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The World Today

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GENERAL GEORGE C. KENNEY, chief of the strategic air command at Andrews field, Md., tells us that in a future war our United States would be the first target and would be reached by a trans-polar assault which might result in a casualty list of 25,000,000 men, women and children in the first 24 hours.

The general thus bluntly advised the women's patriotic conference on defense yesterday in Washington. He asserted that above all, the enemy would strike for a quick knockout, the attack coming over the shortest air routes from the European-Asiatic land mass, across the north polar basin.

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Aircraft Attack

KENNEY said the attack would be made "by both piloted and pilotless aircraft, by radio-controlled missiles, by rockets—all loaded with atomic bombs, super-explosives, super incendiaries, bacterial weapons or whatever means of mass destruction happens to be in vogue at the time." Just to make sure that he got his idea home, the general added that "four atomic bombs of the old Hiroshima-Nagasaki type, properly placed, would knock New York City out of commission."

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Paramount Problems

THAT is why these are among the paramount international problems of this new year. All roads of thought among peace-minded folk, in whatever country they may live, lead toward a solution of disarmament. And of course the atomic bomb and the atomic issue are foremost, for he who holds this greatest secret of the ages must inevitably be an object of suspicion and fear.

Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, in a recent radio interview with station WJR of Detroit, put the atomic problem like this:

"No real advances can be made, no real security can be achieved, unless the atomic issue is settled on an international basis." Certainly we can expect no general disarmament while the atomic question is hanging fire. And by the same token the rehabilitation of Europe cannot be achieved, because of the economic and political problems are interlocked with those of security.

That's one thing which makes the framing of the all-important German peace treaty so difficult. Indeed, it will be surprising if it's possible to secure a satisfactory adjustment of the German and Austrian issues until a far better understanding has been reached in the matter of the atomic bomb and the general proposition of disarmament. These strategically situated countries loom large in the security calculations of both eastern and western Europe.

How can the United Nations create peace for the enemy countries until they have achieved peace among themselves?

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Unions and management agreed a few days back the trend of this nation is toward socialism—a rather startling agreement—although no notice was paid to it. Perhaps one reason this cheerless foreboding dread bare public mention was that AFL's Bill Green did not send around a copy of his speech to the publicists as usually he does. What he said was: torism is driving unions to the left; the threatened unions reform

Hoopsters Hurt In Auto Crash

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A member of the Woodburn high school basketball squad was injured and four others and their automobile were damaged Saturday night when a street car struck the automobile in which they were riding. Police said Joseph Collins, 15, was not seriously hurt, but suffered back and head injuries.

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legislation is being pressed as a strategem of the Tories to destroy the unions. Pointing to the rise of the unions' socialist government in England, Green asked: "Do you doubt that the same thing could happen here? Is it inconceivable that union workers might be driven to the same course under similar provocation?" This sprightly-reported speech was made to the conference of mayors at which President Wilson of General Motors said, in a political-economic analysis, which should be read by all students of the subject in full: "The attack on profits is really an attempt to substitute state socialism or communism for our free competitive and capitalistic system." He claimed union leftists were forcing us toward a system imported from east of the Rhine or even from England installing the state as god and government.

Here was considerable agreement as to the facts. They both say the unions are forcing us to the political and economic bankruptcy of the backward nations. Green excuses this by blaming it on who calls torism (a word imported from England). Furthermore, both seem agreed neither wants to go where we are being pushed.

Union Threat

BEHIND this, of course, is Green's desire to threaten management with socialism so it will ease down in current dominant demands for union reform. Similarly management wants to threaten socialism to scare labor into a cooperative peace for production. But if they are talking in this way for propaganda purposes, both are also telling the truth.

What neither Green nor Wilson reported was that socialism had decayed and been corrupted by communism throughout the world in the past few months. The trend of socialism I would say is toward communism, or a more accurate way to put it is that the communists are using the socialists for their own revolutionary advantage. This was not true, earlier in the post-war era. The socialists knew and hated the communists better than we democrats. Since then the socialists have become mere dupes for the communists in France, delivering the national defense ministry of that nation to the communists in political exchange for the premiership—to which the socialists had no right, whoever accuse they were the single defeated party which lost ground and was assigned to a small minority by the people in the last election.

In Britain, union socialism has taken the bankruptcy of that nation into a union receivership, which cannot even produce enough goods to sustain itself. Everyone knows about the coal shortage situation, but few realize the same condition applies to other British goods and services. Coal is the biggest natural product of Britain, used for export to acquire import food. Lately, Britain has not been able to produce enough coal to keep itself warm and going in winter, but the government had to appeal to the miners to produce more and has only partly succeeded.

Union socialism in Britain has paid the people's money for industries, piling more debt atop the war debt, and as it naturally must grant concessions to the unions in wages, hours and working conditions, it cannot operate to produce. This is natural because a union miner, given added pay, shorter hours and less work, can hardly be expected to break his back in an idealistic endeavor to keep the nation warm. Furthermore, in the midst of the union socialist party there has arisen a secret bloc favorable to the Moscow foreign policy or at least anti-American. Anyone with half an eye clear can see where England is going, down, down, down. Churchill once said socialism would have to become a dictatorship like Moscow to force the union men to work, a campaign remark for which he received the counterpart of a tomato in the face. Mr. Wilson now says the same thing from his objective perch. As a matter of fact, anyone can see it.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Your discipline would carry more weight, George, if you didn't make such silly faces when you try to scold the child!"

National Potato Letter-- 1946 Seed Potato Crop Breaks All Records So Far

January 1 potato stocks have set a new high record at 150,230,000 bushels. Beats the old record of January 1, 1944, by 12 per cent, January 1 a year ago by 25 per cent and the 10-year (1936-45) average by 42 per cent. Means we have for disposition after January 1, about 44 million bushels more than average, and about that many more than we are likely to need.

Naturally, most of the stocks are in the 18 late surplus states, with the 12 other late and 7 intermediate having only 7.7 million out of the total. States having 5 million or more are Maine 49.5, New York 13.4, Pennsylvania 7.6, Michigan 7.9, Minnesota 7.4, North Dakota 8.9, Nebraska 5.0, Idaho 18.5, Colorado 7.4 and Oregon 5.0.

Looking just at the increase of 23.5 million over a year ago in the 18 late surplus states, 10 states show combined increases of about 33.6 million, while one shows no change and 7 declined by about 5.6 million (there is half a million not accounted for due to dropping fractions). Note that 28.1 million of the 33.6 are in the three eastern states of Maine, New York and Pennsylvania. By adding only Michigan the figure rises to 30.5. In other words, 4 states account for 91

Note also that Idaho and North Dakota, source of most of the pressure on DOA to dump potatoes are down from last year by 2.1 and 1.4 million, respectively. We swallow our pride and admit we were wrong on our 130 to 140 million bushels stocks estimate. Yet, humans, we were wrong how wrong we were. Look at Maine, with 49.5 million. Maine produced 77.7 million bushels, has shipped 20,000 cars, equal to about 21 million bushels farm weight basis, and put about 3 million bushels into by products. About 10 million more probably were wiped out by freezing. That would make 34 million bushels of disappearance, leaving stocks of 43 million on a farm weight basis. Yet the report shows 49.5 of merchantable quality. Similar arithmetic leads to a doubt about New York, where the upstate area had 18.8 million bushels of production, and is reported to have all but about one million bushels of the total frost-proof storage capacity. That would mean that about 12 million bushels, or nearly two-thirds of the entire crop, considerable of which is harvested in July and August, are still unsold. Look at Maine again. That figure of 49.5 million bushels is 85 per cent of total reported permanent storage capacity, and it just is not reasonable to suppose that, with a freeze in November that wiped out the temporary storage of more than 15 per cent of the permanent storage has been emptied. Anyway, it's a nice problem for an amateur statistician. Those who like to dabble in figures can watch disappearance and dope out in June how accurate the report really is.

What's The Next Move? If you're a borrower, DOA has convinced us that their obligations will be met. If you choose to stay outside the loan program, what DOA does now may affect you considerably, but it will not be done for your benefit except by accident.

DOA tells us it is too soon after the stocks report to say just what will be done. Our slant on what should come next

are getting behind the polio fight. One wayside inn has already announced that its entire profit for next Friday will be donated to the March, and it's rumored that more are going to follow suit.

After reading a "Telling the Editor" letter in The Herald and News the other day asking for

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Guilds Ask Action In China Strife

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27 (AP)—Appealing to the government and to China's communists for an immediate, unconditional halt to civil strife, 172 trade guilds and associations issued a manifesto today declaring:

"As we reflect upon the present state of affairs and upon what the future has in store for us, we are seized with a cold shudder." A group of business and professional men issued a similar manifesto.

The fighting is wrecking the people's livelihood and impairing China's international status, the trade guilds manifesto said, "unless civil strife is immediately halted there can be no telling to what fearful proportions the present economic crisis might develop in the near future."

It foresaw rural bankruptcy, coupled with starvation within cities.

The manifesto urged an unconditional cease-fire order, immediate peace talks, reorganization of the government, control of armies by the state, and granting of political rights to the people.

Communists seemed bent upon causing internal economic collapse in order to achieve the downfall of the national government, it said, and the government, thus far, has not fulfilled "its pledges to the people" by granting them political rights.

The other manifesto was issued by 80 business and professional men in Shanghai, including Wong Hsiao-lai, chairman of the Chinese national chamber of commerce.

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

Grace Moore, for a long time one of the brightest stars in the radio firmament, was killed Sunday morning in the crash of a. airliner. Muted now is the beautiful soprano voice which once thrilled thousands as Lakme, or Mimi, or Carmen.

The girl was about 14 or 15 years old, just past being a kid and not quite a woman. She'd been sitting in a local downtown restaurant eating dinner with her family and they were preparing to leave. Just in front of the cash register was one of those metal cans with a slit on top to shove your pennies in for the "March of Dimes" infantile paralysis fund. The girl asked her father for a couple of dimes, shoved them in the can, and when her father had finished paying the check, she followed him out. We watched her leave, limping, with a steel brace on her left leg. The lady behind the register told us that the girl'd been in twice before since the campaign had started and always stopped to drop a little change.

Even the local drinkers are getting behind the polio fight. One wayside inn has already announced that its entire profit for next Friday will be donated to the March, and it's rumored that more are going to follow suit.

Seed Potato Production

BAE's January 13 report of certified seed production summarizes: "On the largest acreage ever harvested, and with a record yield per acre, the 1946 production of certified seed potatoes exceeded the previous record (1945) crop by 27 per cent. Our dad used to say that enough's enough, but too much is a plenty, and 42,438,905 bushels certainly is a plenty. It amounts to two and a third times as much as the 10-year (1935-44) average, and is 95,000 bushels more than the combined production of certified and war-approved seed in the previous record year, 1945.

For most growers, the news should be good. One of the objectives of the industry should be to reduce production costs as a means of holding total income up in the face of declining consumption. One of the most elementary ways of cutting costs is to improve yields by use of the most productive and disease-free seed available. At the rate of 17 bushels per acre, which probably is about the average rate of planting for the country, the certified seed crop would plant nearly 2.5 million acres. If that many acres should yield an average of 150 bushels per acre, far less than the 184 bushels of 1946—the crop would amount to 375 million bushels, which is all we need in 1947.

Unfortunately thing is that much of this seed never will be planted, as it should be, due to growers' alibis—not real reasons. Some still say "Costs too much. Don't believe in certified seed. What was good enough for granddaddy is good enough for me." Whatever the reason, vast acres almost certainly will be planted with inferior, diseased, or degenerated seed, and a large volume of certified seed stock will wind up in an already over-burdened table stock market.

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FUNNY BUSINESS



"The butler was always spilling soup down his neck!"

information concerning the names and locations of several Klamath county post offices which are now defunct, a reader phoned to tell us about a post office that used to be located on the Green Springs highway where Pinehurst is now. The name of the place was Shake, and the people were getting their mail there about 37 years ago, our informant stated. If anyone knows how the place got its name, or what happened to it, or any other lore concerning it, let us know. Would you?

Overheard: Two fellows sitting in a bar last night talking over the war. Each cited statistics concerning the valor and bravery of the various branches of the service and their subordinate parts. The argument grew hotter and hotter as each began to bring in his personal theories and remembrances of particular engagements he had known. Finally an impasse was reached, an onlooker asked one of the guys which campaign he'd fought in. Well, it seemed he hadn't really fought in any, he'd been attached to a quartermaster company at Fort Ord during the war. The other fellow it turned out, hadn't even been in the service since he was discharged in 1921.

Wild Man

CHAINS SNAP—He wore no clothes and hid among the tombs up over the Sea of Galilee. Day and night, he went shrieking and cutting himself with sharp stones. Often men caught him and bound him with chains which he snapped link from link. So lived this man of Gadara, indwelt and tormented as he was, by a foul demon named Legion.

SET FREE—On a day, Jesus came that way and with a word, He cast out the demon. When the disciples reached the place, they found the man sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind. As the Lord was about to pass on the man he—"to be taken along. But Jesus answers him—"Go home and tell your people what great things God has done for you and had mercy on you."—BIBLE.

GO TELL IT—What mercy has God shown you? Did He send Christ, His Son, to die for your sins? Have you made Christ Jesus your own Lord and Saviour? Go tell it. Has He made you a new man and sent you back to pay up that old grocery bill? Did He give you the urge to go over and square up that long-time quarrel? Go tell it. Has God made you a man of Bible and prayer? Go tell it.

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