

The USO Speaks In Its Behalf

Editors, The News:

We appreciate very much how much you have done for USO and how the agencies (about the same incident) was extremely fair and helpful to our cause.

It is very possible that this situation has arisen and it is entirely unjustified. The facts of the situation, however, were called upon to render service to the troops, the Government buildings were not ready and in order to avoid delay, we took properties which were the best available at the time and used them to give this service. The result of this has been to save a great deal of delay in doing things for our armed forces.

I have had this question of agency-owned properties raised several times and in order that you may have facts about the situation, I am enclosing a letter which was written recently to Douglas C. Browder, Chairman of the National Catholic Community Service.

The number of agency-owned properties are relatively small compared to the number of USO operations. I would say, without having the absolute latest figures before me, that the number of total operations were not more than 3 or 4 per cent.

—PAUL B. BADGER
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New York City.

(Inclosure)

And Don't Miss a Trick

Rev. Harold Francis Branch,
D. D.
Grace Presbyterian Church,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Doctor Branch:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 12 asking certain information about USO operations. Please excuse the delay in answering this letter but I have been very busy and it is of such importance that I wish to reply to you personally.

The USO, which the United Service Organizations is made up of six of the important welfare agencies in the country, namely: the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association.

There is no such thing as an emergency case upon us and in thorough co-operation with the Federal Government, we are doing our best to serve our soldiers and sailors by bringing to them spiritual, social and recreational programs in order that their morale might be maintained.

Had this not been done, undoubtedly the morale of our soldiers and sailors would have been carried on by the Government. I am sure you will agree with me that the morale of the spiritual help which needed would be lost. Through the work and devotion of many of our people, this work has been carried on for a year ago. A real job has been accomplished and today the program for our armed forces, has 818 operations throughout this country in addition to co-operation of Continental United States.

As I have stated above, these operations, under USO auspices and guidance, are carried on by the

member agencies of USO and I think that it will interest you to know how the agencies of the operations are made. In general, there are five factors which are taken into consideration in the selection of agencies to carry on one of these operations. They are (1) the character of the soldier's quarters; (2) the character of the community; (3) the availability of personnel; (4) the character of the community; (5) the facilities of the community.

In regard to the specific question which you raise, it is true that in some cases, agency-owned or operated property has been leased to carry on USO operations. This is true of the National Catholic Community Service, it is also true of the Jewish Welfare Board, and it is also true of the Salvation Army, the YMCA and the YWCA. The number of agency-owned properties involved, is not large. The reason why this has been done is because we need properties which were ready and because of the necessity for immediate service to the soldiers and sailors who were being directed rapidly into military service. The properties which were most readily available and adapted to our purpose, were the properties of the great deal of time and gave to our armed forces services which otherwise could not have been seriously delayed.

Of the 818 operations now being conducted by USO—

Jewish Welfare Board conducts 98

National Catholic Community

Service 179

National Travelers Aid Association 192

Salvation Army 200

YMCA 200

YWCA 132

USO 40

The local professional staff employed in our clubs today total 124.

Of these, 100 are employed in Jewish Welfare Board has 148

National Catholic Community Service 337

National Travelers Aid Association 106

Salvation Army 15

YMCA 109

YWCA 194

USO 81

Work is done in 324 cities and towns and in 45 states and in territories, possessions and offshore bases.

There is no misconception on the part of some people as to how the operations of the various member agencies are financed. No lump sum of money is allocated to the agencies. Specific tasks are assigned to each agency and the estimated funds necessary to carry out these tasks are allocated to each agency as the work is done, and a direct accounting made. I feel that it is more correct to say that this distinction is made clear.

Although one or more agencies are designated to operate in any community, they are not exclusive from all others not only are welcome, but actually use the clubhouses and other facilities. No attempt to discriminate.

What I have told you will satisfy you that this full effort is being carried out in the United States. I am sure our estimation, this is a most inspiring example of genuine international co-operation without the domination of any group.

—CHESTER I. BARNARD,
President, USO.

New York City.

Her China Emergent

By Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

In The Atlantic

It may not seem to be the best of good sense to prepare plans for a future which is so uncertain, while the house is still afire and one is having hard work to extinguish the flames. Yet the United Nations realize that after the war is won new problems will automatically arise which will demand for their solution as much thought, devotion and practical application of idealism as winning the war itself. While it is true that in the midst of life there is death, it is equally true that in the midst of death there is life.

We in China, though we have been harried for years by death and destruction, have been giving careful thought toward the perfection of a political and social system that will ensure in the future the greatest good for the greatest number. All the existing systems of government in the world—and this applies to the monarchical as well as to the aggressive nations—are being weighed in the tremendous balance of war. Some are sure to not survive the test, but all have shown weaknesses that call for drastic alteration.

We have chosen the path that we shall tread in the future. We are determined that there shall be no more exploitation of China. I have no wish to harp on old grievances, but rather to point out that I should mention the ruthless and shameful exploitation of the Chinese people by the Japanese in the past and the hard-driving illusion that the best way to win our hearts was to kill us in the ribs. Such assassin's stuporities must never be repeated. As much for us and Britain, we have shown their willingness of error by voluntarily offering to subordinate the iniquitous system of international relations that denied China her inherent right to equality with other nations.

At home China will be tough. While as a nation we are resolved that we will not tolerate foreign exploitation, we are equally determined that within our country there shall be no exploitation of any section of society by any other section or even by the state itself. The possession of wealth does not confer upon the wealthy the right to take unfair advantage of the less fortunate. But neither, as a nation, does China believe in Communism or wish to obtain it in our land. We have no use for lost limbs which pose



labor. All public utilities should be state-owned. Any governmental policy in China ought to take cognizance of the fact that the vast majority of the human race.

In post-war China, although we shall not countenance exploitation, international or national, we shall grant private capital its rightful place for it implements our industrial initiative, and we Chinese, being realistic, fully recognize basic facts. Our age-old civilization has been developed through harmonizing conditions as they existed and as they ideally should be. But no individual will be permitted to wax rich at the expense of others. The rights of the people will be protected by progressive taxation. I maintain that when incomes exceed legitimate needs and a reasonable margin to ensure freedom from want the excess should belong to humanity. On the other hand, private capital must be given every encouragement in developing the resources and industry of the country—but only in co-operation with the all-important fact that we are an agricultural nation. Over 80 per cent of our people are dependent directly or indirectly upon the land—the overwhelming proportion directly. It follows that the nation cannot flourish unless the farmers are prosperous. At

present they are enjoying a degree of prosperity undreamed of by the Golden Age. As a by-product of war, prices for all that comes from the land have increased so much that the standard of living of the rural population has reached a height that did not seem possible. The attending school who formerly would never have had a chance of education, now when we have performed mere inadequate protection from the elements are being made hygienic and comfortable. This is as it should be.

We want these gains held and consolidated. This vision of a better life that has been given to the backbone of our nation must not be dimmed by the policy bequeathed us by the conservative past. There has been one fly in the ointment—there always is: while those who live on and by the land have prospered, government employees and men and women classed as intellectuals have been having a hard time to make ends meet. But they represent a very small percentage of our people, when victory is won, a permanent solution of their difficulties will be arrived at.

SOCIALISM WILL BE FACE-LIFTED

are striving to institute a flexible system of political and economic development that will serve the future as well as the present. This attempt started directly China became a republic 31 years ago, and has continued ever throughout the war years. In order to give our people fuller and better opportunities for a well-rounded and happier life, a new kind of Chinese socialism, based on democratic principles, is evolving. It is no mere imitation of Western socialism. China colors all seas that wash her shores.

Considering what China has already accomplished in the face of heartbreaking obstacles, we cannot but feel that the future with calmness and confidence. The difficulties before us are stupendous and the help from our sister democracies, of technique and capital, which we have proved we deserve, we have no doubt we can solve our problems. The future of war has brought China for the first time abreast of the great powers. We have won our place in the front rank of our prolonged unyielding resistance to violence. We shall keep it by playing a major part in building a better world.

They All Start From the Bottom

(Continued)

A certain man used to call each morning at the wholesale hardware store of Hubbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. in Chicago, and buy various household utensils that he put into a sack and sold for house to house. He aimed to buy only what he could sell that day but he couldn't get it. He would increase his business because there was a limit to how much hardware he could carry on his back. Then he hit on the idea of taking orders, as he went about his business, he would take orders for items to be delivered later. Later he found he could take orders just by making a list of unneeded items. This he started a mail order business. It is going well. The man's name was Montgomery Ward.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Just to do our duty is not enough, we should no farther than that. What do you more than others?—Matt. 5:47.

Just Between Us

Allied Understanding

Lloyd C. Douglas

In "The Book I Know"

MR. GOLDBERG, returning from Europe, was assigned by the head steward to a table for two. Here he was smilingly joined by a polite Frenchman who, before sitting down, bowed, smiled, and said, "Bon appetit." Not to be outdone, Mr. Goldberg rose, bowed, and said, "Goldberg."

This little ceremony was repeated at each meal. On the fourth day Mr. Goldberg confided his complexity to a man in the smoking lounge.

"It was like this you see. The Frenchman tells me his name is 'Bon Appetit' and I tell him my name, 'Goldberg.' So we are introduced. That is good. But what keep it up day after day?"

"Oh—but you don't understand. Mr. Goldberg," replied the other, "Bon appetit isn't his name. It means I hope you have a pleasant meal."

"Thank," said Goldberg.

That night Mr. Goldberg arrived late for dinner. Before sitting down he bowed formally, and said, "Bon appetit."

And the Frenchman rose, smiled, and murmured, "Goldberg."

Terror

—By Herblock



On Crossing Of Bridges By The President

By Dorothy Thompson

WASHINGTON

MY FRIENDS have advised me not to "stick my neck out" on the Bridges case. However, it seems to me that logical and objective thinking has been conspicuous for its absence in this case, and that it is necessary to say some things.

Some questions come to mind: Has it been established that Harry Bridges is or was a member of the Communist Party? And if so: What is the Communist Party?

The Communist Party is an international organization which has the object of abolishing international capitalism and replacing it by international socialism. Its program for accomplishing that purpose has changed with every meeting of the Communist Executive. Nevertheless, the directives issued since the party was organized in the Communist Party for years have been against violence and for non-violence.

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Cut And Dried

Democrats Look 'Em Over And Take The Familiar Ones

The electorate, what there was of it, had no mind for any funny business. There was a war on, and it blanketed issues and personalities that at one time might have found a following. The people weren't interested in issues or in changes. This was mid-stream.

And so they went to the polls and for the most part they deposited their democratic primary contests at a single point. Dick Fountain got the nod for archaic, but probably won't. We don't know what the good citizens of North Carolina have come to earn the fate of having our precious individual in the Senate and now possessed of the ambition to

run up with him there.

At any rate, the election came through with little to stir, and so did Cam Mortimer, both as expected. The Squire of

Tharion, however, has another contest in his hands in November. He should

win it without a great deal of trouble.

But in Charles A. Jones, Lincoln

Republican, he meets an adversary who is far

more experienced.

Locally, the "hus" had it, although the

county Commissioners lost a tried and

true board member in Edgar Price. But

chairman McAden and three other in-

terestants were nominated, along with

a good new man in the person of Carl

Belton. The legislative delegation

came through, with Frank Sims, target

of a below-the-belt blow from the

WCTU, leading the ticket. County Re-

cord Commissioner Vance Howard earned his

nomination, and Mack Reilly, the genial

district Sheriff, outdistanced a mediocre

opponent.

Even in the races for Coroner and

Surveyor, the old boys breezed in. No

unusual business.

Mystery

The Harry Bridges Case Takes An Inexplicable Turn

One week the President commutes the

prison sentence of Earl Browder, who is

greatly distressed. Browder is a citizen

of the United States. Bridges is an alien

and an unlawfully-admitted alien, at that.

As an alien, he comes under the provisions

of laws governing aliens, specifically,

in this case, under the Alien

Registration Act passed by Congress in

1940. That act requires the deportation

of an alien who has been a member of

any organization which advocates the

overthrowing by violence of the Gov-

ernment.

That Bridges is now or ever was a

Communist is a matter upon which Dean

Landis of Harvard Law School, found, after

extensive hearing, that he was an "extreme

and radical" but that his methods were

essentially democratic, and that he was

not and had not been a practicing Com-

munist. That was in 1939.

A year later, Bridges was on the jail

and this time the Government was a

good deal hotter. The Immigration

Department had been taken out of

Madam Perkins' Labor and put under

Duette. Furthermore, the FBI had sub-

mitted a 2,500-page report on his back-

ground and his activities during the

gathering of which Bridges, aware of

what was going on, had amused himself

by playing tricks and telling funny stories

to the G-Men.

But that was in 1941. More than a

year ago, and it does not serve to explain

the sudden change in attitude. The

should take it into its head to shatter

the contribution to "national unity"

which the President said he was making

by turning Browder loose. The contrast

between the treatment of Bridges and

Browder is not so much a matter of

it makes all the less sense in view of

the circumstance that Browder is just

an ex-convict labor leader, whereas Bridges is

recognized labor leader, a big shot in