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Spies, Traitors In Our Midst

Although President Truman referred to the spy investigation now in progress in Washington as a "red herring," the Army-Navy Register, the United States Military Gazette, evidently does not so regard it.

Said the Register in an editorial in its August 7 issue:

"Amazing revelations of gross negligence in the handling of documents of a secret or confidential nature bearing on the parts played by certain agencies charged with planning for the war effort, beginning about 1940, were given a congressional investigating committee recently.

"A witness who was employed in responsible places, including the War Production Board, testified that he furnished outside agents with information taken from the Government records on matters concerning airplane production, production policies, synthetic rubber formulas, and war programs in general.

"The same individual told the committee that he had knowledge of some of the highly secret operations of the Manhattan project (atom bomb), although, according to Committee Chairman Ferguson, of Michigan, information on this subject was denied the Truman investigating committee at about the same time.

"It seems clear from the information given the two committees that Communist agents obtained what was thought to be important information, which was sent to a foreign government. This is a most serious situation.

"Vigorous steps should be taken without further delay to ferret out those guilty of violating their loyalty oaths, taken upon appointment to Federal positions, particularly in time of war, and punishing them as spies and traitors."

And so the Army-Navy Register evidently does not agree that the committees conducting these hearings were engaged in dragging a red herring over the trail.

The President has laid himself liable to further criticism by his refusal to give the committees access to the government employment files, in order that the committee might further try to locate any possible communists or communist sympathizers in government positions.

It's a rather unusual situation when Congress, the governing body of the land, can be denied access to government records. It seems that we have something of a dictatorship in this country after all.

Why Bring It Up?

According to the chief, engineering division, of the United States Engineering office, the question of the projected dam at Buckingham Landing, at the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers, will not necessarily be brought up at the hearing on the Santee River system to be held in Columbia on September 2.

The chief of the engineering division told the Columbia Record that a resolution was adopted by the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the lower house of Congress on December 28, 1946, requesting the engineers to review the reports heretofore submitted on the Santee River system with a view to determining whether any modification of the recommendations contained therein is advisable at this time.

"It cannot be stated that this time," he said, "if the question of a dam at Buckingham Landing will be discussed as one of the projects, it has been considered that it would not be necessary to further discuss the Buckingham Landing project at this hearing, since it was thoroughly covered at the Sumter hearing and the data presented at the Sumter hearing are available and will be used in preparation of the report."

If the matter is not to come up again we do not quite understand why notices of the hearing were sent to interested people in this area.

This project ought to be wiped off of the agenda and kept off.

Reversing the results of former presidential election years it seems that this year the first shall be last.

A Plea For The Indian

Writing in the New York Times' Sunday magazine, Oliver La Farge gives some very interesting information about the sad plight of the Indians in this country and makes a plea for something to be done for these red men.

According to Mr. La Farge the latest official figures show that there are more than 420,000 Indians in the United States and Alaska now under Federal supervision. Our greatest tribe, the 60,000 Navajos, is locked, he says, by illiteracy and endemic disease into a desert military reservation which can hardly support half that number.

Mr. La Farge says that the Indians are a loyal and useful people. "Some 25,000 of them," he says, "served in the armed forces in the last war—women as well as men. Many thousands served in war industries. The Marines had a special corps of Navajos who were used to communicate by radio from ship to shore in landings—as simply by talking in their own language they used an unbreakable code. One of the men in the famous picture of raising the flag on Mount Surabachi, the one with his arm up, reaching, was a Popago, and shortly after the flag was set up, a Flat-head was killed defending it."

The plight of the Navajos is then discussed by the writer, who describes them as "very primitive, half-starved herdsmen."

"We took the whole country from the Indians, leaving them tracts of land, often the poorest there was, sometimes purely worthless, on which to try to get by," says Mr. La Farge. "We shattered the simple and satisfactory life which they had been living, and in return we inflicted upon them a vast variety of diseases, above all tuberculosis, against which they had no immunities. Conquest, despoliation, disease and mistreatment they have repaid with loyalty and patriotism. We owe these people a debt. There is no excuse for us today to follow a course which will prolong and renew the evils of the white man's advent. The Indians deserve a square deal."

It is good to see some one at last speaking up for the poor Indian. Perhaps it is because there are not enough of them to possibly affect an election that no effort has been made by politicians to do anything for them. Nor have we heard of any of the ministers who are so much exercised ver the plight of other minorities saying anything about the plight of the poor Indians. It is sort of difficult to understand that!

But be that as it may, Mr. La Farge has sounded a note that ought to make every American do some serious thinking and furthermore he should do all that he can to see that something more is done for the Indian.

As It Should Be

State Chairman W. P. Baskin has announced that an overwhelming number of the members of the state executive committee have endorsed and recommended Governor Strom Thurmond for President and Governor Fielding Wright for Vice President and that the electors from this state will be instructed to cast their ballots for these two men.

This is as it should be. The sentiment in South Carolina is overwhelmingly in favor of the States Rights Democrats and the committee in recognition of this fact has voted to so instruct the electors from this state.

We believe if an election were held today Mr. Truman would not get many more votes in this state, if any more, than Mr. Dewey.

For President Truman

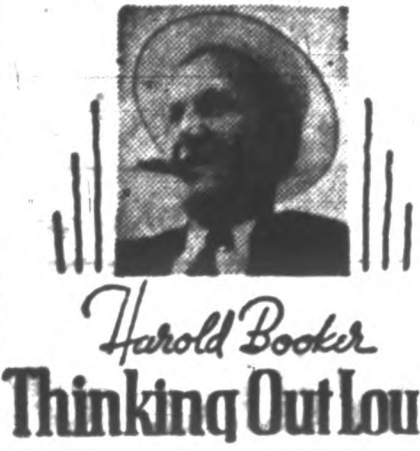
The question is asked if some one way should not be provided for people of South Carolina who wish to vote for Mr. Truman to do so.

We have an idea that such an electoral ticket will be put out. The Progressive Democratic Party or the Citizens Democratic party will probably see to that.

Doesn't Make Sense

It doesn't make much sense to sentence Robert H. Best to life imprisonment for treason because of his Nazi propoganda broadcasts during the war and yet allow Communists in this country to try to deliver our country lock, stock and barrel to Russia.

Now that the United States Communists have pledged their support to Henry Wallace and Glen Taylor there is no longer any doubt to who and what they are.



Now we know who the electors are.

The Southern Democrats and the Northern Democrats are about as far apart on the poll tax question as the poles.

News breaks so fast now that it is oftentimes old before people hear it.

According to Oliver La Farge, there are 420,000 Indians in this country, many of whom cannot take care of themselves. Our greatest tribe, the 60,000 Navajos, is locked by illiteracy and endemic disease into a desert reservation which can hardly support half that number. President Truman doesn't seem to be worried over their plight. Perhaps he is like the South Georgia politician who was running for office. At one point he made a particularly vitriolic speech. After the meeting his local campaign manager told him: "I'm afraid your speech today offended many of our best people." To which the candidate replied: "To heck with the best people—there aren't enough of them." There aren't enough Indians to affect the vote in this country.

That Western woman who divorced her husband the other day and was awarded alimony of \$1,500 a month for her three children must plan to feed them meat.

The United States seems to be almost as much as misnomer now as the United Nations.

The guy who conducts one is the man who gets the lot out of the lottery.

A lot of political aspirants in Tuesday's election now need some aspirin.

Last week in response to a suggestion by an economist that a lot of spending could be avoided if people would swap articles they have in their homes for articles they could use, we announced that we had an old radio that wouldn't play which we would like to swap for one that would play. "J. L. K." of Columbia wrote: "In response to your offer to swap a radio that won't play for one that will; I beg to say that I have a radio that will play too d—much (the kids keep it on full blast all day and half of the night) so I would be pleased to swap it for one that will not play."

A hen's only remuneration is her feed and she only eats about 40 cents worth a month, so we would say offhand that she is entitled to a raise, considering the price her product is bringing now.

Why don't school teachers take a cue from radio announcers and offer handsome prizes to pupils who give the right answers?

About the only person who can bust a filibuster is a filibusterer.

When we were listening to the broadcast of the Wallace convention in Philadelphia recently we decided to join the Better Hearing Society.

People are getting more impatient, says a sociologist. Yes, we have even seen stories lately indicating that burglars were peeved because the money wasn't left where they could get it easily.

Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing says that he planned to fire Dr. John W. Studebaker as Commissioner of Education but "he beat me to the gun by resigning." Mr. Ewing evidently didn't realize how fast a Studebaker is.

"Believes Moscow Might Change Policy"—headline. One disconcerting thought is that whenever Moscow changes a policy it is usually for the worst.

Kerr Scott, governor-elect of North Carolina, is to speak at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Taxicab Association. Well that is appropriate as he passed everybody else in running for Governor.

Any South Carolina politician who can't tell by now which way the cat is jumping is either blind or just plain dumb.

Supreme Court Justice Lee B. Wyatt, of Georgia, told the Alabama Bar Association the other day: "If I had my way about Wallace I would say get the hell out, and go back to Russia." Well, so far as we are concerned the justice can have his way.

Elmer H. Wene is the new assistant secretary of agriculture. So now we know where Elmer is.

A writer complains that school children are being taught inaccuracies. And that reminds us of the mother who wrote her little son's teacher a letter as follows: "Dear Miss. Please don't give Tommy any more home work. That sum about how long would it take a man to walk around Trafalgar Square eight times caused his father to lose a day's work and after he had worked it you marked the sum wrong."

With The Press

Juvenile Crime Wave Spreading

There is no denying the fact that every effect has its cause. Nothing happens "just so." There is an underlying cause for the wave of juvenile delinquency sweeping the nation. It may be due to a demoralizing home environment, lack of discipline, the reading of degrading literature, the love of pleasure or dozens of other things.

A few days ago the papers carried the shocking story of a youth who shot his mother in the back of the head with a .22 rifle and attempted to kill his father who was approaching the home.

Youths, or even adults, who commit such atrocious crimes are mentally deranged—victims of a disease more pernicious than cancer or tuberculosis.

Isn't it about time to begin drives to suppress or minimize these juvenile delinquencies? If they continue to increase, the moral standards of the coming generation will fall to a distressingly low level.—Dillon Herald.

Supporting Thurmond

A number of newspapers throughout South Carolina, along with a number of men in high position, as well as others not connected in any way with politics, have come out flatfootedly to endorse the candidacy of Governor Thurmond, of South Carolina for President of the United States. Some others, and they were quite outspoken a number of months ago about President Truman's civil rights program, have not endorsed Mr. Thurmond and what he stands for. One of the most noteworthy example of this is U. S. Senator Olin D. Johnston, who, so to speak, "shot off his mouth" considerably, has not endorsed Mr. Thurmond's candidacy and seems to be determined to stick to the regular old Democratic party lines even if it does mean that his state and other Southern states are to be crucified.

All of us know, or should know, that Thurmond and Wright have not the remotest chance of being elected President and Vice-President, respectively. Dewey and Warren, carrying the Republican banner, seem to be a cinch for that job. However, the South does have an excellent chance, by backing the Dixiecrat candidates, to prove to the rest of the nation that for too long the South has been considered a nonentity insofar as electing a president is concerned. We would like to urge that our Democratic leaders in South Carolina get behind Governor Thurmond, express themselves as being in favor of him and work for the success of his campaign.

The time for withholding comment on whether or not a Democratic leader in South Carolina is in favor of a man who is fighting for the constitutionally guaranteed rights of every state and of every citizen has passed.

We have no need for pussyfooting politicians in South Carolina.—Lee County Messenger.

Truman and Prices

President Truman called congress back into special session and threw in their lap an eight-point program which it ignored. The President wants a revival of the wartime excess profits tax; controls on consumer credit; strengthened controls on bank

credit by the Federal Reserve Board; regulations of speculation on commodity exchanges; allocation and inventory control of "scarce commodities"; authority to ration key commodities if necessary; authority to clamp price ceilings on scarce and essential goods, and to curb wage increases that would "force a break in a price ceiling."

The President ignores the fact that his and his predecessor's administration brought about high prices to a large extent by permitting excessive exports, encouraging wage increases and reckless spending. All of this added up has produced mounting inflation.

His program to counteract high prices is only a political gesture aimed to help in his re-election. In some of its phases it is a program to maintain high prices. There are four factors which principally govern prices—wages, the productivity of labor, costs of materials, and profits—plus the fifth factor of supply and demand. And while the President is fussing and blustering about prices—which we all know are too high and should come down—he proclaims that further wage increases should be allowed and encouraged, that large additional funds be appropriated for federal education (dangerous and sure to lead us into more trouble and complications), public power, more social security and federal pay raises. It doesn't make

sense. We can't curb inflation spending more money. The President doesn't mean what he says. Prices have been boosted by government subsidies, useless public demands, useless high taxes and reckless spending in a very large measure by irresponsible tax evaders and price creators. Where is the sense in prices? It is the government that has made it impossible to get prices from seeking their own levels. Congress and the President have made a mess of things. They can't "pass the buck" to the people.—Clinton Chronicle.

NOTICE

Dr. J. H. Thomas' office Drug Store will be closed August 8 to August 20 while attending Medical Clinic and National Medical Association in New York City.

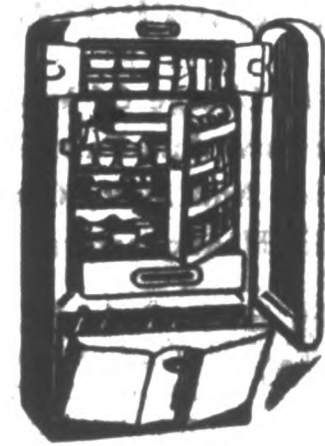
FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that month from this date, on August 30, 1948, Willis Dinkins will to the Probate Court of Kershaw County his final return as executor of the estate of Mamie B. Stewart, deceased, and on same date he will apply to the Court for a final discharge as Executor.

N. C. ARNETT
Judge of Probate
Camden, S. C., July 30, 1948



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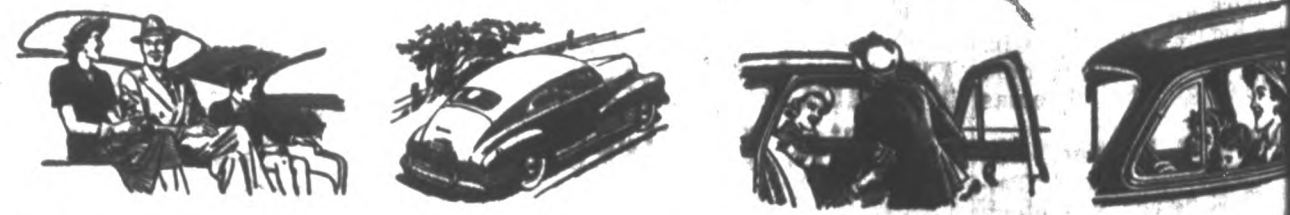
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