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A Merited Conviction

Kirk DeJonge, communist leader and professional fomenter of turmoil in behalf of a proletarian revolution, has been convicted by a Portland jury of criminal syndicalism and sentenced to seven years in the state prison. A stay of execution has been granted pending appeal.

Characteristically, DeJonge refused to ask for the clemency recommended by the jury. He naturally would, for he is a fanatical crusader and seeks a crown of martyrdom for the cause, hoping thereby to become a cause celebre for national propaganda. It's the way of communist agitators.

The comparatively severe sentence plays into the hands of the communists, though the punishment was merited, for DeJonge and his associates preach the destruction of the republic by revolution, and avail themselves of the laws they defy only when called to account.

We are a very tolerant people and permit any kind of agitation which has for its objective change by peaceful methods provided under the constitution. It is only when change by violence is preached, supplemented by sabotage, bombing, rioting and bloodshed, that the law interferes for its own preservation. Deportation to Russia where communists can get a dose of their own medicine is the proper punishment, but as it is impossible in DeJonge's case, the only way left is to incarcerate him as a safeguard to society.

Trade and Diplomacy

The influence of trade upon diplomacy and international policy was never better shown than in the altered relations between Russia and Germany. Until the ascent of Hitler, the Soviet Union based its foreign policy on the maintenance of friendly relations with Germany, which the latter reciprocated, and was in turn given most of Russia's orders for industrial machinery.

With the triumph of nazi-ism, with its hostility towards communism and the Soviet government, Russia soon lost patience and when Berlin refused to modify its attitude, even in self interest, the Bolsheviks began to exercise diplomatic pressure on the nazis.

Russia joined the League of Nations and entered into a political understanding with the French, some reports going so far as to include an offensive and defensive alliance against German in case of war. These political movements have been effective principally in applying economic pressure. Russia cut down Germany's foreign trade to the minimum, and started paying off debts as a notice of ending business relations.

The continuing slump in foreign commerce has aggravated the prolonged domestic crisis in Germany, and its effect is apparent in the changed attitude of Hitler, who is displaying "unexpected amiability" towards Russia. Anti-Russian propaganda has ceased and a German credit of 200 million marks on easy terms has been sent to Moscow to revive trade. All of which proves that the Soviets are masters of diplomacy.

Election Comparisons

Figures for the election again emphasize the extraordinary number of people who fail to vote. The total vote cast in 1932 was 59.6 percent of the total potential—not registered—voting population. The 1934 vote was 44.7 percent of those entitled to register and vote. Of those registered, less than 60 percent voted. Why this is the case, no one seems to know, but every election records similar apathy, no matter the issues.

Republicans seek to gain comfort from the election statistics of 1934. The total vote was 29,808,071, of which the democrats cast 16,285,096 and the republicans 13,522,975, the percentage being democrats 54.6, republicans 45.3. In 1932 the total vote was 38,583,698, the Roosevelt vote 22,821,875, and the Hoover vote 15,761,841. The democratic vote of 1934 was 71.36 per cent of its 1932 vote and the republican vote 85.8 percent, indicating less republican loss than democratic.

The democrats point out, however, that the slump in democratic votes was in the south, where in an off year, the fight is all in the primaries, and the republicans put up no opposition and the election merely perfunctory. In some northern states, the republicans held their own or increased, but in others, like Pennsylvania and Indiana, they went to pieces.

In the light of congressional returns, only an optimist can find encouragement for republicans in the 1934 results.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 27—One of Mr. Roosevelt's best friends broke down and confessed of the record recently that the main reason for his being with the new deal was the new dealer.

Being one of them, he spoke with authority and his words dug deep:

"More and more every day this is getting to be a one-man show, not because the president wants it to be, but because so few men around him have the vision and capacity to take the load from him. It is singular, after all the big work done so far, that so few new dealers have distinguished themselves doing it."

"Everyone knows that the president has had to rely mainly on a few trusted old friends, college professors and army officers. He has practically exhausted these fields and the results could hardly be called sensational."

"If the new deal fails, it will not be because the policies were bad, but because they were badly administered."



Flying Wedge—The new dealers have shied away from talking about the bucket shop raids because the New York, Boston and Baltimore raids involved undercover tactics. The fact is that the raiding squad has adopted a flying wedge technique which is the latest accomplishment of new deal reform activity.

The squad is led by Big Tim Callahan, former All-American center at Yale, who knows football philosophy. When citizens complain of being gyped by a bucket shop, he turns the complaint over to Callahan. He descends on the brokerage house just before closing, to the door, closes the telephone line and establishes himself in the largest chair as a magistrate. No word or person goes in or out until Mr. Callahan has taken the testimony of all and looked over the records.

In Baltimore he kept a brokerage house locked all night.

The idea is to avoid all habeas corpus lawyers until Mr. Callahan makes a touchdown.

Excuse It, Please—This column was wrong in describing (Nov. 22) a particular letter written by A. F. of L. Chairman Green to the White House, submitting a list of demands. What happened was that Mr. Green wrote three letters (Nov. 25) to the White House submitting the demands of the A. F. of L. convention—not his own. In these letters he did not ask for an appointment with the president.

Ten days after Mr. Green wrote his letters he received three routine responses from the president's assistant secretary. These stated the A. F. of L. resolutions had been referred to various departments. That clears up the correspondence angle but does not alter the peculiar underlying situation existing between the White House and the A. F. of L. as described in that column. An effort to clear up the situation may be made when Mr. Roosevelt returns from Warm Springs.

Counting—The word has gone around on the inside that the republican New Mexican senator, Bronson Cutting, is going to be counted out in the senate.

That is why you saw Senator Norris say the other day that his friend Mr. Roosevelt made a mistake in opposing Cutting and Farmer-Laborite Senator Shipstead. Norris got wind of what is afoot and is trying to get the president to stop it.

Cutting's democratic opponent, Chavez, really believes he can make out a case in two counties. Also, he will make some charges about hiring automobile workers on election day in certain sections.

When an election is as close as that one, it is a simple matter for the preponderantly heavy democratic senate majority to resolve all doubts in favor of the democrats. That was demonstrated only a few years ago in the Brookhart case.

All the democrats will have to do is to find a legal pretext for cancelling a few thousand Cutting votes. Any 4-cylinder lawyer can arrange it without difficulty.

Notes—The latest is that the V. P. (You may recall his name is Garner) is not going to Warm Springs but will come direct to Washington around December 10. It looks as if he is not in an extra big hurry to get into the speaker-ship argument or the bonus compromise.

Secret Service Assistant Murphy permitted newsmen to inspect the counterfeit \$100 bills recently seized, but carefully counted them afterward to see that none was missing. Strangely, none was.

The leading FDIC Economist Fox is a nephew of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. Some time back he tried to get Morgenthau to give him a job. Morgenthau declined because he did not want to be accused of nepotism. So Fox got his job from FDIC Chairman Crowley, without Morgenthau's help, and now he just about runs the place.

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FLOWER SHOW BIG SUCCESS

North Howell—The chrysanthemum show and dance sponsored by the Home Economics committee was a big success and well attended. Music for the dance was furnished by the Patterson-Stevens orchestra. Several chrysanthemum growers were unable to exhibit but a very creditable display was put on by those exhibiting. Mrs. Sam Ames, Rholin Cooley and Mrs. Percy Brown of Silverton were the judges.

The following awards were made: Best basket—Diadema Cline 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Florence Oddie, 3rd. Basket, greatest varieties—Mina McIlwain, Turner, 1st; baskets and vases—Diadema Cline, 1st, Mary Waltman, 2nd, Florence Oddie 3rd. Single specimen of Turners—Mary Waltman 1st and 2nd, Florence Oddie 3rd. Varieties: single specimens—Mary Waltman 1st and 3rd, Florence Oddie 2nd. Bronze an dplink varieties, single specimens—Florence Oddie 1st, Mary Waltman, 2nd and 3rd. Mixed varieties: Vases and baskets—Diadema Cline 1st, Anna Dunn 2nd and 3rd; button varieties—Diadema Cline 1st and 3rd, Gladys Waltman 2nd. Amemone and garden varieties—Florence Oddie 1st, Diadema Cline 2nd and 3rd. Special award: Vase—Mina McIlwain; potted "mums"—Mary Waltman 1st, Florence Oddie 2nd.

Plans have been started for a chrysanthemum show for 1935 and every one is urged to collect varieties and plan to exhibit.

Brooks—Kreta Fae Ashbaugh, who was operated on for appendicitis a week ago, is recovering very rapidly and will be able to come home soon. She is the daughter of

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