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Is Stalin Playing Possum?

AS EVERYONE knows it takes all sorts of people to make a world. And as a corollary it takes all sorts of opinions to make PUBLIC opinion.

But for a strange and bizarre slant on the Finno-Russian conflict we think a correspondent in this morning's Oregonian, should be awarded the hand-painted sofa cushion.

THIS military analyst, Charles C. Haynes by name, maintains these reverses suffered by Russia, for the past month, are all a part of Stalin's "very shrewd game."

Were Stalin to exert his full power, and crush little Finland, as he so easily could do, (in fact according to Mr. Haynes in such case the war would be over in 3 days!) England, France and Germany "would be terrified and would form with Italy a bloc against Communism."

But as it is, there is no such fear aroused. In fact the rest of the world is beginning to believe Russia from a military standpoint is "weak, incapable and unorganized" which is PRECISELY what the wily Oriental despot desires! Then when the capitalistic powers have bled themselves white, are without funds and not knowing what to do next, in will jump the fresh waiting Red Legions, and,—

Well Mr. Haynes hasn't the heart to publicly draw the obvious conclusion, but there is no doubt left in the readers mind, that this clever "waiting game," now being played by the Stalin in Finland, will be followed by the long dreaded Communist conquest of the world!

IT ONLY goes to show there are about as many different opinions as to what is really going on in Europe at the present time, as there are people to express them,—Mr. Haynes, in all probability, representing that group in this country, which refuses to abandon the once popular myth of Soviet Russia being both invulnerable and invincible. Therefore, to sustain it, in view of the present facts, he must rationalize the present situation in Finland in the above fantastic fashion,—Stalin playing possum to the tune of 100,000 casualties!

Now to represent a contrary view, we have Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop of Germany, who as a result of the Russian debacle in Finland, declares:

"The Russians can be licked by any two men and a dog."

(As Paul Mallon remarked, why Von R. thought the dog would be needed is not clear.)

But at any rate the German Minister, justifies his entire Russian policy on the demonstration of Russia's weakness from a military standpoint, maintaining that after defeating the allies, Germany can knock the Russian bear back to the gates of Petrograd, any time she wishes. And accepting the first assumption,—if one CAN,—we don't believe there is much doubt of the truth of the second.

NOW, of course almost anything can happen in the world today and particularly in the military direction. The technique of war has changed along with everything else, and we doubt if since the flood, the future in all departments, has ever been more uncertain.

But unless all the military experts, and practically all the competent war correspondents are not only wrong, but CRAZY, then Mr. Haynes is entirely mistaken in his interpretation of the conflict in Finland and Stalin's role concerning it.

Stalin is wily, shrewd and cunning, but he is playing no waiting game, nor is he "pulling his punches". He undoubtedly hoped to crush Finland, as Germany crushed Poland, but little Finland beat him to the punch, and has given him, and is giving him, one grand and glorious beating.

And while it is undoubtedly true, that unless Britain and France not only give aid to Finland in supplies and munitions, but in airplanes, guns and men,—in short virtually establish an extended ALLIED FRONT in Finland,—Russia eventually will win,—

It is EQUALLY TRUE, that to date, Russia has suffered the most serious blow to her prestige and international standing since her defeat by Japan, and unless there is a complete change in the picture presented by her military and naval forces,—and that soon,—it is a blow that promises to have the most far-reaching and portentous consequences, both at home and abroad.

YES we can say what we will about ideologies, Utopias, and what have you,—but in international affairs at this stage of human development there is only ONE determining factor, and that factor is power,—FORCE.

The influence one nation exerts on others, is in direct proportion, not to its ideas, nor its ideals,—nor even its desires, however worthy they may be,—but upon the power that is behind them.

Again internationally speaking Russia's influence has rested upon the belief of her power, her army the largest in the world, her airforce one of the most modern, and presumably the most effective.

BUT the proof of the pudding, in this direction, as in every other, is in the EATING. And to the world as a whole, regardless of Mr. Haynes, this war in Finland, has demonstrated, that from a military standpoint, Soviet Russia has been egregiously over-rated, particularly in any offensive action beyond her borders. Instead of being a first rate power, she is probably only a second, or a third.

And that fact, ladies and gentlemen quickly appreciated by all countries, if sustained by future events will in all likelihood change the ENTIRE COURSE, OF THE MODERN WORLD!

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large numbers of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

MYTHS OF MODERN MEDICINE

A reader sends a clipping in which a doctor, as the reporter puts it, said that "in many of the 1000 cases of deafness which he studied the cause could be attributed directly to quinine."

The reader asks whether I have an alibi, and says "You cannot both be right."



Before I go into the ring against the doctor, let us see what he really said about quinine and deafness.

He said the percentage of patients who had a history of having taken quinine was four times greater among 234 cases of nerve deafness than among 832 cases of other than nerve deafness.

Perhaps one individual in a thousand has what is known as an idiosyncrasy and should never take quinine at all. I have never encountered one, and I had to re-examine the opportunity to test the validity of the doctor's claim because she was quite firm about it and besides she was high strung and had extremely sensitive nerves—and you know how I am about that.

Millions of malaria, influenza, grip, cri, myotonia, heart, neuritis, chorea, whooping cough and ex-ophthalmic goitre patients and their doctors can't be wrong. I believe that a good many deaf patients had taken quinine is wrong. Every doctor knows that overdose of quinine, taken intentionally or by mistake, may cause temporary deafness.

I reassure all readers who follow my teachings that quinine is still an excellent remedy for a number of common ailments and in my judgment it is far safer than many other medicines which the public uses with little discrimination and against which few doctors have the courage to warn the public.

The latest edition of my monograph "Quinine in Modern Medicine" tells how to use quinine.

As a home remedy. Ask for it next time you write me, inclosing a stamped envelope bearing your address. Let me quote two sentences from the Quinine monograph.

"In short we may regard quinine as an all-around tonic, inhibitor, restrainer or holder-backer." (These effects partly explain its value against stage fright, examination jitters and in preventing exhaustion from any ordeal.)

"If any medicine under the sun deserves the name of 'cure' (gold cure to you) it is that old stand-by, quinine." (I recommend it as a prophylactic against cri, in the season when respiratory infections are more or less prevalent if not epidemic. Two grains of quinine sulphate before or after food three times a day, in tablet, pill or capsule, for adults; for children weighing half as much as adults, one grain three times daily; for younger children, perhaps one grain twice or only once daily.) Further details as to the treatment of such infections are given in the monograph.

If there was a reasonable doubt concerning the harmlessness of quinine I would never plump for it as I do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Tubby Please Write

This is the time of year most suitable for introduction to a physiological reduction regimen, plan or schedule, a design for dwindling in a safe, sound, sensible way. So, in order to try and make a little room in the world for the rest of us in the tight crevices here and there not entirely filled up by the Tubbies, and to prove he is not always tight, as some readers may imagine, Dr. Doc Brady makes this offer:

Any adult who needs to get rid of some slacker flesh with certain improvement in vite, may have a copy of the "Rules for Reducing"—which ordinarily sets the reader back a shilling—with my compliments and best wishes for a comeback. If he sends me a letter asking for the booklet, bearing a postmark not later than January 31 and inclosing a 1-cent stamped self-addressed, return envelope.

(Protected by John F. Dills Co.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress is in town. Illiterate and learned, bumbling and clear-minded, hacks, nincompoops, pork-grabbers, honest men, wiseacres and statesmen, the lawmakers are upon us, making more noise, more news, and more business for the regular inhabitants of the city.

As usual, the question on most lips is: "What kind of session will it be?" The obvious first answer is, extremely political, since this is a campaign year. But after that easy generality, there are specific issues to be dealt with, some of them of great import. It may be worth setting down issue by issue, such forecasts as can be made at this time.

Trade agreements: Number one bet to start a big row is renewal of the state department's authority to make trade agreements. Secretary of State Cordell Hull is currently determined to make a hard fight. The lobbyists are gathering against him, and the Republicans are joining hands with the lobbyists. Meanwhile, as the important trade agreements are already concluded, the president is considering deferring the issue until after the election. His new deal advisers and congressional leaders favor this policy, but if he adopts it he will have to drag Hull into acquiescence. He may not be able to.

Other foreign problems: Each month of war will bring new developments, but, for the present, aid to Finland is the only aspect of administrative policy requiring affirmative congressional action. The president has already asked his leaders on the Hill about cancelling Finland's present debt to this country, and about making the Finland a substantial loan for armaments.

He was advised not to attempt to cancel the debt, since it was thought that would set a precedent with regard to debts of other nations. Instead, he will probably press for suspension of interest payments. The armaments loan was more tentatively approved, but if further soundings bring no bad response from the senate, it will also be proposed.

Finances: Cuts in the budget are extremely deep. As already explained, this impels congress on the horns of a cruel dilemma. Either

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

LATEST estimates as these words are written indicate that 369 Americans died violently over the New Year holiday week-end—chiefly in highway accidents.

Comparison: Three of Finland's cities were bombed viciously by the Russians over the same week-end. FINNISH CASUALTIES, 22.

(If every day was a HOLIDAY, life in peaceful America might be almost as hazardous as life in war-torn Europe.)

AFTER a week-end that was staggeringly disastrous to the Russian invaders of Finland, Moscow issues this communique (pronounced kommunIKAY): "Nothing of importance occurred on the Finnish front."

If you are a dictator, bitten by the world conquest bug, it is important ONLY WHEN YOU WIN.

PREMIER George Tatarscu of Rumania, in a speech delivered over the week-end, says: "Our provinces of Bucovina and Bessarabia (coveted by Russia) will be defended to the LAST MAN, if necessary."

Check that off as the first fruit of the Russian military flop in Finland. If the flop continues, there will be other fruits of a similar nature.

Stalin stubbed his toe badly when he tackled tough little Finland.

HARRY Bridges, cleared of the charge of communist membership, can't be deported.

In this writer's opinion, it's just as well. If the American system has no better way of protecting itself from the termites who bore into its timbers than to deport them, it has DANGEROUS WEAKNESSES.

DEPORTATION is a first cousin of exile. Exile is an ancient weapon used by every frightened autocrat since history began.

Exile, as practiced by the autocrats of the past, has been a mild first step toward getting rid of "undesirable" persons. The next step, surprisingly often, has been EXECUTION.

If we take that road to get rid of Bridges (and others of his ilk) the cure will be worse than the disease.

LET'S handle Bridges and his kind in the AMERICAN way—by appealing to the fundamental common sense of the good citizens who are vastly in the majority in every American community.

SAN FRAN BAY BRIDGE TOLLS ARE REDUCED

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—Various new toll and fare reductions became effective with the start of the new year.

The toll on the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge was reduced from 40 cents to 35 cents per car. During last year the toll charge on the bridge was cut from 50 to 40 cents.

Southern Pacific announced reduced fares to all eastern points in addition to special winter excursion rates.

Buy Power System

Portland, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—Skaunna county's public utility district purchased the West Coast Power company's distribution system yesterday for \$40,000 and will begin using Bonneville power shortly, Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver said last night.

Portland, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—The federal food stamps with which reliefers can buy surplus commodities for a third less than cash went on sale here Tuesday in the first test of the plan in Oregon.

Weather

Northern California: Unsettled and mild tonight and Thursday, probably intermittent rains north portion; gentle variable wind off the coast, becoming southerly and increasing off north coast.

Stockholm has 26 parks where 100,000 tulip and hyacinth bulbs are planted annually, in addition to 66,000 dahlias, phlox and other summer plants, 1,500 azaleas and 300 rhododendrons.

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AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly (Continued from Page One)

valley project, lower Columbia river, Walla Walla river and other streams inland and along the coast, to important projects in Pennsylvania, New England and several mid-west and southern states. The natural thing is for the senators and representatives whose constituents are affected to consolidate their forces.

Thus, Oregon's McNary and Holman; Washington's Bone and Schwellenbach (or his successor); California's Johnson and Downey will be united with Pennsylvania's Puddler Jim Davis and Joe Guffey and the various other senators. A similar situation will prevail in the house.

Enough votes will be mustered to increase the funds for flood control above the sum approved by Mr. Roosevelt.

In a nutshell, such is the technique which will be applied to many other reductions in the president's budget. It may be harder to restore the \$5,000,000 eliminated from the construction program for Bonneville (with unexpended funds that project will have approximately \$15,000,000 anyway), as the increasing conservative attitude of congress makes less popular further invasion of the federal government in business.

Grange, farmers' union and similar groups interested in various phases of agriculture will find common ground on which to lobby for restoration of the cuts. Although it is forbidden for government workers to lobby congress for appropriations, the many bureaucrats and agencies which will feel the knife and see their activities curtailed, will manage somehow to reach representatives and senators with their arguments. Every bureau chief has personal contacts with "the hill," many made through social affairs, for federal officials are inveterate party-goers.

THERE are 435 representatives and 32 senators to be elected this year and many will feel the resentment of constituents if they permit the president (much as they may admire the chief executive) to hamstring a project which means much locally. Self protection and perpetuation in congress will bring new dealers, Republicans and conservative Democrats together on dozens of items and the president is not likely to threaten a veto. At press conference or in fireside chat Mr. Roosevelt can charge congress with wrecking his program to decrease government costs. He will not overlook that opportunity.

SUCH is the situation as it will develop in the ensuing months. Thousands of people will be alarmed or disappointed when the budget figures are released, but in general their fears will be unfounded. Instead of the national capital understanding exactly that a little game is being played by the executive and the legislative branch, it may be difficult to measure many—particularly those who look to the federal government for relief—that all will be well, but at long last millions of dollars blue penciled by Mr. Roosevelt will be back.

One result of the slashing will be some sharp attacks on the president's costly program for national defense.

Hitler "Champion Chump"

Portland, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler, a national magazine's 1938 selection as the "man of the year," was the "champion chump of 1939," Palmer Hoyt, publisher of The Oregonian, told the Rotary club yesterday. Hoyt said Hitler would not have attacked Poland had he believed England would fight.

Mine Director Quits.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—John Wellington Finch resigned today as director of the bureau of mines. Secretary Ickes said Finch desired to resume practice as a mining engineer. He asked to be relieved of duty effective January 31.

Congressman Dies

Morrilton, Ark., Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—Rep. George H. Heinke (R-Nebr.), 57, died in a hospital here last night from injuries received in an automobile accident December 26. He and Mrs. Heinke, 51, of Nebraska City, Neb., were hurt when their automobile, in which they were enroute to Washington, and another collided in a snowstorm near here.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 January 3, 1930.
 (It was Friday)

County Boundary committee hears charges of taxpayers that Butte Falls school district pays excessive salaries to teachers. Petition filed for reduction of budget.

First of Folsom convicts handed for part in bloody Thanksgiving Day riot of three years ago.

K. I. Dazey named chairman of Community Inventory dinner to be held next Wednesday.

Mayor Pipes preparing statement on dance matron controversy.

Al Smith of New York urges people to "maintain cheerful attitude in face of economic crisis", and predicts early return of prosperity.

Wind and rain sweep the valley, with snow in the high hills. Storm sewers in city are flooded. Ashland has a light fall of snow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 January 3, 1920.
 (It was Saturday)

Supreme court declares Volstead act constitutional, and days of land are cheered.

Radicals caught in government raids to fight deportation.

President Woodrow Wilson expected to kill rumor he will "run for a third term" at Jackson Day dinner next week.

Snow that melts rapidly falls over city and valley.

County court to purchase fairgrounds within next two weeks, it is expected.

Much local interest in the Trigonia Oil wells.

VOTE SOUGHT ON SUNDAY SALE BAN

Salem, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—Preliminary petition for an initiative measure to prohibit sale of most commodities on Sundays and holidays throughout Oregon was filed with the secretary of state today by George Lightowler of Portland. Petitions will be circulated by the Portland grocery clerks' union.

The measure would exempt candies, tobacco, drugs and medicines, motor fuel and oil, newspapers and magazines, restaurants and theaters.

The measure, if 25,531 signatures of registered voters are obtained, would appear on the ballot next November.

The Grange

Talent Grange will meet in regular session Thursday evening, January 4, with all new officers in the chairs. Good attendance is desired.

The Grange will give a carnival dance Saturday night in Talent city hall.

A 2000 program is planned for Thursday night.

Willow Springs

Willow Springs, Jan. 3.—(Sp.)—The regular monthly meeting of the Willow Springs Thursday club will be held on the second Thursday of the month, January 11, at the home of Mrs. Effie Caster. Mrs. C. F. Smith and Mrs. Roscoe Owens will be in charge of the program. Members' attention is called to the fact that this meeting is being held the second Thursday in the month rather than the first, as is the usual custom.

The term mineral wool is a generic one covering a variety of similar products differentiated chiefly by the raw materials which are their sources.

WATCH for the WIZARD