Ex-Convict's Terror Reign

LOS ANGELES (UP)—An ex-convict who said he was a "one-woman man" was shot through the heart Sunday night after he killed a man, wounded a woman, kidnapped three persons and stole two automobiles.

Police identified the murderer as Charles Carr, 25, who started his gun-wielding reign of terror by talking to a minister about the woman he loved, Rosie Shaw, 25. Carr was picked up late Sunday by the Rev. Wilbert B. Mason, 32, who was driving with Robert King, 19, a University of Southern California student.

Ride to Death
Carr sat in the back seat of Mason's auto, pulled out a Spanish revolver and forced the minister to drive him toward Miss Shaw's residence.

"I'm going to kill a woman tonight," Carr told the terrified minister. "I've been stood up 10 times, called her up this morning and she wouldn't talk to me. I'm a one-woman man."

The enraged Carr then went to the apartment of Miss Shaw where manager Henry McCowan, 53, opened the door and was shot to death by a .32 caliber bullet through the mouth. Carr then turned his revolver on McCowan's widow, Emma Lou, 48, and wounded her in the right shoulder. Miss Shaw, hearing the shots, leaped out the back bathroom window.

Spotted by Police
He fled down the street and kidnapped Larnie Satterwhite, 45, driver of the second automobile. Satterwhite said Carr handed him the gun, but he returned it.

Carr took Satterwhite to dinner, police said, and then stole his automobile, abandoned it and stole another car in downtown Los Angeles.

Two auto patrol policemen spotted the suspect. Officer C. F. Buckland ran towards Carr's stalled auto and accosted the man in the front seat. Each man faced the other with drawn guns.

Buckland said he fired once, spinning Carr to the floor. When the murderer again raised his gun, Buckland fired the final shot.

THE DICK FAVORED
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UP)—Young Republicans from the Western states, meeting here over the weekend in a belated Lincoln Day ceremony, unanimously endorsed the renomination and reelection of President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Mayors of Lebanon See London Sights

LONDON (U)—The mayors of eight American towns named Lebanon got a tourist's glimpse of London Monday on their way to the Middle East Republic of Lebanon for a 15-day visit as official guests.

Flying in on one of London's warm and sunny winter days, the mayors lined up with the crowds in front of Buckingham Palace and watched the changing of the guard. They got a quick look at Queen Elizabeth as her car sped by.

Then they toured the city, including stops at the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

Mayor William Fraser of Lebanon, Ohio, was amazed at the fine weather.

"We were pretty worried back in the states when we saw a recent picture of all the snow in Trafalgar Square," he said. Other mayors in the group included those from Lebanon in Nebraska, Connecticut, Missouri, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Indiana and Oregon. They leave for Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday.

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