

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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NEW DEAL PROPAGANDA MACHINE

The highly organized and concentrated propaganda drive conducted by left-wing Administration forces these last several months is the most dangerous, and at the same time the most discouraging, development in this center of our super-government. It is dangerous because the people of the country are being told things over and over again on the radio and in the columns of newspaper "columnists" that are misleading and untrue. It is discouraging because the Administration crowd (and I mean the fellows behind the scenes—not the front men whose names make the headlines) has quietly but systematically censored the airways of nearly all but the so-called commentators who say what they want said.

There are several examples of this propaganda campaign. I will mention only one. It has been said so many times that I am sure everyone who reads this will have heard it or read it before that a great and powerful lobby was on hand to high-pressure Members of Congress when the so-called housing bill was under consideration. That is a deliberate and malicious untruth, and is recited, I believe, for the purpose of covering up the true nature of such pressure as was exerted and for the purpose of discrediting any Member of Congress who voted contrary to the wishes of the Administration. I not only did not see any evidence of lobbying, but when I heard it charged that a lobby was active, I made inquiry about it or more than a dozen Members. None of them had heard or seen any home building association or other lobbyist at any time during the course of the debate, or before or since. When Chester Bowles, or anyone else, says that the House of Representatives refused to vote for the subsidy or other New Deal demands because of the pressure of lobbyists, he is telling a deliberate lie.

Such radio speakers as Quentin Reynolds, Walter Winchell and others have either stated or clearly implied that members of the House who opposed certain features of the housing bill demanded by the Administration were voting against the construction of houses for veterans. I think it is obvious, to anyone who stops to think, that no Member of Congress in his right mind would vote against houses for veterans, and yet the statement has been made so many times that undoubtedly a great many people do believe it.

The sad part of all this is that there is very little on the air or in print which refutes these propagandists and states the other side of the case. You may remember that many

of us opposed the federal "no-name" ballot plan, which was advocated in 1944 by these same left-wingers and their propaganda stooges. Their campaign was partially successful, and the federal ballot was authorized for several states. The people in the service did not use the federal ballots. Although nine million of the blank ballots were printed and distributed, only a few thousand were cast in the election. The people in the armed forces preferred to use their own state absentee ballots and did so just as we said they would. Since the facts have been revealed, both the Army and the Navy have urged that the federal ballot plan be repealed entirely, and the author of the original federal ballot bill, Senator Green, has introduced, and his committee has reported out, a bill repealing the federal ballot provisions. Our position, therefore, has been completely vindicated, but so far as I know, little or no publicity has been given to that fact. At the time the soldier vote bill was before Congress, we who opposed the federal ballot were accused, by the same propagandists mentioned above, of attempting to prevent the soldiers from voting. I suppose many people believed that propaganda then and still think it was true. We who are not in the favor of the propagandists seem to have no defense against their activities. Unfortunately, the people of the country will, in the long run, suffer far more from this vicious and misleading propaganda activity than will a mere handful of elected Congressmen and Senators.

WAR TALK

The activities of Russia these last few weeks have given rise to a lot of gloomy war talk here in Washington. I do not think anyone really believes that war will break out soon or in the immediate future, but there is a lot of talk nevertheless. Apparently the Russian government is doing about the same sort of thing Hitler did when he annexed a large portion of Europe by bloodless conquest. Hitler made his moves when he felt pretty certain those who objected to what he was doing were either too weak or psychologically not ready to fight. Stalin is doing about the same thing now, and apparently following the same reasoning that Hitler used. The difference is that the United Nations Organization is now in existence, and I, for one, believe it will have a deterrent effect on Stalin. The best evidence I can cite for thinking that is the request the Russian government has made for a delay in the next meeting date of UNO. If Stalin did not feel that the UNO might put a stop to his activities, he certainly would not have any interest in delaying the meeting.

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Baseball Schedule Is Set Up For League

The schedule for the county B league baseball conference has been drawn up with eight teams comprising two leagues.

Each team will play six games, two with each of the other teams in the league.

Rogue River, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, and Phoenix comprise the Northern Division, with Central Point, Eagle Point, Butte Falls, and Prospect making up the Southern Division.

Practice started Monday with a good turnout.

The schedule for Central Point is as follows:

April 12 Eagle Point There
April 19 Butte Falls There
April 26 Prospect There
May 3 Eagle Point Here
May 10 Butte Falls Here
May 17 Prospect Here

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Third Spring Revue To Be Presented

The third annual spring revue featuring the chorus, band, and orchestra, will be held April 12 under the direction of Harry L. Meyers, music instructor.

Mr. Meyers has purchased two new spotlights and other small lights to be used on the stage, and has also constructed two sets of scenery.

The theme of the concert this year will be a review of the Gay Nineties.

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Freshmen Lead Roll With Count of Ten

The freshmen led the honor roll this six weeks, with the count of ten: Anne Bohnert, Patsy Faber, Evelyn Fogle, Ted Franks, Sam Glass, Lester Hansen, Donna Nealon, Raymond Nitzschke, Stanley Snook and Patsy Sullivan.

Sophomores: Betty Hawks, Mary Howsley, Nancy Hunter, Jean Kincaid, Phoebe Lull, Janet Merritt, Bud Meadows, and Phyllis Stauffer.

Juniors: Loree Brennessoltz, Hargus Colley, James Fernlund, Ernest Hamilton, Mary Pence, Eleanor Pfaff, and Maxine Robbins.

Seniors: Jo Ann Doran, Ruth Keizer, Louise Lofland, Doris McManama, Roland Smith, and Ken Wyatt.

There was a total of 31 students.

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Stunts Pay Points For Girls at Meet

The second G.A.A. play night of the year was held in the gymnasium, Friday, March 22, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Twenty-three girls attended play night and participated in various stunts such as are required by the state for physical education classes. The girls earn points for each stunt which go toward a letter or a numeral.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, and doughnuts were served after the stunts were completed.

The girls who attended were: Anne Bohnert, Loree Brennessoltz, Neola Culbertson, Bonnie Edwards, Patsy Faber, Lois Anne Fields, Gwen Goin, Merylene Gebhard, Thais Gorden, Pat Hamilton, Barbara Hawley, Jean Kincaid, Jean Lavin, Mary Lull, Helen Meadows, Ilene Narramore, Donna Nealon, Doris Parsons, Eleanor Pfaff, Marianne Pinkham, Claudine Stallings, Patsy Sullivan, and Ortha Trautman.

Mrs. Smith, adviser, attended.

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Seniors Order Cards, Choose Announcements

Announcement chosen, calling cards ordered, and caps and gowns confirmed were the main points of business discussed at a senior class meeting held Friday, March 1, in Room 5.

Walter F. Patrie, from whom the caps and gowns were ordered, was present to confirm the senior's orders for caps and gowns and to receive

orders for announcements and calling cards.

Peggie Robison and Doris McManama have taken orders for both calling cards and announcements.

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