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## A Fascist Fomented Revolt

Admissions of Hitler and Mussolini of the extent of German and Italian aid to Franco and the latter's ruthless slaughter of thousands of Spanish republicans have taken the romance out of the nationalist's cause in Spain and shown it is a relapse to barbarism. A victor's cause is a sorry one, when it has to be so needlessly stained by bloodshed and argues ill for the future of the united Spain.

Hitler admits that Nazi troops were sent to Spain in July, 1936, simultaneously with the outbreak of the Franco revolt and that this intervention was aimed not so much against "bolshivism" as against "Christian democracies." Instead of a few technicians, the Condor Legion was a unit of the German army 15,000 strong. The German navy and its submarines played a conspicuous role in the blockade that proved the decisive factor in defeating republican Spain.

Mussolini boasts that the Italian navy carried 100,000 soldiers to Spain between mid-December, 1936, and mid-April, 1937, altogether over 140,000 Italian troops. Active intervention began in July, 1936, when nine Italian bombing planes were sent to Morocco, to bomb the Spanish fleet and transport 5000 Moors to France. The Italian air force sent 6000 men who dropped 130,000 tons of explosives in 5,318 raids. The Italian navy seized the Balearic Isle, used its warships against the Spanish navy and its submarines to enforce the blockade of loyalist ports. Italian warships conveyed to Spain 4370 tanks, trucks and autos, 750 cannon and 40,000 tons of munitions.

Comparatively few of these Italian troops have returned to Italy, for only 23,000 participated in the victory celebration at Naples and at least 70,000 are reported to have remained there by the American Friends Service commission, despite Mussolini's promises of withdrawal, almost as many as there are Spaniards in prison. All of which indicates the war is not yet over, nor has Franco yet paid the bill for assistance rendered.

There is little question but that the Franco revolt was due entirely to Fascist plotting and that without German and Italian aid, the Nationalist cause would never have got anywhere.

## Inconceivable Surrender

More evidence of a concerted movement to centralize control of trade unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor is contained in a resolution proposed for adoption by the Oregon state federation in its annual convention in Eugene. The resolution calls for election of state officers by convention delegates, each casting one vote for each paid up member they represent, instead of by referendum vote of the members themselves.

At present state officers are elected through nomination by the convention, which nominations are referred back to the local unions and voted on by all members.

In view of its profession of faith in the principles of democratic government, it is difficult to conceive of the federation even entertaining such an autocratic proposition. Adoption of such a system would not only largely deprive union members of a direct voice in the selection of policy determining officers, but would open the way to perpetuation of control by self-crowned dictators.

Surely the federation has not so soon forgotten the disastrous consequences resulting from assumption of czaristic control of the teamsters union by Dave Beck, Al Rosser, et al—the black eye inflicted upon all organized labor in the state by their high handed, terroristic tactics and practices. Certainly they have not forgotten how many of their own members rallied last fall to the support of the anti-picketing bill as a rebuke to those who would so prostitute the name of organized labor.

Labor racketeering breeds and flourishes under just such conditions as this resolution would create. It is inconceivable that the rank and file of American labor would agree to surrender of the privilege of picking their own leaders.

## Earmarking a Dunce

President Roosevelt relegated one Washington press correspondent to the "dunce" gallery during his press conference yesterday when in reply to a direct question as to whether he would be a candidate for a third term the president told his interrogator to "go stand in a corner."

The rebuke was well deserved, not because of the timidity of the reporter in asking such a direct question—which the chief of the new dealers has invited—but in expecting a direct affirmative or negative answer to such an assinine query. No one with an ounce of political sense would expect the president to declare himself at this time, even if he has made up his mind to run again. To do so would be to sacrifice much of his strength in congress and openly attach a political significance to his every word and action henceforth.

Whether he is a candidate or not Roosevelt is going to have a heavy voice in selecting the next democratic contender. With him sitting astride the fence none of the hopeful aspirants are going to take a chance on incurring his opposition.

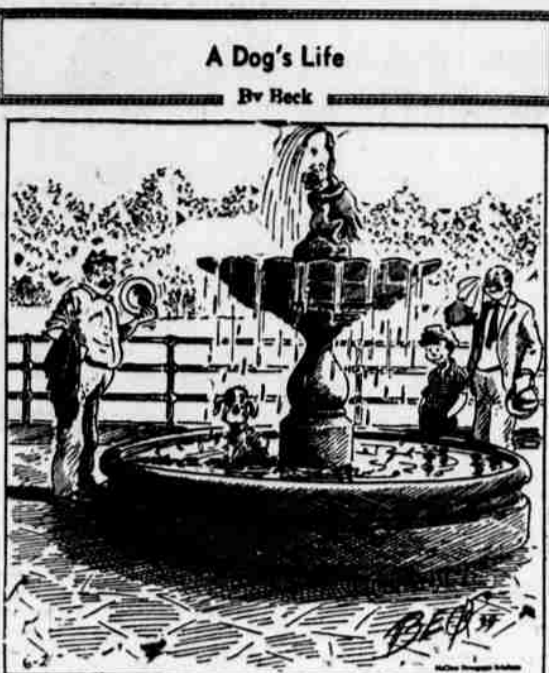
A declaration of his intentions at this time might easily precipitate unforeseen complications obvious to anyone not wholly a dunce.

## Chemawa Grange Will Hear Lafky

Chemawa Grange is sponsoring an open meeting for discussion of the public power issue by Herman E. Lafky, secretary and attorney for the Southwest Washington Utility District association. The meeting will be held Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock in the new Grange hall adjoining the Keizer school.

All phases of the program of Bonneville, the REA, and the PUD's of Washington and Oregon will be discussed. Public power, and farm organizations of Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Linn counties have been invited to send delegations to

the meeting, to report progress on the PUD movement. Mr. Lafky will also address Marion county Pomona Grange, meeting at Fairfield Grange hall today, on the same subject. The advisability of reviving and renewing the Marion county PUD campaign will be among the questions under consideration. Mr. Lafky was secretary of the sponsors in charge of the previous PUD campaign in Marion county, which carried in most of the rural areas, but was defeated by the overwhelming "no" vote in the city of Salem. W. E. Savage, master of Chemawa Grange, announces that there will be music and refreshments, with visitors requested to bring cake or sandwiches.



## A Dog's Life

By Beck

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The first firecracker of the Fourth season went off in our neighborhood toward twilight last evening and we went out of a chair in which, up to that time, we had been peacefully snoring. It is about time now for Mayor Bill Chadwick to issue a proclamation to which no one will pay any attention. A firecracker Fourth is always a glorious institution until it begins to interfere with a twilight nap and from then on the napper becomes interested in a safe and sane celebration.

Charley Claggett inaugurated a coffee diet for breakfasts this a.m. This resolution being forced on him by one of his compatriots yesterday, comparing Charley's physical development to that of Tony Galento in a rather disparaging way to Tony. "If he's two-ton Tony," said Charley's friend, "you're three-ton Charley and no fooling." The coffee diet is the result of Charley's sensitiveness about anyone referring to his mid-section growth, which he hopes to have down to fairy-like proportions by Thanksgiving day, when he can start in on another one.

## The Harried Congressman

(Cong. Record) "I do not think that I, as a member of congress, should pay an income tax to the District of Columbia. Let the man argue with me why I should. I am here representing a constituency from a great state. I am not here of my own volition. . . I would have to be here whether there was any local government. . . whether there was any police protection here or not, whether there was any fire protection, I would have to be here if we were living in tents. I have no choice in the matter."

"Can Business Men Save America?" is the pertinent question asked by a title of an article in the current number of Liberty magazine. We think a question "Can America Save the Business Man?" is a more urgent and topical one right now.

When the country saves the business man he'll be in a much better position and a more tractable mood to do it than he is right now.

Ed Keech, lawyer, and Warren Richardson, slipped over into a corner of the circuit courtroom late yesterday after conclusion of the day for the trial now going on there, and were in conversation for awhile before they noticed the room seemed completely deserted. They started to leave and Ed started to bust through the double courtroom doors in his usually hustling way with a result he almost broke his nose on the door. The clerk hadn't noticed, when he looked up, that he'd left anybody inside.

This is a grand valley. For instance, there's a patch of flax belonging to Jim Smith down St. Paul way. During our imitation drought here of some weeks ago Jim rowed that the flax wouldn't be worth a nickel an acre and there'd be no idea in pulling it. It now is up four and a half feet, or was, because it became so rank it has fallen over and will have to be pulled by hand. Where else can you find a climate where crops will cut up such antics in such a limited space of time? Our answer is, nowhere, regardless of what any outside Chamber of Commerce may aver.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press) **Key Situation** St. Louis—Even the police couldn't close one of their district stations when it was to be abandoned.

Superintendent of Buildings Joseph Farrell couldn't find the key for the doors. They hadn't been locked since the building was opened in 1888.

**Half the Battle** Ramseur, N. C.—If the adage is true that one has lived half his life when the wisdom teeth come through, Mrs. Ora Petty has a cheerful future. She has cut her last one at 80.

**Help! Police!** Denver—Ita Sneary got into an argument with a man. The man pulled a knife. Sneary skinned up a pole and telephoned police. He installs telephones for a living. All he has to do is connect his portable phone to a wire and tell the operator to send the law.

**Mixed Blessing** San Angelo, Tex.—Long needed rains brought only hard luck to Ranchers Findlater and Webb. A flock of 300 of the firm's sheep was trapped in a ravine by a "flash flood." All drowned.

**Defense for Kelly Ready** Seattle, June 21 (AP)—U. S. district attorneys, playing the unusual role of defense counsel, were ready today to open their side of the case in the second degree murder trial of Edward T. Kelly, federal alcohol tax unit agent.

A flood of medical testimony tending to show that Frits W. Mueller died as a direct result of blows inflicted by Kelly when the latter attempted to arrest him June 20, 1937, closed the prosecution's case last night.

Efforts of U. S. District Attorney J. Charles Dennis and his aides to shake the testimony of Dr. H. J. Lang, Mueller's personal physician, and Dr. Gale Wilson, county autopsy surgeon, failed. Both agreed Mueller died from a cerebral hemorrhage caused by a blow on the left temple.

The prosecution is being directed by Deputy Prosecutor Charles C. Ralls and John A. Burns for the state. The trial is being held in federal court.

## Kelly Says:

President Clever With Heat Gun  
Refugee Fund Subscribed in U. S.  
Mrs. Roosevelt Can't Boss Ickes  
By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C. June 21—Very cleverly the administration is literally turning the heat on congress to force the legislators to enact the "cash and carry" neutrality bill and adjourn. Prolonged sessions break down members, cause death. No one knew that better than Senator Copeland, himself a physician, who went around warning his colleagues to "ease up," yet worked so hard that he cracked-up and died a year ago.

Unobtrusively, Dr. George W. Calvert (navy medic), physician for the 531 members of congress plus the office staffs—has distributed cards with advice to lawmakers in this hot season. Most important hint to keep the blood pressure proper: "Accept the inevitable (don't worry)." Implication is that President Roosevelt will have his way, so congressmen should not get steamed up over this inevitable fact.

## They Want to Go Home

Every senator and representative sits up and takes notice when his health is a stake. No burning issue is so all-important that a member is willing to take chances on impairment of his health or the prospect of pushing up the daisies by remaining in Washington merely to cast a vote one way or another. Oldsters are preparing to flee; Virginia's Glass; Nebraska's Norris, and other burdened with few years. Members work in air conditioned auditoriums and private offices, but when they emerge they face a furnace-like blast and sleepless nights get them down. These are warnings adroitly slipped to the members; causes them to think.

But the group of senators who have banded together to oppose the "cash and carry" neutrality program desired by the administration are iron men, heat-resistant lawmakers of the do-or-die breed. They threaten to keep congress in session "until the snow flies," as one expressed it. President Roosevelt knows he has enough votes to pass the bill in the senate if it comes to a vote, but there is the hitch; bringing it to a vote, with a half dozen togamen prepared to fight it out if it takes all summer by using filibuster tactics.

## White House Impatient

The opponents, this coterie, are willing to adjourn, provided the president will be satisfied to have a vote taken next January; otherwise they are ready to talk until next January. It is as simple as that. However, the White House does not wish to wait. The president craves action immediately. Hence, the "accept inevitables (don't worry)" health warnings placed where every senator can read them.

Opponents have been holding meetings and the Pacific coast is well represented: California's Hiram Johnson; Oregon's McNary; Washington's Bone; Idaho's Borah and Clark; Nevada's McCarran. Others are Wisconsin's LaFollette; Kansas' Capper; Michigan's Van-

## Straightening Of Highway Hinges on Funds

Roseburg, Ore., June 21 (AP)—Assurance the Pacific highway bottleneck between Roseburg and Grants Pass will be reconstructed as rapidly as funds become available was given last night by Governor Charles A. Sprague and Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission. Governor Sprague and Mr. Cabell were the principal speakers at a banquet given here following a trip of inspection by the governor and his party of highway department officers over the North Umpqua road.

Speaking of the commission's plans for reconstruction of the Pacific highway, Mr. Cabell declared the Roseburg-Grants Pass section will be undertaken as soon as the \$13,000,000 project is completed to the California state line. The remaining work in the Siskiyou section, he said, probably will be started this year.

The work between Roseburg and Grants Pass will be the most expensive on the entire length of the Pacific highway in Oregon, he said, and must progress slowly due to the limited funds available, unless special federal aid is secured. In the event of passage by congress of the McDonald bill, or other program aid to states in road construction, the Roseburg-Grants Pass section will receive first consideration from the highway commission, Mr. Cabell declared.

Governor Sprague, in addition to pledging attention to the Pacific highway construction, told the large audience capacity at \$1 month and no per diem or expenses. Mrs. Rohde, first woman appointed minister to a foreign country had to resign that position when she married the captain of the king's guard in Denmark. State department will not tolerate its foreign service officers marrying an alien.

## No Job for Ruth

Harold Ickes takes orders from President Roosevelt in matters political, but Lady Eleanor cannot get to first base with the secretary of the interior. Mrs. Roosevelt sent Ickes a nice little note (White House stationery) asking him to give Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde a job as "travel advisor" to the president, placing her on the payroll of Secretary Ickes' travel bureau. It was at the president's suggestion, explained Mrs. Roosevelt, with the hope that Mrs. Rohde could line up "certain old line democrats" to enact legislation for the travel program. On the margin of the note Ickes wrote: "Not approved. H. L. I." Subsequently Ickes gave the daughter of William Jennings Bryan an appointment in an

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