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Why Not Meet In Berlin?

Why not delay the approaching "Big Three" meeting and hold it in Berlin? There would be several advantages to such an arrangement. The allies,—or at least the allies' representatives,—would then get to Germany's capital about the same time Comrade Stalin arrived. As it is now, it looks as though the "Boss of all the Russias" would get there many weeks,—perhaps months,—before any representatives of Britain or the United States, could make it. Comrade Stalin would then be in a position to do as he wishes as far as Germany is concerned. And it is not very likely his wishes would coincide completely with those of his allies. Friction if nothing more serious, might then ensue.

THERE is the dismemberment of Germany for example and its reduction to a weak agricultural, non-industrial state. According to all reports J. Stalin doesn't approve of this Anglo-American proposal. Stalin wants a reasonably strong Germany and especially a friendly one, which means of course a Germany that can buy Russia's raw materials and is either in sympathy with communism, or actually has adopted the Russian form of government.

PRIME Minister Churchill would be violently opposed to any such arrangement. President Roosevelt's attitude is not so well known, but he would probably not like the idea overly much. But what would either of them be able to do about it,—with Messrs. Stalin, Rokossovsky, Zhukov, Konev, and a million or two Soviet troops in Berlin? Just as much as the elderly lady who undertook to sweep back the ocean tides with a broom!

THIS amazing onslaught of the Russian hordes is great news from the standpoint of a complete and impending allied victory. But it is not so pleasing from the standpoint of the situation in Europe after Germany's defeat!

"Unconditional Surrender"

The debate over "unconditional surrender" will probably continue for the duration. During the German offensive there was a marked revival of opposition to this term in the allied program. Now with the allied offensive again in "high" and Russia going great guns there is an equally marked decline.

Which is natural enough. For the opposition to unconditional surrender was based upon the belief it united and stiffened German resistance and thus NEEDLESSLY prolonged the war. With German resistance again collapsing on both fronts, and the end of the war looming once more just around the corner, the validity of such an argument naturally is less than was true a month back.

HOWEVER unless the war does end in Europe in the next few weeks the argument will no doubt be revived and continued, as the fighting goes on,—and on,—and on. For like some other controversial subjects, the inconclusiveness of this unconditional surrender "talk-talky" rather fascinates. For the EXACT effect of this policy can never be known,—at least for the duration.

GERMAN resistance has persisted far longer than any responsible authority in the allied camp a year ago expected. But whether this German refusal to quit was due largely to fears engendered by the unconditional surrender slogan or not, is entirely in the realm of conjecture. There it will probably remain until the Second World War has ended and it is possible to know what really went on inside Germany,—and what didn't,—during the closing months of the conflict.

OUR own belief is the term was an unfortunate one, and impartial history will record it as a strategic mistake. But far higher authorities, both in this country and abroad, hold to the opposite view. The world no doubt will have to wait, until the proper historical perspective is obtained, to find out the truth.

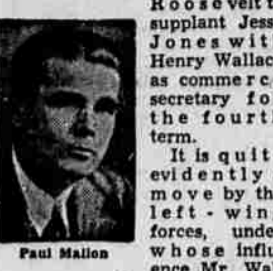
Pay and Don't Squawk!

Speaking of paying income taxes during war time without squawking,—below we print one of the best things we have seen along this line and from an investment counsel,—Mr. Paul Talbot of the United Business Service of Boston!

We quote:—"Well, I've finished up my 1944 income tax return for January 15 filing. It was a close squeak, and that final figure did 'bite'—but I'm not kicking. "High taxes are not pleasant—far from it. But most all things are relative, and as I knock the ping from under what seemed like a pretty satisfactory bank balance, I realize that I am being asked to pay only what I can pay. "And by comparison with others—the men in Belgium and the South Pacific for instance—we who can stay here in the U.S.A. should be more than willing to pay—and pay—our share. "Of course, there is wastage and inefficiency in the spending of our tax money,—there always is in wartime. But war isn't offered on a "take it or leave it" basis. The fiddler must be paid. "As a nation, we still have not really "buckled down" to win this war. Not that we aren't willing to—but the thought still persists in all too many minds that we can win "some easy way. "It would be nice if we could, but it just isn't working out that way. The roadway gets rougher and rougher as the weeks go by, both for the "home folks" and for the boys on our many fighting fronts. All must make sacrifices. "So when you figure up your income tax—when the totals really start to pinch and hurt—think how fortunate you actually are. Think how high a surtax rate you would gladly trade for an arm or a leg or a life."

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 24.—No spy-glass is needed to see what lies behind the proposal of Mr. Roosevelt to



place operates, to capture control of what they always have claimed was the Jones financial hegemony. These forces, which the public sees mainly expressed in the prominence of Sidney Hillman in the C. I. O., would gain the inside track in the government mortgage and loan business amounting to billions and reaching out into every bank and many a business. Mr. Jones has built up what almost amounts to a \$40,000,000 mortgage empire for the administration.

THE job of commerce secretary has meant little to the public. Until Jones took that chair it meant only management of government statistical bureaus relating to business here and abroad, the bureau of standards, patent office, weather bureau and similarly unimportant (ideologically), etc.

But Jones brought into it the big lending agencies, Reconstruction Finance corporation, Defense Plant corporation, Defense Supplies, Metals Reserves, Federal Mortgage association, Disaster Loan corporation and such, which wielded a dominant financial influence out through the country. The proposed transfer of all this to ultra left-wing influence is what shocked many senators into the comment which has been published.

MANY other stories are being told, purporting to give the inside inspirations for the president's decision. Most of them relate to the personal feuds involved.

One of the great gunning games of the administration has long run between Wallace and Jones. Some say this is the reason why Wallace asked for the post—merely to oust a bitter antagonist who defeated him in their earlier row.

Bad feeling also has existed between the president and Jones because the Texan was unable to quiet antagonism to the fourth term in his home state. The leftists long have charged Jones with treachery, but never proved it, and I had personal experience in the last campaign which proved to my satisfaction the Jones loyalty to the fourth term. His job, which represents his life's work was at stake, he thought.

ALL this is superficial and inconsequential no matter which side you are on. That the president would be guided by personal antagonism in such a matter will be difficult to be believed generally. The average inner feeling in the senate, as I judge it—or at any rate the common-sense viewpoint on the issue—is this:

Mr. Wallace did as much public work as anyone for Mr. Roosevelt's re-election, although there are others, possibly including Mr. Jones, who did great inside work. Certainly Mr. Wallace deserved a job and a job of his choice.

But that he would ask for the commerce secretaryship is somewhat strange in itself. He is about as well fitted for it as say Mrs. Roosevelt, who also did good campaign work (in the average congressional opinion, and mine). She, too, was popular with the left-wing influence, no doubt equally dislikes Mr. Jones and has had about as much experience in the complex high finance involved in the new deal's mortgage and bond business.

From the administration's own standpoint of keeping financial forces marshaled efficiently in the government interest, it would seem to me to be impossible for Mr. Wallace to do a good job.

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LUMBER INDUSTRY EXPANSION TOLD MEDFORD ROTARY

Explorations into fields of greater forest utilization were described before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday noon by Dean Paul Dunn of Oregon State college's school of forestry. Speaking at the Hotel Medford meeting, Dean Dunn told of the future expansion of the lumber industry, which is now a \$300,000,000 enterprise.

One-fifth of the merchantable timber in the U. S. lies in this state, the speaker told Rotarians. Since 1938 this state has led the nation in lumber output, and here is located the best growing lands for Douglas fir. Good forest management has now extended from federal forests to private lands and, with tree farming programs, sustained yield techniques and greater utilization of forests, the future is unlimited.

Fire Laws Model Oregon's fire prevention laws, too, are admittedly models in the nation and extend throughout 29 million acres of forest-studded land—half of the state's area.

In discussing the problem of greater forest utilization, Dean Dunn pointed out that mill operators now get a profit from little more than one-third of the tree. One-third stays in the forest and the remaining third becomes waste at the mill or fabricating plant. At the present time much of the mill waste is valueless because of transportation costs and markets. It is in the effort to convert waste into payrolls and usable materials that research facilities of O.S.C. have been centered.

The success of practical utilization of all of the trees will also provide uses for unused trees such as lodge pole pines, balsams and some Oregon hard woods and render them added sources of economic revenue for the state, Dunn said.

The approach to the utilization problem by Oregon State College has resulted in a practical mixture of saw dust and resin which can be used as plaster on lath or wallboard and eventually be applied with a gun. Charcoal briquets for concentrated heating have been perfected at reasonable cost. Defiberizing waste wood and pressure application makes good wallboard or cabinet material which in turn may be water-proofed with resin.

Ethyl Plant Discussed An outline of the operation of the new ethyl alcohol and wood sugar plant at Springfield, Oregon was also discussed. This plant, under construction, will be the only one of its kind in the U. S. By-products of this operation, lignin and fertilizer, were described by the speaker.

In concluding, Dean Dunn told of new techniques in re-logging which make this job profitable while relieving the slash-burning problem, and stimulating regeneration. Increased legislative appropriations will further the entire forest utilization program in this state.

Dean Dunn was introduced by Martin Sands, program chairman.

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Up History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 23, 1935 (It was Friday) Criminal record of Bruno Hauptmann told Lindbergh baby kidnaping jury.

Democrats push relief bill through lower house. Cloudy. High 39, low 34 degrees.

Second semester of school to start Monday. City golf tournament planned.

Gas on Stomach Relieved in 5 minutes or double money back. When severe stomach acid causes painful, sufficient gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest acting medicine known for symptomatic relief—medicines like Glum or Gay Tablets. No habit-forming drugs. Caution: Take only if return bottle to us for double money back. See.

Sergeant Thayer U. Carlton, Prospect Hero, Is Honored

Camp White, Ore., Jan. 24.—Col. John R. Young, post commander, today announced the posthumous award of the bronze star, award for gallantry, to Sgt. Thayer U. Carlton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Carlton of Prospect, Ore.



Sgt. Thayer Carlton

Sgt. Thayer, a parachute trooper, was killed in action June 10, 1944, during the invasion of France. The award was presented by Col. Young to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton in a brief ceremony in the colonel's office at post headquarters.

Sgt. Thayer, a member of the 101st airborne division, was a basketball star during his school days at Prospect high school, which he attended for three years, graduating from St. Mary's high school in Medford, Ore.

No detailed information has been released on the action in which Sgt. Thayer was killed, but Mr. and Mrs. Carlton received a letter from one of Sgt. Thayer's buddies, after his death, in which they were informed their son "volunteered for a very dangerous assignment" in which he was killed. Another letter which they received from the commanding officer of the 101st airborne division, stated Sgt. Thayer's "bravery and daring

in spring with Eugene Thordike as captain of one team.

The world is lashed by cold, gales and high waters.

Militia curbs armed uprising in Louisiana against Sen. Huey (Kingfish) Long.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 25, 1925 (It was Sunday) Bill to have people of state vote bonds for development of power, introduced in senate by Sen. Joseph.

Rain. High 52, low 36 degrees.

Postmaster Bill Warner is confined to his home with a rheumatic attack.

France insists her war debt is unpayable.

American Legion bugle corps to hold first practice at Armory tonight.

Legislature denies bill to reduce license fees for used cars.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY January 25, 1911 (It was January) Japan hangs three socialists despite world pleas.

Three Rogue river fish bills before legislature.

Ground broken for Roosevelt and Jackson schools.

FREEZING WEATHER IN MOUNTAINS CONTINUES Freezing weather continued today over the mountain areas of the county, according to reports to the main office of the

red under the provisions of the Tydings amendment to the selective service act.

A telegram to all draft boards from Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, emphasized that his recent order calling for close scrutiny of the status of all registrants 18 to 27 did not mean that irreplaceable farm workers could be drafted.

Closing time for Sunday 100 Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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BOARDS WILL USE CARE IN DRAFTING

Washington, Jan. 24.—(U.P.) Selective service officials were confident today that local draft boards will exercise great care to avoid induction of irreplaceable workers regularly employed in essential agriculture. Such workers must be deter-

DIXIE CAFE Pastries served at the Dixie Cafe will be prepared in our baking department. 127 E. 6th St., Medford



IN PERSON! THURS NITE JANUARY 25 MERRICK'S BALLROOM—MEDFORD Smiley BURNETT With Guest Stars From HOLLYWOOD—NATIONAL BARN DANCE—GRAND OLD OPERY Smiley is Roy Rogers' and Gene Autry's Screen Pal SEE and HEAR Continuous Entertainment! A Gala WESTERN JAMBOREE Music by JIMMY DEAN & his TRAIL RIDERS 9 p. m. 'til 1 a. m. Coming to— MERRICK'S BALLROOM

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Pezzy

European circles hint Premier Stalin may not attend the "Big 3" conference. With half a dozen winning offensives underway on the eastern front, apparently Josef plans to go no place but Berlin.

The Salem press, in discussing the legislature frequently mentions, editorially, "the enabling act" of February 14, 1859. There seems to be nothing in it, "enabling" the legislature to quit when it is legally supposed to.

The appointment of Mr. Wallace as secretary of commerce took the public mind off the Roosevelt poaches. It is also revealed the same harpoon, jabbed between the shoulder-blades of the then vice president at the Chicago convention, nicked Mr. Jesse Jones of Texas, incumbent cabinet member in the same vital anatomical spot. The incident also reveals how top-notch politicians work their wenders to perform. And, they are the white-haired boys on the burning deck, all set to frame the coming peace terms.

Washington bureaus announce plans to curb rising clothing prices, and keep civilians "decently clothed". The idea better work out better than food rationing, or the Americans will be the nakedest, hungriest people on earth.

DOUBTING THOMAS! (Salem Capital-Journal) "We have a hunch that all of the ammunition released for "essential" users such as ranchers, farmers and law enforcement agencies is not fired in the direction of ground squirrels, coyotes and similar varmints. A couple of weeks ago we had occasion to visit a place out in the Silverton hills section and heard at least a dozen shots fired at intervals of a half minute or so. Either the person who was pulling the trigger was an exceptionally poor shot or the subject being fired at was nothing more dangerous than a tin can on a stump."

The muzhiks have captured Bydgoszyz, rail center. The place sounds like a general saying, By Gosh!, had run into a typographical error. In any event, the Nazis are now facing the muzhik.

"HORSE RESCUED FROM MID-STREAM"—(Hdline Siskiyou News) This is not the historic one that can't be changed in the middle of a campaign.

Yesterday was quite a date, numerically speaking, as it could be written consecutively: 1-23-45. The same thing happens again next December, when it will be: 12-3-45. The report it could not happen again in a century was only off approximately 99 years and 11 months.

News from the Pacific and Europe is rosy for the allied cause. As a result many report they see the end of the war, but do not specify which end.

"Due to conflict, the Ladies' Aid society meeting has been postponed for two weeks"—(Orleans Items) What they are fighting about is a military secret.

The pancake season is now in full force and effect. Epicureans report the pure maple syrup from Vermont, has encountered heavy rain, all the way from Vermont.

Grandmaw Robin is confined to her apartment under the chicken house eaves. She landed on the frosty side of the cthse lawn and has rheumatism in both knees.

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