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Delusions of Grandeur

Senator Ball of Minnesota and Senator Magnuson of Washington demand the overthrow of the "Fascist" governments of Spain and Argentine.

They don't propose a declaration of war just at present, but they do favor economic sanctions which come under the heading of economic war and would in all likelihood lead to armed conflict.

It is their contention that these two governments are as much a part of the Axis as Mussolini's dictatorship, and there can be no world peace until they are liquidated and replaced by democratic regimes.

WELL, well, upon what meat have these our Caesars fed? What business is it of these two junior senators, or any other U. S. senators, what form of government the people of Spain, Argentine or any other foreign country have?

The corner-stone of the Atlantic Charter, and one of the most important principles of the United Nations pact was, and is, self-government,—the right of any nation, large or small, weak or powerful, to choose the form or government a majority of its people, in free elections, desire.

If the people of Spain want Franco they have a right to have him. If the people of Argentine want the government they have, that is their right.

Messrs. Ball and Magnuson have no more authority to tell the people of these two countries what governments they MUST have, than any pair of Spanish or Argentine officials have the right to tell the people of this country what type of government we must have.

This sort of talk is impertinent, presumptuous and improper.

If the particular form of political control in any foreign country, in the judgment of any U. S. Senators threatens world peace, let them bring the matter before the new League of Nations which is designed to handle just such matters,—and presumably will soon be functioning.

OR, if the two agitated solons just can't wait, then let them SUGGEST to the two governments concerned that a plebiscite be held within their borders to determine whether they do, or do not, represent the will of their peoples.

No objection there. But that should be a "suggestion," not a demand. It is the business of the people of the country concerned not of the people of the United States.

We fear Senators Ball and Magnuson have allowed the overwhelming victories of their country and its allies to go to their heads and becloud the essential purposes of the conflict and the fundamental reason for the sacrifices that have been made.

The sort of political dictatorship they now propose over foreign lands is the precise sort of political dictatorships,—only in a smaller way,—that this country went to war to destroy!—R.W.R.

Do We, Or Do We Not?

"Those responsible for the inhuman cruelties committed in Nazi concentration camps should be found and punished according to civilized standards of justice. But, to condemn a whole people for these crimes or to base our policy for all conquered Europe and our peace for the future world on the narrow philosophy of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' would be to abandon the Christian ideals on which our entire civilization is based and for which we claimed to be fighting this war."

"The question today is: 'Do we, or do we not actually believe in the Christian standards that we profess? War and peace in the future depends more on the answer we give to this question by our actions than on the plans and promises of peace conferences for the next 2,000 years.'"

Do you agree with these sentiments Brethren and Sisters? Who do you think gave utterance to them? There, we venture to say, is a \$64 question? How many people would ever guess that the correct answer would be the name of a gentleman once quite well and favorably known throughout the United States. And the world for that matter.

Do you remember him? Here it is: "Charles Augustus Lindbergh!"—R.W.R.

Tragic! While the refusal of Japan to accept the "unconditional" surrender terms offered from Potsdam should cause no surprise, it is a tragic thing,—tragic for Japan, tragic for this country, tragic for the world.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Another Bouquet for Sale

To the Editor: With all the news so full of war, the atrocities throughout the world, and even conflicts within our own country, it is like meeting up with an oasis in the desert to read Dale Vincent's column, "By the Side of the Rogue," with its homespun, close-to-nature style.

Mr. Vincent apparently is not only close to nature but he has the ability to pass on his feelings and experiences so well that it makes one feel as if you were actually there along the river, among the pine trees, seeing and feeling nature as he does.

Frances E. Bulkin, Route 1

But Politics Was Ruled Out

To the Editor: Brother, you are a good editorial writer, and we like to read you, but your "Merely Historical Fact" in yesterday's issue strikes us as considerably below your usual standard of clear thinking.

Without political prejudice, we interpret the estimable Dorothy's comments as a warning against REPUDIATION of Mr. Roosevelt and his war policies by his "discharge" from office.

Certainly no comfort could accrue to the enemy by Mr. Roosevelt's demise, beyond the hope that his successor would be less tough to deal with, while his repudiation at the polls might logically have been construed by the enemy as a weakening by the American populace in their determination to see the prosecution of the war through to the ultimate penalty of unconditional surrender of the Axis Powers.

O. D. Martin

Ed Note—No argument there.

But our correspondent misses the point. Miss Thompson ruled out the political and party factors and placed everything upon the basis of the indispensable individual. The question therefore became simply this: whether or not the election of Mr. Dewey would materially impair the war effort.

O.P.A. Criticisms Justified To the editor: I do not believe any of the "stupidities and asinities" credited by Mr. Walker to the various functions of the government, will be overlooked as long as we have Vox Pop, the right of free thinking and free speech. It would be a dull world indeed if we all thought alike.

The majority of Vox Poppers, those who take their pen in hand to voice their thoughts were reared in the belief that it is better to express a thought to one's face than to whisper it behind their back. The stigma of doubt laid on Senator Morse is only comparable to that of those senators who stated they did not concur to the terms of the San Francisco charter, but would support it.

When the senator was placed in office, it was with the assumption he had reached the age of discretion and wisdom to keep the interests of his home state at heart and use his powers to the best advantage for that state. Granting the fact that enough confidence was placed in the senator to put him in his present position, let us not at this stage accuse him of destructive motives.

Just as a public official is sworn to uphold the law, even though he does not give it personal sanction, so the majority of Americans do conform to OPA rules without any great love for the task.

Conformity to rules foreign to our ideas of freedom inbred from America's beginning, is however the rule rather than the exception in time of war. The misuse and abuse of the rental control problem is apparent even under the rulings laid down.

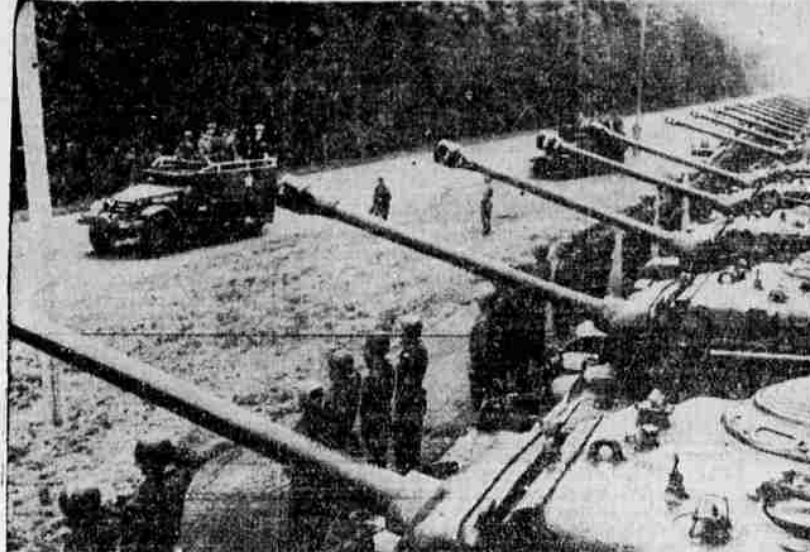
We cannot, in all justice use the term vilify, in referring to free expression of thought on the OPA program, but rather call it questions as to the efficacy of its workings.

Speaking of people who have nothing to sell but their services, isn't that after all, including our senators. And service is one commodity in which no shortage will exist because it isn't rationed.

Likes New M. T. Feature To the editor: I want you to know how very much I enjoy the column, "By the Side of the Rogue" written by Dale Vincent. When I pick up the paper each evening it is the first thing I read.

Many of my neighbors have remarked to me how much they like it, also. I sincerely hope to see this column continued.

Yank Tanks Reviewed Where Goose-Steppers Trod



Gen. George Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and other high ranking officers inspect an American armored division near Berlin in show of U. S. military might. During Big Three Conference recess President Truman also reviewed divisions in this area.

Juvenile Delinquency

Babson Thinks Food a Factor

By Roger W. Babson Gloucester, Mass., July 30—(Special Correspondence)—This city where I was brought up has its youth problem the same as every other city. It is probably worse today than when I was a boy; but considering the additional distractions of today, such as automobiles, movies, radios and funnies, the situation is not so much worse. I am sure that if these new factors had existed 50 years ago the youth problem would then have been serious.

Reasons For Behavior Under Four Basic Heads

There are four basic reasons for behavior, viz: Heredity, environment including home training, religion and food. When discussing the teen-agers or the bobby-sox girls of today, it is too late to consider heredity so far as they are concerned. Their die has been cast. Furthermore, as everyone recognizes the importance of home-training, I need not here discuss this, except to say that much of the trouble which parents are having is due to the poor example they set.

I will say something about the other two factors, namely, religion and food, to which we owe 90 per cent of our troubles and disappointments as well as our successes and pleasures. Certainly the behavior of our children is greatly influenced by what they believe and by what they eat. Too many preachers seem to think that religion is something apart from food and drink. There is nothing in the Bible which substantiates this notion. In fact, the food which the Jews were allowed to eat, by their priests, was an important part of their religious ritual.

Watch For Allergies. They Affect Behavior

I am not a physician, psychologist nor dietitian, but I do know that food is a real factor in my feelings, behavior and mentality. For instance, I know that eating an excess of tomatoes will not only give me physical pain but also interfere with my mental activity and make me ugly. This does not mean that tomatoes necessarily bother anyone else. Different people are allergic to different things, including foods, climates and odors. Hay fever sufferers are an excellent example.

I will not further amplify the above thought so far as different foods affect us physically. The thought which I want readers to consider is that the mental and spiritual attitudes of both adults and children are largely caused by the foods eaten. When a boy is irresponsible, destructive or a thoroughly "bad boy," as the neighbors call him, he may be eating something to which he is mentally allergic. The action of the brain is determined by the quality and quantity of the blood flow through the brain. This blood flow is determined by what your boy eats, drinks, breathes and thinks.

Schools and Churches Should Consider Diet

Notwithstanding the above,

The young woman and I taught in the same school. I grew to look for her gamin grin, the inevitable wisecrack with which she greeted me mornings. Most of us were a little dour until the day got started and routine matters had got us into the regular school room tempo. All this happened years ago but just thinking of her, I seem again to smell the oiled floors, and the faint overtone of chalk dust. And they are odors the memory of which brings a nostalgia for those days when one greeted children, helped remove small wraps, shared the excitement of a lad over a shed tooth. He would show the tooth to me, holding it in his grubby little paw, as though it were some rare treasure. As indeed it was to him. All through

Singapore Soon?



Reported fighting along Puket Island may bring the Allies back to Malay Peninsula for first time since fall of Singapore.

the day, as he labored through pages telling about the little Red Hen, he would endlessly explore with his tongue the vacancy left by the tooth.

And across the hall from me this other woman's life followed much the same pattern as my own. I knew she was a widow but how long she had been, I did not know; nor had I asked. If we wish our own reticences respected, we must respect those of others.

Then one night I went for a walk. A slow rain was falling but I've always liked to walk in the rain. My way lay past the county jail and, since it was a darkish night, I didn't see the figure crouched on the curbing until I was abreast of it. It was my schoolteacher friend. She did not try to evade me but lifted a ravaged face and said, "He is singing 'Thora'—the song he knows is my favorite. They'll be taking him to the state penitentiary tomorrow for he is under sentence for 20 years."

Then I, too, heard the singer. From the jail there came in a sweet, dulcet tenor, that heart-stirring appeal, "Speak to me, hope of my world to be." And the rain fell and there was no gamin grin on the young face before me—only bewilderment and a twisted torture.

The next morning, school and the smell of chalk and oiled floors; and again the gamin grin and the familiar wisecrack. Strange, how we may daily walk and talk with people, yet never glimpse the dark undercurrents of their living.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO July 30, 1935 (It was Tuesday) Dunsmuir, Calif., mob lynches one of slayers of Chief of Police Daw, former resident of this city.

Red tape prevents 500 Georgia school teachers traveling by bus from seeing Crater Lake.

Fair, High 89, low 54 degrees.

Ben Harder explains new banking laws to Rotarians.

Vote on 'Snak-Rich' bill expected this week.

Three hundred tons of hay on Gore ranch destroyed by flames.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 30, 1925 (It was Thursday) Southwest states hit by quakes no damage.

Fair, High 95, low 55 degrees.

Thirteen special trains bearing Knight Templars from Seattle meet to pass through city.

Romping kids and tooting auto horns spoil city park band concert.

Espee plans to extend lines east.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO July 30, 1911 (It was Sunday) Tommy Gaffney and Bat Nelson to box here next Friday night at Nat.

Reward of \$1000 offered for arrest and conviction of Butte Falls district forest firebug.

Boosters to visit county court at Jacksonville to boost good roads drive.

NEGRO SOLDIERS ACCUSED IN RAPE

Camp Ellis, Ill., July 30—(U.P.)—Camp Ellis officials said today they were seeking six negro soldiers wanted on charges of raping the wife of a white soldier while the husband was held and threatened with a knife.

Col. John S. Sullivan, camp commander, said military police heard the wife scream and went to the scene, but the negroes fled before the military police arrived.

The soldier and his wife said they were walking on a road in the camp last night when accosted by the Negro soldiers who forced them into an empty barracks building. Both were brutally beaten, Sullivan said, and the men took turns holding the husband while his wife was assaulted by all six negro soldiers. Names of the victims were not disclosed.

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