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The First One

Columbians, Inc. has been exposed as a vicious, Nazi-type movement plotting to seize the United States government. To gain the sympathy of white racial groups the Columbians were using as a tool, racial hatred, and were pointing the finger of hate at the negroes.

Plans of the group were to seize power and to kill all Jews, Negroes, and members of other racial minorities. The United States would become a totalitarian nation, based on a Hitlerian Nazi plan of government.

Beginning in Atlanta, Georgia, the organization planned first to run all the negroes out of Atlanta, then all the negroes out of Georgia. Then other Southern states were to be organized and this organizing of states would gradually enlarge in scope until all 48 states were Columbian controlled.

Ralph Childers, 18, one of the members who last week told the weird story to Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, quoted the leader of the Columbians as saying "Of course the Negroes and the Jews would just have to be shot at and people who weren't Columbians and who didn't want to go under our rules would naturally be shot at."

The Columbians were exposed by two members of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi league, blonde Renee Forrest, 24 of New York, and Mario Buzzi, who posed as Nazis to gain the confidence of the leaders of the hate movement. By becoming a secretary to the Columbians, Miss Forrest was able to take photo-microscopic pictures of incriminating documents with a fountain-pen camera.

Soon after going to work with the Columbians the two agents discovered that Ralph Childers and Lanier Waller, members of the group, were not completely in favor of the proposed mission of the Columbians.

Miss Forrest and Buzzi were able to talk the two members into making confessions of projected plans of the Nazi organization.

Friday—the Georgia Grand jury will investigate the Columbians.

This is the first of the "hate movements" since the end of the war. There were several before the war, including the Knights of the White Camellia; the Ku Klux Klan, which was very strong in Jackson county; and several other organizations built around one man. The late Huey Long's empire is an example; Rabble-rouser Gerald L. K. Smith also had quite a following.

There will be more "hate" organizations. Today when times are good and people have money they don't particularly have any hatreds. But if there is a recession the people will seek scapegoats, and then the "hate" boys will have a field day. The Columbians are but the first of many.

It is going to take clear thinking and strong action on the part of American citizens to steer clear of the pitfalls which will beset them and which will be employed by the "haters!"

It is happening here; the Columbians are but the first.

The Case of John L. Lewis

Adjudged in contempt of court the virtual dictator of the United Mine Workers and his 400,000 miners went back to work this week.

The plaintiffs, who won the case, were the people of the United States.

The judge, T. Alan Goldsborough, had, 11 days before Lewis called the strike, issued a restraining order requiring Lewis and his union to continue mining until the Court could decide whether Lewis had the legal right to terminate his contract.

Lewis, in the interim decided not to wait for the courts decision. He terminated the contract. Subsequently, he and his, were declared in contempt of court. On the fourth day of the trial Judge Goldsborough stated: "The strike was an evil, demonic, monstrous thing. If it becomes a question of the destruction of this union, or the preservation of this republic, this republic is going to be preserved."

Today coal is again being mined. The United Mine workers are back in the pits. \$3,500,000 of the unions money has been used up as a fine, this is a quarter of the amount in the union treasury; and John Lewis has been fined \$10,000.

What will be the next move? Mine operators and the United States government both wonder.

Lewis might be down but he is still a shrewd operator, and he will bide his time until he finds another opening. There will soon be a show-down fight between management and organized labor.

The first round is over. The contestants are getting the ir wind, and any day now the second round will begin.

It would be much better if a solution could be worked out across a conference table, not on a picket line.

Ben Heath

Last week a man died quietly in his sleep at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma. He was an American individualist. Ben Heath, who had lived since 1917 at 695 Terrace, had known practically everyone in Ashland.

Originally an Iowa boy he had worked on his parents farm in Iowa until he was 30, and then in 1903 he had homesteaded in Canada where he was later married. In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Heath moved to Los Angeles and shortly after that Ben Heath enlisted in Co F. 319 engineers.

The story of Ben Heath's experiences in World War I are well told in a small booklet which he published a few years ago under the title of "Reminiscences of a Roughneck". The underlying philosophy which guided Ben Heath's life is found in this small volume. Whatever happened or befell Ben Heath he took as an adventure. No matter how dis-

agreeable conditions were, Ben Heath always seemed to find a bright spot.

"Years ago as a boy on the farm, he states "I found life drab and dull, I longed to go and see what lay beyond the horizon."

This search for adventure is still going on, for somewhere today, Ben Heath is looking beyond the horizon.

His favorite poem was one of James Whitcomb Rileys and it begins, "I cannot say, and I will not say That he is dead. . . He is just away. . . ."

LITHIA BUBBLES

Two contributions arrived this week from the facile pens of our two most ambitious poets. The first one is titled:

"IT USED TO BE WRONG"
It used to be wrong to ride a bike
On the sidewalks of the town
But it seems it will continue to
be O. K.
Till someone is finally knocked
down.

—Violet Wray

The second opus has to do with Crosswalks and is aptly called: "CROSSWALK SERENADE"
Oh where? oh where? have the

Jackson County, Medford, Oregon, the applicant for exchange, Roseburg 022908, consents to take the selected land described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 27, T. 33 S., R. 1 E., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., W. M., Oregon, subject to and with a reservation of the right of the United States, its permittees or licensees, to enter upon, occupy, take and use any or all of such land for power purposes in accordance with the terms and conditions of section 24 of the Federal Power Act of June 10, 1920 (41 Stat. 1063, 1075) as amended by the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 836, 846, 16 U. S. C. sec. 818).

Jackson County, Oregon,
by J. B. Coleman
County Judge
November 28, 1946 11.28.46

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, District Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, November 13, 1946.

Notice is hereby given that Jackson County, Medford, Oregon, filed exchange application, Roseburg 022908, on June 29, 1944, under the Act of July 31, 1939 (53 Stat. 1144), for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 27, T. 33 S., R. 1 E., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., W. M., Oregon, containing 320 acres, in exchange for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 6, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 16, T. 40 S., R. 2 W., W. M., Oregon containing 640 acres. This notice is for the purpose of allowing all persons having bona fide objections to the proposed exchange an opportunity to file their objections in this office within 45 days from the date of first publication, together with evidence that a copy thereof has been served on the applicant, Richard McElligott, Acting Manager, First publication November 28, 1946 11.28.46

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Amberg Wins At Livestock Show

John Amberg, son of John W. Amberg of Ashland, Oregon is making practical training in livestock production help pay his expenses at the California Polytechnic college. For the second time in little more than two weeks, Amberg has returned to the campus after winning prize money on fat livestock which he purchased and fed out as part of his livestock training at the state technical college of agriculture and industry. In addition to the prizes and honors won at both the Grand National Livestock Show held at San Francisco, and the Great Western Livestock Show held at Los Angeles, Amberg marketed his prize-winning fat stock at premium prices.

Mayor and Mrs. Thornton Wiley Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carlson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, all of Ashland, had Thanksgiving dinner at the Wiley-Carter home in Medford.

BILLING'S STATEMENT IS IN RELIGIOUS BOOKLET

G. H. Billings, member and teacher in the Methodist church, wrote the following statement for a religious educational booklet titled, "A Century Beckons."

"The high goal of Christian education is to make Christian living so attractive and so real that folks may realize that moral law is here for our benefit. Then we shall honor God because we love him, and treat our neighbors fairly because we love them."

This booklet is handled by the International Council of Religious Education, with national headquarters in Chicago.

POSTON WILL FLY TO ECQUADOR FOR HOLIDAYS

Doctor Ralph Poston will leave by plane for Cuenca, Ecuador, December 18. Poston will join his wife and children there for the holiday season. He will return to Ashland by plane January 11, 1947.

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