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Dr. Munk at Malin

MANY people, without great love for the British empire, will tell you that it was in Czechoslovakia that Adolf Hitler committed the great sin that will never be forgiven or forgotten. Until Czechoslovakia, Adolf Hitler was talking principles and facts that carried a certain appeal to reason and a sense of justice. In Czechoslovakia, he threw it all overboard, including the appealing theory of the self-determination of peoples. There Adolf Hitler was bared as a predator; there he violated faith and the rights of a free people utterly without an extenuating circumstance.

What happened in Czechoslovakia was driven home with a telling sense of tragedy to the Klamath basin people who gathered at the Malin high school gymnasium the other night to hear Dr. Frank Munk, an exile from Czechoslovakia who is teaching at Reed college and is in great demand as an outstanding public speaker.

In quiet, unemotional tones, he related what the nazis have done to Czechoslovakia, which never declared war or even entered war against Germany and lay helpless before the invaders. He described the destruction of the Czech educational system, the closing of a university that had been operating for hundreds of years, the terror slaughter of 132 students, the taking of 400,000 men for labor slavery.

What Dr. Munk asked in behalf of Czechoslovakia was that in America democracy be strengthened and defended and made the great light to which freedom-loving people everywhere, like the bitterly oppressed Czechs, may look to even from a great distance, with hope in their hearts. It was a simple request, earnestly but plainly put; certainly no one who heard it was untouched by the desire to lend his individual effort to the suggested end.

Organizing Cooperation

IT seems a long time before forest fire dangers will be with us, but those whose job it is to fight fires consider this as the time to deliberate and lay plans that will be effective next summer in keeping destruction out of the valued forests of the Klamath country.

Accordingly, these people met Tuesday at the Willard hotel to canvass the results of last year's season and determine what can be done to eliminate what mistakes occurred in that period.

There were large fires last season which required the attention of several fire-fighting agencies in this territory. Certain confusion developed through the diverse efforts of these groups and the lack of preparation for a coordinated program. There was general willingness to cooperate and spirit was good, but at times the fire-fighting was not so effective as it could have been had coordination been planned ahead of time.

This year, it is planned to work out such a coordination plan before the fire season opens. This will be done through a committee and further meetings of the interested agencies will be held later in the year.

The enterprise is most constructive, and it is probable the professional fire-fighting forces of this area will be better organized than ever before to cope with fire. What is further necessary is the full cooperation of the public. If that is given, come what will in the way of weather next spring, the Klamath country should go through the season unscathed by serious conflagrations.

'Mutinous' CCCs Sent Home from Natches Camp

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 26 (UP)—Sixteen "mutinous" South Carolina and Georgia CCC enrollees from the Natches camp near Yakima were dismissed from the corps and sent home by train today.

Col. L. A. Daugherty, district commander, said the dismissals closed the case. All had refused to obey orders because of what they termed "rotten food. There was enough of it but it wasn't what we were used to."

Investigating officers said principal objection was to the absence of hominy grits, traditional southern dish, from the breakfast menu. Col. Daugherty said the boys had been found guilty of "misconduct, creating a disturbance, and destruction of government property."

They had been held in Yakima county jail two days pending the verdict.

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Telling The Editor

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IN 1886

BONANZA, Ore. (To the Editor)—If I am not mistaken, February 22, 1886, was on Friday, and was it cold? Benjamin A. Godfrey had bought the Price hotel in Bonanza, and having added a dining room and some more improvements to the hostelry, celebrated the event with a Washington's birthday dance, and the people from around Klamath Falls took advantage of the good sleighing and helped to celebrate the event. It was so cold that several couples from Linkville, now Klamath Falls, stopped at the Horton ranch to enjoy the pleasure of setting in front of the old fireplace and watching the sparks go up the chimney and at the same time get warm. It is needless to say that the mode of travel was then by horses and sleighs.

The force of help on the Horton ranch was busy on the ranch, moving about 300 head of stock cattle to the Mike Hartley ranch at Tule lake for the balance of the winter. We had bought a stack of tule hay at that time called "rip gut" hay. Well, it managed to get foul and body of the cattle together, and the price was \$20 per ton and a wagon and team furnished to feed with. But the board of the men was thrown in for good measure, as is usually the case.

The winter lasted longer than the hay, but as it was getting spring by the time that hay was fed out and the snow all gone and plenty of bunch grass on the range, we got through fairly well and the loss was very small. Just now go back with me for a few minutes to those good old days of early life in Oregon.

The cattle were fed in the upper field of the Horton ranch and those days we would take the team and wagon and usually the rifle along as we were at war with the coyotes, who liked young calves. And then again the mule deer came from the juniper hills and fed with the cattle, and when we wanted a good piece of venison we took it, as there were no game laws or game warden's slipping around to see if you violated "YOUR RIGHTS." You helped yourself to what you were raising and the deer were a part of the products of the country as now. But we were all free Americans and not under dictatorial government nor the new deal.

Right here I want to add that at that time there was less deer meat wasted than there now is, as you took all of it and never left a carcass for the coyotes, nor a crippled one to starve, but always got our deer and ate it up.

Now, the first week before the season opens up the hunters kill does and fawns until the season opens and then they kill one for each beer parlor bum if he has a license and the headman comes to the telephone and asks for 10 or 12 license tags to be sent out with a bottle of—? and the tags to be signed and they will put them on the deer and the man is left in the woods to hunt or has gone home another way to suit the occasion.

Hold on! You were writing a story of the dance at the Godfrey hotel in Bonanza and have gone away up to the Grohs ranch or some other resort hunting deer. Well, hang around the telephone this year in deer season and see if I am a liar.

I had occasion to refresh this date a short time ago. Edward Freuer and family were living on the Freuer Poe valley ranch at this time, 1886, and the other day their daughter, Mrs. Wagner, had occasion to want a birth certificate. And that remarkable year of 1886 was her birth year, and Mr. Freuer had helped us start our cattle for Mike Hartley's ranch on Tule lake.

We did not open the wire fence to get them through at that time, but took off the riders of the stake and double ridged rail fence and let them through the fence then laid up that old common sense fence and it was good as new.

Oh, yes, I forgot to say what a swell time they had at the dance, but it was just like all those occasions at that early day. They were all full of fun and kept sober or were put to bed and shamed when they awoke. How different now. Men and women both indulge now. Then a woman was a lady.

J. O. HAMAKER.

OUSTED

WAYNESVILLE, Mo. (P)—The demand for office space as a result of construction of nearby Fort Leonard Wood has been so great it turned T. A. Shockley into a curbstone lawyer.

He inserted this "Notice to My Clients" in a newspaper: "The boom here has boomed me out of a place for an office. Will store my equipment and be a curbstone lawyer for next two months, at which time I expect to be able to rent one. Will be seeing you on the streets."

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RAINBOW

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 —

There is much glib talk about the United States joining the war in 60 days, three months or six months—but not among the people who would know. No evidence inside or out indicates that Mr. Roosevelt or those close about him have any definite period of time in mind. A small number of officials in various departments are coolly advocating an early declaration of war solely to awaken the country to its utmost energy. But they are not in the majority. Most of the top men seem to be pursuing their day to day course fatalistically, ready to join the war if that, too, is eventually required, but without any thought of definite time.

Predictions, however, seem only to be guesses. They are based on surmises that the Japs will move and drag us in when Hitler attacks England, or that convoying of ships will have to be started within six months. Good guesses they are, but not conclusive.

BEEF DEAL

Don Nelson, director of defense purchases, is gaining an inside reputation as the shrewdest of all defense dealers. It was he who put over the deal for army-navy purchases of Argentine beef, without a ripple of protest from the livestock dealers who broke up a comparatively minor purchase by the navy a few months ago. Nelson did it apparently by promising capacity purchases from domestic producers who were also amenable this time because prices are high.

WAR FIGURES

Truly objective information on the progress of the war has been missing from official quarters since the lend-lease debate started. Most of the official comment on the progress of the war has been devoted to propagandizing for the legislation—proof that Britain will win, that Lindbergh is wrong, etc., etc.

But one point which will require some official clarification when the political debate is over is how Britain is ever to reach equality of plane production with Germany this year as promised. American plane production will reach 18,000 this year. We produced 1000 in January and will have a monthly output of 2000 by the end of the year.

General Marshall has said the Germans outnumber the British four to one in the air, and the Germans are supposed to be producing some 4000 planes a month right now—twice as much as we will be doing by the end of the year.

Tightest, most accurate figures on the two armies also credit the Germans with three and a half to four million men under arms; Britain with only two million regulars, one million home guardsmen, and one million troops outside the British isles, including the Australians.

TEST MOVE

The Jap offer of mediation to Britain has been clouded by Nazi diplomatic horseplay but

He Says, Over His Shoulder



everyone here knows it was a Hitler move to sound out Britain on peace. It will take more than an "outraged protest" from the German ambassador to the Japanese foreign office to dislodge that conviction. The axil just does not work that way.

PREVENTED

Mussolini failed to lather himself up to his best ferocity in denouncing bombardment of Genoa. It may not be told that embarkation facilities and equipment had been arranged there for transportation of a German army to Africa. The British got wind of the move and smashed the Genoa waterfront so severely it could not be used. There are other ports further south, but Mussolini did not want large bodies of German troops marching through the length of the land. By smashing Genoa, therefore, the British warded off the whole move until the opportunity closed.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY

Complaints Filed
 Esther Abner versus Joseph Abner. Suit for divorce. Couple married Sparks, Nev., January 13, 1940. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks that her maiden name, Esther Lee, be restored. U. S. Valentine, attorney for plaintiff.
 Pearl D. Hitchcock versus Charles Edward Hitchcock. Suit for divorce. Couple married Grants Pass March 9, 1930. Plaintiff asks restoration of maiden name, Pearl D. Mackey, and property settlement. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.
 Judgments
 Melba J. Anderson versus Al-

vin W. Anderson. Amended to divorce granted June 15, 1940, custody of minor granted to plaintiff and \$25 a month as aid to support of child.

Fred L. Houston and O. K. Puckett versus A. R. Flumerfelt and Alfred Flumerfelt and Helen I. Scott. Judgment of \$324.37 granted on plaintiff's first action and \$325.37 on plaintiff's second action. Attachment ordered.
 Justice Court
 Everett L. Robertson, having no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.

OUTDISTANCED

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (P) Siren screaming, scout car patrolman William Tellman gave chase as a motorist raced through a school zone at 60 miles an hour.
 The police car wheeled up to 40...
 "I got his number, anyway," said Tellman, ruefully.
 The scout car went to a garage for overhauling.

Government To Crack Down On Draft Evaders

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (UP)—Announcing "the government is through being lenient," federal authorities today opened a drive against draft evaders and took preliminary action in some of the cases of 488 northern Californians who have failed to meet requirements of the selective service act.

Complaints charging five San Franciscans with failing to return their signed questionnaires were issued by U. S. Commissioner Ernest E. Williams at the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Karesh. More complaints will be issued tomorrow, Williams said.

Karesh estimated there were "at least" another 45 draft law violators in San Francisco and as many in the east bay area.

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