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Paranoiac Rule

Italy has ordered 37 years of military fitness for every man in the kingdom, a life-time of "integral militarism" for citizens throughout the ages of 18 to 55 to "keep Italy strong." In addition military training starts at 8 years old in the boy camps, so there will be little in life except war or preparation for war in the life of Italians under Il Duce's dictatorship. To insure the supply of cannon fodder laws are being prepared to make marriage and families compulsory in both sexes by confiscatory taxation for the childless.

Much the same fate is in store for the Germans under Hitler's regime where all the people have to deny themselves foodstuffs for the war machine. Most of the energies of the people have been directed to preparation for war—it is the only flourishing industry. During the past year the air force has been tripled to a total of 2050 war planes and bombers while the army is larger than in the nation's history and frenzied building of warships proceeds.

Russia differs only in degree. The five year program was and the present program is merely camouflaged military preparation. The red army is now the largest in the world and the air force so large that the Soviet boasts the next war will be fought in the territory of the aggressor.

In all three of these dictator ruled countries, there is no individual liberty or freedom. The inhabitants are merely serfs of the state to be moved hither and thither and slain at will. All that makes civilization worth while has been sacrificed to mass for mass slaughter as occasion offers, for war threats of the dictators own creation, which have forced other nations to arm for their own protection.

When the conflagration starts as it may do any time, we can look for a repetition of the mass destruction of life and property on a much larger scale than Spain is experiencing, with a desolation of European civilization ushering in a new dark age of decadence. And all because the people submit to the rule of paranoiacs and sacrifice everything worth while in life.

"There Orta Be a Law"

Lobby-baiting by vociferous legislators, who make the rafters ring with condemnations of the ethics and practices of the third legislative house, may provide needed oratorical practice for members of the house and senate and add color to what has otherwise been a rather drab session, but it does not reflect any very extensive knowledge of their own business by the lawmakers.

During the current session there has been proposed at least one bill to require lobbyists to reveal their true identity and the interest they or their principals may have in pending legislation.

More than fifty years ago members of the assembly were faced with the same problem of controlling the activities of lobbyists. That they did something more than shout about it is disclosed by perusal of the statutes. Section 14-432, still in full force and effect, reads:

If any person, having any interest in the passage or defeat of any measure before, or which shall come before, either house of the legislative assembly of this state, or if any person, being the agent of another so interested, shall converse with, explain to, or in any manner attempt to influence any member of such assembly in relation to such measure, without first truly and completely disclosing to such member his interest therein, or that of the person whom he represents, and his own agency therein, such person upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail, not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

The law would seem adequate to suppress most of the evils of lobbying of which the members are biennially heard to complain, but there is no indication of their knowledge of its existence, nor record during recent years of its having been invoked.

There truly "orta be a law;" a law to compel legislators to acquaint themselves with existing statutes before they start clamoring for the enactment of new ones.

Generous Gamblers

Having failed to convince a majority of the senate and house of the legitimacy of their devices as adjuncts of valid business, the pin-ball and punch board interests now seek to buy legislative support of a measure permitting them to continue in operation with proposals to contribute to the cost of reducing old age pension limits.

For the privilege of muleting the multitude of a million or more dollars a year they propose to donate to the support of the aged \$50 a year for each pin-ball machine—less than the amount of a week's "take" of one machine in a good location.

For the same privilege they would contribute 6 percent of the retail value of a punch board, from which the profits run as high as 60 and 70 percent.

The solicitude of the gambling racketeers for the aged and infirm and dependent is indeed touching—to the extent of about a million dollars a year, until someone steps in to invoke the constitutional prohibition against lotteries, in which classification the courts have ruled all gambling devices to lie.

With such a licensing act provided to finance pensions it would only be a matter of a few months of litigation before the old people would be left holding the sack—with a law declaring them eligible and entitled to pensions, but with no funds with which to pay them.

Independent Clubs Start Play Tonight

Portland, March 3 (AP)—Nine independent basketball teams converged on Portland today for initial games in the district A.A.U. hoop play-offs to determine which quintet will meet the champion collegiate five for the right to compete in the national meet at Denver.

Only eight will go into the first round tonight, however. The trans-Pacific team of Port Orford and the Medford merchants will meet at 1:30 to decide which shall represent southern Oregon.

College teams will open their competition tomorrow night. Tonight's schedule: 6:30, Sherman's Packards vs. Multnomah club; 7:45, The Dalles vs. Rubenstein's of Eugene; 9:00, Mantle club vs. Longview Club Billards; 10:15, Bradford Clothiers vs. southern Oregon entrant.

Hubbard—Mrs. John Smolinsky left Wednesday morning for a week's visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Leary, to welcome the second grandson in the family, at Eugene. The boy, a week old now, has been named John Maxwell.

A Dog's Life



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 3.—Another one of those studies looking toward a complete overhauling of the federal tax structure is secretly under way in the treasury. The new under-secretary, Roosevelt Magill, is in charge.

The study was ordered for the good official reason that the income from social securities taxes has altered the picture of the government. In addition, there is the better unofficial reason that the mistakes of the last corporations' earnings distribution tax bill are being disclosed daily. Excellent methods of avoiding this tax have already been devised, and changes in it are merely being delayed until the additional experience with the March 15 returns are available for examination.

No official word has been spoken, but Magill is said to lean toward a flat, simple tax, say, 20 to 30 per cent, to replace the various corporations levies, or, at least, to eliminate the sliding scales.

Tax studies, of course, have become annual affairs. They develop usually at this time of the year, when the taxpayers, preparing returns, become angry enough to want to slap someone's bald pate. However, this one seems to hold some promise of getting beyond the departmental pigeon-hole. Some thing may be done before congress adjourns.

Checks and Balances—All the president's horses and all the president's men have apparently not been able to get the largest farm organization behind the court re-organizing plan.

The answer, or at least the legitimate excuse, seems to be that the American farm bureau federation rules limit its officials in committing the organization. They can only espouse causes agreed upon by the convention and the board. And there has been no expression on the court from either official source.

Thus, while Ed O'Neil, president of the federation, may take a personal stand with his close friend in the White House, he cannot officially indorse the president's move until a directors' meeting is held. True democracy, with checks and balances, still survives in the A. F. B. F.

Deception—It seems rural resettler Alexander really delivered that anti-southern speech which he did not deliver to the west-south harmony conference in Des Moines.

In case this does not make sense to you, consider these facts: The text of Dr. Alexander's speech was recalled and cancelled by an official announcement of the agriculture department here, which stated: "Dr. Alexander did not use this speech, but spoke extemporaneously."

But J. S. Russell, farm editor of the Des Moines Tribune, who sat a few feet away from Dr. Alexander, heard the good doctor say all the sharp things about southerners and southern statesmen which were contained in his text. Russell says that Alexander did not read from text, but made the same speech. Others who listened on the radio say they heard the same thing.

The evidence appears to make out a clear charge of deception against the agriculture department. The testimony of witnesses suggests that the department misled southern congressmen, who might have answered Dr. Alexander, into believing his attack was not delivered.

If so, this is the only convincing case on record in which the publicity disciples of the new order have succeeded in making the nation believe a speech was not delivered, when it was.

Good Start—New Philippine High Commissioner Paul McButt has already won the women's vote for 1940.

The White House probably would have changed his assignments to Marie Byrd land if it could have seen the way the female employees of the war department dropped army business coldly to see McButt sworn in. Women who would not look up to see Clark Gable do a jig left their desks and flocked about the door of the oath chamber. Mr.

Alien Restriction and National Defense are Asked by DAR Assembly

Corvallis, Ore., March 3 (AP)—A program for alien and immigration restrictions and for adequate national defense lay before the Oregon Daughters of the American Revolution at the conclusion of their state convention here today.

Passed at the final business sessions were resolutions favoring:

Deportation of illegal entrants and alien criminals.
Finger-printing of all aliens.
Reduction of immigration quotas from European nations and increased quotas from countries in the western hemisphere.

Increased defense facilities in the Pacific northwest.
Continued support of the reserve officers' training corps and the citizens' military training camps.

Another resolution favored a requirement that all teachers be willing to take an oath in defense of the constitution of the United States.

The resolution provided, however, that such oaths should not restrict courses of study in public schools.

Action on the resolutions followed an address by Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education, in which he pointed to American democracy as the final hope of the world against the tyranny of dictatorship.

Dr. Hunter said only by means of enlightenment and education can spread of tyranny be halted. He described George Washington as the first great world statesman.

The D.A.R. good citizenship cup went to Lillian Kopp, senior at the Roosevelt high school, Portland.

Named to the board of governors for the Champeez memorial cabin were Mrs. George Shaver of Waskena Park, Mrs. E. H. Barendrick of McMinnville, and Mrs. W. J. Wilson of Woodburn.

Speakers at the concluding banquet last night included Governor Charles H. Martin, Mrs. William A. Becker, national D.A.R. president, and Claude Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Governor Martin scored introduction of a bill providing that 200 convicts would win release under good-behavior credits.

He also urged application of the principles of initiative, thrift, industry, self-reliance, love of country and pride, and said "The government owes nobody a thing."

Groups aiding aliens in agitating against the government also were condemned.

He told the group: "I feel that I'm talking to the nation's greatest soldiers. The D.A.R. among other patriotic orders long has upheld those hardy virtues which will preserve our nation."

The report revealed that construction of 17 state armories received approval of the works progress administration at Washington. The largest of these armories, slated for construction in Portland, would cost \$805,000. The other two most costly armories would be located in Corvallis and Salem.

The report also mentioned extensive improvements made at Camp Clatsop at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000.

Honor Mrs. Harrells
Shaw—A surprise party was given Mrs. Glen Harrells in honor of her birthday at her home in Shaw Saturday evening, by her friends.

The evening was spent playing cards. Late in the evening a luncheon was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Browning of Aumsville, Mrs. Minta Mosler, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weakley and son Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brennan and Mrs. Lawrence McKay all of Salem, Ray Stoop of Bend, John Nuttman, Mary Nuttman and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harrells of Shaw.

Aumsville—Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. McClellan were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin Sunday.

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The Morning After Taking Carter's Little Liver Pills

Brutal Baby Murder Reveals Tale of Savagery and Horror Unsurpassed

New York, March 3 (AP)—Howard Magnussen, 26 years old, was charged with the murder and rape of 4-year-old Joan Morvan as police today reconstructed the crime. George Morvan, 26 year old father of the dark-haired child who died Monday afternoon, and Mrs. Norma Gatto, with whom he had been living in Queens, were booked on charges of felonious assault and improper guardianship.

All three were taken to the Manhattan police line-up. Magnussen is a brother of Mrs. Gatto. Assistant District Attorney James J. Conroy and James P. McGrath, of Queens county, said today that Magnussen admitted the criminal assault on the child Sunday afternoon. The crime was committed, police said, at the home of Magnussen's parents, George and Harriet Magnussen, at Huntington Station, Long Island.

Reconstructing a tale of savagery and horror, police detectives said the story of little Joan's death, the discovery of the crime, the conditions surrounding those involved, "made Tobacco Road" look like Park Avenue.

Suspicious that the child had not died from injuries supposed to have been suffered falling downstairs, McNutt looked his best in his double-breasted suit.

Attendants amused themselves by calculating what would be the correct odds on whether three such strong personalities as General MacArthur, President Quezon and McNutt would be able to find room in the Philippines to accommodate themselves comfortably. The answer was negative. McNutt is expected back within a year.

Mellowed—The most lonely figure in Washington now is the same one which was most powerful a few years ago.

The sole interest of former treasury secretary Andrew Mellon, now 81, is the art gallery gift he is contributing to the Capital. One member of congress who denounced Mellon regularly from the floor in former years is now remarking how eager he has found Mellon to be in disregarding expense to build this practical monument to art.

The only time the Capital sees Mellon now is when he walks around the block each morning for exercise.

Recreational Field Showing Progress
Silverton—Reports of the progress of improvements on the recreational field were made at the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening. Favorable reports were given of the possibilities of procuring WPA aid, of the plans for field and grandstand, lighting and other necessities of a first class athletic field. The committee includes W. L. McGinnis, L. C. Eastman, Guy W. DeLay, J. H. McCullough and E. Jay McCall.

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