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Edging Us Into War

There seems to be no question but that the American merchant ship Robin Moor was deliberately torpedoed by a German submarine in the South Atlantic with the loss of 35 lives. But half an hour was given passengers and crew to take to life boats and no effort made to rescue them. The vessel carried no contraband of war and the U-boat commander was fully aware that the ship was an American one.

All of which again proves the folly of our silly appeasement neutrality laws to seek to avoid offense to the nazis even to the extent of abandoning our traditional doctrine of freedom of the seas. Perhaps we should be grateful that the vessel was warned and not sunk "without trace" as in our neutrality period of the world war.

There were times when the wanton sinking of an American ship would be considered an act of war, in fact such actions precipitated the wars against the Barbary pirates and the war of 1812 and almost caused a war against Napoleonic France. The question now is what is the president, to whom all authority has been delegated, going to do about it?

The Robin Moor was sunk enroute to South Africa, a long way from the war theatre and from German submarine bases. But it is on the route ships will follow going to the Red sea area which the president some time since reopened to American shipping. At the time the Axis press threatened the ships so sent would be sunk—and evidently the threat is being made good—to deter American aid to Britain or entrance into the war. Nazi psychology is wrong again—it will have the contrary effect. More sinkings will insure it.

It is becoming evident that if we are going to have freedom of the seas, we will have to fight for it or let Germany rule the seas as well as continents.

New Deal Controls Judiciary

The elevation of Associate Justice Harlan Fiske Stone to the chief justice of the United States supreme court and the appointment of Attorney General Robert H. Jackson of New York and Senator James Francis Byrnes of South Carolina as associate justices merely completes the New Deal's control of the august tribunal.

President Roosevelt as a result of this third term has been enabled to select seven out of the nine members and assure a revision of constitutional interpretation along radical lines for the next generation for most of the appointees are comparatively young men. Thus, the president has been enabled to carry out indirectly through appointments the stacking of the court he failed to accomplish in his frontal attack in 1937.

Justices Stone and Roberts are the only republicans left on the bench. Both of them were "liberal" republicans and, along with Hughes, have been middle-of-the-road men. The conservatives, Butler, Sutherland, VanDevanter and McReynolds, have been eliminated by time.

All of the Roosevelt seven appointees have been active in the New Deal program. Frankfurter was originator of a great part of it and is still presidential advisor. Black was a radical champion in the senate, Murphy attorney-general, Douglas chairman of the SEC and other commissions, Reed solicitor-general, Jackson attorney-general, and administration sounding board, and Byrnes senate leader.

The far west is without representation on the court, for Douglas, though born in Minnesota and educated in Washington, has for nearly a score of years been a resident of New York.

Instead of Grumbling

When patrons of the public schools become aroused at the cost or the general or particular manner in which the educational system is being conducted their usual reaction is to grumble, vociferously or meekly as becomes their individuality. In the course of a year one does not have to listen intently to hear hundreds of criticisms and complaints. Yet it is seldom that the annual school election at which district directors are elected brings out more than a comparative handful of voters.

Last year less than 75 of the more than 17,000 qualified electors in the Salem district participated in the election. That was due chiefly to the fact that there was but a single candidate for the one seat on the board to be filled.

This year it is different. There are four aspirants for the five-year term of director to be filled, including the retiring member who seeks reelection on his record.

For those who are dissatisfied with the manner in which the schools have been run next Monday's election provides them with an opportunity to effectively voice their objections. They have three advocates of change from which to make their selection—a conservative attorney, a radical attorney and an auto service mechanic, each of whom represents a distinctive school of thought as to how the schools should be conducted.

From this field it would seem that every voter can pick a candidate to fit his own particular specifications, a champion of his own particular ideas who can give substance to the voice of the majority as befits the keystone of our democratic institutions—our schools.

That Brenner Pass Pact

Otto Strasser, former close associate of Adolf Hitler, who is now a refugee from Germany in an article in the New York Times, on information based on his political contacts in Berlin, purports to give the agreement recently reached at Brenner Pass between Hitler and Mussolini. In it Germany is pledged to "deliver Egypt and the Sudan to Italy and to help Italy with armed force to reconquer Ethiopia, Eritrea, British and Italian Somaliland and to add Jibuti to the Italian east African empire."

As a result of this agreement, French collaboration was obtained, as Italy was forced to renounce claims to Tanis, Corsica and the French Riviera. Hitler gains important bases for the campaign against the British in the Near East and against American aid in the Atlantic. An equilibrium is established in the Mediterranean between France and Italy with Germany arbitrator.

Of course with Britain once defeated, Germany will probably take over both the French and Italian African empires along with France and Italy.

Safety First

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Jim McGilchrist, guide at the state capitol building, has become an expert at the job and by the hundreds of orations given to various squads of tourists who hang on his every word, has worked up a spiel of no mean dimensions or of no small interest. Jim has them going away with the feeling that they've been treading on holy ground and that they've had the privilege of walking around the real capitol of a real state and he does a bang-up job of same. Occasionally, but not often, Jim gets back on his heels just a trifle. As for instance the other day, so the story goes. Two attractive young women wandered into the capitol corridors much as the usual tour-

ists wander in and Jim volunteered his services to the strangers to show them about. "I don't know as that's hardly necessary," remarked one of the young women. "I'm Martha Sprague, the governor's daughter." But that was only an incident. Jim is becoming as real an institution as the capitol building itself.

Aha, so this is Friday, the 13th and today we've succeeded in avoiding the customary pitfalls. There ain't no Friday the 13th going to worry us any more, not as long as we can carry around one of Dick Severin's four leaf clovers in our pocket, and we sure kept ours zipped up tight today.

On Friday the 13th nine years and one month ago today we had the pleasure through our column of saying a few words of greeting to Guy Lewelling who mounted the circuit bench in this county on that day for the first time. Today on another Friday the 13th he sings his swan song here and we're glad to say that the nine years and one month he's seen here in active service doesn't cause us to take away one dot of an "I" or cross of a "U" from what we said about him then.

In fact, we might dot a few more "U's" and cross a few more "I's" in his behalf. Guy started getting his legal career in Salem at Willamette by working as a prison guard or at anything else that would buy a textbook. He came up the hard way and made a success of it. He deserves all the honors he can get. And we're glad to greet his successor, Max Page, yeapt "Bing" by his fellows, who succeeds Guy on the bench here and whom we've known ever since knee pant days—his—not ours—and know he has the poise, judicial temperament and legal knowledge to make a judge of the first-class variety. And if that be the content of court, he can throw us in the jug at his pleasure.

From Molly Pitcher down the pages of American history have been full of stories about the courage of various American women. That they haven't lost it is demonstrated by the courage it must take for some of 'em to appear on the streets in the hats they wear.

Probably typing above paragraph is the hardest luck we'll have on this hard luck day.

U. S. Gets New Base

Manitowoc, Wis. — The army knocked the props from an acrobatic act which appeared last year with a circus when it inducted Raymond J. Rosinsky, 25, Rosinsky, the catcher for four other men in the act, at one point held all four on his shoulders.

Church Grants Two Licenses to Preach

At the mid-week service Wednesday night the Galvary Baptist church granted licenses to preach the gospel to two of the young men of the church, the first to enter full time Christian work in the history of the church. One, Mr. Ronald Adams, has been attending Eastern Baptist Theological seminary in Philadelphia and the other, Mr. Harold Gilman, has been attending the Northwestern Evangelical Theological seminary in Minneapolis. Both of these young men will continue their studies and later they will be ordained.

Sunday morning Rev. Arno Q. Weniger, the pastor of the church, will speak on the subject, "A Mighty Deliverance." The choir, under the direction of E. D. Lindburg will sing the anthem, "Send Out Thy Light," by Parks. The pastor's subject for the evening will be "A Work in Vain." Miss Doris Schunke will preside at the Howard Emerson organ.

Italy is planning construction of a plant to recover magnesium and bromine from sea water, the department of commerce reports.

Kelly Says:

Orton Known to Be Communist for Years

UAW Leader Admits Communist Registration

Aluminum Strike Led By Exposed Communist

By John W. Kelly

When O. M. Orton, representing the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), defied the government of the United States and implied that the Defense Mediation board was trying to disorganize labor it caused no surprise to the house committee investigating un-American activities. The committee (popularly known as the Dies committee) has known Orton as a communist for years and knows that in defying the government he was following the party line. Furthermore, the committee knows and names the leaders of other strikes on the Pacific coast, strikes which tied up hundreds of millions of dollars of war orders.

In contract with the CIO loggers and millmen of Puget Sound, some 20,000 of whom have gone on strike and who, through Orton, refused the mediation of the board, the Columbia river loggers have received a pat on the head and the blessings of the board for compliance.

Dies Committee Active

On October 24, 1938, the Dies committee notified congress that Orton was a communist and lived at Aberdeen, Wash. For this statement the committee was ridiculed by a number of high government officials, for in those days the reds were more than tolerated by the administration. Shortly before the strike of CIO loggers in Washington state a member of the committee again directed attention to Orton's connections with the communist party. This was on April 3 (speech in Congressional Record) and the strike started early in May.

That isn't all congress has been told about Orton. Representative Dies alleged three months ago that Orton was one of the CIO leaders sponsoring the American peace mobilization. Last week the committee received testimony that the American peace mobilization was organized by communists and is controlled by them. Day and night, 24 hours a day, the "mobilizers" have been picketing the White House for more than a month. The pickets, carrying banners, are usually youngsters of high school age and elderly women. They are paid for picketing and some of the money has come from the CIO seamen's union.

CIO Members Testify

President of the United Automobile Workers, which has tied up airplane orders at the North American plant, Inglewood, Cal., is Elmer J. Freytag. Under oath last week at a Dies committee hearing, Freytag was forced to admit he registered as a communist voter in Los Angeles in 1938. Chief organizer for CIO on the Pacific coast is Lou Michener, who came to Washington with Freytag. Back in August, 1938, Michener was identified as a communist by the committee on un-American activities. A few days ago the committee obtained a photostatic copy of Michener's party membership book. Two CIO members came to Washington and testified to the communist control of their union; told of their fight to get rid of the Freytags, etc. Scarcely had these witnesses returned to Los Angeles than one was beaten up by a goon squad; the other had two telephone warnings that his house would be dynamited.

The strike in the aluminum plants in Cleveland, O., is now being led by Alex Blant, exposed as a communist by the committee in August, 1938. Dies committee has been denounced, very recently, by Philip Murray, head of CIO, when the committee called attention to these communist organizers. But when O. M. Orton

Officials Think Conference to Draw Big Crowd

A record attendance will be on hand for the annual conference of food and drug officials of the 11 western states in Portland June 19 and 20, according to word from the office of A. W. Metzger, chief of the state department of agriculture, foods and dairies division. Metzger is president of the association. Oregon men on the program will be Mayor R. E. Riley of Portland who will give the address of welcome; Prof. E. H. Wiegand, Oregon State college; J. Deane Patterson, chief machinist, state department of agriculture, Salem; Prof. J. E. Simmons, Oregon State college; J. D. Mickle, director state department of agriculture, Salem; W. C. Elford, city of Portland division of sanitation; L. F. Allen, administrator Oregon liquor control commission, Portland; C. Earl Watkins, president Oregon board of pharmacy, Portland; Dr. J. R. Haag, Oregon experiment station, Corvallis. A number of outside speakers also are on the program.

A no-speech banquet at the Multnomah hotel, where sessions will be held, will bring the conference to a close Friday night.

Escaped Convict Still at Large

Jim Scott, 19-year-old Indian who escaped from a state penitentiary work crew Thursday, was still at large today.

Warden George Alexander said Scott was believed to have been seen driving east near Stayton, and that watchers were on the alert along the Santiam highway as far as Bend.

The Indian was committed from Harney county on conviction of being armed with a dangerous weapon. He was described by prison officials as "not particularly dangerous."

CIO Orders Purge Of Subversives

Los Angeles, June 13 (AP)—A score of top ranking CIO officials are coming to Los Angeles in response to Richard T. Frankenstein's call to purge the Pacific coast leadership of the United Automobile Workers of subversive elements.

Frankenstein, national head of the aviation division of the CIO-UAW, declared in a radio address their purpose is to "clean out Communists from positions where they could dominate CIO politics in the UAW organizing drive on the Pacific coast."

He reiterated his declaration that the five-day strike at North American Aviation plant called by local union officials during negotiations before the national defense mediation board at Washington, was "a wildcat and outlaw strike."

"I condemn the irresponsible acts of the local leaders of the striking UAW who surrendered our union to the Communist party and who sought to use its strength to precipitate a strike against our national union, our national government and our national defense," he declared.

Frankenstein has suspended officers of the local union and members of its negotiating committee, along with five UAW international representatives. He announced he had filed charges against Lew H. Michener, UAW west coast regional director, with national CIO headquarters.

Next objective of the UAW aircraft organizing drive, Frankenstein said, will be Douglas Aircraft company, with some 20,000 production workers as against 8,000 at North American.

Salem Sketches By Will Danch



West Salem Guest Honored at Party

West Salem, June 13—Mrs. Terese Hanks arranged a party Tuesday evening at her home in Elm street complimenting Miss Agnes Stronk of Twin Falls, Idaho, who is her guest this week. The evening was spent at cards with high honors going to Mrs. Norris Looney and Mrs. Terese Cooper. Miss Stronk received the guest prize.

Present were Miss Agnes Stronk, Miss Wills Loomis, Mrs. Terese Cooper, Miss Gladys Wendel, Miss Margaret Abert, Miss Betty Bedford, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Mrs. Norris Looney, Miss Rose Ann Hanks, Mrs. A. Phelan and Mrs. Hanks.

Club Holds Frolie

The Tuesday Luncheon club had a weiner roast in Rosemont park Tuesday noon. Present were Mrs. L. Hartman, Mrs. Glen Davenport,

Judge Levies Fines

Fines levied by R. E. Pattison in police court this week are Collin Scott \$1.50; Guy Sherman \$1.50; Fred Versteeg \$1.50; all charged with driving through a traffic light. A. H. Johnson \$5; Lloyd Malcom \$5, and Nicholas J. Deis \$12.50, upon charges of violation of the basic rule. Wayne Parker was the arresting officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wilson have moved into the Tom Males residence at 1187 Ruge St.

Miss Agnes Stronk of Twin Falls, Idaho, is a house guest of Mrs. Terese Hanks, this week.

Mrs. Glen Davenport, Mrs. Ivan Wood, Shirley and Maxine Davenport accompanied B. E. Felger to Portland this Friday to see the Rose parade.

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