

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 — The decline of socialism is the major development in the world, although it is not being properly and publicly evaluated. This break in the bulwark against communism is worrying even the socialists, or perhaps the socialists more than anyone.

America's elder socialist statesman (without office), Norman Thomas, expressed himself timidly to the basic point. He said he was "unalterably opposed to communism as it has developed in Russia" (please note the dangling modifier). The Russian system is "a perversion of socialism," he continued, "at most, a development of one interpretation of one aspect of Marxism (I am not an orthodox Marxist anyhow)."

Thomas was trying to develop that socialism is essentially democratic and added that the American socialist movement is overwhelmingly anti-communist on the issues of democracy and civil liberty. (For his quotes see crown heights comment, a worker-religious mimeograph pamphlet published in Brooklyn which is generally circulated to news-men but seldom reaches print.)

Now all this is accurate as representing truly the position of Thomas and American socialism. Indeed I think the best publication exposing the inner workings of communism from a critical standpoint is a socialist magazine.

But there is another socialist magazine which is a dupe and catspaw for whatever communist line the oracles of the Kremlin decree. Thomas did not tell the whole story. He hedged his words to the point where they became a wishy-washy prosaic deception. He spoke pure theory whereas current facts tell a different story.

England Under Question
HOW long can England's union socialism remain democratic if the miners fail to produce enough coal to run the country—as is England's current predicament. Thomas says to look at England, New Zealand and the democratic socialist countries. All right, look at them. Britain is not producing enough to sustain itself because the workers won't work under socialism but naturally take it easier. What, then, is the next step? The answer most people give is: coercion. The workers will have to be required by the government to do enough work to produce products needed by the country for itself and its export market. Coercion is dictatorship, loss of "democracy and civil liberty."

Socialism today is just one jump ahead of dictatorship. It has lost the production incentive of capitalism, or rather crushed this deliberately, the incentive which furnished goods enough to live. It has abolished the one thing which would have saved "democracy and civil liberty" and is declining from its own efforts. Worse than that it has already compromised with communism in France and Italy. It is working with its hated rivals in both countries to its own disadvantage.

Knowing better than anyone else the poisonous tentacles of communism it has chosen to embrace these tentacles, delivering the national defense of France to the world revolutionary representatives there, wholly repudiating the popular will of democracy in France by actually itself overthrowing the will of the people in the election.

Is It Democratic?
IS socialism really democratic, Mr. Thomas? If it is, Thomas has a job to do. A job entirely within his own ranks. He need not write letters to editors here saying how democratic socialism is. He needs to write to Attlee, Ramadier, Blum and the other thinkers in his movement throughout Europe and he needs to tell them it is time for socialism to act—to do something democratic to assure "democracy and civil liberty." It must reverse its current trend.

Socialism is in dire danger of being taken over by communist inspirations, or doing what communism wants in order to prepare the way for abolition of "democracy and civil liberty." Furthermore it is in danger of making itself unpopular with all true democrats, or actually making itself indistinguishable from communism as a political entity, and it will do that as soon as it enters into the realm of coercion of the individual. It had better get itself fast out of the communist realm and establish a reputation for action defending democracy and making its receivership in bankruptcy work.

The current decline of socialism, as I say, is the major development of the world. Its current course could prove fatal. To write letters to editors and pretend personally to a theory which has already been corrupted by active leaders in his own movement, will accomplish nothing but deception.

SIDE GLANCES



"I told mother it spoils babies to hold them when they cry, but she keeps saying that's how she raised me!"

CITY BRIEFS

Treatment—Richard Bogatay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bogatay, 1840 Mazzanite, is a patient at Hillside hospital where he is receiving medical care. Bogatay is manager of Miller's shoe department.

Patient—Dr. Buford Hargus, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith of Conger avenue, is a patient at Hillside hospital where he is receiving treatment for pneumonia.

Improving—Gerry Scarbrough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Scarbrough of 412 Oak, is recovering nicely from a tonsilectomy performed Tuesday morning at Hillside hospital. Scarbrough is sports editor of The Herald and News.

Treatment—Al Kruger, 1820 Wantland, employe of Klamath Basin Pine Mills, is receiving medical treatment for an attack of rheumatism at Hillside hospital.

Mother Ill—Mrs. Lee Staub of Bly is a patient at Hillside hospital, receiving treatment for influenza. Mrs. Staub had been at the hospital caring for her young son, Johnny, ill with rheumatic fever, and the child was able to return home Monday. That day his mother became a patient at Hillside.

Malin

The Malin Parent Patron club met January 22 at the high school. Plans were discussed about raising funds for a scholarship to be presented to a graduating senior interested in teaching.

Mrs. Charles Henderson presented a most interesting demonstration in music which included primary music methods, folk dancing, two-part singing and note reading.

Harold Rowe, band leader, had his band present several numbers and he explained the importance of the different instruments and their part in making up a band.

The meeting in February will have to do with FFA work. Dick Stevenson, city marshall, is again on the job after being ill for several weeks with pneumonia.

Mrs. Winnie Cunningham of Portland has been a recent visitor of her sister, Mrs. Joe Jacobs.

Agnes Schreimer spent the past week in Portland. Ben Johnson was recently called to Nebraska due to illness in his family.

Happy Hour Bridge club met last week at the home of Mrs. P. G. Wilson. Election of officers was held with Mrs. Charles Hamilton being elected president and Mrs. Byron Johnson secretary.

High score in cards went to Mrs. Joe Jacobs and second to Mrs. Johnson. Low score went to Winnie Cunningham. Those present were Mrs. George Ritterath, Mrs. A. E. Street, Mrs. Perry Haley, Mrs. Byron Johnson, Mrs. Bonnie Stephens, Mrs. Frank Victorin, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Jesse Smith, Mrs. W. C. Dalton, Mrs. Joe Jacobs and Winnie Cunningham.

Mrs. P. G. Wilson entertained the Jolly Nine Pinochle club Thursday afternoon with the following guests present: Mrs. George Ritterath, Mrs. Byron Johnson, Mrs. James Ottman, Mrs. John James, Mrs. Emil Toftell, Mrs. Jerry Rajnus, Mrs. Frank Victorin, Mrs. Everett Jones. High score went to Mrs. Ritterath, second high to Mrs. Victorin and traveling score to Mrs. Ottman.

Membership ticket sale for chamber of commerce is now under way. The annual dinner is scheduled for some time in February.

Youth Held On Burglary Charge

Gene Ericks, 22, 907 Alameda, arraigned in justice court on a charge of breaking and entering yesterday afternoon, waived a preliminary hearing and was lodged in the county jail.

The complaint against Ericks was signed by V. E. Davis, whores home at 2303 Darrow Ericks has admitted burglarizing December 23. Bond was set at \$1500 cash.

CARNIVAL



"I think the labor situation may be looking up, J. C.—as I came in this morning, one of the employes said hello!"

In The Day's News

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when free, they still REBELLED from time to time. Always impotently, of course. Bare breasts and rude spears and bows and puny arrows can't compete with gunpowder, even when fired in clumsy arquebuses by men who were encased in armor that turned aside the arrows and the spears.

THE point is that with fuller stomachs they were still willing to fight and die for the privilege of going hungry in their own sweet way. Human beings are funny—as has often been remarked.

Band Leader Hurt In Week-End Row

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 28 (AP)—Louis Jordan, negro band leader, was reported recovering today from stab wounds he suffered last week-end in an affray at the home of friends. He was cut about the face, arms and chest.

His wife, Fleece Ernestine Jordan, arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, obtained her freedom on a writ of habeas corpus yesterday.

POTATOES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 23 broken, 78 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 8, Idaho 20, Utah 3, by truck 3.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 20 broken, 15 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 1, Nevada 1, Oregon 2, by truck 1; market about steady; Klamath russets No. 1-A, 2.85.

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The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The most difficult task which the Big Four foreign ministers has been called upon to handle—and they've dealt with a lot of tough jobs—is that which they will face when they meet in Moscow March 10 to frame the German and Austrian peace treaties.

Those treaties, especially the German, are the documents upon which in the main depends the peace and rehabilitation of Europe. But they are much more than that, for in effect they will represent treaties among the Big Four themselves—treaties which will bring peace only if they help adjust the differences now existing between Russia and the western democracies.

Germany Smashed

So far as concerns the mighty Germany which twice tried to conquer Europe within a generation, she is well and truly smashed—at least physically, though your correspondent knows from investigation on the ground that there are many Germans who aren't beaten mentally.

War-mongering Prussia, militaristic heart of the old Reich, has ceased to exist as a state. Henry Parkman, civil affairs chief in the American military government, recently remarked: "All we have to do is tell the foreign ministers next March 10 about an accomplished fact. Prussia is more busted up than Humpty-Dumpty."

This means that Germany (and Austria) will have to take what is laid on the line for them. Still, the matter isn't as simple as all that. As remarked in yesterday's column, these strategically situated countries loom large in the security calculations of both eastern and western Europe. Germany and Austria are the no-man's-land between east and west, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say everyman's land, since neither party is prepared to give ground to the other in this protective belt.

That lie to suspicions which exist on both sides of the barrier. Those doubts will not be removed until the great issues of disarmament and control of atomic energy have been disposed of and general security is assured.

Thus the forthcoming conference in Moscow is in reality a peace parley among the great powers. What happens to Germany is, of course, a momentous question—but it is secondary to what happens to relations among the Big Four upon whom the peace of the world largely depends.

The whole vast problem of the attends this meeting, or else "Big Jim" will get you.

New business in town: Guys selling rolls of slugs to drop in the new parking meters. One roll of forty nickel-size slugs for a dollar. Other guys are trying to find ways to beat them without any cost. The latest attempt is to jam the clocker with bent coins. Don't bother trying, it didn't work.

Guys who in whose we're glad we weren't in department: The manager of the Oregon Food store last night who laughed at the guy who stuck the .45 in his ribs during the hold-up. Thought at first that the gun-guy was kidding.

Boys' Camp Bill Slated

SALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—A bill to provide for boys' camps, based on Governor Earl Snell's proposal, was introduced Monday by the senate county affairs committee.

Boards of county commissioners or city councils could establish such camps by agreement with the forestry service.

Courts handling juvenile delinquency cases would commit boys between 12 and 18 years of age to such camps. The sponsoring groups would set up the training, discipline and instructional programs for the camps, and the board of control would provide support on the basis of \$50 a month per boy.

Meanwhile, the house social welfare committee is studying the proposal, too, and a subcommittee has been named to arrange a date when the committee can inspect the two sites recommended by the state forestry department.

Marines To Drop 8000 More Men

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—The marine corps announced plans today to reduce its strength by 8000 men.

There are approximately 103,000 enlisted men now on active duty, the corps said today. The cut would bring the figure to 95,000, still 5000 more than budget figures call for.

Any marine with two years of service on Feb. 1, or 18 months of service which included one combat engagement was made eligible for discharge.

Longshoreman Drowns After Fall

LONGVIEW, Jan. 28 (AP)—Vic Dumar, about 55, Longview longshoreman, drowned Saturday night when he fell from a makeshift gangplank while going aboard the grain ship John Paul Jones, loading at the port of Longview. His body was recovered.

US Rubber, Union Agree On Contract

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28 (AP)—Agreement on a company-wide contract to cover some 30,000 U. S. Rubber Co. employes in 16 plants was announced Monday by officials of the company and the CIO-United Rubber Workers.

It was the first company-wide contract in the rubber industry and union officials said it might be the first negotiated by a CIO union.

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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Ore. (Special Correspondence)—Over the Willamette pass in the dead of winter on bare pavement—our experience on the trip up here—must be indicative of some kind of record for the winter of 1946-47. That roadside snow the highway department refers to in its report was shallow, and bore the soiled appearance of snow that has been there quite a while without a fresh blanket. All of this was noted last Friday afternoon — it's been raining pretty steadily here in the Willamette valley since then and the snow situation on the pass may have changed.

Condition of pavement on the Willamette highway is unusually good for this time of year. There are none of those broken-up places that develop on that road in winter time. But the winter is yet young, and that kind of trouble may be expected on the Willamette this last year before a general reconditioning of the surface scheduled for the coming construction season. The Willamette has never had the rugged surface needed for the job it does in carrying traffic all year over the mountains. It should get it this year.

APPROACHING Eugene, one runs into heavy traffic volume at the Springfield junction. A traffic circle arrangement at the junction eases the job of meshing into that heavy traffic. This highway between Eugene and Springfield has been four-laned, but the dividing structure is narrow as compared with that on our own South Sixth street. Cars in the turnout lanes are therefore unable to get fully out of the line of passing traffic. We came on one with its rear end sticking out to obstruct our passage, while its front end (mugwump style) was in the way of traffic going in the other direction.

The advantage of those wide South Sixth dividing structures was clearly apparent to us. DRIVING in from the campus to downtown Eugene Friday night, we observed a trail of flame on the wet pavement behind a Model A coupe just ahead.

The little car pulled over to the curb and a boy and girl leaped out. Immediately, the fire, fed by an apparent gasoline leak, enveloped the coupe, and licked at branches of a tree in the adjoining parking.

A man looked out of a nearby house and ran to his telephone to call the fire department. Almost immediately, we heard the whine of sirens. We thought the response was unusually quick, but the gathering citizens of Eugene beamed loudly about the dilatory indifference of their firemen. To listen to the complaints, one would suppose the fire laddies finished a game of pinchle-before climbing leisurely on the wagon and making a pleasant sightseeing trip to 13th and Ferry.

Well, they put out the fire. Incidentally, before the department arrived, some one rushed out with a fire extinguisher, hurriedly scanned the printed instructions on it in the light of the blaze, trained it on the fire, pulled the plunger, and — nothing happened! Made us wonder how many fire extinguishers we see around are ready for effective action.

WE came on over here Saturday to find things generally quiet around the Statehouse and the Marion hotel, our temporary domicile, with the legislature in week-end adjournment. Haven't yet seen Rose Poole, who stays at the Senator, but Senate President Marshall Cornett and Henry Semon and Burt Snyder, other legislators from our neck of the woods, were around attending to sundry week-end duties. Mrs. Coral Sabo is new secretary to Rep. Semon, succeeding Mrs. Bernice (Hector) Coad, who held down the job for several sessions. . . . Everybody has a good word for the way Senator Cornett is running things as president of the senate. . . . His fair treatment of members of the opposition in the pre-session presidency contest has drawn favorable comment. . . . One issue that won't come up at this senate session is re-apportionment of the 17th senatorial district (our own) which has been the subject of a battle for many sessions past. . . . After people of the district itself showed such indifference that they failed to vote for a constitutional amendment last fall to carry out the re-apportionment, it's not likely the legislative delegation is going to be interested. . . . We never leave the high country and come down into the lower altitudes of the valley without suffering a bad case of sleepiness. . . . It's been raining steadily since our arrival, and we miss the sunshine of the east-of-the-mountains country.

STATIC By KELLY ROBERTS

One of the sharp characters from KUHS brought in a notice which would be run in the paper. As far as we're concerned it's a case for some of the radio super-sleuths. It says, "There will be a meeting of the BBC (whatever that is) whenever I have time (who is this guy?) Jones. (Okeh then, who's Jones? Big Jim (Big Jim Jones?) demands (who's he to demand?) prompt attendance of all the Smooth Dogs. (That last one gets us. Is this a society for slick-haired canines? Got something going against wire-haired terriers, airedales, spaniels and such?) Have you a "Smooth Dog" in your home, be sure that he

RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 28 KFLW—1430 kc. 6:00 Salem Concert 6:15 Home Town News 6:30 World News Summary 6:35 Fred Waring 6:45 Your Navy Recruiter 7:00 Fred Suga 7:15 Malcolm Epley 7:30 Klamath Theatre Guide 7:45 Music of Manhattan 8:00 Lum 'N' Abner ABC 8:15 Stand By Adventure 8:30 Dark Venture ABC 8:35 Boston Symph. Orch. ABC 9:15 9:30 9:45 10:00 10:15 10:30 10:45 11:00 11:15 11:30 11:45

WEDNESDAY P. M., JAN. 29 KFLW—1430 kc. 12:15 Music for You 12:30 Gem Session 12:45 Nothing But The Truth 1:30 Sammy Kaye Orch. 1:45 Tommy Bartlett Show ABC 1:55 2:00 2:15 2:30 Baptist Bible Program 2:45 Merrill Time 2:55 What's Doin' Ladies ABC 3:15 3:25 News ABC 3:30 Bride and Groom ABC 3:35 Ladies Be Seated ABC 3:40 1456 Matinee 3:45 3:50 3:55 4:00 4:05 4:10 4:15 4:20 4:25 4:30 4:35 4:40 4:45 4:50 4:55 5:00 5:05 5:10 5:15 5:20 5:25 5:30 5:35 5:40 5:45 5:50 5:55 6:00 6:05 6:10 6:15 6:20 6:25 6:30 6:35 6:40 6:45 6:50 6:55 7:00 7:05 7:10 7:15 7:20 7:25 7:30 7:35 7:40 7:45 7:50 7:55 8:00 8:05 8:10 8:15 8:20 8:25 8:30 8:35 8:40 8:45 8:50 8:55 9:00 9:05 9:10 9:15 9:20 9:25 9:30 9:35 9:40 9:45 9:50 9:55 10:00 10:05 10:10 10:15 10:20 10:25 10:30 10:35 10:40 10:45 10:50 10:55 11:00 11:05 11:10 11:15 11:20 11:25 11:30 11:35 11:40 11:45

WEDNESDAY A. M., JAN. 29 6:15 Klamath Theatre Guide 6:30 Farm Fare 6:45 News, Breakfast Edition 7:00 Stop and Go Show 7:30 James Abbe Observes ABC 7:45 Zeke Manners ABC 8:00 Breakfast Club ABC 8:15 8:30 8:45 8:55 9:05 9:15 9:25 9:35 9:45 9:55 10:05 10:15 10:25 10:35 10:45 10:55 11:05 11:15 11:25 11:35 11:45

KFJL—1240 kc. Gabriel Heatter MBS Quiz Show Amer. Forum of Air MBS Dinner Dance Red Ryder MBS Playhouse of Favorites The Falcon MBS Glen Hardy, News MBS James Crowley MBS Let's Dance Voice of Army News Roundup & Concert Music As You Like It John Weichan Orch. MBS Al Donahue Orch. MBS Bob Mohr's Orch. MBS News MBS

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