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Browder Gets the Axe

One thing about the Communist party: you know where you stand. Either you're in, which means that everything you do has to your fellow members (at least publicly) the very native hue of wit and rightness; or you're out, in which case you couldn't be more stupid, misguided, or treasonable. Earl Browder, it is necessary to add, is now out. Very much out, the rest of the party says.

For 15 years Browder was national chairman of the most unpopular political group in the country. His every statement was to his followers the essence of revealed truth; he could do no wrong; he could not be found to err. He went to jail on an honestly proved charge of passport falsification, and the party left no stone unturned or federal political power unapproached to have him released before his time. In this they were joined by leftist elements everywhere, until the freeing of Browder from Atlanta almost became nationally important. He was eventually released through President Roosevelt's order, and returned to the comrades.

After his release he was ousted from leadership when the party repudiated his "popular front" policy of cooperation. Recently Browder decided to commit the unforgivable sin, and to engage in capitalist business. This, coupled with other private disputes between him and his followers, brought about his downfall this week. The party kicked him out, and publicly announced that he had "deserted communist duties and responsibilities."

The manner of his ejection, it is perhaps worth noting, conveys a noisome whiff of the Moscow treason trials of the mid-30s, and of performance before Soviet state prosecutors since. The Communist national committee announces that it "categorically" rejected Browder's appeal from its decision ejecting him, and then—and this is the important part—goes on to say that the very fact that he made the appeal "in itself confirms the correctness of the charges against him." In other words, Browder was expected to walk penitently before the Communist national committee, admit his desertion of party duties and responsibilities, and presumably crave mercy. This, had he done it, would have paralleled exactly the abject admissions of guilt and error which certain of the Old Bolsheviks made during the Moscow trials. It brings out again the absolute inflexibility of the Communist political philosophy, whereby the party can do no trace of wrong, but only individuals in it, who can then only in small part expiate their crimes by long and fervent admissions of mea culpa which may or may not be supported by evidence. Nothing, of course, could be farther from the western European and American conception of appeal to higher jurisdiction for impartial review, not of confessions or admissions, but of evidence, of which confessions may be but are not necessarily a part.

Anyway, Browder got the axe, and in the best communist manner. Removal of his undistinguished face and unlightening remarks from American public prints will not be regretted, although his successor, William Z. Foster, is certainly no more engaging a character. One can only suggest that it is all very good advertising for Distributors Guide, Inc., Earl Browder, prop.

New Mission to Moscow

One current appointment of President Truman, at least, has much to recommend it. General Walter Bedell Smith ought to make a good ambassador to Russia.

Smith is an officer of the regular army whose first prominence outside his profession came during the war when he was General Eisenhower's chief of staff at the supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary forces, first in London and later in Paris and Rheims. In that capacity he showed great acumen as organizer and administrator of an enormously complicated military structure comprising different national armies and manifold centrifugal elements. He succeeded in keeping the essentially unwieldy allied military structure in shape so that it could carry out the strategic and tactical plans of Eisenhower's operational staff.

Nor is he without experience with the Russians. At SHAEF he had frequent dealings with them through their liaison staffs, and during the occupation period in Germany has had intimate touch with them in connection with the

Editorial Comment

LET THEM ALL SEE

The British government has asked to have official military observers present at the American atomic bombing of naval vessels next spring and summer. Prime Minister Attlee has specified that he means military representatives, not newspapermen.

Well, we hope his generals and admirals get to go. We hope the newspapermen will be present, too—not just American and English and Canadian reporters, but newspapermen from all over the world. Furthermore, if it is physically possible, we hope that the entire UNO delegation now meeting in London can be invited, and will accept. Let them see the effects of the predicted hundred-million-degree heat, the 1000-mile-an-hour wind, the 100-foot waves. Let them all see it, and let them see all that can be seen.

The whole world has read of the atomic bomb. It also read of D-Day, but few of the world's people stormed the beaches. It read of Dachau, but few knew its sights and stench at first hand.

So let as many as possible of the architects of lasting peace see what the next war could do. They would certainly return with an even more serious and diligent approach to their complicated tasks. —Astorian Budget.

problems of quadrupartite division of that country. Above all, he is a soldier, and able to interpret Russian military ambitions.

His position of a soldier, in fact, points to the only weakness which his nomination seems to suggest: The fact that once more, as in the case of General Marshall's recent accreditation to China, a top-flight diplomatic position has not been filled from the state department or from the ranks of experienced civilian diplomats. More than ever the state department's apparent bankruptcy in its own sphere becomes distressingly evident.

Locked in Files

It seems very strange, indeed, that the only copy of whatever agreement Roosevelt made with Stalin and Churchill at Yalta is locked in his personal files. All we know about the deal is "what we read in the papers," chiefly dispatches from Moscow and recollections of Jimmy Byrnes and Edward Stettinius. Roosevelt is dead, so is Harry Hopkins, his confidante. And the lone record is in the late president's personal files. Whether they are at Hyde Park or still in Washington is not clear.

Somewhat worse is the case of the Atlantic charter which was promulgated by Roosevelt and Churchill after a rendezvous on shipboard in the North Atlantic. Later Roosevelt said it was not a formal document, just scraps of paper and no one seemed to know where it or they were.

Funny way to carry on business, it seems. In a horsetrade there are few papers but the buyer gets the horse and, if he asks, a bill of sale. This was an international horsetrade if ever there was one and apparently Russia took the horse without waiting for a bill of sale.

Talk about one-man rule, this comes pretty near to being it. Our government can hardly repudiate the deal made by its late president, and certainly will not go to war with Russia over the Kuriles. The instance shows the extent of the power of a president. In many respects it inheres in the executive in times of crisis such as war, and must be accepted. But its potentialities are, indeed, alarming. We yet are not sure what other secret agreements were made. It does seem, however, that the traditional claim of a president or his estate to his correspondence should not extend to retention of important state documents like the Yalta agreement. The files should be opened and such papers turned over to the state department.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Somewhat like radar waves bouncing back from the moon, the news from the orient today hinted broadly at local power struggles cropping up as the first United Nations meeting ended in London.

The Chinese press spoke out openly against "sphere of influence," saying China had her fill of these in the past.

In Korea, the "people's party" withdrew from the new Korean advisory council, dominated by Kim Koo-Syngman Rhee "provisional government." Korean communists had refused to join.

But the clearest hint came from Indonesia, where a nationalist spokesman leaned back in Batavia and relaxed.

"We orientals move slowly," he said, predicting a lull in the Indonesian-Dutch negotiations which would end the costly undeclared warfare which continues taking Indonesian, Dutch, and British lives.

Communists heard from his unrecognized government had first support if it wanted to "move slowly" about making up its mind whether to accept Dutch proposals for dominion status as a basis of negotiations. The communists, who up to this time haven't made much noise, today demanded "100 per cent recognition" of the Indonesian republic before talking to the Dutch.

Meanwhile, demobilized Japanese forces continued active on both sides of the fighting which still goes on.

Indonesian political leaders doubtless noted that the discussion in London had little to do with the things that naturally would occupy the minds of anyone in their position—Independence and political jobs for the present leaders of the unrecognized republic.

And it may be doubted whether they were much impressed by the way the discussion of Indonesia arose in London, where Britain first charged soviet Russia with disturbing the peace in Iran, and which in turn was followed by the charge of the soviet Ukraine that British troops in Indonesia menaced world peace.

Issue Finally Shelved While the western world congratulated itself on the "frank discussion which went on at London (mostly about who was or wasn't guilty), Indonesian leaders could note with satisfaction that in the end the issue was shelved—after all no UN commission would come nosing into Indonesia to investigate.

If they wanted it, this gave them more time to plan ways to get what they want from the Dutch and the British in the coming talks.

There still was fighting on Java and it had even spread to the Celebes, but after all it wasn't as bad as it had been.

And true, Indonesia's rubber and sugar lay piled up on the docks, and there wasn't much shipping bringing in the cotton goods and other things the Indonesian people need after four years of Japanese rule.

But the unrecognized Indonesian republic had survived this long, and its leaders today had reason to feel encouraged about their chances of success because of what did and didn't happen at London.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"When Junior arrives, Otis, don't forget what we've been taught about the Psychological treatment of returned soldiers, who've been long overdue returning!"

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

LIKES CHEAP ELECTRICITY

To the Editor:

I am glad there are some intelligent and wide-awake people in West Salem.

When the council voted to give the Salem Electric a franchise they were wise in their forethought of people and the industries that will be attracted to West Salem on account of cheap power.

Bonneville dam was built so the people of Oregon could have cheap power and enjoy all the benefits of electrical appliances at a very low rate for electricity, and why people in Oregon can't get wise to the fact that PGE is owned by eastern concerns and have no interest in the welfare of Oregon people whatsoever, and their rate per k.w.h. is much higher than Bonneville's rates.

We are users of Bonneville power in our home for ordinary household purposes and have no special rate and our light bill this month was \$1.97 for 130 k.w. and the last full month that we used PGE we used 53 k.w.s and the bill was \$2.03. Now figure which was the cheaper and decide for yourself just how much more reasonable Bonneville power is.

As more people become users of Bonneville power the cheaper the rates will be, so why shouldn't everyone get behind Bonneville so we can have the benefit of cheap power.

A business man in Salem told us that his electric bill used to be before Bonneville came to town and how much PGE was forced to decrease their rates, and said if they could cut the rate the way they did somebody was making money before the cut, and that PGE would have to make another cut soon if they expect to have any customers.

I hope every home in West Salem will install Bonneville juice and enjoy its benefits.

Please don't think we haven't just as good service with Salem Electric as PGE.

PGE can ridicule their help, no trucks and anything they wish, but you know great oaks

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

MISS BUNTING, by Angela Thirkell (Knopf; \$2.50)

In this novel, Miss Thirkell's 11th if not the last accredited to her is complete, some oldtime residents and some newcomers pass a wartime summer in Hallbury, a little Berkshire town.

Jane Gresham's husband is missing. Mrs. Morland's sons and Mrs. Merivale's daughters are in service, the Dean's boy Robin lost a foot at Anzio, there are shortages, rationing and the occasional passage of planes, but otherwise this is a story merely about the today which lies, for us, between yesterday and tomorrow, and war is incidental.

A drainage pipe is stopped up, a bazaar is organized, a well is investigated for traces of Norman or Roman builders, a birthday is observed, the train comes in and leaves, boys are naughty, a girl suffers periodic crushes, and there is tea for breakfast, lunch, teatime and dinner.

Miss Bunting, an aged governess, has served in nobler families than the Fieldings, among whom we meet her. Contrasted with her, the epitome of tradition, is Sam Adams, the too rich manufacturer, giving his daughter all that money will buy. Between these extremes you find the gradations of an unsettled society, the steps up and down Parnassus.

The author talks, rather than

move naturally in parallel with prices of houses. Increases in actual sales prices of houses have been notorious. They are matters of common gossip. Yet sellers manifest no twinges of a guilty conscience when they tell of their sales; and the public, though shaking its head over the prices quoted, is inclined to congratulate the seller on his profit. If it be heinous to jump house rental from \$25 to \$60 a month what shall we say about an increase in the selling price of the same house from \$2500 to \$6000? The rental increase may be of rather short duration; the investment in a house may be the investment of a lifetime. It may be possible to shame greedy landlords from unconscionable exactions from tenants; but there is no discipline of scorn effective in control of the selling prices of property.

Landlords in all conscience ought to restrain their greed, their determination to get while the getting is good. Likewise, others with goods and services to sell should put brakes on their charges and avoid the personal sin of profiteering.

The only sure remedy is the increase of supply to balance the expanded demand. Scores of houses are under construction here now, haitingly to be sure, because of lack of materials. We should see by spring and summer, however, a speeding up in building. Then the victims of present extortion can move out though they may find themselves victimized in a new way through excessive construction costs.

Our inflation cycle will run its course and be followed presumably by a cycle of deflation. In these periods of boom and bust the profiteers and speculators have their day; and the ensuing loss or ruin often falls on innocent victims.

grow from the acorn, so just watch Salem Electric grow.

C. B. Sharpe.

Choir to Sing Favorites at Local Church

Worshippers at the Sunday services of the First Presbyterian church will hear six favorite anthems sung by the senior choir. Five of these anthems will be sung during the 7:30 p. m. service after being selected as favorites by the heads of five of the various church organizations.

Included in the list of favorite anthems Sunday evening will be the following: From Egypt's Bondage Come (Page); I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked (O'Hara); Ho, Everyone That Thirsteth (MacFarlane); Lost in the Night (Christiansen); and Abide With Me (Hymn Tune). The senior choir, which is directed by Virginia Ward Elliott, now has 35 members and a waiting list of applicants for membership. A music night meditation, "Overcoming Worry," will be given by the pastor and organ selections will be played by Mrs. Ralph Dobbs, organist.

On Sunday morning a young man's class for high school young people will be held at 9:45 a. m. in the pastor's study. At the 11 a. m. worship the anthem "The Omnipotent" (Schubert) will be sung by the senior choir. Mrs. Arthur Linerode will sing the offertory solo, "Bring Ye All the Tithes Into the Storehouse" (MacDermid), and the pastor, Chester W. Hamblin will preach on the theme, "The Source of Our Security."

Convict Guilty Of Assault With Intent to Kill

Byron Neil Dyson, inmate of the state prison, was found guilty by a circuit court jury Friday of the charge of assault with intent to kill.

Testimony showed that Dyson stabbed a fellow convict, Louis (Nig) Francis, twice in the neck January 2, on the state prison exercise yard. In answering questions put to him by Deputy District Attorney Lawrence Osterman, Dyson admitted that he planned "to get" Francis for about two weeks to "shut him up."

Several convicts testified to seeing Dyson slash Francis twice about the throat. Glenn Wilson, another convict, was also indicted with Dyson but will have a separate trial Tuesday.

Dyson's record shows that he was a navy deserter, that he was sent to prison three years ago for shooting a state police officer in Polk county and a year ago escaped but was returned.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

T. A. Brewster vs. William H. Porter: Motion to strike filed by defendant.

Tom Wymore vs. Dale Griswell vs. John H. Heim and Vernice F. Heim: Application made for place on trial docket.

Helen Schmiedeknecht vs. Charles W. Schmiedeknecht: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Custody of three minor children go to defendant and asks approval of property agreement. Married Dec. 11, 1935 at Vancouver, Wash.

Gertrude McCracken vs. Robert McCracken: Motion to strike filed by defendant.

Golds Olive Binger vs. Clarence Binger: Order continues case until March 14, 1946, and awards temporary custody of one minor child to defendant.

Olga Griswell vs. Dale Griswell vs. John H. Heim and Vernice F. Heim: Married at Hot Springs, Mont. June 6, 1935.

Vera Newell vs. Robert Newell: Defendant files answer admitting and denying waiver notice of time hearing and waives defendant's rights under soldier's and sailor's civil relief act. Plaintiff makes application for place on trial docket.

Alice E. McCullough vs. C. C. Harger: Doing business as Oregon Freight Lines. Plaintiff seeks judgment of \$21,000 for alleged damages received in auto accident Jan. 31, 1946, in which defendant is charged by plaintiff with careless driving.

Catherine C. Hendricks vs. C. C. Harger: Doing business as Oregon Freight Lines. Plaintiff seeks judgment of \$10,500 for alleged damages received in auto accident Jan. 31, 1946, in which defendant is charged by plaintiff with careless driving.

Daniel Webster Morley vs. Eveleth Martine Morley: Decree of divorce to plaintiff.

Donald Walter Mott vs. Virginia M. Mott: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of three minor children. \$10 per month support money and possession of household furnishings. Married Nov. 30, 1940 at Vancouver, Wash.

PROBATE COURT

Minnie M. Huff, estate: March 23, 1946, date set for hearing on final account of Erma T. Klinger, executrix.

Ellen Edes Meyers, estate: Order authorizes partial distribution of certain personal property by Henrietta Kahler Casebeer, executrix.

Mary Davis, guardianship estate: Order authorizes LaVon Davis, guardian, to execute a subordination agreement.

Josephine A. Hoffman, guardianship estate: Donald M. Townsend appointed guardian.

M. J. Gibson, estate: Estate appraised at \$21,000.

George William LaBorne, estate: Estate appraised at \$11,611.

Gale Wayne Gleason and Thomas Edward Gleason, guardianship estate: Order allows Gleason \$10 per month support money for each ward.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Earl C. Meyer, 29, farmer, and Juanita Morley, 22, clerk, both Silverton.

William Harold Hydeck, 21, 375 Marion, and Mary Rebo, 19, 13 M. operator, 679 N. High st., both Salem.

JUSTICE COURT

John Albert charged with disorderly conduct, not guilty.

Gilbert Savage, charged with driving with defective lights, \$2.50 fine and costs.

Ralph Calkins, charged with driving with four in the driver's seat, fined \$1 and costs, common law, both Silverton.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Dennis L. Quinn, Eugene violation of the basic rule, \$7.50 bail.

J. A. M. Aunspach, Independence, failure to stop, \$2.50 bail.



James Riley is Methodist Speaker Here

The Rev. Herbert James Riley, missionary of the Methodist church, recently returned from the Philippines, will be the guest speaker at Leslie Methodist church, South Commercial at Myers, Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p. m. Representatives from 14 other Methodist churches will attend.

Riley returned to the United States in the spring of 1945, after his release from the Santo Tomas prison camp, on Luzon island, where he was three years a prisoner of the Japanese. He will speak on his experiences there, and on the contribution which the Christian church is making to the lives of the Filipinos.

During his 17 years as a missionary among students and young people in the Philippines, he has recruited large numbers of the most promising young people of the archipelago as members of the church. He has worked among students in the University of the Philippines, where the pre-war attendance numbered about 7000.

Riley is a native of San Jose, Calif., and received his education at the College of the Pacific and at the University of Southern California. He is now in the United States, and expects to return to the Philippines at the end of his furlough.

Thursday night he will speak at a similar rally in the Woodburn Methodist church. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

Valley Churches

UNDENOMINATIONAL
Sweble Sunday school. School house. C. A. Salter, superintendent. Sunday school 10 a. m.

TURNER CHRISTIAN
Gene Robinson, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Communion. Sermon subject, "One Body—One Bread." 7:15 p. m. Bible study and Christian Endeavor. Evening service 8 o'clock. Sermon subject, "We Are Christians Only."

HAVESVILLE BRANCH OF FIRST BAPTIST
Luther Leach, pastor. North Pacific highway. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

FOUR CORNERS BRANCH OF FIRST BAPTIST
East side. Alma ave. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Silverton Churches

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
N. Church st. S. L. Almle, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Divine worship, 11 a. m. Topic: "The Christian Athlete." Anthem by choir. Luther League, 7:30. Topic: "Power Line—The Lord's Supper." Junior choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7 p. m. Senior choir, Thursday, 8 p. m. Confirmation class, Saturday at 9:30.

TRINITY
2nd at A street. M. J. K. Fuhr, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Divine worship, 11 a. m. Topic: "How Do You Use Your Talents?" Anthem by choir. Luther League, 7:30. Topic: "Power Line—The Lord's Supper." Junior choir rehearsal, Thursday, 7 p. m. Senior choir, Thursday, 8 p. m. Confirmation class, Saturday at 9:30.

METHODIST
Main and Fiske sts. O. Leonard Jones, minister. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Divine worship, 11 a. m. Topic: "Stewardship or Ownership, Which?" Luther league at 7 p. m.

CALVARY
Jersey st. O. C. Olson, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Divine worship, 11 a. m. Topic: "Stewardship or Ownership, Which?" Luther league at 7 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC
Pine at Grant st. Father John J. Walsh, pastor. Sunday masses at 8 and 10. Week day masses 8:15.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
Park at 2nd and E. A. Franklin, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Worship at 11. Young people's at 7. Evangelistic at 8.

CHURCH OF GOD
Second at A. Orville Baker, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Worship at 11. Evangelistic at 8.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
Modern Woodman hall, 3rd st. Sunday school at 9:45. Worship at 11. MIA at 7:30.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Front at Omar Bailey, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11. Young People at 7. Evangelistic at 8.

PILGRIM HOLINESS
Knights of Pythias hall, Mill at W. L. McGlasson, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Worship at 11. Evening service at 7:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Park at 1st. Russell W. Ring, pastor. Sabbath school Saturday at 9:30. Worship at 11.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Third at Lewis Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services at 11.

MARQUAM METHODIST
Park at 1st. Russell W. Ring, pastor. Sabbath school Saturday at 9:30. Worship at 11.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Park at 1st. Russell W. Ring, pastor. Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Service at 11. Evening services, 7:30.

Catholic Charities
Report Totals Clothing Given By Two Parishes

The two Salem Catholic parishes gave 4250 pounds of clothing in the recent victory clothing campaign for people of the war ravaged countries. These figures have been announced by the Salem Catholic Charities office, 142 Pacific building.

St. Vincent de Paul parish gave 2250 pounds of this and St. Joseph's parish 2000 pounds. In a recent canned food drive the two parishes gave a total of \$721 for purchase of food to be shipped to European and Pacific points. Of this amount St. Vincent de Paul gave \$375 and St. Joseph's parish \$346.

The Catholic Charities board includes D. J. McLellan, Henry Kroft, T. A. Windishar, Joe Gamroth, John Zenzon, Mrs. A. L. Klecker and A. E. Hucklestein. Pastors of the two parishes are also members of the board, the Rev. T. J. Bernards, St. Joseph's, and the Rev. George O'Keefe, St. Vincent de Paul.

Two Fishers Holding Services at Church

William and Marjorie Fisher, evangelists, are conducting a "Fishers of Men" campaign February 13 to 24, at the Church of the Nazarene, 13th at Center street. Services are held each evening at 7:30 excepting Saturdays.

The Fishers are talented musicians, presenting numbers on the trombone, baritone horn and piano. He is a youthful and interesting speaker. The public is invited to attend. The Rev. R. W. Coulter is the local pastor.

Eunice Miller Named Parrish S. B. President

Parrish Junior high school pupils Friday elected Eunice Miller president of their student body, named Virginia Benner vice president; Janie Pearcy, secretary; Betty Carroll, treasurer; Bill Paulson, sergeant-at-arms, and Jim Elliott, yell leader.

Wanda Boynton and Evelyn Bishop were elected song leaders; Sue Barnes, Persipace editor; Elizabeth Apple, publication manager; Bob Meaney, eighth grade representative, and Larry Chamberlain, seventh grade representative.

Dorothy Pearce was named Girls League president; Alta Hadley, vice president, and Mary Nopp, secretary. Boys League president is Edward Baker; vice president, Archie Elliott, and secretary, Lloyde Hamlin.

22 Presbyterian Young People Plan For Ski Outing

A "night owl ski excursion," made up of 22 leaders and young people from the First Presbyterian church, will leave at 4 a. m. Saturday morning for a one day visit to Timberline lodge on Mt. Hood. A supper party in Portland late Saturday will conclude the day's activities for the group.

Special guests for the excursion will include Bob Brown, navy veteran just returned from China; Eddie Hodgson of Delake, and David Cromwell and Rose Mary Taylor, both of Salem.

Others registered for the outing are