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DOROTHY THOMPSON COMES TO SALEM

Dorothy Thompson, the famous writer on international affairs, brought her 24 carat brain to Salem last night, for the edification of an audience that reflected credit upon local interest in the subject.

Miss Thompson was devastating in her analysis of American foreign policy during the last decade, and we think her points were amply supported by the record, but she was much less effective the one time she sought to suggest an affirmative future policy, in response to a question from the floor.

The speaker assailed the allies' "unconditional surrender" policy, and this writer recalls that she did so immediately after it was announced, when its folly was much less obvious than it is now, more than a decade later.

She made the point then that we can't actually destroy our enemies in war. We must live with them afterward. In fact, they're probably our future allies, whom we'll need. Therefore we must fight for limited objectives, not unlimited ones.

Japan would have stopped fighting on a basis more beneficial to the U.S. than the unconditional surrender we almost got finally, before the "A" bombs were dropped on her cities. Russia could have been kept out of Korea and China and Japan, not the U.S. would have done the job, she pointed out.

Miss Thompson believes the allies could have secured Hitler's overthrow and a peace with Germany that would have kept Russia out of Central Europe as early as 1943, had it not been for the crazy "unconditional surrender" slogan, which seems to have emanated from the fertile brain of F.D.R. At least Churchill vigorously denies any part in its authorship.

The noted pundit insists that there will be no "one world" in the foreseeable future. She would limit American commitments. She does not believe Russia is likely to invade Western Europe nor that that region can carry the armament burden the U.S. wants it to assume.

But when Miss Thompson was asked how and when the U.S. is to get out of Korea all she could suggest was an attempt to negotiate an agreement with Russia and China to neutralize Korea as Switzerland is neutralized in Europe. She thought they would be interested. So do we—in such a treaty which would result in the U.N. forces leaving the country. Whereupon the Reds would occupy it as they sought to do in 1950, and we would have lost everything we have fought for. Whatever the answer to the Korean riddle may be, it has got to be a lot better than that.

VAN FLEET ON KOREAN WAR

In his report on Korea to congress General Van Fleet paid a fine tribute to the Koreans, both South and North. "We have no corner in America on aptitude or bravery," he said. "The Oriental has these qualities." The Japanese proved that in World War II with their fanatical suicide squads, as the Red Chinese along with the Koreans have in the Korean struggle.

Van Fleet said the South Koreans, even the women, are ready and willing to fight for their freedom and the North Koreans, in his opinion, would join the South Koreans against the communists except for the fact that "they have a gun at their back."

Van Fleet continued the Korean was "a cheaper man to maintain," because he was on the spot and did not require transportation. His pay is about 10 cents a month with no allowances, no insurance, and no home leaves and "he's a superb soldier."

Then Van Fleet said with great feeling: "There are only two things this South Korean nation has, manpower and a willingness to fight for freedom. They have nothing else except their morale. It's a destroyed country."

The former Eighth army commander said that the replacement of American units must be gradual and the American army is running short of replacements. But the on-the-spot training of the ROK gives the South Korean soldiers a "better basic training than our own boys in America receive." American units are "under strength and short on junior leaders and the skills it takes."

In Van Fleet's opinion the United Nations forces can win a military victory in Korea without enlarging the conflict into a world war and victory is the only way the deadlocks can be settled.

STALIN'S STROKE FORCES SLOWDOWN

The fatal illness of Josef Stalin will vitally affect the major plans of the Eisenhower administration. Defense, taxes and economy policies are all affected.

The stroke that paralyzed the Russian dictator came as the republicans were slashing the funds for national defense and foreign aid, and will necessarily be affected by developments in the Kremlin.

Until Stalin's successor is known and his intentions understood there must necessarily be a slowdown in cutting spending designed to resist communism.

Only friendly gestures from the Kremlin could speed the economy effort in defense costs, and react in lowering taxation. And deeds rather than words must emphasize any reversal of the policies of aggression.

So a wait and see policy for national safety must be followed until the new communist policy is apparent.

Unless the uncertainty in Moscow is cleared up one way or the other, it is likely that congress will not attempt to wind up its 1953 business by the end of July. A special session in October would be probable at which the world situation and the temperature in the Kremlin could be considered in a final vote on a tax cut.

Educational TV Wanted Now

Supporters of educational television aren't satisfied to have a two-year study of the question. They want educational TV now.

The House Education Committee heard arguments Wednesday night on the question, and the proposal for an interim committee study as advocated by Gov. Paul L. Patterson drew little support.

Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart, manager of Astoria station, KAST, urged an immediate start in educational TV, sponsored by the State Board of Higher Education. He said the state might not get any channels unless it acts soon.

Holmes and other witnesses urged passage of a bill to appropriate about \$800,000 to let the State Board of Higher Education operate two transmitters — one in Portland and one near Corvallis and Eugene.

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hammer and Sickle Falls From Most Powerful Man in World

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The hammer and sickle have fallen from the hands of Joseph Stalin.

The "great comrade" has come to twilight on his long, bloody road to power.

It is superb irony that this man whose words and actions frightened more people than any other man in history should end a helpless paralytic. . . . unable to move or ask for a drink of water. . . . A complete prisoner of a small group of men in whom he held no final trust.

What terror must seethe in his darkened brain as strange shadowy figures probe his numbing body in Moscow's official medical inquisition. . . . What panic in his mind as his thickened tongue refuses to say what he wants it to say! . . . Maybe he wants to give an order. . . . Won't anybody. . . . can't anybody hear him? . . . Maybe it isn't an order at all. . . . Maybe the great marshal doesn't want to talk about a battle plan. . . . Perhaps at last he wants to mumble a prayer. . . . Or to ask what day it is. . . . Or maybe his memory wanders in the lost fields of yesteryear and he is inquiring for Lenin. . . . Or Trotsky. . . . the dead friends of his dead youth. . . .

Whatever he wants to say, it no longer makes any difference. . . . He shares in solitude the fate he inflicted on millions of other human beings. . . . Now he, too, is a slave. . . . And, like all the others, death is for him the only way out. . . .

At this writing the Moscow government reports him still alive. But, true or false, it makes no real difference. Dead or alive, Comrade Stalin is again a stranger to power.

No other figure in the human race ever held such power. . . . 800,000,000 people under his direct sway. . . . some 1,400,000,000 others worried or afraid of how he would move next.

Stalin took over as a dictator where Adolf Hitler left off. . . . He knew no real peace since boyhood. . . . always fighting, plotting, scheming for the death of others. . . . And what does all his vast empire come down to? . . . A fight for just one more breath. . . . and then another. . . . What are the Ukraine and Poland to him now. . . . Manchuria or Korea?

His arch enemy, the pope at Rome, prays for his conversion.

Canadian Surgeon Says Stalin Already Dead

Montreal, (AP)—A leading Canadian neurosurgeon, who asked not to be identified, said today if descriptions of the brain hemorrhage suffered Sunday night by Stalin are correct, the 73-year-old Soviet dictator has been dead at least 36 hours.

"Paralysis of the right side of the body, inability to talk, unconsciousness and an irregular breathing rhythm—the description of Stalin's condition after he suffered the stroke—combine to give an accurate picture of a severe hemorrhage of the brain," he said in an interview tonight.

"No one in the condition described has more than a day, or two at the most, to live."

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It was also proclaimed officially that the treatment of the stricken Premier is "under the constant supervision" of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Wouldn't it seem odd in America if President Eisenhower fell ill, and the White House announced:

"The President is being treated under the constant supervision of the Republican National Committee."

Well, it took Joseph Stalin 73 years to make his bed. Now he lies in it, dead or probably dying, as the rest of the world, already willing to forget him, wonders who will pick up his hammer and sickle now in the plot against peace.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

How to Torture Your Wife



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

House Rules and Ways, Means Chairmen in Tax Cut Tangle

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Congressman Leo Allen of Illinois, republican, is one of the best-natured members of congress, but the spunky chairman of the House Rules Committee can slug it out when the occasion requires.

Meeting tax-cutting congressman Dan Reed of New York the other day, he let his follow republican know in no uncertain terms that he was going to continue blocking Reed's tax bill. When Reed testily demanded that Allen report his bill out of committee for a vote by the full house, Allen replied:

"My committee will be guided by the leadership of the house—Speaker Joe Martin."

"All right," blazed back Reed, "then we'll force my bill out of your committee."

"We'll see about that," Allen retorted, coolly. "We'll see about that."

Allen's stand took real courage because Dan Reed is not only chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, but also rules on the membership of all House committees. As such, he can make it tough for those who tangle with him when it comes to parceling out prize posts on important committees.

However, Allen has his own weapons of his own. One is the firm conviction that he was right and that political parties, like individuals, should keep their promises. Two, he has the strong moral support of Speaker Joe Martin; and three, the backing of President Eisenhower, who wants to balance the budget before cutting taxes.

SENATE SECRECY

Gaunt, gray Bernie Baruch, who has battled against inflation during two world wars, is now battling against senate secrecy. His scorching telegram to Senator Capehart of Indiana against secret sessions, however, did little good.

"How can the people who fight and die, suffer and pay, pass any judgment if they are left unaware of what and why legislation is passed?" elder statesman Baruch wired the committee chairman, who's considering price-wage controls.

Immediately following Baruch's telegram, Capehart's committee held another session which was so secret that no minutes were taken and seven committee staff were barred.

Afterward, with no written record to keep them straight, senators seemed completely confused as to what had happened. Senator Capehart said that Defense Secretary Wilson was "hopeful" of a cut in military costs; but Senator Robertson of Virginia indicated that Wilson said just the opposite.

Senator Maybank of South Carolina said Secretary of Commerce Weeks favored some sort of price-wage freeze power in case of emergency; but Senator Bricker of Ohio said Weeks seemed just the opposite.

However, believing the American people are entitled to know the facts, this column can report the accurate highlights of what happened at this secret session:

1. Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey stated flatly that the actual cost of operating the government cannot be cut this year. Cuts might be made in some nonoperating categories, Humphrey said. . . . He's been looking over the veterans budget for possible cuts. . . . Heaviest cuts would have to be made in foreign aid and defense.

2. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson disagreed about cutting the defense budget, didn't see how any big cuts could be made this year, said he

hoped to reduce the defense budget by five billions in the fiscal year 1953. . . . Instead of cutting the budget now, Wilson said, he'd actually stepped up spending on several items, such as airplane engines.

"Do you think the government can be run like big business?" asked Senator Irving Ives of New York.

"No," replied the man who once said what's good for General Motors is good for the United States, "there are too many sacred cows."

3. Secretary of Commerce Weeks emphasized that government should get out of all business, such as synthetic rubber and smelting tin.

All three cabinet officers agreed they didn't want to keep stand-by machinery for controlling price - wages, did want stand-by authority for a straight, 60-day freeze in case of emergency. This would give congress time to enact new controls legislation.

Not a word was spoken during this highly secret hearing that affected the national security. Yet senators even barred clerks and stenographers.

SHRIMPS VS. OIL

Texas and Florida congressmen aren't happy about having it publicized, but the Tidelands Oil law is going to boomerang against the shrimp industry of their states. It's going to make it almost impossible for Texas, Louisiana and Florida shrimp boats to fish off the Mexican coast.

What's happened is that Mexico hitherto has claimed that she controlled Gulf of Mexico waters nine miles out to sea and would not let Florida, Texas and Louisiana shrimp boats fish inside. The United States, however, refused to recognize Mexico's nine-mile limit, insisted the limit was three miles.

But now Texas, Florida and Louisiana congressmen propose extending the limit 10 1/2 miles for Texas and Florida. This automatically strengthens Mexico's hand and removes any argument about seizing shrimp boats inside the nine-mile limit. Mexico can now maintain that her nine-mile limit is less than the new tidelands limit.

Note — There are about 300 American shrimpers operating in what Mexico claims to be her waters. Four Texas shrimp boats were seized and their crews arrested only last week.

4. The highest peak in England is Ben Nevis in Scotland 4,406 feet.

Salem 34 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

March 5, 1919

Funeral services for Governor James Withycombe will be held tomorrow afternoon from the First Methodist church. Rev. R. N. Avison will conduct the service, Wallace McCamant, appointed to the supreme court by Governor Withycombe, will deliver the eulogy.

President Wilson, on his way to the peace conference, is at sea aboard the transport, General Washington. He has announced his determination to fight a finish fight with republican senators opposed to the League of Nations covenant.

Marion county advocates of good roads stress economy paving market roads intersecting with major highways by county plants for \$12,500 a mile.

A Capital Journal editorial proclaims that the public will be pleased to know that pneumatic truck tires on vehicles operating experimentally over midwest route may soon come into common use and replace the solid type now standard truck equipment.

Henry Ford is reported ready to launch a new automobile enterprise concerned with manufacture of a less expensive car than the present, well known model T.

Mrs. F. A. Elliott in charge of the sewing department for the Red Cross and Mrs. Russell Catlin, head of the knitting department, will leave tomorrow for Seattle to attend a Red Cross meeting that will consider making garments for refugees.

Mayor C. E. Albin has proclaimed today as "Tri-color Day" in Salem. A French band of war veterans will give a concert at the armory this evening and all admissions paid will be donated to war mothers for the entertainment fund devoted to Company M boys returning home from Europe.

Salem has had rainfall every day for the past 30 days, a total of 9.88 inches.

The baby left in the basement of Salem Public library last Thursday is doing nicely at Willamette sanitarium. No official action has yet been taken upon applications for adoption, a prerogative of the county court.

Salem Elks have announced "Officer 668" as their annual play for 1919. Mayor C. E. Albin has the role of Captain Stone, one of the best comedy parts in the play. Others in the cast are: George C. L. Snyder, Miss Olga Gray, Oscar B. Gingrich, Miss Florence Cartwright, James Mott, Mrs. Walter Spaulding, Ben W. Olcott, Carl Hinges, E. Cooke Patton, Bunny Melring, A. L. Fraser and Dan Langenberg.

Medics Give Stalin Under 1 Pct. Chance

New York, (AP)—Competent medical sources in New York early today gave Russian Premier Joseph V. Stalin "little or no chance of recovery" on the basis of Moscow's latest medical bulletin.

These medical sources, who asked not to be identified by name, said, however, that Stalin "could stay on for several days but his chances for recovery are less than a fraction of 1 per cent."

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