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A Little More Light, Please

When a governmental department, federal, state or local, lends itself and its facilities and payroll lists to the interests of some particular private business enterprise—as the census bureau has obviously been doing in the case of the Charis Corporation, of Allentown, Pa.—the public has a right to demand that more light be shed on the details of the deal, which has all of the earmarks of a racket engineered by someone in authority for personal or political purposes.

Someone high in authority in the census bureau patently had a hand in the scheme whereby employees of the bureau—enumerators, hand-picked by census officials—were solicited by the Charis company to become its sales agents, letters of solicitation being distributed without charge by the bureau.

Most ready-made "sucker lists" usually command high prices by concerns seeking large numbers of sales agents or doing an extensive mail order business, and there is no reason to believe that the Charis company is any exception in this instance. At least it is pertinent to enquire why this company was so favored, and by whose authority. That there was something questionable about the deal is indicated by the anxiety of census officials to recall the solicitation letters they had sent out and thereby suppress evidence of the questionable scheme.

The district supervisor of the census in this area, in a letter to one enumerator who had been solicited, wrote:

A few days ago on orders from Washington I sent you a letter from the Charis Corporation, regarding employment with that organization. This looked funny to me at the time and I now have orders to kill the release.

In view of the implications contained in the arrangement between the census bureau (or someone in it) and the company, it would seem that a congressional inquiry would not be entirely out of order.

More Mob Hysteria

A communication in the Open Forum calls attention to mob attacks against the religious sect known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," who have been made victims of hysteria generated by the war. These people have proven by their record—now some 35 years in Salem—as law-abiding, order loving, good citizens, though non-conformists and conscientious objectors. They are not in any way involved in "fifth column" activities—at least there is no proven instance. Their rights are guaranteed both by the federal and state constitutions and by a long list of supreme court decisions. The first article in the federal Bill of Rights provides:

Freedom of religion, speech and press and right of petition. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

In recent decisions the supreme court held that Jehovah's Witnesses were within their rights in distributing propaganda in crusades for converts. It also in another decision held that school boards were within their rights in establishing rules requiring compulsory salute for the flag to inculcate patriotism, in a case where children were dismissed for failure to salute because their cult teaches that only God should be saluted.

There is danger of great injustice being done worthy people by unreasonable lynch law in the name of patriotism. But patriotism requires observance of the law and there exists ample legal machinery to deal with "Trojan horses" and an especial secret service force to deal with traitors. It is hoped that the disgraceful scenes enacted elsewhere will not be repeated.

The Same

Commenting upon the defeat of his countrymen, an old vigneron of Bordeaux, who had fought the Germans twenty years ago, whose father had fought them in 1870 and whose son was then in the French army, insisted that the French people as a whole were to blame. He asserted:

They had let their boasted democratic form of government become an incubator for the production, not of statesmen, but of politicians who were expected to bring money and patronage home to their constituents. The people had reached a state where they looked no further than the parish pump; were always speaking of their duties, but never their duties. Taxes levied ostensibly for national defense, and grudgingly paid, were diverted and used for pork barrel, social reform and relief purposes.

"It has become evident," he said, "that our parliamentary form of government has failed, but we persisted in our errors—we persisted in leveling the nation down, and in imagining that the state would prove an everlasting milk cow."

The old wine-grower felt that his country had become Godless and lacking in ideals; that its people had come to believe that the proper duty of man was to arrange an easy way of life, individualistic to the point of selfishness and that, while all were democratic in spirit, they had been far too much concerned with self.

There was evidence on every hand, the Frenchman stated, that the French people had traveled the wrong road. Their awakening was rude. His prayer was that the good people of America, who were traveling a similar route, would profit by the mistakes of France—profit in time to save what little is left of democracy.

Aircraft Production

It is reported that aircraft production is rapidly on the increase and will reach 25,000 units of at least 1000 horsepower each by next March. More than half of the heavy aircraft engines are going to Europe. Plant enlargements and additions are being made on every hand and reports would indicate that within a year we will be in positions to take care not only of Britain's needs, but of our own.

Let us hope, however, that the reports we are receiving are founded on facts and not on hooey, as in the last war. Never were people so cruelly deceived as were ours at the hands of our own paid propagandists. Through reports for the press, we were led to believe that the skies of Europe were black with good old United States planes, but, at the war's end, when an inventory was taken and the actual number on foreign soil reported, the people were shocked.

The propagandist got away with all but murder in the last war and the people haven't forgotten that fact. It's going to be much more of a job to fool them this time.

Popular People

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Reports indicate a rush last week on the state liquor store and on tobacco dispensaries for liquor in gallons and cigarettes in cartons to beat out the tax which became effective today. This is indicative of one of the sacrifices the folks are willing to make to swell the national defense funds, the boys with the dough getting in under the wire. But no matter how much was saved the boys can be assured the government is going to get the do, re, mi for the airplanes and battleships in one way or another so if they did have to sacrifice some cash in advance to save some pennies on life's necessities it will all be paid sooner or later by somebody, somehow. And this is only the first nick. A little later it will no doubt be a gouge.

A more likely form of economy has shown up in the resurrection in at least one place of an old cash register attachment which keeps track of the taxes as they are paid. This was in use during the World War and abandoned as there was a let down on the war tax. It may be that this time a bigger and better attachment will be needed before the latest drive is over.

A Winning Voice from Wonderland (Republican Convention Note in Philadelphia Inquirer)

One of the most winning voices among the delegates who haven't mounted the spotlighted platform belongs to F. S. Lampert, a delegate from Salem, Ore., who looked snappy yesterday in a white gabardine with brown and white shoes. It's his second visit in Philadelphia. He's vice chairman of the Oregon group. And he thinks the hospitality here "has been wonderful."

The reporter who wrote foregoing should hear Fred yell "fore" on the golf course. He must be one of these double voiced lads.

Farley Mogan, the state's hand-some state cop, carries a rabbit's foot on his key chain which he says hasn't failed him yet. He keeps it in most fastidious condition by having it dry cleaned every so often and allows no one else to touch same lest it be contaminated by outside influences.

Apparently the utilities committee of the city council is figuring on chiseling the city light costs to such an extent that maybe it is this committee that has been chiseling down the stone entrances to the central fire department.

The year is half over, which is a pretty good demonstration of how time flies.

The food stamp sale got off to a good start. This being also a good demonstration of making two rabbits pop up where before there was but one.

Watson Eastman Dies in Portland

Portland, July 1. (AP) — Watson Eastman, 74, founder and president of the Western Cooperative company and president of the Hawley Pulp and Paper company, died at his home here Sunday.

Eastman, born at New Sharon, Me., founded the Vancouver Cooperative company at Vancouver, B.C., more than 50 years ago. Others were located at Los Angeles and Aberdeen, Wash.

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Paid Workers Busy at Philadelphia

Willkie Has Oomph Needed for Campaign

By John W. Kelly

Washington, July 1.—Just to keep the record straight it should be said that no man ever dodged a vice presidential nomination with greater agility than Oregon's Charley McNary, republican leader of the United States senate. Each of the major contenders for the presidential nomination at the Philadelphia convention ran McNary ragged urging him to take the last half of the ticket.

What each of the aspirants wanted was the pulling power the Oregon senator could give to the national ticket in two large votes; agriculture and the colored vote. Both of these votes, prior to the new deal in 1932, were fundamentally republican but were wanted away by Mr. Roosevelt. Senator McNary has a record on farm legislation known in the farm belt and his contacts with colored leaders have somewhat offset the new deal drift.

Willkie Sent Airplane

Persistent Thomas E. Dewey, New York county attorney, personally and on the phone attempted to have McNary form a ticket with him. Similar overtures were made by the Robert Taft camp, and Wendell Willkie, failing repeatedly to see McNary personally, dispatched a representative to Washington by airplane to make the proposition. So confident were the three that they would "land" the Oregon senator that Philadelphia newspapers carried banner lines that the ticket would be Willkie and McNary; Taft and McNary; Dewey and McNary.

Not wishing to be involved in the intrigues of the rival aspirants, McNary fled from the convention city back to his office in the national capital after he had visited with the Oregon delegation. During the baiting McNary's phone bell rang minute by minute as Dewey or others tried to reach him and ask that he release the 10 votes and turn them over to that or that.

Money Flows Freely

Following Willkie's nomination at 2 a. m., managers continued phoning McNary until the convention reassembled to fill the ticket.

There has never been a republican convention where such evidences of money were displayed. Dewey, Taft and Willkie had almost unlimited financial resources. Expenses of some delegates and "workers" were paid by the several major candidates (this does not exempt Oregon and Washington). No one had to buy a meal or a drink in Philadelphia. Incidentally, the liquor was Scotch because it is lighter than American whisky which must be 100 proof under the law. Nice young girls were everywhere to distribute flowers, buttons or badges.

Not Held Against Him

Although a utility executive has been anathema during this administration it will be small handicap to Willkie and notwithstanding he was a democrat four years ago this is not held against him because Hoover was not a republican until shortly before he was nominated at Kansas City. Finally, of all the aspirants presented to the convention, the long, rangy Willkie was the best selection that could have been made for a belligerent campaign. He has won fights from the new dealers; "cleaned" Attorney General Jackson

in debate; "licked" TVA when it undertook to destroy the power company of which he was manager; he can match his success career with that of Mr. Roosevelt.

It Will Be a Fight

Politically Willkie has "it" and in this respect surpasses Landon, Hoover, Coolidge or any other republican candidate back to the time of Teddy Roosevelt. Not since T. R. has the republican party indulged itself with a nominee so full of vim, vigor and vitality. It requires more than a plug hat and a frock coat and tons of dignity to win a presidential election in these stirring days. That is why the inexperienced Dewey won crowds, why the competent but stodgy Taft did not.

Willkie belongs to that same type of democrats in the senate who do not approve of all new deal legislation yet refuse to change their registration as Willkie did. Mr. Roosevelt who enjoys a fight will have one with Willkie.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer

To the Editor:—Having heard so much lately over the radio of the mobbing of Jehovah's Witnesses in various parts of the United States, I feel constrained to write a few words of protest and raise my voice against such violence and injustice. How strange that in this country which is supposed to be "the land of the free and home of the brave" we should hear of one thousand people attacking two women and children because they worshiped their God according to the dictates of their own consciences. What courage that must have taken and what a brave mob that must have been! And the peculiar part is that the individuals composing these mobs consider themselves extremely "patriotic," yet at the same time they violate the laws of the land, and go directly against the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of conscience to all.

Stranger still, while we hear of fresh mobbings nearly every day, not once have we seen or heard of any order-loving person rising up and demanding that such outrages should cease, and not bring reproach and shame on America's fair name.

Everyone who knows these Jehovah's Witnesses personally know they are law-abiding citizens, and to accuse them of being unpatriotic or fifth columnists is doing them a real injury.

For 35 years I understand they have been carrying on their work, and holding weekly meetings in Salem, and have been no menace to the community in any way, and what they are here they are in other places.

Let all who love liberty and justice speak up and condemn such action, and at least let the courts do the judging.

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Ocean Seen First Time

Monmouth — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lofting and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Bond and infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bond, Richard and Carl Bond, and the Bonds' house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Riggins and two children of Hugo, Okla., made a motor trip down the coast highway to Florence. This is the Riggins' first trip to the west and the family had its first view of the Pacific ocean.

The Berlin government has made a number of new regulations in an effort to increase butter production.

Journal Want Ads Pay

Salem Sketches by Will Danch



"Now just one more thing before we start—you're sure Sports Editor Fred Zimmerman has all the details straight on this hunt?"



Coast Trip Enjoyed

Clear Lake — Miss Mary Ham-mack accompanied Mr. and Mrs. S. Van Pelt, Miss Esther Callison and Richard Van Pelt on a trip Sunday which took them to points along the coast including Astoria, Cannon Beach, Seaside and Tillamook. At Astoria they climbed the Astor tower. They also saw where the new naval base is to be erected along the Columbia river.

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