

BRIDGES SAYS HE WAS JOKING ON COMMUNISM

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Joke everyone gave the communist salute as he entered the convention hall and addressed the chairman as "Commissar Chairman."

The witness added he had very seldom said he was a communist "even in a kidding way."

"Have you ever had occasion to deny you were a communist?" Shoemaker asked.

"Plenty of times," Bridges replied.

He said it was a common practice of "labor spies and stool pigeons" in union meetings to put a chairman or speaker on the defensive by raising the cry of communism and "in many of our unions we have found necessary" to prevent "red-baiting."

Asked whether he knew there were communists in the labor movement, Bridges answered: "I don't deny there are communists in the union movement. As to how many, I couldn't say."

He named certain ones "who told me personally" as Walter Stack (Seattle marine fireman), Dave Saunders and in the Longshore union, Archie Brown and Ben Jones.

Then Shoemaker inquired about Bridges' knowledge of the communist party, its tactics and policies.

"I'm not very familiar with (the policies) of the communist party," Bridges said. "I might be able to answer questions concerning any specific policy of the communist party in its relation to trade unions."

"Do you believe in social ownership of the implements of production?" Shoemaker asked.

"I certainly believe we could do with a lot more public ownership. . . . I'm for a greater degree of government ownership than we now have, definitely."

"Do you believe in interfering with the means of production?"

"That depends on what you mean by interfering. Every time we strike a plant that's interfering. . . . And in certain instances I certainly do believe in it."

"Do you believe the communist party is a subversive organ so far as you know?"

"No, I don't," Bridges answered. He added the activities he had come in contact with were "pretty much on the open."

"Do you believe in our form of government?" Shoemaker then asked.

"I most certainly do," Bridges said. Then he was asked to define his idea of democracy.

"Briefly stated, I would say it is ruled by the majority in the interests of the majority," the witness said.

"Do you believe in the capitalistic form of government?" Bridges replied democracy and capitalism were different.

"If you mean the capitalistic form of society which to me means the exploitation of a lot of people for profit, I haven't got much use for it."

Asked to tell everything he knew about Marxism, Bridges grinned and leaned back as if pondering. A titter ran through the hearing room at Angel Island immigration station and Shoemaker withdrew the question.

Bridges said he had read Marx "but it seemed pretty dry to me," he said from what he gathered from Marx and Lenin "they praised the revolution in Russia, they talk of the overthrow of government generally."

He explained he would classify Marxists and Leninists as revolutionary groups.

Bridges admitted he once joined the Industrial Workers of the World during the seamen's strike at New Orleans in 1921 but "got out fast" when he learned its objectives.

He readily admitted having telephoned communist party headquarters on numerous occasions, but stated he did so because the party was attempting to interfere with union affairs.

He also admitted the strikers here in 1934 adopted the "Western Worker" as its original strike organ "because it was the only paper at all friendly or fair to the strikers."

Eventually, he said, it became necessary for the strike committee to divorce itself from any communist party support because "the cry of communism" was raised "when every other method of defeating us" was exhausted.

Bridges, at the start of his testimony, said his true name was Harry Renton Bridges, but he had two other Christian names, Alfred Bryant.

Hatch Bill Means Steiwer Victory

SALEM, Aug. 2 (AP)—The signing by President Roosevelt today of the Hatch bill restricting political activity of most federal job holders was a victory for Oregon's late republican Senator Frederick Steiwer, Gov. Charles A. Sprague said today.

Mrs. Helen Beelar, in charge of the governor's office staff and formerly Senator Steiwer's secretary, told how Steiwer originally introduced the bill five years ago.

"But Senator Steiwer couldn't get any place because of the democratic opposition to it. Every time the bill would come up for consideration, the late Sen. Joseph Robinson (an Arkansas democrat who was majority leader) would sidetrack it."

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Senator Pleads For Ban on Arms Shipment to Japs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Senator Schwellenbach (D-Wash.) urged today the administration, in the name of "morality," ask United States exporters to halt all shipments of war materials to Japan immediately.

In a senate speech, he said while it would be six months before the United States' trade treaty with Japan would terminate under a proclamation issued by Secretary of State Hull, there should be no time wasted in severing all trade relationships with Japan, as a retaliation for her "ruthless and frightful campaign of conquest" in China.

An informal appeal to American shippers by Hull, he said, would result in an immediate slackening of trade with the Japanese.

"From the sense of morality," Schwellenbach said, "the American people demand this action."

"Were it not for the assistance of the United States, Japan's Chinese campaign would probably have collapsed many months ago."

"Japan is a nation without the necessary materials of war. The whole purpose of her Chinese conquest is to acquire territory from which she may secure resources for further extension of war. We speak of her as having Germany and Italy as her allies. The fact is that we are her most important ally."

FIRST GIRL TAKES SOLO FLIGHT TEST

Marguerite "Mickey" McGrath became the first Klamath Falls girl to take a solo flight test at the local airport Tuesday, according to Bill Randall, manager.

Miss McGrath, who works for Lorenz company, is a member of flying club No. 3 at the airport, but she is not the only girl flyer in Klamath. Three other girls will be ready for solo flights soon, Randall said.

Keith Kramer also took a solo hop Tuesday and Lloyd Froom soloed Wednesday.

Air Corps Marks 30th Anniversary With Reviews

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The army air corps celebrated its 30th birthday anniversary today with mass flights throughout the United States, defense exercises over 1500 miles of the west coast.

Amid these evidences of aviation progress in one generation, the air corps announced its second world record this week. A "Flying Fortress" yesterday left Wright field at Dayton, O., and streaked 425 miles at 253.338 miles an hour carrying a load of 11,023 pounds. Earlier, a similar plane reached an altitude of 8,200 feet with a pay load of 154 tons.

The record-breaking craft, being developed in the \$300,000,000 air corps expansion program, bears little resemblance to the first American military airplane which a war department board accepted formally from Wilbur and Orville Wright 30 years ago.

It had made a successful trial flight from Fort Myer, across the Potomac from Washington, to Alexandria, Va., about five miles away, at a little more than 42 miles an hour. It returned at a little more than 47 miles an hour. The plane is displayed in the Smithsonian institution.

Today the army could point to pursuit planes that make nearly 10 times that speed.

\$30 Pension Plan Makes Appearance In Portland Area

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (AP)—George B. Forrester opened an office for the "Oregon national pension plan" today and launched a program to "obtain \$30 a week for life" for every citizen more than 50 years old "without additional taxes."

He said the unincorporated, non-profit association was identical with California's "330 every Thursday" except that it extended benefits to the blind and unemployed.

Forrester, who said he had been a Portland resident since 1917 but spent the last two years associated with the Townsend movement in Oklahoma, was uncertain how the first objective—to place a constitutional amendment on the 1940 ballot—would be attained.

The people are resigned and fatalistic, tragically so,—Joseph E. Davies, U. S. ambassador to Belgium, on returning from Europe for a visit.

Lucky Thursday — The Lucky Thursday Pinochle club will meet Thursday, August 3, at the home of Mrs. Helen Minor, 2205 Darrow street, at 1:30 p. m.

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trust that public vigilance will for all time prevent this."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Some republican and democratic senators differed today over whether President Roosevelt's approval of the Hatch politics bill had any significance bearing on the third term question.

Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) said the president's action "is the first definite indication that Mr. Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term."

Senator Murray (D-Mont.), an administration supporter, asserted he did not believe the act would have any effect on a third term movement. He added the support of federal office holders would make little difference to such a movement.

Senator King (D-Utah), an administration critic, expressed the opinion the new law would obstruct a third-term drive.

"I hope so, anyway," he said. "Too often have persons holding government positions controlled party nominations."

Very gratifying, was the comment of Senator Sheppard (D-Tex.) on the signing of the bill. Sheppard headed an investigation into politics in relief last year which gave much impetus to the demand for the legislation.

Senator Austin (R-Vt.), acting republican leader, challenged two of President Roosevelt's statements about the bill after his message was read to the senate.

Austin disputed that "the genesis of this legislation lies in the (January relief) message of the president" and "partisan political reasons entered into the passage of the bill."

The republican senator said Hatch had attempted to write the political restrictions into relief appropriations in June, 1938, six months before the Roosevelt message.

Replying to Austin, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky, said he was sure the president has no intention of trying to deprive the senator from New Mexico of advocacy of the measure. He expressed the opinion the Roosevelt message was the first from any president urging the legislation.

SCHOMAKERS BACK FROM VACATION ACROSS NATION

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schomaker and son Jack, returned the forepart of the week from an extensive vacation which took them from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast, namely to Rochester, N. Y., where they visited with Mrs. Schomaker's sister and family.

En route they enjoyed a belated visit to Niagara Falls. The main point of destination was Minneapolis, Minn., where they spent considerable time visiting relatives and old time friends at the former home of Mrs. Schomaker. At Rochester, Minn., they had the privilege of going through the building of the famous Mayo clinic which they report is an educational tour. While in the state of Minnesota they also visited Schomaker's relatives at Granger, Woodlake and Long Prairie, the latter being his old home town.

The route home was via Geraldine, Mont., where they again visited relatives. Frank Igl Sr., and Ann Igl, who made the trip to Minneapolis with the Schomakers, have remained for a more extensive visit. The Schomakers report the country along the way as looking very good and conditions having the appearance of being on the upward trend.

Mrs. Schomaker is employed in the T. B. Watters Insurance company office and Schomaker is shipping clerk for Lorenz company.

During 1938, the 29,455,630 motor vehicles registered in the United States traveled approximately 250,000,000,000 miles.

Louisiana staff shuffled by Long, says headline. No matter, the public has already drawn the joker.

Your 1st taste tells and sells you on Wieland's Extra Pale.

FREE STORAGE until you're ready for your coat. Or, if you prefer, buy on Sears Time payment Plan.

Pay Only \$3 Now!

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'Mystery Man' Found Dead at Mountain Cabin

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—The mystery man of Skeedaddle creek is dead.

A man of 75 or 80 years of age, he had kept his identity secret for more than two years, while he prospected in the Cow creek district. He apparently died a month or more ago, Coroner H. C. Stearns said today, after conducting an investigation.

The man appeared at Lee Emerson's store at West Fork about two years ago and purchased supplies. At occasional intervals he would reappear to secure provisions, but never would he tell his name. Efforts of other prospectors to learn his identity failed, and even in death he left no hint of his name or past history. All labels had been carefully removed from the tattered clothing, and not even a scrap of paper was found in the rough lean-to on Skeedaddle creek, a tributary of Cow creek, where the mystery man made his home, Coroner Stearns said. The body was too badly decomposed to permit taking fingerprints.

Death apparently was due to natural causes, the coroner reported. The body was buried beside the rough shelter.

The majority of farmers in America are land values animals, in a generic sense, not land animals, as are most peasants in the Old World.—Benjamin C. Marsh, executive secretary of the People's Lobby.

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one of the most acute fire situations this season.

MINERAL, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—A fire which already has burned between 1000 and 1500 acres on the slopes of Bola Boca mountain in the Shasta national forest was still out of control today.

Another blaze of 500 acres in Lassen county northeast of Westwood also was reported unchecked. It was being fought by the state forestry division, employees of the Red River Lumber company and 444 CCC men.

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