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Can Democracy Survive?

Geoffrey Crowther, editor of the Economist, London, says that so long as the people retain their right to criticize their government they need not fear dictatorship. "Criticism," he says, "is vital for the future of democracy for, so long as a people retain their rights to criticize and make its criticisms felt, it can resume the active practice of all its liberties whenever it sees fit."

Today in war ridden England the liberties and personal freedom of individuals are greatly restricted. Conscription of men, without distinction, for war purposes is abroad in the land and will soon be extended to women. Executive decrees have taken the place of legislative acts. The House of Commons has prolonged its life "for the duration" and by agreement of parties by-elections are not contested. The citizen may have his property taken, is told where he may or may not travel and what and how much food he may eat.

Apparently, Great Britain has temporarily ceased to be a democracy but this the Britisher will deny—contending that government is, in fact, growing closer to the people. Although surrendering, in a great emergency, many of its powers, parliament, representing the people, is on the job. Officers of the government, from Prime Minister down, must report in person to the House of Commons three times each week and submit to cross-examination. This proves an effective check upon any official who even attempts to abuse the great powers temporarily given him. The people of Britain, therefore, through their representatives in parliament, are sitting where they can resume control of their government at any time.

Any suggestion to the Britisher on the street that this control will lead to a dictatorship brings only a laugh. He says such powers are needed by the government "for the duration" and will be promptly resumed by the British people when Hitler has been whipped.

The Mystery of Hess

Time will probably solve the mystery of the flight to Scotland of Rudolf Hess, third man at the top of the Nazi hierarchy and designed as second in line to succeed Hitler by the Fuehrer himself. Whether, as the Germans allege, he suffered from hallucinations, or fled to escape a purge, similar to that which has overtaken many of Hitler's former intimates, is yet to be established. His hallucinations could not possibly be greater than those of Hitler himself, whose delusions have plunged the world into a chaos of blood and destruction. Indeed to get away from the Nazi nightmare seems a sign of returning sanity.

Berlin dispatches state that Hess flew to Berlin in defiance of Hitler's orders, because "by personal sacrifice he hoped that he could reach an understanding that would prevent the complete destruction of the British empire." However the British government asserts that Hess carried no peace proposals, that he fled for his own safety because "the core of Germany is rotten," that he believes he was misguided and "talks like a man with a guilty conscience."

British reports state that when he landed in his parachute on a Scottish farm, Hess said "I have come to save humanity" and advance the theory that the No. 3 Nazi split with Hitler because he believed the Fuehrer is leading Germany toward full partnership with communist Russia.

Nazi spokesmen assert that Hess for years suffered serious physical and "recently resorted to mesmerizers, astrologers and so forth," who contributed to his mental derangement. His "idealism fell victim to fateful delusion." As Churchill says "this is one of those cases in which the imagination is somewhat baffled by the facts as they present themselves."

That Bothersome Fourth

In the "good old days" when Oregon had but three congressional districts among which to apportion the political pie incident to places on various state boards and commissions, it was a simple matter for the governor to make his selections. The district boundaries gave geographical and population divisions to the state which, three in number, automatically provided the machinery for distributing patronage without putting the appointive power too much on the spot.

When the legislature saw fit to create a highway commission, a liquor commission or some other administrative body it simply provided for the designation of one member from each of the congressional areas, the odd number of members insuring against embarrassing deadlocks resulting from equal divisions. Everyone was satisfied, and competition was localized by confinement within the districts. The arbitrary division also served as a formula to regulate representation on the board of control, the supreme court and other elective groups to insure rotation and more equitably distribute the plums.

But all that is changed now and, on the old theory of equal representation, the new fourth district clamors for recognition, and will continue to do so with ever increasing persistence as turn-overs in the personnel of boards and commissions develop. It is neither feasible nor practicable to create four-man boards, and five-man groups are too cumbersome to function efficiently.

Inter-district competition for political prizes promises to destroy the comparative harmony that has been built up under the three-place formula—all for the sake of another \$10,000 job in Washington.

Three Links Club Guest Schaefer Home

Stanton—Mrs. Margaret Schaefer and Mrs. Margaret Ramage entertained the Three Links club at the Schaefer home Thursday evening. The evening was spent socially following a short business meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The Oddfellows joined them at the lunch hour.

Those present were Mrs. Tressa Brazil's coffee crop this year is estimated at 2,750,000,000 pounds.

Mrs. Agnes Stupka, Mrs. Louella Maurer, Mrs. Minnie Hamlin, Mrs. Zoma Baldwin, Mrs. Louise Brewer, Mrs. Lura Fair, Mrs. Edna Brewer, Mrs. Janet Harold, Mrs. Anna Harold, Mrs. Della Young, Mrs. Carol Harris, Mrs. Alda Murphy, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Worthy Burmaster, Mrs. Velura Lierman, Mrs. Cecil Wright, Mrs. Ruth Wood and Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Ramage.

The Voice of Experience

By Peck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

A. N. Bush, who took a job nearly 50 years ago, in his father's bank a few months after he came out of college, moved his desk from the bank to the Pioneer Trust company building today, and for the first time since 1893 there was not Bush to watch over things at the Ladd & Bush building today. But that is told about elsewhere in today's paper. There's an incident, however, which is worth recounting. When A. N. Bush took his job at the bank 50 years ago, among other things he had to do was to sweep and build fires. He was given a brand new broom and told to go to it. And among his sweeping jobs was that of sweeping down the stairway which separated the Ladd & Bush building from the old Patton building. The stairway is now gone. But half of the stairway went with the Patton block and half with the bank building. So, the new bank clerk and part time janitor had his own ideas about what should be swept and what shouldn't. He very carefully drew off an imaginary line right at the center of the stairway, and he as very carefully swept down the west half of the stairway which belonged to the bank side. He also as very carefully avoided encroaching over onto the Patton side of the stairway. When he got through Tom Patton, who then owned the bank building, looked the situation over and tried to convince him it was the sweeper's job to take in the whole stairway. But the sweeper remained unconvinced, until he found out the bank also had a perpetual lease on the other half of the stairway and then he gave in.

We didn't hear whether, in his care to keep his own side of the

stairway, Mr. Bush was keeping strictly within the limits of the trespass law or just didn't like to sweep any too well.

The old gentleman who used to be known as Jupiter Pluvius and more lately has been referred to in certain quarters as Precipitation Pete, seems to be trailing on the heels of our returning Senators and just at this writing is dropping a few buckets of water around these parts. It's too early to tell what's going to happen but it might make things just right or it might make things all wrong. But the rain sure seems to be a baseball jinks in these parts.

Mr. Rudolf Hess seems to have created as much or more excitement making a solo flight from Germany to England as Mr. Charles Lindbergh made many years ago in his solo flight from the United States to France. It seems way back in the revolutionary war times a lot of sons of Hess landed in the United States from Germany and they got a rather warm reception here, too. At any rate, if there's any chap who is entitled to have a dark outlook on life from now on it would seem to be this same Mr. Rudolf Hess.

Leaving for Seattle

Kelzer—Mr. and Mrs. William Blake have received word that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stanley of Fairbanks, Alaska, will leave soon for Seattle where they will be located. Mrs. Stanley will be remembered as Freida Mae Blake. Stanley is in the aviation service.

Novelties In the News

Birthday Exercise

Ambridge, Pa.—Alvin (Mott) Bergman, barber, who believes and practices walking out to meet life's milestones, starts a 54-mile hike next Thursday, his 54th birthday anniversary.

Honesty Wins

Richmond, Va.—For 63 years an individual who, as a boy broke a window in a school here wrestled with his conscience. Finally at the age of 73 he visited Superintendent Jesse Binford to pay for the damages—only to have the school head rule that the money could not be accepted because of the "statute of limitations."

Welcome Welcome

Kansas City—A feminine music lover saved the day for Lawrence Tibbett. The singer strode smilingly toward a crowd in the union station only to discover its interest was in Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, who arrived on the same train. One woman, however, greeted Tibbett with: "I don't care about the Halifaxes. They can't sing the way you do."

Hot Feet

Yreka, Calif.—Elmer Jordan's shoes get well soaked with chemicals in his work on a state weed spraying crew. He volunteered to help a plumber. Some hot lead dropped on his shoes. There was a puff of smoke, an explosion. The shoes were blown off his feet. He is in Scott Valley hospital.

Kelly Says:

Sabotage Attempted On Mr. Mott's Plane

Crabs Endangered On Oregon Coast

Thousands of Troops Will Camp in State

By John W. Kelly

Washington, May 13 — Nothing much has been said about it, but the navy transport plane in which Rep. James W. Mott was to fly from Salem to Washington showed evidences of sabotage. An investigation is now in progress, out of which nothing may come either now or later.

What happened to the plane was similar to other planes which have gone to a crash. It has occurred to planes on the Atlantic coast and to some on the Pacific. Someone (it has occurred too frequently to be an accident or oversight) places old rags and waste material in the gasoline tank in one wing and these foreign substances get into the feed lines, cuts off the gas.

When the plane arrived at Salem the gas tank in one wing was leaking severely. The pilot thought the tank was too full. Ready to leave the next morning, the tank was empty. The pilot suggested that Mr. Mott climb aboard and they would fly to California and have the tank looked after, presumably a matter of an hour or two. The congressman declined, suggested the pilot go and look after the wing and return to Salem to pick him up. It was on the check-up in California that the rags were found and holes in the wing tank. The job, instead of requiring a few hours, took a week.

Will Protest Crabs

At Washington airport two years ago the ace flier of South America started for home at dawn. He had been on a good will tour and had been entertained royally in the national capital. His wife and army officers went to the field to see him off. Before the plane was out of sight it plunged into Potomac river and the flier was dead before rescuers could reach him. The plane was inspected. Rags were found in the tank.

Senator Charles L. McNary wishes to prevent crabs from being exterminated on the Oregon coast, in particular, and on all coasts in general. Newspaper reports say that as many as 4,000 dozen crabs are being shipped to California at one time and such raiding of ocean waters on the Oregon shore cannot go on indefinitely, contends the senator. The subject was taken up with the fish and wildlife bureau (formerly biological survey) and the scientists were enthusiastic about the plan, except that they confessed they do not have sufficient data on the life and habits of the crab and two more years will be necessary to increase their store of knowledge. Crab catchers now, in Oregon, instead of catching them in shallow waters go out in steam vessels and use nets let down several miles offshore on a sand ridge parallel to the coast. Interest of the fish and wildlife bureau in crabs has been a study of the destruction oyster beds by the crabs; the McNary proposal to salvage the northwest spe-

cies is another matter. Report of the military board assigned to select a cantonment site in the Pasco area for 30,000 men—a \$5,000,000 job—has been tossed out, for reasons not disclosed. There was a jangle of some sort which upset the program; possibly the cost of site was considered too high. Another military mission was assigned the task of finding something suitable, at least suitable to the high command of the 9th corps area. Reclamation Commissioner John Page is delighted with the Owyhee project, for which he asks \$100,000 for completion of some of the drainage work. He informed the appropriation committee that when the people went on the land they lived in tents or dug cellars and put roofs over them until they could construct houses. The permanent project is getting under way, three years from the time water was available. The settlers are high class citizens and ambitious, says Commissioner Page. **Must Entertain Troops** Oregon may as well begin to plan for the entertainment of 45,000 new troops, collected from all parts of the United States. One group alone will be practically equal to the population of Salem... Electro-Metallurgical company is negotiating for 37,000 kilowatts from Bonneville for this year's delivery... Senator Holman discovered a subcommittee on public lands was planning a trip to the west but did not intend going to Oregon, for Oregon so far as they were aware, had nothing to offer in the way of natural wonders. Holman collected data on Crater Lake, gave it to them, and Oregon has been placed on the itinerary. The average member of congress is completely ignorant of the northwest... Tommy the Cork has been seeking a million dollar loan for a client who wants to sink an oil well in Alaska.



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