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Let's Keep Our Heads

THE municipal judge at San Francisco who convicted the two young navy men in the Nazi flag case seems to have been generously endowed with common sense. He told the young men that their act was an offense against another country with whom this nation is at peace, but he added that the slashing and ripping of the swastika emblem was "the act of youth in all its recklessness prompted by bravado and the wish to be a hero in the eyes of the crowd." President Roosevelt, he said, has expressed a wish to keep America out of war, and it is "our duty to support that."

Hysteria is a subtle, overwhelming thing. The San Francisco incident was an act of hysteria, aided and abetted by the cheers of a huge crowd.

It is such explosive hysteria as this that pushes a nation into situations which it should avoid or for which it is not yet prepared. The young men who slashed the Nazi flag are symbols of a state of mind that is reckless and dangerous at this time.

What is needed in America now is a people determined to keep their heads, to prepare coolly for all eventualities and to avoid incidents that increase the danger of war. War for which we are prepared would be a terrible thing for our country, not to speak of war for which we are not yet prepared.

Poor Benito

WHEN Adolf and Benito met this week for another of their "secret" conferences, it must have been an embarrassing moment for Benito.

Adolf's record is one of repeated and consistently astounding successes, excepting of course the threatened invasion of England. When Adolf has decided to go somewhere, he has usually gone right there, and on fixed time schedule.

But poor Benito has no such record. He waited until Adolf had everything set for him before entering the war, and he took his assignments with breast-beating promises of delivering the goods. He hasn't delivered anything and now he has had to call on Adolf to deliver him from threatened defeat following dismal failure of every major military project he has undertaken in the current ruckus.

So there couldn't have been any question, when they met this week, as to who was the king pin and who was going to have to take advice and orders and help. There couldn't have been any question but that Italy has been added to Adolf's list of vassal countries, and that talk of equal partnership is meaningless falderal for the ears of the unhappy people of Italy.

Those Center Strips

A LONG-STANDING problem was presented to the council again this week when a petition appeared asking for uniform landscaping of Pacific terrace's former center parking strip.

It has always been the policy of the city to consider the strip Pacific terrace's problem. Similar strips on California avenue and North Seventh street have been considered the problems of those districts.

Anything that is done, of course, will have to apply to all such strips in the city.

All of them are unsightly. That they were created without advance arrangements to take care of them properly is no credit upon the early planners.

Courthouse Records

Monday
Marriage Applications
 THOME-WHITLATCH. Van Ramon Thome, 29, timekeeper, resident of Klamath Falls, native of Iowa. Gladys Joyce Whitlatch, 21, secretary, resident of Klamath Falls, native of Oregon. Three-day requirement waived.
 ROBINSON-KLINGLE. Machlin Robinson, 36, clerk, resident of Bend, native of Texas. Olive Ethel Klingle, 36, clerk, resident of Medford, native of California. Three-day requirement waived.
Complaints Filed
 Ella Mae Dow versus Wesley Gordon Dow. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married in Roseburg, Ore., December 21, 1936. Plaintiff demands custody of minor child, support money, attorney fees, and suit money. Don F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.
 William E. C. T. Sample versus Maude May Sample. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married in Klamath Falls, November 26, 1929. Plaintiff asks defendant be awarded custody of minor child, property settlement, support money. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.
 Helen McCormack versus Claude Isoardi, et al. Suit to quiet title. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiff.
Decrees
 Mayme E. Gustavson versus Ralph I. Gustavson. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default and return of maiden name, Mayme E. Adams. Grounds, cruel and inhuman treatment.
 James F. Robbins versus Henrietta E. Robbins. Plaintiff

awarded divorce by default. Grounds, desertion. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.
 Earsel Inelda Williams versus Mary Elizabeth Williams. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Grounds, desertion. W. Lamar Townsend, attorney for plaintiff.
 Ann Elizabeth Doak versus Robert Harvey Doak. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default, custody of four minor children. Maynard Wilson, attorney for plaintiff.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—This government is firmly stepping out now upon an economic roller coaster—and knows it. Mr. Roosevelt glanced briefly at dizzy ascents, screaming curves, and chutes in his messages laying out the \$28,000,000,000 program.

The violence this is likely to do to our economic ways is clear when you consider the inflationary awe with which the \$49,000,000,000 debt is now viewed in many quarters. The defense expenditures now contemplated may shoot it up 50 per cent. With the shortages of materials and labor already creating a price inflation problem—and the peak of the program a year off—the prospects are obvious. Alf Landon has said the program is putting the capitalistic system through the wringer, and he wonders if the republic will go through the rock crusher at all. The possibility of socialism as the outgrowth in England is well advertised.

But I have an idea the obvious never happens in these matters. The soup never tastes exactly as the cook book orders it.

As I see the new deal administration beginning to move now toward more controls, it seems to me what we are going to get on the ascent is control, control, control. Prices, credits, production, distribution, money—every corpucle of the economic lifeblood—is apt to feel increasingly the hand of the centralized state.

As bigger doses of the same thing are already being talked to ward off the post war descent, it seems to me you are apt to wind up in this thing—not necessarily with inflation, deflation and the other natural consequences—but more probably with a distinctly new kind of democratic state, a form of economic democratic absolutism creeping up by the necessity of warding off consequences.

LIMITATION

To start with the government men (mind you, business does not yet concede these things will be necessary), are talking about aluminum. They see the time coming when housewives will have to get along with less and pay much more for what they can get. This will be the first instance in which the general public may notice that we are getting off the ground.

Next is likely to be autos. By July the defense experts suspect some steps will be necessary to curtail private car production. They would not be surprised if the cut amounts to a third by December.

These limitations will undoubtedly have to be extended as the program develops to most of the other necessities and luxuries of everyday living. But the administration is likely to hold back and apply controls piecemeal in order to avoid any more dislocation than necessary.

CONTROLS

To keep inflation from floating off with the ascending spiral, five or more steps are being considered by defense commission economists. One primary problem is to prevent the greater circulation of money from causing a bidding up of prices for materials which are only limitedly available, a situation which will cause a depreciation of the value of money. First remedy all the new dealers favor is taxes. They look on higher taxes not particularly as a means of paying the defense program but as an economic suction pump to draw

SIDE GLANCES



"Then mix in two eggs and one cup of flour and allow it to cook over a low fire."

money away from consumers which might otherwise be spent for consumers goods and thus clog the defense program. (Impartial Brookings Institute has recommended draining one-fourth of the national income to pay-as-you-go for defense.)

A campaign will undoubtedly be started to promote cash payments for all goods and less installment buying.

A system of forced savings is likely to be set up. (A certain amount of a worker's earnings might be required for investment in government bonds.)

A new kind of Liberty bond campaign will be started (Mr. Morgenthau has already promised this much) to sell baby bonds and thrift stamps.

But the main over-all control will be priorities. This means the government will tell each factory how much consumers goods it can produce, how much defense goods, and either directly or indirectly what can be charged for it.

FIXING

This will be accompanied by controls over money and bank-

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ing along lines suggested in the Eccles plan. But all these and the other controls that have been mentioned are not likely to be sufficient. They are merely mild brakes which can be arranged in advance. The full force of centralized restraints will have to be determined as situations arise. Arbitrary price fixing, for example, might be required.

ABSOLUTISM

The assurance is plain that

we are in all this entering upon an era of expanding democratic absolutism, single-headed direction of all life by government, not through choice but by necessity.

Strangely enough exactly the same line of strategy will be required in the descent after the war defense era. These will be considered in this column tomorrow.

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