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But He Follows the "Party Line"

Testifying in his own defense in his federal trial at San Francisco on perjury charges, Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's union, stated that he didn't disagree "so much with the communist program, though solicited to join the party but refused to for fear of deportation."

Further Bridges stated that he never paid dues to the party, never signed an application to join, and the communists did not dominate or dictate strategy in the 1934 waterfront strike. This is in contradiction to the testimony of other witnesses.

In his statement to the jury, Bridges is quoted as saying in part:

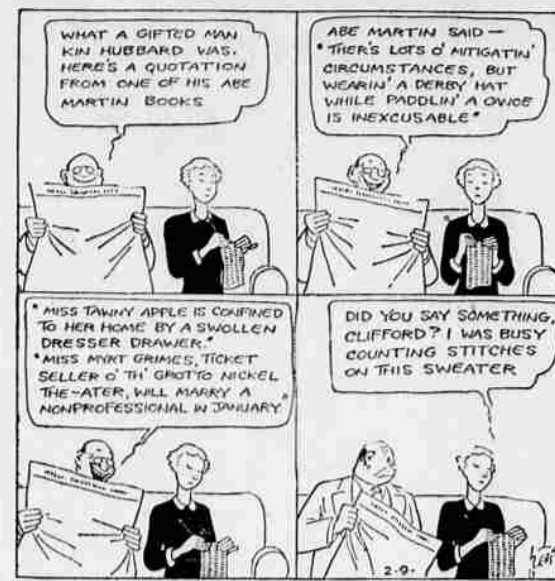
"It was not so much that I disagreed with their (communist) program, as that I knew membership would subject me to deportation. I had been a member of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) for only a short while, but I knew that members of that organization were persecuted and often deported."

Conviction on the present charge, that he committed perjury when he told his citizenship hearing in 1943 that he had never been a communist could lead to his deportation.

Bridges said the communists had a "nice, fine, revolutionary program," but "I didn't think that it answered any of our problems." He said what he and his fellow unionists wanted was an answer to their immediate problems—how are we going to get steady work, how were we going to stop the racketeering, the kickbacks, and so forth? The idealistic, revolutionary program of the communists could not correct the things the longshoremen felt were wrong on the waterfront." He continued:

"There have been many, many times when I and others have been accused of being a communist, and sometimes we'd say, 'look here, here is what we stand for, this is our program, this is what we're trying to do, and if these things are communist, then we're communists.'"

And Nothing Can Be Done About It



Salem Cops Distributing Record Number of Tickets

Patrolmen on the Salem police force have orders from their captains to mete out more tickets between now and February 16 than in any previous week in history. No, they're not to make any particular crack-down on jaywalkers or double-parkers. They're just selling tickets to the policemen's ball.

Cops make a pretty determined set of determination, we've found. When one of the boys in blue gets you cornered and goes into his sales talk, you might as well sell out your dollar and buy a ticket. It's just as hard to talk yourself out of buying a ticket to the ball as it is talking yourself out of a speeding ticket.

Latest report from Dick Mase and Dick Bennett, the two Salem lads who are touring Europe on bicycles, finds them in Bordeaux, France, and fed up on French bread. The cycling duo plans to sail for America sometime in April.

About the nearest thing Salem has to a royal ballroom, at least in general appearance, is the inside of the Rural street water reservoir. . . . The room, 192 feet square, is quite impressive with its 22-foot ceiling and huge, cylindrical supporting columns. . . . Of course, the place is flooded with millions of gallons of water most of the time.

Mother's Love for First Born Seen in Latest on Edward

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are reported in the London Evening Star to be planning a return to England to live again after their years of self-imposed exile.

If the former King Edward VIII and his American duchess do pursue this course, a lot of Britons will be made glad. He was one of the most popular princes ever to come to the throne—Prince Charming they called him—and his abdication in order to marry America's Mrs. Wallis Simpson formed one of the unhappy chapters of the royal house.

The Duke's mother, Dowager Queen Mary, is said by the Star to be among those who have had most to do with his decision to return home. That is a most interesting item, for two reasons which might seem to contradict each other, but really don't: One is that the bond of love between the aged mother and her first-born son always has been very great; the other is that this forceful woman, who is every inch a queen, is said to be among those who have censured the Duke most severely for quitting his throne as he did.



DeWitt MacKenzie

Washington Merry-go-round Four Huge Concerns Form Nation's Most Potent Combine

Washington—Congressman Manny Celler of New York is keeping it secret so far, but his monopoly investigating committee has a report on the giant du Pont combine and its control over American industry which every businessman should read. Prepared by the federal trade commission, the super-secret document shows how du Pont, General Motors, U. S. Rubber, and the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass company have teamed up to form the most potent industrial combine this country ever has known.



Drew Pearson

This sprawling dynasty has become a government unto itself, bossed by the Delaware du Ponts, whose chemical company alone nets \$120,000,000 annual profits, after taxes. The du Pont family, the FTC report shows, controls and shares in the income of other companies with assets amounting to close to three billions and net profits (after taxes) of well over \$300,000,000 a year.

Hee Haw



Museum to Advertise Oregon

To the Editor: I, for one, am in accord with the suggestion of Renska Swart, regarding the preserving of the present courthouse as a museum. My interest is from both an idealistic and mercenary point of view. It is my impression that Salem and Oregon, in general, does not make sufficient of its wealth of tradition and historic shrines and relics.

Poor Man's Philosopher From Foxhole to Grammar School for Hero, Now 24

New York (AP)—A young army hero who won the nation's highest award for valor at the age of 18 now is attacking an educational objective.



Hal Boyle

"I want to finish grammar school," said master sergeant James R. Hendrix. "After all I'm 24 now, and I ought to be getting on with my schooling. I want to learn all I can." The stocky, red-haired, freckle-faced paratrooper, who came here to appear in a film short for the American Cancer Society, plans to attend school at Camp Campbell, Ky., his present base.

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Protest Against Cutting Out Small Dams

A proverb in many languages goes like this: "For want of a nail the shoe is lost. For want of a horse the rider is lost. For want of a rider the battle was lost. For want of a battle the kingdom was lost—all for the want of a horseshoe nail."

Prince, Who Likes to Bark At Fluffy Clouds, on the Job

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