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Press and Censorship

Editor's Note: Because of intense public interest in the general subject of censorship and the press in wartime, we give this column today to an article by DeWitt MacKenzie, famed war analyst of Wide World and the Associated Press, who is now in Great Britain. We believe the British have struck the sound course in censorship that might well be emulated by all of the United Nations.

By DeWITT MACKENZIE
Wide World War Analyst

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The British censorship of news—which, to say the least, is one of the most liberal of the many under which I have worked in countries of both hemispheres—is based on the philosophy that the wartime morale of a nation is in direct ratio to the amount of information the public gets, especially from the battlefields.

Since this principle obviously is producing amazingly fine results in John Bull's domain, it encourages me to reiterate here the view I expressed not long before leaving New York on this trip.

FEEL OF THE WAR

It is this: The way we Americans can get the real feel of the war, which up to now has been so far away from us, is to transport us through the press into the heat of battle. Let the home folk in spirit fight by the side of our boys and bleed with them and die with them. This may be achieved by reporting the news fully while it is hot—not in filtered form a week or a month after the ashes are cold.

I quickly discovered that this is one of the tenets of the British censorship when I turned for enlightenment to Minister of Information Brendan Bracken and later to the Chief Censor, Rear Admiral G. P. Thomson. Of course, one of the problems of Messrs. Bracken and Thomson—and I dare say this is equally true in some other countries with which we are very familiar—is that the two are merely go-betweens for the armed services and the public.

That is to say, censorship of news relating to operations originates with the navy, army or air force. Now fighting branches are notoriously inclined to maintain silence. Admiral Thomson, a jolly seadog who has had a long and distinguished career in his Majesty's navy, admitted this to me with a grin. It thus becomes a matter of persuasion on the part of the Ministry of Information when one of the services gets sticky about giving up the news.

Here it may be said that the firm of Bracken and Thomson appears to be doing a grand job of publishing for the public. There is the most liberal interpretation of the rule excluding the publication of information which might aid the enemy. He is given full credit for having an intelligence service which keeps him well informed and the British public isn't made to wait unless it is obvious that circulation of news would do harm.

Bracken is one of the outstanding personalities in Britain. Since the Ministry of Information has a vast responsibility for public morale, he also is one of the keystones of the government at the comparatively youthful age of 41.

I called the minister's attention to the fact that members of some armed services advocate creation of official reporters to cover the news. These reporters would be professional fighting men and would replace war correspondents now sent into the field by newspapers.

Bracken's broad shoulders heaved and his fiery crest bristled. "Impossible!" he exploded. "It wouldn't be fair to the public. And no man who isn't a trained and experienced journalist is capable of producing the report to which the people are entitled."

He gestured with his expressive hands and machine-gunned at another target.

"We believe in giving the press freedom of expression. During the desert fighting in northern Africa, British correspondents in the field even criticized our command. They raised the devil with us back home. But we let them go ahead. We think they have the right to express their views."

ALWAYS OPEN
From Brendan Bracken I went into the office of the chief censor, whose door is always open. Thomson is a quiet smiling man of 53 who is said to be one of the best liked persons in Britain.

The chief censor is emphatic in support of the thesis that full access to the news is essential to maintain the morale of the people. He agreed, too, that officers couldn't be used successfully as war correspondents.

There is a debate in Britain at the moment as to whether it is vital to the morale of the fighting forces, as well as of the public, that they be kept fully informed of all angles of the war. I asked the admiral how he felt about it.

"Decidedly it's essential," he replied.

"As a matter of fact, when I was in command at sea I used to give a lecture on world news to my crew every week."

We get an even better glimpse of this man who is conducting one of the most delicate and difficult jobs in the world when we are given the code under which he works.

Let him tell you himself: "It would be best, I think, to keep the enemy in the dark about everything but if we did that it would mean keeping our own people in the dark and that would never do, for the people have the right to know what is going on around them."

"They have the right to draw their own conclusions to criticize and to demand that what appears wrong to them should be put right."

"Between these two competing principles, the press censor is trying to produce a result which gives effect to them both."

On this page yesterday appeared a letter from a local woman which made the observation that the Southern Pacific depot here is not guarded. We are authoritatively informed, following publication of this letter, that the station here is guarded and that precautions are taken against improper picture-taking.

AFL Seeks Probe Of Thurman Arnold
TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 13 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor voted Monday to ask U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle to investigate Thurman Arnold, his assistant in charge of anti-trust actions, to ascertain whether Arnold "has exploited the prestige of his public office for his own material and financial gain."

The federation, in its convention here, took this action by adopting a report presented by its resolutions committee.

PORTLAND, Oct. 13 (AP)—Multnomah county registration for the November election is 178,235, a decrease of 28,271 from the 1940 registration. Democrats outnumber republicans, 89,967 to 84,104.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—Watch next for a big Nazi drive on Leningrad.

Preparations for a renewed Nazi attack on Russia's second city have been noted. The Germans want to get there, before a heavy freeze enables the Russians to move reinforcements in across the ice.

If the Germans can break through and capture the city, they can join lines with the Finns. The city, therefore, has great strategic value.

Its loss also would put an end to the operations of a few small naval units which the Reds have been able to maintain in the Baltic, and would close that sea to Stalin.

ADMISSION

Hitler's suggestion that he will switch to artillery and dive bombing at Stalingrad is merely an admission that he went after the city the wrong way in the first place. He thought he could take it in a hurry by direct assault, but his losses were too heavy, probably not as great as the fantastic Russian claims, but too heavy to warrant continuance of that method.

Dive bombing and artillery fire are slower, but there are few authorities who expect Stalingrad will stand.

Timoshenko has been hitting the Nazi left flank, north of the city, where the Reds have been trying to get an offensive started for some weeks. This might possibly cause Hitler to relax his grip on the city.

But there is every reason to expect the Nazis will swarm on southward and establish a Volga river defense line for the winter.

SWING SUIT

The government is none too sure of its case against James Petrillo, the musicians' labor czar, who tells the nation what music it can hear. The courts have not been encouraging Prosecutor Thurman Arnold much in his efforts to use the anti-trust laws to break up union czarism.

Petrillo is really only a small potato in Arnold's fight. The powerful AFL building trades union group is much more important, and it practices the same controls Petrillo uses, restricting new devices for making building cheaper, etc. It is swinging its publicity and legal power behind Petrillo.

There is no question about Arnold's ability to prove these charges, but the supreme court has handed down rulings which put the unions beyond the pale of many laws, and these are binding the lower courts.

Latest such was the Justice Byrnes' opinion, absolving a New York local teamsters union from racketeering charges, on the ground that congress did not intend to bring unions within the scope of the racketeering statutes.

NELSON STAYS

Some of the new dealers have been mildly grumbling at Donald Nelson, and hinting that he may have to be replaced, but their talk has died down since the president took an optimistic view of the production deficiencies and Nelson announced he would hold his job until kicked out.

Most authorities around WPB expect the year-end figures to show displeasing deficits, and are already beginning to calculate the shortage of tanks, planes, etc., in terms of days, so they can be announced in that blind way.

Instead of saying we are short so many planes, they will say we were short a certain number of plane production days.

It is wholly a job now of correcting maldistribution of raw materials and labor. No one in WPB, including Nelson, appears pleased with the way things are going.

If there is another blow-up and reorganization, it will probably come around the first of the year.

HAPPY

Justice Jimmy Byrnes' friends say he was not very reluctant to leave the supreme court, as he found it the unhappiest of all government agencies. There are others who would like to get off the lofty bench.

Justices Black and Douglas are constantly clashing over shades of new deal meanings. Some of the justices have frowned on Justice Frankfurter's extra-curricular activities in administering the new deal on the

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SIDE GLANCES



"Let the heavy tanks pass and pick off those light machine guns bringing up the rear!"

side. Justice Murphy is openly dissatisfied.

Unless Mr. Roosevelt promptly appoints a successor to Byrnes, there are going to be many 4 to 4 decisions from the remaining bickerers.

ALL QUIET

General MacArthur's Aussies have pushed up now to the pass in the Owen Stanley mountain range of New Guinea, but probably will not go farther. The problem of supplies becomes difficult beyond that point, as the Japs found out when they advanced to our side of the pass.

The Australians had no great difficulty in forcing their way back to the divide. That front is likely to remain quiet.

16-YEAR-OLD HELD IN AUTO THEFTS

A 16-year-old boy has admitted the theft of six automobiles, including the car of Miles Saunders which was found in the government canal, it was reported by Harold Hendrickson, county juvenile officer.

Hendrickson said that the boy claims all of the cars he stole had been left unlocked and with the keys in the ignition switches.

This youngster, according to the juvenile officer, discovered that men taking welding and other shop classes at the high school in the evenings often leave their cars with the keys in them. He found it easy to drive the cars away, and usually abandoned them after an evening's drive.

"The fact the keys were in the cars does not excuse this boy," said Hendrickson. "But it does indicate carelessness which may lead to more thefts. There are many transients in the community at this time, and it is a wise precaution to lock car doors and remove the keys."

Harney County Records First Hunting Fatality

BURNS, Ore., Oct. 13 (AP)—Harney county recorded its first deer hunting fatality of 1942 Sunday. Coroner H. Z. Smith reported today. The victim was Warren Watson, 29, garage owner here.

Smith said the accident was unwitnessed but it appeared that Watson accidentally discharged his own gun as he dismounted from a horse.

BALLOON LOOSE

SEATTLE, Oct. 13 (AP)—A runaway army barrage balloon, trailing 1,000 feet of cable across buildings and short-circuiting power lines in the downtown business district, blacked out a large section of the city shortly after 6:50 a. m. today. Trackless trolley riders accumulated in droves on street corners waiting for service to be restored and a fire started in a city light substation. Complete service was not restored until 8:05 a. m.

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Markets and Financial

STOCKS RESUME UPSWING, BUT SELLING LAGS

By VICTOR EUBANK
NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (AP)—Stocks generally resumed the advance in today's early market dealings but a little selling came in after mid-day and halted the upswing for many leaders.

At the start gains ranged from fractions to 2 points in active transactions. Customers returned from their double holiday about as bullish for the war and tax prospects as they were last week when two sessions of a million shares or better lifted prices generally to new highs for the year or longer.

Those with relatively large profits on the lengthy climb began to cash in parts of their commitments and, while liquidation never was particularly insistent, quotations were substantially reduced or transformed into moderate declines near the close. Sales were around 850,000 shares.

Well in front at intervals were American Telephone, Du Pont, North American, General Electric, N. Y. Central, Pennsylvania, Union Pacific, Dow Chemical, A. I. L. Chemical, Texas Co., Westinghouse and Montgomery Ward.

Occasional backsliders included U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Goodyear, Santa Fe, Western Union, Anaconda, Kennecott, Homestake Mining, Boeing, Sears Roebuck, American Smelting and Glenn Martin. Chrysler and General Motors did little or nothing most of the day.

A special offering of American Can of 8,000 shares at 64 1/2 point under Saturday's final price, was quickly completed, but the stock was sluggish thereafter. Bonds were uneven.

American Can	65 1/2
Am Car & Fdy	27
Am Tel & Tel	129 1/2
Anaconda	27 1/2
Calf Packing	20 1/2
Cat Tractor	38 1/2
Commonwealth Sou	9 3/2
General Electric	29 1/2
General Motors	41 1/2
Gt Nor Ry pfd	24 1/2
Illinois Central	88
Int Harvester	51
Kennecott	32
Lockheed	21 1/2
Long-Bell "A"	41
Montgomery Ward	44
Nash-Kelvy	68
N Y Central	121
Northern Pacific	121
Pac Gas & El	21 1/2
Packard Motor	21
Penna R R	24 1/2
Republic Steel	16
Richfield Oil	88
Safeway Stores	36
Sears Roebuck	54
Southern Pacific	168
Standard Brands	34
Sunshine Mining	38
Trans-America	55
Union Oil Calif	154
Union Pacific	83 1/2
U S Steel	50 1/2
Warner Pictures	64

BOSTON WOOL

BOSTON, Oct. 13 (AP-USA)—Some sales of fleece and territory medium wools were reported in the Boston wool market today. Clean prices on territory were \$1.03-1.06 for 8s and 9s cents for quarter fleeces. Fleece wools were sold at 53 cents, grease basis, which figure clean basis to \$1.03 for 8s, and 94-96 cents for quarter. Some South American spot scoured wool of 56s grade was sold at a wide range of prices depending on the lot. Prices quoted were 85 cents to \$1.05 out of bond.

Always read the want-ads.

Oct. 15th to 24th

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POTATOES

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 4 California, 3 Idaho, 3 Oregon arrived, 18 broken, 36 unbroken cars on track; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1, \$2.75-3.00, occasional car higher; No. 2s, \$1.90-2.10, mostly \$2.00-2.10.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 7 California, 4 Idaho, 7 Utah arrived, 80 broken, 91 unbroken cars on track; via truck 8 cars arrived; four cars diverted; market slightly weaker; Idaho Russets No. 1, \$2.35-2.40; no Oregon quotations.

CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 13 (AP-USA) Potatoes, arrivals 93; on track 353; total U. S. shipments 903; supplies heavy, demand for best quality Idaho Russets fair, market firm to slightly stronger; for offerings other sections, demand slow, market about steady; Idaho Russet Burbanks, U. S. No. 1, \$2.25-70; Colorado Red McClures, U. S. No. 1, \$2.15-30; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, \$1.75-85; Wisconsin Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, \$2.10.

LIVESTOCK

SAN FRANCISCO

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (AP)—(Fed-State Market News)—CATTLE: Salable 100; steers steady; yesterday two cars medium to good fed steers \$13.00 to \$13.25; three cars good 700-750 lb. heifers \$11.50-85; today, largely low grade range and dairy high-stock run, weak to 20 cents higher; package 1100 lb. range cows \$10.00, aged cows \$9.00, cutters \$7.00-05, canners \$6.00-50; medium bulls \$10.00 to \$10.00, Calves 10, nominal; yesterday load 286 lb. stock calves 11.25.

HOGS: Salable 400; market 15-20 cents lower; bulk good to choice 185-235 lb. barrows and gilts \$15.40-50; few sows \$13.85. SHEEP: Salable 1100; under-tone steady; good to choice lambs quoted \$14.00-50; medium to choice ewes \$4.00-5.00.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 13 (AP-USA)—CATTLE: Salable and total 100, calves 25; market very slow, scattered sales steady; but many bids lower than Monday on fat dairy type cows; very few grass fat steers available; few cutter-common steers \$8.00-10.00; common-medium heifers \$8.00-10.50; very light heifers \$11.00-12.00; cutter and common cows \$4.25-5.75; very few dairy type cows above \$6.00; medium-good cows \$7.50-9.00; medium-good bulls salable \$9.25-11.00; good-choice vealers \$14.00-15.00; cull and common \$6.50-10.00.

HOGS: Salable 250; total 300; market fairly active, fully steady; good-choice 175-215 lbs. \$14.50 to mostly \$14.65; few choice lots \$14.75; 230-280 lbs. mostly \$14.00; good 300-500 lbs. sows \$12.50-75; choice feeder pigs Monday \$15.25.

SHEEP: Salable 250, total 300; market steady, quality considered; few good-choice lambs \$11.50; strictly sorted lots salable \$11.75; good-choice shorn lambs \$11.00; common lambs \$7.50-6.50; good feeders \$9.50; few good-choice rangers \$10.00; good slaughter ewes \$4.00; common-medium \$1.00-3.00.

It won't be long now till the gun that wasn't loaded will run second to the ice that wasn't thin.

GRAIN FIRM AFTER EARLIER SLUMPING

CHICAGO, Oct. 13 (AP)—After May corn had dipped to a new low for the season and all deliveries of wheat and corn dropped about 1 cent below the previous close, mill buying made its appearance today and the market developed a firmer undertone.

There was a lull in liquidation and selling pressure eased in all pits, although most of the buying was regarded as short covering. Most professional traders continued to act with caution as the principal market influence remained centered in price control measures.

Wheat closed 1/2 to 1 cent above Saturday's close, December \$1.24 1/2, May \$1.27 1/2; corn was 1/2 to 1 cent higher, December 80 1/2, May 85 1/2; oats advanced 1/2; soybeans 1/4 to 1/2; rye 1/2 to 1 cent and lard closed at the new ceilings; \$13.80.

DENVER WOOL

DENVER, Oct. 13 (AP-USA) SHEEP: 12,500; fat lambs fully steady, scarce; load good-choice range lambs \$13.40-60; no strictly choice sold; few merely good down to \$13.25; ewes about steady; good carlots \$4.75-5.00; feeding lambs fairly active, steady, at \$12.75-85; load 60 lb. white-face ewe lambs \$13.00; load feeder ewes \$4.00.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

HAPPENED to me only yesterday. I step on the starter of my car. Engine turns over O. K. but she won't start.

So I look under the hood just as if I know what's the matter. Tap a few things with a wrench. While I'm standin' there, wondering what to do next, a young soldier stops alongside.

"Need some help?" he asks.

"Got her almost fixed," I says. "But still she won't start."

"Looks like your carburetor's flooded," he says. "Got a screw driver handy?"

"That young soldier knew what he was doin' all right. Went to work just like a professional.

"She'll be O.K. now," he says, straightenin' up and smilin'.

Boy's face looked sort of familiar. And darned if that soldier wasn't young Charlie Jenkins from Elm Street. Used to be a round-shouldered kid—one of those jitter bugs you hear about. Say! You wouldn't know him after six months in the Army. Fifteen pounds heavier—straight and tan and real sure of himself. The Army's done a lot for Charlie. Made a man out of him—and I guess that goes for lots of other young fellows, too.

The other day I read how some folks worry about the soldiers havin' a glass of beer now and then. Well, after seein' Charlie, I don't think there's much cause for people to fret.

Just like Charlie says—"If you can trust us with guns and ships and tanks, I guess you can trust us with a glass of beer once in a while, if we happen to want one."

And I know the beer industry is co-operating with the Army and the law-enforcement officers to see that beer is sold in good, clean, decent places.

From where I sit, this country's never seen a finer, cleaner, better-behaved lot of men than the ones in uniform today... I'm not worryin' 'bout 'em!

Joe Marsh