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Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—Washington is a very popular place to try out new plays. Robert Sherwood's new one called "The Rugged Path" is now being shown to packed houses at the historic "National Theatre" on Pennsylvania avenue, with Spencer Tracy as the star—his first appearance in "legitimate," we believe, in six or seven years.

It is a well-written play—nothing less could be expected from Sherwood, author of "Idiot's Delight," "Petrified Forest," and a number of other outstanding stage successes. It is also admirably acted by one of the most popular movie "male-leads" in the country, supported by a large, competent cast.

But if it makes a hit in New York, or enjoys a long and successful run in the U. S. A. the skipper of this department will be greatly surprised. For the opus just hasn't got what it takes—at least in the present form. It arouses no excitement, it simply fails to interest. There are many good things in it, some fairly dramatic situations; but they fail to jell—they don't gang up and put over a coordinated punch. There is nothing to bring one out of his seat,—except to look for the nearest drinking fountain.

At least it was frightfully hot and stuffy in the "National" last night and having just enjoyed one of O'Donnell's lobster offerings we were more interested in the Washington, D. C., water supply than in the isolationist problem before Pearl Harbor.

Yes, the play deals with that, with newspapers and a free-press as well. Spencer Tracy is a war correspondent and a newspaper editor. It also touches on the apothosis of America from a nation of pacifists and appeasers, to one of high-minded patriots and two-fisted fighters. But it is rather a disjointed essay in dramatic form, rather than a living thing—a chunk of life during the greatest war of modern times, probably of all time. It creates no illusion of reality—it doesn't convince.

One reason for this may be the unusual dramatic form: Only two acts, but 14 scenes! And the scenes are not marked by curtains but by blackout, so that probably for close to an hour of the long session the audience is in the dark,—completely so!

This rather marred the effect as far as we were concerned for we were alone,—while the others in our row, and the row in front of us, were not and very clubby about it. Then too, the play lacks unity and continuity anyway—these continual blackouts didn't help any!

What was "The Rugged Path" the even more rugged Spencer Tracy? (Spencer has a wonderful bushy head of hair, but it is getting grey fast!)

Well, the question calls to mind the old gag about Christopher Columbus, who when he started for America, didn't know where he was going; when he got there, didn't know where he was; and when he left, didn't know where he had been.

Spencer Tracy seemed to us to have been in something the same boat.

He wasn't happy with his wife, but just why was never elucidated (she seemed a very attractive and intelligent person.) He did not approve of the American attitude BEFORE Pearl Harbor which few did, and still fewer do now!

When fighting the Japs as captain of a group of strange-looking Filipino guerrillas, Mr. Tracy cursed out home opinion so profanely—or rather what it might be—than his "girl-friend" nurse (a Filipino Miss with a smart hair-do and a Boston accent) called upon for prayer and delivered one—direct from the Episcopal prayer-book if we are not mistaken!

Spencer was killed in this island battle and the play ends as it started—a scene in an ante-room of the White House in the Spring of this year when the Congressional Medal is presented posthumously by a presidential secretary to Mrs. Spencer Tracy—(Mrs. Morey Vinson) and she returns it to be displayed,—as we recall,—in some appropriate place in Manila.

Rather a tragic note as an ending. But we can guarantee this much—EVERY eye in our row was DRY and every larynx yearning for refreshment ditto. We believe the same condition prevailed generally throughout the house. The audience last night at least was not moved, not inspired,—simply a bit weary and more confused.

Now, if the "Rugged Path" runs like "Able's Irish Rose," your correspondent will be in the position of the late and lamented Heywood Brown, who predicted the latter wouldn't last a week,—and it lasted six years!—R.W.R.

Westbrook Pegler

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New York, Oct. 11—Here are two separate experiences of American service men in the preliminary phase of their more abundant life in that brave new world of the future.

Number one is related by a man who signs himself A. M. Ellis, 14034897, T/Sergeant, Squadron S., 3704 AAF base unit, Keesler field, Miss.

Several weeks ago this man wrote me a statement of his problem. In reply, I asked him for original documents or certified copies which have now been received. His story is this:

Last Jan. 5 he was ordered to the Rheem Manufacturing Co., Banville, Pa., as a machinist to relieve an acute labor shortage in the production of a type of shell which was urgently needed.

He was hired for 90 days as tool-room machinist and ordered to work at once but only on condition that he join the machinists' union which had a closed shop contract.

This, he writes, he refused to do because he was a soldier on orders from the war department. Army officers joined company officials in urging him to join but, being a soldier, he still refused. Incidentally, had he joined and had the union struck the plant, he would have had to strike, too, in violation of military orders in which case he might have been sent to prison.

THERE BEING NO WORK, Ellis requested further orders and for a week lived in a local hotel at his own expense until he was ordered to the Kentucky Shell Co., Newport, Ky. He worked there 90 days and then was ordered to Atterbury, Ind., for transfer to the enlisted reserve. Now he became a civilian and was sent back to the Kentucky Shell Co., in that status. He spent about \$500 for civilian clothing and tools, but, after two weeks, the Cincinnati Ordnance District ordered him to Arlington, N. J., where he was told there was no work for a man of his particular skill.

Ellis then applied to the enlisted reserve headquarters, 50 Broadway, New York, for permission to seek a job as a free independent civilian.

He was not free or independent, however, but only on LEASH and an officer at enlisted reserve told him he would be

called to the army within ten days. Sergeant Ellis returned to his home in North Carolina and for one month awaited orders, forbidden meanwhile to accept a job and living at his own expense on his savings.

"On July 5," Ellis writes, he was recalled to the army and is "now doing nothing except lying around barracks and hundreds of others here received similar deals."

NUMBER TWO is related in a letter signed "Marion L. Martin, Lt. Comdr., U.S.C.G.R.," accompanied by a copy of a letter from him to Albert Thomas, member of congress.

Mr. Martin relates that he and two others, George H. Blewett and Leonard W. Harper, have operated the T. S. C. Motor Freight Lines with headquarters in Houston, Tex., starting in 1934 with 28 trucks and 95 employees and expanding until 1942 when their business employed 400 workers and operated 130 trucks with an annual business of \$1,500,000. This was their private enterprise.

Harper enlisted in the army in 1942, received the bronze star and rose to the rank of major, stationed, until recently at least, in India. Martin joined the coast guard reserve, also in 1942, and recently went on leave expecting to go inactive soon.

THE LETTER to the congressman related that in 1937 the A. F. of L. teamsters, bossed by the late F. D. Roosevelt, tried to organize the employees of T.S.C., who nevertheless by vote joined an independent union. Jurisdictional arguments between Tobin's union and the independent have occurred almost annually but, "without exception, at the show-down, the independent union proved to represent by a large majority the eligible employees."

The law and the Labor Relations Board, of course, compelled the company to deal with the independent union which thus received a new contract last January.

Thereupon, Martin's letter relates, Tobin's union declared a boycott to prevent other companies from interchanging freight in interstate commerce, as required by law, including,

much of the time, vital war freight and government freight to shipyards where his employees are forbidden to unload material for construction and repair of ships of war.

HE REPORTS that a representative of Tobin's union threatened to break this company, two of whose partners served in the war while Tobin developed his power safe at home, unless these two service men agreed to force their employees to join Tobin's union, against their will and against the law. Martin and Harper could be sent to prison for doing this but Tobin's legally can run them if they don't.

This case is typical of unionism as fostered under the Roosevelt regime.

The fake government conciliation service cannot legally intervene because there is no dispute between the employees and the company. You may roll your own comment.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 11—Mr. Truman promptly crushed the promotional campaign to give away the atom bomb. He summoned a hasty night press conference to say the secret would not be shared. A few hours earlier an American scientist had given scard testimony to congress which meant



Paul Mallon

Russia might get the secret "in ten years" and then press a button and destroy every American man, woman and child (apparently only up to the border, no Canadians or Mexicans). Scientists are presumed to know science, but are notoriously weak on other matters, including politics, international diplomacy and warfare. It is an exceptional scientist who speaks wisely outside his province.

Congressmen wondered, but did not learn what we would be doing in ten years, what our science would find in the way of answers and defenses for the atomic bomb which might make it safe to give the secret then to the world, or how a scientist could figure Russia would press the button in ten years, but would not do it now if let in on the secret. My private checking indicates congress is overwhelmingly favorable to the stand Mr. Truman took as the only reasonable, sensible course.

THE realization is sweeping over this city that we are indeed a new world and need to develop new sound conceptions of our problems. There is first the problem of defense, of honorable peace maintenance, in this new world. The newspapers and magazines have published photographs, with nations and seas pulled out of their normal geographical shape to show we are in that kind of a world now. But our thinking has not fully grasped the fact. Developments have not occurred which would permit our people—and in need many of our government officials—to see it plainly, so that they would act upon it firmly.

Mr. Roosevelt once shocked the country by saying our frontier was on the Rhine. Do you know where it is now? It is Minneapolis, Duluth, the Great Lakes cities. It is beyond them in the wastes of Canada, the frozen north. Take a round globe, set it on the floor and look at it while standing over it. If we want to build our new air-forts of defense, there is where they must be.

THERE are only two nations in the world with military wherewithal. Russia and the United States and the frontier between them is the territory described above. Mariners used to speak of the great circle route across the north Atlantic as the greatest international highway of the world, and it was before this war. The new great circle route coming in from Europe to the midwest is now the world's greatest highway, and it is a high way. It runs up to 30,000 and 40,000 feet in the stratosphere.

Land armies of the future can be flown that way as well as great commerce and many people. Directed missiles can come that way—the rockets. If the button is ever pushed in Moscow, what it sends off to "destroy every American man, woman and child" would come that way. Our nets and screens must then be put out that way. Our radar must be beamed that way, and not across the seas where the route is twice as far and nature affords protection.

AS attack is a weapon of defense, our strategy would be deficient and as backward as Pearl Harbor it did not look that way also.

Old times, old ways are gone forever. We need fresh imaginative unbound brains to work

on these problems of defense, particularly a single department of the armed forces, if only to shake off the traditions of the past and shock our military men into making their best efforts. Our scientists must show the same unbound imagination in their realm of search for the answers in the new world—research.

Now do not call this new great road the highway of tomorrow. It is the highway of today. We are already at that point. We are there. We can see it. We can see it far more clearly than the future of the atomic era . . . yet unexplored. It may be a long way from the road to Damascus, but there it is.

TEN YEARS AGO October 11, 1935 (It Was Friday) League of Nations orders sale of arms to Ethiopia in war against Italy.

Unsettled and mild with occasional rain. High 71, low 33 degrees.

Rain in valley improves bird hunting.

Sons to play Oregon Frosh grid squad here tomorrow.

Congress opens fight on WPA. Waste and bungling.

Portland livestock show opens with big crowd.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY October 11, 1925 (It Was Sunday) Pittsburgh defeats Washington 6 to 3 in fifth game of world series.

Klamath Falls in railroad hearing at Portland shows preference for Southern Pacific.

Fair. High 66, low 35 degrees.

Chairman Madden of house appropriations committee claims "criminal waste exists in army and navy."

Light frost falls in valley.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO October 11, 1911 (It Was Wednesday) Armistice declared in Italy-Turkey war.

San Francisco in election yesterday votes heavily against giving vote to women.

Grover Corum wins the challenge cup at gun shoot.

First cars of D'Anjou sell in New York for \$4.50 per box average.

GENERAL LOST IN CRASH OFF GUAM

Washington, Oct. 11—(U.P.)—Brig. Gen. Joe L. Loutzenheiser of the Eighth air force and five other airmen are missing after a Superfortress crash at sea in which two persons were killed, the war department said today.

The B-29 crashed 400 miles off Guam on Oct. 7, the war department said, in a flight to the island base from Okinawa. Three of those aboard were rescued.

The Superfortress radioed shortly after leaving Okinawa that engine trouble had developed and that two of the four engines were burning. All aboard parachuted into the ocean.

Daily Weather Report
FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered light showers tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.

LAST CHANGE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THIS WEEK

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL OF MUSIC Classes Start Monday

Liberty Bldg. — Ph. 5472 Open Evenings 7 to 9 Use Grape St. Entrance

TALENT GRADES OVERCROWDED BY POPULATION BOOM

Talent, Oct. 11—The Talent school at the end of the third week of school has a 40 per cent enrollment increase in the elementary grades over last year. Most of the new students came from California and Arizona, according to Superintendent R. B. Parr.

New rooms and facilities were completed during the summer in anticipation of an increase in enrollment but a crowded condition still exists and it will be necessary to add additional rooms and teachers for next year.

Sub-division of acreage, exchange of property and building of new homes by people from out of state who came here to make their homes is the reason for the increase, according to Parr.

High school enrollment has remained about the same as last year.

ASHLAND BUILDING TO HOUSE STORE

Ashland, Oct. 11—A completely modern building will be constructed at the corner of the Plaza and Winburn Way and will house the JVV Store, Jake Weitzel, owner, has announced. Tearing down of the old building, which for many years housed the Peil Implement and Hardware store, was started this week and construction of the new building will begin as soon as possible, Weitzel said.

The building will have an entrance from the Plaza and two entrances from Winburn Way. Weitzel plans to construct a number of apartments in the upstairs part of the building. A parking lot, approximately 100 by 100 feet will be available for customers.

Hyacinth or jacinth is a brownish or reddish variety of zircon.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their many kindnesses and sympathy in our recent bereavement.

Summons for Publication In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.

E. F. ARCHER and BONNIE ARCHER, husband and wife; EDWARD E. LORTON, Plaintiffs,

vs. ANNA ISENBERGER and JOHN ISENBERGER, husband and wife; GERTRUDE MEISSNER, guardian of the estate of EDGAR E. OBENCHAIN, an incompetent person; each and all of the above named defendants; also, all other parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To each and all of the above Defendants, except the Defendant, GERTRUDE MEISSNER, Guardian of the estate of EDGAR E. OBENCHAIN: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from

the date of the first publication of this summons, and, if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit:

That each and all of the defendants herein be required to fully set forth any and all right, title, estate, lien, claim or interest whatsoever that they, or any of them, may have, or claim, in, to, or upon the real property described in the complaint herein, or any part or parcel thereof, which said real property is situated in Jackson County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Ten (10), in Block Four (4) of Nickell Addition to the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, as numbered and described on the official plat thereof now of record.

That each and all of the claims that may be made on the part of any or all of said defendants herein, in or to said real property herein described, or any part thereof, be adjudged and declared to be null and void; that the plaintiffs herein be decreed to be the owners, in fee simple, of said real property, free and clear of any right, or claim whatsoever on the part of said defendants, or any of them.

That each and all of the defendants herein, and each and all persons claiming, or to claim, by, through or under them, or any of them, be forever enjoined, restrained and barred from asserting, attempting to establish, or claiming, any right, title, estate, lien or interest whatsoever in, to, or upon said real property, or any part or parcel thereof, and that plaintiffs' title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, made and entered on the 19th day of September, 1945.

The time prescribed in said order for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 20th day of September, 1945.

O. H. BENTSON, Attorney for Plaintiffs, 126 East Main Street, Medford, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

IN THE Matter of the Estate of OTO A. WERGER, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County

Court of Jackson County, Oregon, as the Executor of the estate of the above named deceased, and has duly qualified as such. All persons having any claim against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned Executor at the office of F. J. Newman, Attorney for said estate, in the Craterian Building in Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice.

Dated and first published on October 11th, 1945. ERNEST C. WERGER, Executor of the estate of Otto A. Werger, Deceased.

NOTICE In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County. In the Matter of the Estate of WM. HENRY LING, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed November 9, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., in the County Court room in the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.

E. H. LING, Administrator, Harry C. Skyrman, Attorney for Administrator.

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