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## Defense and Politics

Dispatches state that a "high rating army officer" has disclosed to a United States senator that the army and navy bomb sight, this country's No. 1 military secret, has been released to the British over the protest of both army and navy ranking officers. He also states that the Roosevelt administration has agreed to let the British have more than half of the army's 46 "flying fortress" bombers, the most powerful built. General Arnold, chief of the air corps, refused to confirm or deny, with a terse "no comment."

These rumors have been current for some time, but previously have been denied, just as the sale of the 50 "obsolete" destroyers was denied up to the date the president announced it. It is also rumored that the transfers of these flying fortresses, coupled with the leasing of British bases in the Pacific for joint use, including Singapore, will be one of the grandstand plays to be made in the president's political speeches before election, in the expectation of increasing his popular support.

All of which makes one wonder who we are arming for, the defense of the United States or the defense of Britain, and whether defense spending is not merely third term defense. The president has returned to the days of secret diplomacy and takes no one into his confidence, least of all congress. Just what secret agreements have been made with Britain? How far has the president involved us in war? We, the people who will have to do the fighting and pay the bill, have the right to know, unless we have already lost our rights to the "indispensable" man.

The sudden departure of the British ambassador by plane for London, and the departure of the American ambassador for home, at this critical crisis, seem to indicate that some important deal is under way, necessitating secret diplomacy, instead of "open covenants openly arrived at."

## "Wake Up, America"

For nearly 40 years Hiram Johnson has carried the banner of progressivism in California following his battles that broke-up the corrupt political machine that dominated California and San Francisco. Elected governor in 1900, re-elected in 1914, resigning in 1917 on his election to the senate where he has served conspicuously since and is nominee of all parties for re-election this year. He was one of the founders of the progressive party in 1912 and Theodore Roosevelt's running mate on the ticket.

Senator Johnson supported Franklin D. Roosevelt both in 1932 and 1936 for the presidency. In a radio address Friday evening he announced his support this year for Willkie and McNary, in a solemn warning to the American people not to be misled on November 5. He said:

For the first time in the history of the nation, we have a third-term presidential candidate, and this presents in greater degree than a flaming war with its cruel destruction of peaceful nations a crisis purely American. This is the greater crisis, and perhaps is more far-reaching than any other, for it may mean the preservation of the last fortress of democracy on this earth. . . . I speak from a full heart, just as an American, and I choose in this campaign the man opposed to the third term. It makes no difference to me whether his chance of election be of one sort or another. It makes a vast difference that I shall preserve that which has been most dear to me in my life—my independence and my country's weal. . . . Now, in secrecy and stealth, with the aid of all the boss-ridden cities of America, is it (the third-term tradition) broken? Wake up, Americans, ere it is too late!

No one has even questioned the honesty and patriotism or ability of Hiram Johnson. His warning should be heeded ere it be too late.

## The Farmers (?) Who Benefit

Just who the farmers are who really benefit from the New Deal's policy of subsidizing crop curtailment and placing a premium on scarcity, instead of guaranteeing the American producer his home market at parity prices and protecting him in it, is revealed in a press dispatch from Washington early this year.

Washington, March 5 (AP)—The biggest single beneficiary of the New Deal's farm bureau in 1937 was the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. An agriculture department report to congress Monday revealed that it was paid \$237,095 in AAA benefits on farms it owns.

Nearly all the top payments went to life insurance companies and banks, which have become large-scale owners of farms on which mortgages have been foreclosed.

Three and three quarters million farmers and corporations shared in the distribution of benefits for the year 1937, the dispatch discloses, of which 11 received more than \$100,000 each and 12 between \$50,000 and \$100,000; 272 farmers and corporations received more than \$10,000 each, and 549 received \$5,000 or more.

Quoting further from the aforementioned dispatch: After the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, the next biggest payments went to the Prudential Insurance company of America, \$231,158, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S., \$206,962.

The average payment to the rest of the 3,750,000 farmers and operating companies was \$75 each.

These benefits were paid to the farm owners and operators not for what they produced, but for what they failed to produce. And still the nation's warehouses and grain elevators are stuffed with surplus hold-over crops operating to further depress the current market.

## The "Indispensable Man"

There are those to whom President Roosevelt is truly the "indispensable man," according to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the illustrious "Teddy," in an address delivered at Salt Lake City. Among them he listed:

Boss Kelly of Chicago, spearhead of the Roosevelt third term drive at the democratic convention, who has admitted an income of \$724,000 during 19 years when his salary as a public official amounted to \$151,000; Boss Nash, Kelly's right hand man and assistant chief of the Chicago machine; Moe Rosenberg, Chicago junk dealer and political fixer who confessed to handing out half a million dollars to politicians in one year; Bob Schweitzer, Chicago city clerk for many years, whom auditors found \$400,000 short in his accounts; Frank Zintack, found \$26,000 short in his accounts as clerk of the superior court and who said he loaded the money to judges; Mayor "Boss" Hague, of Jersey City, and Boss Ed Flynn, patronage king of the Bronx.

To them "President Roosevelt is certainly the indispensable man," said Col. Roosevelt, "for if he is not reelected the country will dispense with them."

## A Dog's Life

By Beck



## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Horatio Alger books were the favorite mental pabulum of youth about the time of George Waters. Whether he slept himself in this literature, we have no means of knowing. But the story of his life in many particulars bewed pretty close to the line of Mr. Alger's favorite and apparently single plot, the boy who succeeded by diligent effort and adhering to the rules of a young democracy where free enterprise still played some part and opportunity was at hand for the grasping and the hanging on. George Waters made playtime possible for a lot of the boys and girls in Salem although youth for him was not much of a playtime. Hard work was most of the play he had until manhood and this may have been one of the reasons why in later life he enjoyed all forms of sport, perhaps beyond the enjoyment allotted to the average man. He not only enjoyed sports but he did by far more than his fair share to make their enjoyment possible for others. In a time of his life when \$1,500 was a fortune for him, or for most any small town young man, he cheerfully blew \$1,500 to the winds to give the town a ball team of note. And in late life he spent a real fortune to give the town another ball team. These matters are well known to everybody. There are also matters not so well known of numerous small businesses both in Salem and in a wide radius around Salem started with Waters money and maintained through years of assistance from the same source. The sum and substance of these will never be known but they were and are many. George was among the new left who were born poor in America, as stated, of free enterprise, who were unafraid to tackle the world and did so with a large measure of success. It will be long, if ever, before we see the like of their breed and backbone again.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

**Too Much Static?** Indianapolis—Two negro burglars caught in a downtown office were not good listeners. One, police said, carried a portable radio tuned to the call which sent officers to the place.

**Lickety Split** Philadelphia—Neighborhood cats were first on the scene when a milk wagon upset. More than 20 lapped up the stuff from 192 broken bottles.

**Costly Kick** Nebraska City, Neb.—This dog got kicked in the face by a pheasant and lost a championship.

"Spud" owned by Robert Poggeneyer, reached the finish in a field trial and was sent out to retrieve a pheasant that had been shot down. But the pheasant turned its back and kicked Spud in the face. He dignifiedly impaled and his mouth gashed, Spud refused to retrieve the bird in the allotted time.

**Bargain Rates** Minneapolis—The 1929 model car which Patrick N. Murphy bought for \$15, was picked up by police because of seven delinquent tags and hauled to a garage at a towing cost of \$2.25.

Murphy offered to give the garage proprietor the car if he would settle for the tags—\$14.

The garage man's towing charge and rent brought the total bill to \$19.75.

A junkman would offer no more than \$5, so the car is still at the garage and the proprietor is still wondering about his fee.

## Second Card Series Offered by Society

Mt. Angel—St. Ann's Altar society is inviting all to come to the second of their series of card parties which will be held in the St. Mary's auditorium Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Prizes for each five tables of "500" will be given. Following cards the committee will serve lunch in the dining room.

Assisting the chairman, Mrs. Tony Miller, are Mrs. George May, Jr., Mrs. M. Mucken, Mrs. P. G. Giesner, Mrs. Dan Murphy, Mrs. N. G. Mickel, Mrs. J. Mollenber, Mrs. Mary Olivanti, Mrs. Andrew Oster, Mrs. Otto Oswald, Mrs. Opolska and Mrs. Christine Paul.

## WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE

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## Kelly Says:

News Reporter Spurs Plane Making Plant Expansion Curbed by Government Politics Played With Lewis Unions

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Oct. 21.—Credit for spurring the army into greater activity in the production of airplane belongs to a newspaper reporter, not a brass hat, not the White House nor the National Defense Advisory commission. This newsman, by his own investigation, discovered that the manufacturers of planes were lagging on the job. It was his inquiry that revealed that factories with several million dollars worth of orders were working five days a week; that two and two and one-half shifts were being employed at a time when the cry was for speed and the American people imagined all industrial wheels were whirling to produce defense weapons.

With plenty of pictures and publicity in the press, General Arnold, chief of the air corps, and Bill Knudson, procurement director of NDPA, flew around the country inspecting plants. This trip was to impress the public, to create the idea that no stone was being left unturned to rush the completion of orders. That trip was ballyhoo. Neither the general nor Knudson discovered what a newspaperman did—that the defense program was falling down.

## Expose Brings Results

After the expose by the news man orders were issued to the plant manufacturers that they must work full time, 24 hours a day, and three shifts. Remember that the big plane program was supposed to be started months ago and production at this time was supposed to be around 2,000 planes a month. For months the public has been told that all was going well and at top production. It has not been. Knudson spilled the beans himself when he made a speech saying production was now about 925 planes a month, which is much less than half the schedule called for.

But the manufacturers were not alone to blame. The higher-ups, after the orders were given, did not stand around and see that the full capacity of the plants was utilized. Only about 60 to 65 percent of capacity was used when the reporter gathered his data.

With British spokesmen asking for everything as quickly as possible and the defense program requiring shipment at the earliest possible moment, the plants fiddled along, losing two days a week, when every minute was precious and an idle plant for a single day represented serious loss in a period of danger.

## Financing Knotty Problem

Were there other matters which held back production. One of these was pointed out in this column months ago—the knotty problem of taxation and amortization of plants filling defense orders. Only a few days ago Mr. Roosevelt signed a bill solving this question, which was first brought to the attention of the administration by navy officials 24 months ago. The point at issue was this: To fill certain orders plants had to be expanded and special equipment installed, and the equipment was worthless for producing anything but a certain defense article. Manufacturers were disinclined to finance this expansion and then be soaked by the government on the outlay.

Until this matter of amortization of plant and an agreement on taxes was settled, nothing was done by the factories. It will be next year before many will reach the production stage.

## Employers Again Victims

Another reason for delay was a desire on Mr. Roosevelt's part to keep CIO in mood to vote for him in November. Sidney Hillman, formerly a vice-president of CIO, in charge of labor for the National Defense Advisory commission, ob-

tained an opinion from Attorney General Robert Jackson that a decision of NLRB is binding until a court makes a decision. Under this ruling NLRB can declare any employer as violating the labor act and no government agency, army or navy, could give a contract to such an employer. The effect would be to blacklist any concern suspected of violating the labor law. There are 200 such firms now under the ban. Purpose of the Jackson-Hillman move was to enable NLRB to place employers in a straight jacket if they wanted a government order. Army and navy, however, have decided to disregard the Jackson opinion and ignore NLRB — army and navy officers contend it is not their business to enforce laws, compel workers to join unions before getting a job on a government contract, but it is their business to see that munitions and other equipment are made available.

Still another reason for delay: With war raging in Europe and in Asia, nothing was being done by the administration in seeing that necessary machine tools were being accumulated for our own national defense. Japan, Russia, England, the Scandinavian countries, were acquiring machine tools in the United States and importing them for their own war program. Army officers knew what was going on but could not obtain funds and when the administration woke up to the need and shortage of machine tools none but second-hand were available—some 20 years old.

## 6 Die When Plane Strikes Parachute

Marianna, Ark., Oct. 21 (AP)—The civil aeronautics authority planned today to investigate a mid-air accident in which six persons were killed after a sightseeing plane became entangled in a stunt man's parachute at an air show and plunged 500 feet to earth.

Eyewitnesses said the plane was circling slowly around the descending parachutist yesterday to give four passengers a close-up view. The craft became enmeshed in the parachutist's shrouds and plunged downward, carrying the parachutist with it.

The dead: Paul Nalejawa, 30, Brownville, Minn., the parachutist; George Zorn, 30, Greenville, Miss., the pilot; Lawrence De Marke, 30, Marianna laundry owner; Paul Bowls, 35, former marshal at Bricks, a nearby town; J. M. Cook, 55, a plantation owner who lived near Marianna; and Joe Campbell, 34, FortRae City.

Nalejawa's final leap, which started from another plane at an altitude of 3,000 feet, was billed as his 181st. He started parachute jumping five years ago in North Dakota.

Zorn had ten years of flying experience.

## Guild Meeting Called

Silverton—The next meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Guild will be held Wednesday evening of this week at the church social rooms with Mrs. Jonas Byberg, Mrs. John Overland, Mrs. Sam Lorenzen and Mrs. Kenneth Henjum as hostesses and in charge of the program.

Waconda—Frank Felton, Creighton Jones and Britt Aspinwall served on the service registration board at Waconda on Wednesday. They report 40 men between the ages of 21 and 35 registered.

## Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"I know this is supposed to be impossible, but I'm so happy about the anniversary the Bradford Collines are celebrating that I feel up to anything!"

## Informal Dance For First Voters

An informal dance honoring young people who are listed on the registration rolls as "first voters" has been scheduled for tonight at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Hood and Church streets. Under the joint sponsorship of the Marion County Young Republican club and the Willamette University Willkie-McNary club, the event will be totally devoid of political speeches, according to Martin Larrowe, young republican president.

Although sponsored by republican organizations the dance is to be non-partisan, officials of both clubs have declared. No charge will be made to young voters and all are invited to attend, regardless of political interests or affiliations.

During a brief intermission a program of brief informal talks will feature Bill Thomas, president of the Willamette student body, and Sigfrid Uander, executive assistant to Governor Charles A. Sprague. Wes McWain of Willamette will be master of ceremonies for the event. Hours for the dance have been announced as 9 to midnight. Music will be furnished by Roger Miller's orchestra.

The first Catholic Mass in Brazil was celebrated May 1, 1500.

## Grange Club Guest

Lyons—The home economics club of the Santiam Valley grange was entertained at the home of Mrs. May Patton. The afternoon was spent in quilting for the hostess. Those present were Mrs. Floyd Bassett, Mrs. Dell Westenhouse, Mrs. Percy Hlatt, Mrs. Jack Cornforth, Mrs. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Jennie Bohannon, Mrs. Maude Zimmerman, Grand-ma and Grandpa Taylor and the hostess, Mrs. Patton. Light refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

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