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IF STALIN SAT IN WHITE HOUSE

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to have a dictatorship in America, you can get a rough idea by imagining that Franklin Roosevelt was replaced, at this moment in history, by Josef Stalin.

It wouldn't take a very great stretch of the imagination, because these two statesmen are facing the same sort of difficulties these days. They are being troubled by political party revolts. In Moscow as in Washington, a growing reluctance to go along with the big chief is evident.

Suppose, then, that we had a dictatorship in this country and that Stalin sat in the White House. What would be the results?

First of all, we would be seeing a ruthless "purge" in the Democratic party. Such people as Senators Carter Glass, Jimmy Byrnes, and Royal S. Copeland—to name only a few—would be shot forthwith as saboteurs and counter-revolutionists. Senator Vandenberg would have been shot long ago, of course, along with Alf Landon, John Hamilton, and Senator Borah.

The court revision plan, the relief bill, the reorganization plan, and all other administration measures would be passed without the changing of a comma or the dotting of an "i".

The Republican party, obviously, would have ceased to exist, and any fragments of the Democratic party which failed to play ball with the White House likewise would cease to exist. And there would not be in all the country a newspaper editor, a radio commentator, a politician or a magazine editor who would dare utter one word of objection.

And while we're on the subject—the labor unrest in the middle west would be settled very speedily; Tom Girdler and John L. Lewis would face the same firing squad for interrupting steel production in the latest five-year plan.

Now compare that picture with what is actually happening in this country.

Instead of shooting his brother Democrats, Mr. Roosevelt is obliged to take them to an island in Chesapeake Bay, throw a big dinner into them and try the gentle art of persuasion. That persuasion, coupled with compromises on his own part, represents his only chance to get his legislative program through Congress. Persuasion, likewise, is his only recourse in the steel strike.

These two ways—the way of dictatorship and the way of democracy—are in striking contrast, and the contrast is worth bearing in mind. For it is easy to grow weary of the seeming inefficiency of a democracy—the unending wrangling, compromise, argument, and stalling.

Yet those things are the alternative to the sort of thing that has been happening in Russia. And in the end they are infinitely more "efficient" than the rule of the most closely knit dictatorship that ever existed.

MAN MAKES WORST PLAGUE

A NEW form of bubonic plague is prevalent among animals in the western United States, and it may spread to the east and become extremely dangerous to man.

So says Dr. C. R. Eskey of the U. S. Public Health Service, in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Denver.

Ever since 1908, it has been known that certain ground squirrels in California have been carrying the bacillus pestis, which is responsible for the disease that in times past has decimated whole continents. Within the last two years, says Dr. Eskey, it has been discovered that the malady is spreading among small animals in seven other states. It has turned up in Utah, for instance, in a region separated from California by a wide desert—indicating that no natural barriers will check its spread.

So far, the victims have been squirrels—for the most part. But it would not take a very outlandish combination of circumstances to promote this plague from its present status as ravisher of ground squirrels to advance agent for the Angel of Death among American human beings.

There is no need to worry very much about it. It probably won't happen—and, if it did, the science and organization are available to check it. But it is worth speculating about briefly, just the same.

Suppose bubonic plague should suddenly begin to spread—in America, in Europe and in Asia. The civilized nations of the world would at once unite to stamp it out. The best brains and the best equipment would be marshaled for the job, and a great international campaign to save lives would be started.

Scientists from Germany, America, Japan and all other countries would work side by side; there would be the most complete cooperation, and it would last until the last vestige of danger had disappeared.

For when this race of ours gets really frightened—when it has to stand face to face with the grim specter of nature's hostility—it can achieve an inverted but effective kind of brotherhood. It can forget its rivalries, its jealousies and its suspicions and concentrate magnificently on the job of making the world a safe place to live in.

But consider, now, the danger the world actually faces today. Not bubonic plague, but war; not a natural pestilence, but a man-made peril—which, in its destructive effects, would be five times worse than any plague that ever existed. Where is the international co-operation to avert this danger? Where is the marshaling of the best minds, the stinking of old enmities, to make the world a safe place to live in?

Nowhere. We can meet any challenge our environment throws in our faces; but the greatest challenge of all—the one that arises from our own greed and blindness—we cannot meet. We can conquer all our enemies, it seems, except ourselves.

Russia is emphasizing athletics, with Stalin leading the way by jumping at conclusions through lead loops.

Joe Louis, describing his victory over Braddock.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THE REORGANIZATION PLAN

(The Astoria Budget)

PRESENT ROOSEVELT'S plan for reorganizing the executive branch of the government has been overshadowed by the controversy over his court reorganization plan and probably hasn't had anywhere near the attention its importance deserves. But it will probably be more in the national notice hereafter, for a bill embodying it has just been introduced in the senate.

The bill is far-reaching in nature, providing for reorganization right down the line through the executive branch, beginning with the cabinet and ranging on to the most minor bureaus. Mr. Roosevelt has said that increased efficiency is its aim and if it can accomplish that and not increase federal bureaucracy or do harm to the civil service system, it is worthy. There should be, however, plenty of mature consideration in congress and an opportunity for public opinion to make itself known, as in the case of the court plan, before any action is taken.

Republicans in congress have already demanded that the measure be put over until next session for consideration. There should be consideration at this session, but it might be well to wait until next session before the measure is put up for decision. It is a matter of grave moment and should not be decided hastily.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The question of what to do about dirty, unrepresentative American embassies abroad would seem to be practically solved. The idea around the State Department, at least, is that you just keep transferring Ambassador Joe Davies from post to post. Or, to be more specific, you transfer the wealthy former Marjory Post—whom Joe recently married—from post to post.

Perhaps the way the boys at the department feel about the problem is best indicated by recalling the time when Davies, just appointed to his present ambassadorship at Moscow, asked Roosevelt what ought to be done about the Russian debt. The President wise-cracked back the suggestion that Mr. and Mrs. Davies assume it.

The old embassy at Moscow was treated to new bathtubs, plumbing, air-cooling and various other renovations when Ambassador and Mrs. Davies moved into it. The simple Russians were aghast at the display, according to cablegrams.

It was understood at the time that those twain would not stay in Russia long, but would be transferred to a livelier European capital. Right now the gossip about Mr. and Mrs. Davies emphasizes Berlin.

The American embassy at Berlin, it is pointed out, is the most beautiful in the world. It has one of the best locations in the city and this government paid \$1,700,000 for it. Unfortunately, fire destroyed the entire interior about the time of the purchase. Ambassador Dodd lives in a rented house. But, as they point out in whispers at the State Department, that interior offers a splendid opportunity for Ambassador and Mrs. Davies.

They Can Thank Garner
 The wealthy man recently named as tax evader can thank Vice President John Garner that they haven't been paraded down here before the joint tax evasion committee which has been hearing the Treasury officials tell how it's done and who does it.

Certain forces within the administration—including, perhaps, Roosevelt himself—had fondled the idea that the "evildoers" should be subpoenaed and asked to explain their tax returns. This would have been in line with the administration's vague general policy of seeking the rich and sharing the wealth.

But one of the last things Garner did before leaving town was to appoint the senatorial wing of the committee from among the oldest members. In point of service, of the Finance Committee, which meant the most conservative members such as King of Utah, Glass of Virginia, Harrison of Mississippi and George of Georgia. La Follette of Wisconsin went on because he happened to be the Finance Committee's highest ranking minority member. Most House appointments also were conservative.

The result was that the committee decided it wouldn't call witnesses except for the Treasury officials and the hearings have been quite tame. "Garner's last act of sabotage," say some of the disgruntled New Dealers.

Short Weight at Chains

The House of Representatives recently refused to pass a committee bill which would have imposed an income tax on residents of the District of Columbia—obviously because the lawmakers didn't want to tax their own incomes. One of its substitutes was a tax on chain stores, expected to yield \$750,000 and proposed by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas. This was another victory for Congressman Wright Patman of Texas, who is forever warring on the chains.

Of great aid to Patman and Dies in their propaganda for the bill was a report of local weights and measure officials, who secretly checked the weight of 81 purchases—dressed poultry being selected for the experiment—from the stores of one large chain. Of the 81 purchases, 68 were found to be short weight, 13 full weight and not one overweight.

"There must be some system there," declared Patman and the House voted for the chain store tax. (Copyright, 1937, NEA Service, Inc.)

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

SO much harm was done to people who endeavored to reduce their weights with dinitrophenol without adequate control that there exists throughout the United States today a definite apprehension of reducing weight by taking drugs of various kinds.

Many of the proprietary weight reducing remedies contain poisonous herbs and weeds which are of little importance. Some contain thyroid extract which should never be taken except under the advice of a doctor and only with a carefully controlled test of metabolism at the same time.

For a person whose thyroid gland is efficient in relationship to the functions of his body, the taking of thyroid extract is a menace to life and health. Dinitrophenol has been found exceedingly dangerous, since it produces catarsis in the eyes of some people. It does have the power of stimulating the burning of fat in the body, but it is questionable whether anyone ought to take the chance of reducing weight by such techniques.

Some people promote the starvation diet as a means of weight reduction. The chief danger of starvation diets is their failure to supply the body with the necessary vitamins and mineral salts, with the result that resistance to disease is definitely lowered and the blood impoverished.

The same applies to all of the one-sided diets which depend on the eating of a single substance or one or two substances per day. The human body does best with a well balanced diet. It is quite possible, as will be seen from the menus already published, to eat a wide variety of foods and still to keep the calories well below the amount for maintaining or even for decreasing weight.

The milk cure is useful when under medical control. On the other hand, the stomach and the intestines require a certain amount of active regularity in order to maintain their tone. A fluid diet results eventually in harm to these organs.

Most dangerous of all perhaps are those symptoms of weight reduction which depend on constant irritation of the intestinal tract by the taking of strong cathartics.

Salts are prescribed each morning and phenolphthalein or vegetable cathartics at night so as to keep the bowels constantly in action so that the food does not have time to be absorbed.

Such diet may produce an irritation or secondary infection with a resulting chronic inflammation which may be impossible to cure.

Union Church Services Here Sunday Evening

Reverend Brougner To Speak At Regular Services In First Baptist Church

By IRVING EDWARDS

(Register-Guard Church Editor)

REVEREND FRANK S. DELO, Lutheran minister, will deliver the sermon Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the opening of union services for Eugene during the summer months. The first meeting will be held at the First Baptist church, with W. P. Walters, secretary of the Eugene Ministerial association presiding.



J. Whitcomb Brougner, Jr.

As guest minister at the Baptist church Sunday, will be Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougner, Jr., who will speak at both the morning and evening services. Reverend Brougner is pastor of the First Baptist church in Glendale, Calif. He is a member of a well known family of Baptist ministers.

Churches in Springfield are also having union services, starting Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Claude O'Brien, pastor of the Springfield Christian church will deliver the sermon, at the Springfield Baptist church.

Patriotic Day

As Sunday is Independence Day, a number of the pastors are taking this opportunity to speak on patriotic topics, and the music in several churches will include the national anthem on this day.

The Danesh Lutheran church will have an Independence Day picnic on Monday, July 5, it was announced by Rev. Samuel J. Hansen, pastor.

At the Lighthouse Temple, Rev. Harry R. Neat will give his farewell sermon Sunday evening before leaving for Des Moines, Iowa, to take up his new work as secretary-treasurer of the Open Bible Standard conference, which has its headquarters in that city.

Concert Friday

On Friday evening, July 9, at 8 o'clock, the quartet from the Nazarene college in Nampa, Idaho, will give a regular program of music at the Church of the Nazarene here. Known as the "Messenger Quartet," the four are Kenneth Meacham, Ronald Lush, Guy Nease and Gerald Horsford.

Revival meetings will open Tuesday evening at the Church of Christ in Creswell, it has been announced. James Alley will be in charge of the services.

Central Presbyterian:
 Tenth and Pearl streets. Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Soul of America." Union evening service at Congregational church, 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., conducted by the elders.

First Congregational:
 Thirteenth and Perry streets. Williston Wirt, pastor. Sunday school, 11 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Soul of America."

St. Mary's Episcopal:
 Olive and Seventh streets. Rev. H. R. White, rector. Holy communion, 8 a. m. Holy communion with sermon, 11 a. m., topic, "The Life of the Spirit and the Life of Today." Young people's fellowship will not meet this Sunday.

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Emmaus Lutheran:
 Second avenue west. Rev. K. Nygaard, pastor. Morning service with holy communion. Confession service, 10 a. m. Regular service, 10:30 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.

First Baptist:
 Broadway and High streets. Dr. A. J. Harris, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Joy—A Little Word of Large Import from the Letters of Paul," by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougner, Jr. B. U. U., 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "Wake up and Live," by Rev. Mr. Brougner.

First Methodist Episcopal:
 Twelfth and Willamette streets. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Significance of Jesus for Today," by W. P. Walters, Wesley club, and Epworth League, 7 p. m. Evening union services, 7:30 p. m. First Congregational church.

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service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Balaam the Prophet who Loved Gold." Broadcast over KORE, 1 p. m. No evening service during the summer.

Open Door Mission:
 Pentecostal. At 251 Eighth avenue west. Walter B. Jones, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Children's church, 11 a. m. Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Mid-week services, Tuesday, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m. Prayer for the sick when requested.