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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

This is written particularly for all the various program chairmen of the various clubs and organizations, whose jobs are to sign up interesting speakers for their luncheons and dinners.

You might be surprised, but the old margarine peddler, Joe Hicks (whose trucks say, "Hit me easy, I'm full of cakes") is a very smooth, informative and interesting speaker. More important, he tells his story with a minimum of hemming and hawing, and quits on time.

His story is about the extended European trip that the Hicks family, complete with young'n, took last winter.

Joe prefaces his remarks by saying that most everyone has the vague idea of a trip some time, but puts it off eternally because of not being able to afford the time off the job nor the money off the bank account.

You gather that Joe decries the ambition of being the richest man in the cemetery and believes that if you just make up your mind and haul off and take the trip you'll find that it was possible and that you'll enjoy a richer, fuller life because you did.

We agree heartily with this creed and have followed the same course many times.

Our trips have been just a little different—perhaps extending into the grain growing country of

Northern California to inspect the haunts of pheasant and quail, rather than touring the perfume factories of France; or off into the wide open sage brush land of Eastern Lake County in quest of sage hen, rather than trying the ski runs of Switzerland—but the reason and the results are the same.

When you get to the point where your sleep is troubled by dreams in which you fight the day's battles over and over again in the hallucinatory world of midnight, then it's good psychosomatic medicine to say the heck with it and take off on something else.

Your trip should be dictated by just one thing: it must be on something that makes you forget everything else, so you don't care whether school keeps or not.

We could report Joe's story that Spain is the cheapest country in which to travel and live; that he was the guest of Vern Swanson, the Klamath artist, in a French village; that the French people work harder for fun and less hard for their jobs than Americans; that the Swiss people have been learned how to enjoy life within their means; that the skiing snow in the Alps is similar to that of Sun Valley; that 40 per cent of the people in Lebanon are Americans living high on tax money (ours, that is), but that would spoil his talk when you do hear it.

It's suggested that you program chairman sign him up today: Joe Hicks, Hicks Grocery Service, telephone 6905.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Telling The Editor

SPURNED

KLAMATH FALLS—I am a resident of Klamath Falls, and have only been here 61 years, but I do believe that in time I'll learn to like it here. I am a taxpayer of Klamath County and have been for several years.

I've always tried to be a good citizen, and think I have done my part in helping other people in time of need. I have given to most all of the charitable organizations and welfare drives.

This year my wife and I decided we would try to do something that we felt would be of value to the community and county as a whole, but I guess we are not very good judges of human nature. It might have been appreciated more if we had offered to buy some tummy faces or clown suits for one of the play clubs.

We offered to give \$3000.00 of the amount it would take to buy an iron lung. We specified that the lung could not be used by anyone who would benefit financially for the use of it, and any person who would use it could do so with absolutely no charge.

Apparently the county thought we were trying to impose on them by asking them to find a place for it, and someone to operate it. We would have been willing to have it sent to some other center for temporary use until there could have been made a place and personnel to accommodate and operate it here. However, no one made any move toward doing this, or even showing any symptoms of doing so.

I regret very much if I seemed to impose on, or place any extra burden on the county or the medical profession. I also regret, due to the circumstances involved in offering this, the lack of response to same.

We immediately contacted Modoc County, knowing that they have had quite an outbreak of polio in the past few weeks. We offered them the iron lung, and within three hours after my call to one of their local doctors, their representatives were here to make arrangements to accept the iron lung, and to operate same.

With all due courtesy to county officials and hospital associations, we are deeply sorry that this iron lung had to be taken out of the county to be accepted and appreciated.

Ray Chase

FRANK TRIPP

Republican, for sure

On the election's heels little people are beginning to worry about a depression; independents who didn't worry about it before and voted Republican, to be rid of Truman and Trumanism. A wise administration will give close attention to their fears—or else.

Or else these same people who threw Trumanism out will despairingly believe that prosperity can only be bought by profligate spending and would risk that against hard times. Let's listen in on a conversation into which this chronicler was accidentally drawn:

"It was just telling Bill," said one of three garage mechanics, "that Ike deserves his four-year crack at it, but he'd better be good."

"And I was telling him," said Bill, "that no man or political party lives that could prevent a depression. What do you think?"

"This is your party and your argument," I said. "I'll just listen, if you don't mind."

Then the third man put in his two cents worth. "I'm an old line, hard back Democrat," he said. "I voted for Stevenson, but I'm almost as well pleased that the Republicans won. I agree with Bill that there's got to be a depression, maybe a humdinger, and it'll be swell to have the Republicans blamed for it."

Here was a cross section of the American workman's thinking; an informal forum worth reporting. I thought. The first speaker quite obviously was of that independent silent electorate which comprised the record registration and concealed the oncoming landslide. Here's how the debate progressed as best I can remember:

Mr. Independent: "I don't care a damn about your politics. I'm just interested in the country and me; and mostly in me. I guess, I was a kid in the last depression, but I remember the bread lines and the soup kitchens. It kept my father and me voting the Democratic ticket for 30 years."

Mr. Democrat: "Then why didn't you keep on voting it?"

Mr. Independent: "I got so I couldn't stomach the kind of folks who claimed to be Democrats—be- Bill broke in, a dyed-in-the-wool sides I liked Ike. Now you and Bill both claim there's a depression in the bag anyway, so what's the use?"

Ray Chase

UN to Decide On Truce Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United Nations moved slowly today toward a decision on an Indian compromise for a Korean truce, wary of last-minute acts by Russia and India that might wreck the overwhelming non-Communist agreement already gained on dealing with war prisoners.

Despite Red China's official notice it supported Russia's plan for full and forcible repatriation of all war prisoners and an immediate cease-fire, the Indians were still trying in New Delhi and Peiping to change the Chinese tune.

A promised statement, later today by the Indian delegation, deputy leader, V. K. Krishna Menon, held the final clue to whether the U.N. majority can take a pronounced stand on Korean truce terms despite Communist objections.

Hans Norland Auto Insurance, 627 Pine St.

FORMER PREMIER FADES

ROME (AP)—The condition of former Premier Vittorio Emanuele Orlando was described by his family Friday as "unchanged and unimproved."

The 92-year-old Italian statesman and former Premier re a cerebral hemorrhage Thursday night.

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Saar Basin Elects Pro-French Leaders

By DON DOANE

SAARBRÜCKEN, The Saar, a French-backed border state, returned to office today with a clear majority in parliamentary elections and with only one-fourth of the voters casting blank or invalid ballots to show a desire to rejoin Germany.

Complete official returns from yesterday's balloting gave the Christian People's party (CVP) of Prime Minister Johannes Hoffmann 55 per cent of the valid vote, compared with 51.4 per cent at the last election in 1947. The party probably will hold 29 of the 50 seats in Parliament.

The Social Democrats held on to second place with 33 per cent of the legal votes and likely will get 17 seats. Communists, with a 2 per cent vote, rate four seats. Three per cent of the votes went to a new faction, the Democratic People's party.

Hoffmann predicted in a victory statement that France and Germany soon will reach a peaceful settlement of the Saar issue. The talks broke down during the campaign preceding the elections, the holding of which the Germans bitterly opposed.

Parties favoring a return of the small coal-rich Saar to Germany were barred from the ballot. But 141,803 — 24 per cent — of the 579,231 votes cast were invalid or unmarked. This was a clear response to West German demands that Saarlanders protest against their close ties with France but not the massive boycott which the Germans had sought.

Ninety-three per cent of the eligible Saar voters went to the polls — an amazing turnout for a day that was chilly and wet.

Hoffmann claimed his victory was a decisive one, and Gilbert Grandval, French ambassador here, declared himself "highly pleased" with the results. The ambassador said it served not only the interests of France and the Saar but all Europe by smoothing the path toward European integration.

France takes the position that the densely populated industrial basin with its population of about 800,000 should keep its strong economic ties with France or become a "Europeanized" international zone.

Germany contends the Saar, with its German language and cultural heritage, is and should be a part of the "fatherland."

The bitterness of the French-German dispute had aroused fears it might keep Germany from joining the proposed European army.

If it is a French victory today strengthened France's position in the struggle but left the issues unsettled.

Pro-Germans claimed their 141,803 blank votes of protest made them rather than the Socialists the "strong largest party."

The complete official vote: Christian People's party, 239,383; Social Democrats, 141,855; Communists, 41,346; Democratic People's party, 48,744.

BRUCE BLOSSAT

Though the Atomic Energy Commission's report was deliberately vague, it seems clear the United States has developed something well on the way to a hydrogen bomb, if not the full-scale bomb itself.

The portent of this announcement is tremendous. It means that we shall soon possess the most destructive of all weapons, a thing of such colossal explosive force that it must be reckoned as a 16-inch naval gun to an ordinary army rifle when compared with the present A-bomb.

Fully developed, the hydrogen bomb may perhaps be capable of destroying several hundred square miles at a single blast. Its potentialities in death and devastation stagger the human mind.

We are building the hydrogen bomb because our scientists told us it was possible, and we rightly concluded that if anyone was to have it, we should.

Yet the theories which spurred the scientists on are equally well known to the Russians, and we must assume they are toiling ceaselessly to produce the same result—and will in due course succeed.

When that moment arrives, we must then face the fact that our greatest potential enemy holds a weapon which in her hands can prove of infinitely greater menace to us than can the same device used by American against the Sov-

Three Die In Apartment Fire

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Three small girls died yesterday in an apartment house fire despite the efforts of several tenants to save them.

The dead are Virginia Guild, 5, her sister Janet, 18 months, and Mary Jane Balukonis, 3.

Firefighters said the three girls were playing in a bedroom of the Guild apartment when an oil burner flared up.

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