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### A Would-be Food Czar

John L. Lewis, czar of the United Mine Workers and erstwhile chief of the CIO, has visions of corralling the food supply of the nation and elevating himself to the office of grand dictator—all through the organization on a national scale of the Dairy Farmers' Union, recently affiliated with the UMWA after a fairly successful effort to organize dairy farmers of the Detroit area with the aid of mine workers, teamsters and other organized groups who helped to freeze non-member dairymen out of that market.

This is the charge hurled at Lewis and his associates in this latest venture by "Free Farmers, Inc.," a coalition of the most powerful farm organizations in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont created for the avowed purpose of heading off the Lewis coup.

Anticipating the tactics which Lewis and his strong-arm squads of organizers can be expected to employ, "Free Farmers" pledges each of its members to go to the aid of his fellow farmer "whenever he is threatened," and undertakes to pay its members up to \$10,000 for damage caused to their farms by "strike, riot, civil commotion or malicious damage." The membership embraces fruit, vegetable and poultry growers of the four states as well as dairymen.

The Lewis organization also has attracted the opposition of the National Grange, the Farm Bureau, the Independent Farmers' Union, the National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, representatives of which met recently in Washington to consider methods of combating the new union, which they foresee will ultimately result in the organization of farm labor and imposition upon the agricultural industry of the 40-hour week.

Right now Lewis' henchmen are concentrating their efforts on organization of the New York City milkshed, and predicting boastfully that soon every bottle of milk in the metropolis will bear the label of the Dairy Farmers' Union, meaning that the milk has been produced by a union farmer, processed and handled exclusively by union labor and delivered by a union driver to the exclusion of all independent dairymen and non-union workers.

The retail price of milk would be doubled by such a program, "Free Farmers" points out and exposes the racketeering angle of the set-up.

Dues charged the member farmers would range from 90 cents to \$4 a month, of which 75 cents would go to Lewis' United Mine Workers in Washington for unexplained services and purposes. A "Free Farmers" spokesman estimates this tribute from the dairymen of New York would amount to \$2,500,000, from New Jersey \$250,000 and from Pennsylvania \$1,250,000.

No estimate has been made of the proportions the racket might assume if expanded on a nation-wide scale or if extended to other food products.

### Delivering the Goods

As was to be expected, Pierre Laval in his first broadcast to the French people as chief of government, emphasized his loyalty to the axis, denounced the British, excoriated the Free French and in other ways delivered the goods for Hitler, whose pressure restored him to power. But his return is a confession that the Nazi policy in France has been a complete failure and has, instead of winning support, alienated the French people, who must be coerced to passivism by terrorism.

Probably there is no more unpopular nor better hated man than Laval, who is generally branded traitor to France. He has already been the victim of an assassin's bullet, and probably will furnish a fresh target, especially if he attempts to take over Free French territory and colonies by force.

Laval's return has been signaled by executions of more French hostages—20 more at St. Nazaire in reprisal for the British commando raid; 30 more at Roen, for derailing a German troop train—all innocent, and taken from a concentration camp, with 80 more marked for death Thursday; 35 more at Calais.

France, even with 1,500,000 French soldiers prisoners of war in Germany, with the country cut in half under different regimes, though systematically looted of industries and farm products, isolated from the world, under harsh garrison rule, still remains the key to the subjugation of Europe and Laval's chief mission is to prevent an invasion by the Allies on Germany's flank.

The Germans desire the French fleet, the North African bases, Madagascar and French possessions in the Caribbean. But despite his power, it is doubtful, with the hostility of the French people, Laval can deliver the goods.

### Republicans Drop Isolation

The republican national committee did a sensible thing when they adopted the Willkie resolution abandoning isolationism and pledging the party's support to the prosecution of an offensive, uncompromising war until peace with victory is attained, and declaring that the United States should assist in bringing about cooperation among the countries of the world in the post-war era. The resolution, read in part:

"We demand the prosecution of an offensive war, relentlessly and without reservation, whatever it may cost in wealth, energy and human life, until the United States and its allies have won a complete victory over their enemies. We will recognize no peace with those enemies except peace with victory and we will never entertain any proposals of peace until such victory be won. There shall be no appeasement or compromise."

In addition the resolution pledged preservation of the two-party system, the constitutional form of government and private enterprise and reserved the party's right to constructive criticism of the administration's war effort. It also demanded that war posts be awarded without regard to party affiliation and weeding out of unfit political appointees, and the drastic reduction of "non-essential domestic regulation." The coordination of diplomatic, military, naval and air strategy under unified command was also favored.

Since Pearl Harbor, the republicans in congress have not functioned very effectively. Now that they have endorsed the policies along lines advocated by Mr. Willkie, and opposed the isolationists, they may become more effective. Up to the present, the severest constructive critics of the administration have been democrats, such as Senator Byrd of Virginia.

### Lowerys Entertain Members of Class

Ladies Center—The Kum-Join-Us class of the church was entertained for a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Lowery, hosts for the evening who provided en-

tertainment and refreshments were Mrs. Peter Russ, Harry Boehm and Frank Weinman. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sibby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Love, Mr. and Mrs. Oris McCluskey, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boshart, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Aker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Leedy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weinman, Mrs. E. Knives Tonia, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Lowery.

### Music vs. the Beast

By Beck



BR-RR-RR-RR-RR-RR BOOM...BOOM...

ANOTHER JAP BOMBER BITES THE DUST...

BR-RR-RR-RR-RR-RR BOOM...BOOM...BOOM...

TAKE THAT FOR PEARL HARBOR, YOU HUNK OF YELLOW CHEESE...

BR-RR-RR-RR-RR

### Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

We note where our county agent, Bob Rieder, has started a crusade against some fifth columnist, saboteurs and Marion county public enemies No. 1, same saboteurs, et cetera, being the well known syneca beetle, spittle bug, strawberry root weevil and gooseberry fly. Food being one of the main sources of ammunition for any army which travels on its stomach, as the late Mr. Bonaparte once remarked, and being also occasionally used by the civilian population, it seems more essential than ever that Bob's advice be taken and the offensive started against these enemies. Like in other types of warfare the only defense against this class of saboteurs is an active offense and it's fatal there, also, to be on hand

with too little too later. It is even more essential this year than ever to wage an active campaign against the spittle bug at its source, as priorities will exclude any idea this year of furnishing cuspidors for these vandals and making life too easy for them. The old plan of two cuspidors for every spittle bug seems to be definitely out for the duration.

Gosh All Fishhooks Item (Rotary Club Bulletin) Attendance Rotien... You can see by the list of absentees that last week was the worst attendance in the history of the Salem Rotary club for the past five years—and we might add that those that were absent missed a very good program—the motion picture of the Salvation Army work were some of the best color pictures ever presented to the Salem club and the talk that accompanied the pictures were very good too.

The Oregonian reports that some northwest historians Sunday located the site of Oregon's first grist mill on the old Joseph Gervais donation land claim on French Prairie in the Eldridge section and in consideration thereof the site will be given a permanent marker. This is a good idea, but just to keep the record straight, the site of this old grist mill was discovered over a year ago by Lester Pearmine, who manages the farm which is now known as the Springer place and discovery of same by Pearmine was duly recorded in the columns of our favorite paper. But Les mustn't worry about this; such is the general fate of discoverers. They even put Christopher Columbus in jail.

The Albany Democrat-Herald says the constituencies which go to make up the human body can be purchased at a drug store for \$1.05. It's been our observation it costs more than that just to get the dope which makes up a woman's face, let alone the fingernails and toenails, without throwing in the rest of it.

Art Rahn, the well known paper magnate, Rahn and McWhorter in our sanctum a few moments this a.m. much to the advantage of our supply of current stories. Thanks, Art, and drop in again some time.

### Charles Levine Fined and Jailed

Los Angeles, April 21 (AP)—Charles A. Levine, first trans-Atlantic airplane passenger, Monday was sentenced to five months in jail and fined \$500 following his conviction on a charge of conspiring to smuggle a German Jewish refugee into the United States from Mexico.

### Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"Him been this way ever since he see Iri McSherry make such beautiful smokes with tobacco pipe!"

### Kelly Says:

Labor Shortage Felt Severely in Northwest

Housing Situation Construction Problem

Farm Groups Join in Fight Against Lewis

By John W. Kelly

Washington, April 21—War industries in the northwest will be unable to operate at capacity unless the threatened labor shortage is overcome. There are not enough mechanics or green hands available now for the shipbuilding program and the airplane factories. It is a fact that scouts from some of the large industries in Washington and Oregon are now in the Rocky mountain states looking for mechanics. In the mountain area there are no big industries and the scouts hope to round up men necessary for the coast.

One personnel man is looking for 30,000 men and he isn't particular where they come from. He hopes to attract several thousand from Denver, some from Cheyenne and will go to Omaha if need be to find workers. Men engaged must pay their own transportation. At Bremerton navy yard H. L. Mason, lieutenant U. S. navy reserves, employment officer, is reaching out for every available man. He has notified George P. Sheridan, national youth administration, Tacoma, that he has jobs for about 150 NYA very week. Lieutenant Mason's letter has been offered to congress as to the importance of the training of NYA.

### Labor Pool Proposed

It is estimated that 6,000 must be transported from Portland to Vancouver, Wash., when the shipyards on the Washington shore of the Columbia are at the peak. Moving of this number of workers back and forth will be a problem. A greater problem will be facilities for workers to reach Swan Island, where 50 oil tankers are to be constructed in a yard now being built.

Proposed to President Roosevelt by Sidney Hillman as part of the program for administration of labor power is the establishment of a labor pool or battalion, a mobile reservoir of workers which, under a directing hand, can be shifted from one war industry to another as a shortage of workers develops. This proposal was made looking forward to the time when scarcity of labor for war work will become acute.

The housing trouble is breaking out all over the northwest. The thousands of dwellings at Bremerton, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Spokane and Pasco, the units authorized for Medford, Albany, Corvallis, Pendleton and Walla Walla are insufficient to meet the demand. Into all of these communities are swarming an army of workers who must have a place to sleep. Housing of the most temporary and flimsy character means an expenditure of about \$3,000 per unit in some instances up to \$4,000.

### For Third Labor Party

John L. Lewis intends trying to unionize the dairy farmers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho as part of his campaign to enroll an estimated 3,500,000 men in the dairy industry. To date approximately 30,000 dairymen have joined up with the United Mine Workers of America (UMW), the membership being in New York and Michigan. The UMW is Lewis' personal union and his reaching out for the dairymen is his first step in his plan to establish a third labor organization.

Four farm groups are prepared to fight the union scheme to the last ditch. The National Grange, the American Farm Bureau federation, the Council of Farmers Cooperatives, and the Free Farmers Inc. have been sharpening their knives for Lewis or any other labor leader who attempts to force the dairymen into a union. These farm associations opened up by presenting witnesses in favor of a house measure intended to curb labor racketeering. The UMW organizers assert that there will be no violence

in their efforts to get the dairymen into the tent; that there will be no coercion, no boycotting, no strikes or intimidation. These assurances have been taken with a grain of salt by the farm organizations.

### Assembly Line No Go

Plans for building submarines on an assembly line were knocked into a cocked hat when the company received orders for another kind of production. The concern, located on the Great Lakes, was so interested in the Pacific northwest that one of the executives went out and studied the possibilities of Puget Sound and the Columbia river. A site was spotted and plans drawn. There will be four ways, or railroads. The boats were to be built in sections, the machinery installed at one point and the completed boat would slide into the river for a test. Each part of a submarine would be worked on by one crew; they build that part and no other, on the same principal as the assembly line in an automobile factory, where a workman turns nut No. 48 on all cars.

More than 100 submarines are continued in the new navy bill, which is yet to be acted upon by house and senate. Possibly a part of them will be contracted for in the northwest.

### Voters Decide PUD Extension

Voters in the Central Lincoln people's utility district and those in the territories which the district wants to annex should be the ones to decide whether the district should annex territories in western Lincoln, Lane, Douglas and Coos counties, the state hydroelectric commission said today in nine separate reports.

The proposed annexations include: Lincoln county—two parcels plus the city of Waldport; Lane county—One parcel and the city of Florence; Douglas county—One parcel and the city of Reedsport; Coos county—municipality of Lakeside. Virtually all of the territory now is served by the West Coast Power company. The reports said that voters in each separate parcel should be permitted to decide whether they shall be included.

The district already has agreed with the company to buy its coast division properties for \$750,000, and has voted a \$850,000 bond issue.

Annual expenses of the district were estimated at \$332,000, and annual revenues at \$239,000.

### GOP Adopts Willkie's Anti-Isolation Plank

Chicago, April 21 (AP)—The republican national committee feels the United States is obliged to help bring about "an understanding, comity and cooperation" among nations of the post-war world, a stand-

Wendell L. Willkie characterized as an "abandonment of isolationism." Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, however, said he thought it "a great mistake" for the committee to have expressed any policy on post-war action as it did last night at its first meeting since the nation went to war.

Other leaders, including Joseph W. Martin, Jr., committee chairman, and Clarence Budington Kelland, committee executive director, expressed approval of the committee's work which included a demand for relentless prosecution of an offensive war for peace with victory.

Willkie, 1940 presidential nominee, said republicans should see to it that in the forthcoming primaries candidates who will espouse these principles are nominated. "Thus the republican party can win and become a great force for liberal, enlightened government," Willkie asserted.

Taft said the committee had "drawn the teeth" of Willkie's proposed resolution advocating approval of an active role for the United States in world affairs so that no one could take exception to the language employed. Walter S. Hallinan of West Virginia, who presented Willkie's proposal to the committee, said the final resolution was a victory for Willkie.

Taft didn't expand on his "teeth drawing" remark but it evidently referred to the fact that in the committee's final declaration there was no such phraseology as Willkie used in point three of the proposed statement he submitted to the committee.

Willkie's point three contained the recommendation that the party resolve "to undertake now and in the future whatever just and reasonable international responsibilities may be demanded in a modern world."

Although the deliberations of the resolutions committee were executive, reporters gained the impression that one of the principal points of debate was Willkie's phrase "Just and reasonable international responsibilities." Furthermore, the resolution as adopted by the national committee nowhere contained the word "isolationism," whereas Willkie had advocated a direct repudiation of isolationism.



### NEWS VIEWS

By Les Newman

The lowly can opener, that magic wand of the kitchen engineer, will soon be mastered out of service. The War Production Board is telling canners what they can and cannot do with the accent on the can't. With metals becoming more valuable than a friend in Washington, tin cans fit into the war effort like pimento in an olive. It's going to turn a lot of married men out of their homes at meal times—but it won't be long before the lady of the house discovers that can-openers are not indispensable. We'll carry our soup home from the store in a snood if it'll help tie a tin to the dictators.

A big dance studio is advertising that people ought to "Keep Fit" by dancing. Apparently they figure that if we have to face the music we might as well enjoy it.

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