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Busy Barbers

Entire Board of Examiners Draws a Full Year's Pay

In 1929, the times being lush, the Legislature was prevailed upon to create a State Board of Barber Examiners. To this board, whose members the Governor appointed, was delegated the State's authority not only to examine and accredit applicants for barbers license, which gave practicing barbers an unusual degree of control over competition, but also to enforce sanitary regulations, which properly was and had been a duty of the State Board of Health (although barbers will tell you that sanitary regulations are more strictly enforced by their own board than they had been by the health officers).

The Board of Barber Examiners had to have, naturally, a budget, so a budget was framed. Revenue was to come from fees (certificate as apprentice barber, \$3.00; annual license as apprentice, \$3.00; fee for examination as registered barber, \$15.00; annual license as registered barber, \$5.00), and a schedule of compensation was fixed for the members of the Barber Examiners Board. The law allowed pay of \$10.00 a day for members when they were on official duty, plus expenses and mileage.

Now, in any standard year there are 365 days with 52 Sundays, leaving 313 working days. Maximum pay, therefore, for the members of the board, even if they worked on Christmas and other holidays, would be \$3,130. With that figure in mind, let the little reader observe what the three members of the board drew last year:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Per Diem Pay, Expenses, Mileage. Rows for Chairman, Vice-Chmn., Sec.-Treas.

On this scale of expenditure for its officers alone, the Board of Barber Examiners exceeded its receipts in the last fiscal year by \$4,055.39, which comes out of the State's pocket. It has received a curt notice from the Governor that either expenditures will have to be reduced or receipts increased if a comparable deficit is to be avoided in this fiscal year, but we think that the 1941-42 audit calls for more than a note. We think it calls for a thorough-going review by the next Legislature of the policy of delegating governmental authority and the manner in which it has been exercised.

Add: Boards

They Range From Acc't'y to All the Way to Vet'narians

It is worth noting, in connection with the foregoing concerning the Busy Barbers, that the State has empowered a motley crew of examining boards. Some of these, such as for the professions of dentistry, law and medicine, are obviously more to be entrusted with authority, and relied upon to impose exacting standards, than any agency of the State itself. But there are others in the throng which suggest themselves as candidates for elimination. The little reader may pick his nominations in the complete list that follows:

- Accountancy, Architecture, Barbers, Boiler Rules, Chiropraxy, Chiropractors, Contractors, Dentistry, Art, Design, Electrical Contractors, Embalmers, Engineers and Land Surveyors, Law, Medical, Medicine, Osteopathy, Osteopomy, Pharmacy, Photography, Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Tile Contractors, Trained Nurses, Veterinarians.

Sore Spot

Irish Republican Army Menaces U.S. Interests

A little Axis front, not likely to seriously hamper any coming Allied drive, but nonetheless maddening and confusing to our people, is back home in Ireland. In the pleasant, stark-wooded land of the O's and the Mc's, that hellion trouble-maker, the Irish Republican

Army, is still at work and spilling over. The protests against U.S. soldiers occupying North Ireland have swelled into outbursts.

With the island nestled so closely in Britain, and with Germany not so far off, it might seem strange that such rebellious body is allowed to exist. The answer is that it almost always has existed, and despite a continuous hunt for its leaders, it continues to exist. IRA represents a small group in Ireland. It refuses to recognize the Eire Government because it does not go far enough in resisting British influence.

Head of the outlaw band has been Sean Russell, an old jailbird who has spent much time in Berlin, whose men have been caught harboring Nazi paracitists, possessing detailed maps of military objectives in Ireland, and huge sums of U.S. money. Since the arrival of American troops in loyal North Ireland, Irish Republicans have become more active than ever.

Their little group, suppressed though it is, has been one of real concern now that Ireland has become an important Allied base of training and operations. Though the U.S. should use caution in meddling with Eire's internal affairs, our forces will have to protect themselves against the activities of the Nazi-loving, British-hating paracitists.

J. Jangle Jingle

Victory Belle Revue Is Chance To Help Soldiers

We consider it unlikely that successful performances of the Jingle, Jangle, Jingle revue here tonight and tomorrow night would shorten the war. It is, however, as part of Charlotte's effort to aid service men, a civic obligation to give the show the support it deserves.

From these amateur shows the Community Chest will receive badly-needed funds, to be evenly divided between relief for American boys in war prison camps and entertainment for soldiers fighting in Charlotte. Outside the realm of bond-buying and tax-paying, it represents an excellent opportunity for the citizen to chip in his bit, merely by buying a ticket.

Tort & Reform

Allegations Fly Bark and Forth in the Air

In his speech to the International Student Assembly yesterday, the President alluded contemptuously to "a handful of men and women" in the United States and elsewhere who were playing "petty politics in a world crisis." In the day before, Senator Trapp had risen in the Senate to express the opinion that the Administration, in spite of the recommendations of the War Department, was waiting until after the November elections to request Congress to make 18- and 19-year-olders subject to the draft. And there is a considerable body of public opinion which holds that the Administration is dodging nationwide gas-rationing until the elections are over, and that it cannot be induced to recommend a general sales tax for precisely the same consideration.

Ourself, we are not quite so cynical as to believe the allegations that the Administration is playing petty politics in a world crisis, and we hope for a manifestation to the contrary. Meanwhile, it is interesting, at least, if not enlightening, to hear the President condemn bitterly the very practice which a great many people are condemning in his world crisis. Maybe one of these days we shall be given a sign so that we may distinguish between pot and kettle.

The Slave Dealer

-By Herblock



The National Emotion

Americans Hate Americans

By Paul Mallon

I STEPPED inadvertently into all the hidden hates of this country in some recent columns, trying to stir up the most foolish popular misunderstandings of what we are fighting for. On this desk, piled high and strewn about, is the evidence of all the minority bitterness of people against people, group against group, labor hatred of the boss, anti-Semitism, anti-Jews and anti-Roosevelt hatreds, the New Deal hatreds of business, the communist, radical hatred of all opposition, including advocates of democracy whom they call "Fascist-minded Nazis"...

With the world in flames, here they all are in one representative heap, requiring hours of reading—the pet personal and group bitterness, the freely spoken hates of a free people, not just on one side of any question of the day, but on both sides of it, equally strong, deep-seated, unthinking. Even those who accuse others of hate—and especially those—radiate hate themselves.

This situation, of course, is what Hitler and Japan are depending upon to win. They make no secret of their strategy. It is biased faith daily on the British and Tokyo radio.

They tell their own people and they tell us that our own dissensions, our internal conflicts, our hates for each other, will bring us to our doom.

An Important Anniversary

The Blitz Won't Win The War For Us

By Dorothy Thompson

THIS week sees the end of the third year of the war, an anniversary which is not to be celebrated with a present situation ought to convince an objective observer that our enemies cannot win this war and we can only lose it by a more ruthless and by a division into our own alliance.

In our memories the sensational victories of Hitler assume exaggerated proportions because we fail to see them in their global proportions, to realize that they were victories in limited ways only. For years, previous to and since this war, it has been an axiom of the German High Command—known to all familiar with German military science and military writings—that Germany could only win a blitzkrieg. That is why Hitler, from the beginning, concentrated on specific objects, throwing in everything he had at the moment in men and materiel, while conducting the most meticulously prepared diplomatic and psychological warfare to keep only one enemy at a time.

The Blowoff

By Raymond Clapper

Kaiser Returns

WHEN Old Man Kaiser comes here next week for his showdown over building cargo planes, he is not likely to meet with a favorable reception. Various reasons account for this. Some arise out of emotion against Old Man Kaiser and some of practical considerations.

There is respect here for the shipbuilding job Old Man Kaiser has done. WEB officers who have looked into that are impressed. They do not believe, however, that these facilities can be adapted to aircraft manufacture. If Old Man Kaiser is going to propose that a new aircraft plant be built for him, that is likely to be strongly opposed here. He has few machine tools that could be adapted to aircraft production. He believes he can find many tools scattered in small shops. Web is skeptical of that. The aircraft industry must wait another nine months at least before it gets all the tools needed for existing commitments.

It is felt here that the Kaiser organization has done almost no engineering work itself and has made little effort to convert into engineering work on the cargo plane project. The tie-up made with Howard Hughes gives the Kaiser organization a good aviation engineering staff but one that too small. Hughes has had a long experience with the design of proposed plane models have been drawn, but only in preliminary form, and engineering design has not begun. Failure of Kaiser to produce engineering drawings will operate against him.

The primary question remains what it was in the beginning—has Old Man Kaiser anything to contribute to the war effort and if so, what? Whether he can build cargo planes, whether tools and materials can be provided, and if so what type of plane, are all technical questions beyond the outsider. Thorough, dispassionate decisions on these points would have to be accepted by the public.

The question is whether dispassionate consideration has been given or can be given from here. Bitter feelings have developed. Strong prejudice has existed against Kaiser from the start. Donald Nelson tried to compromise and keep negotiations open when some of his associates wanted to wash their hands of the whole business. There has not been from the start the attitude of co-operation toward a common end.

Everything considered, Kaiser possibly can make a more useful contribution now by devoting himself to studying the flow of raw materials. That is an acute need. It has been bungled badly here. The Old Man has developed an effective system of organizing materials flow. He might be able to make a study and recommendations that would reduce the present chaos.

Even then it is a question whether anything he would suggest would find a receptive response. He has his head up now and everybody is ready to take a crack at it.

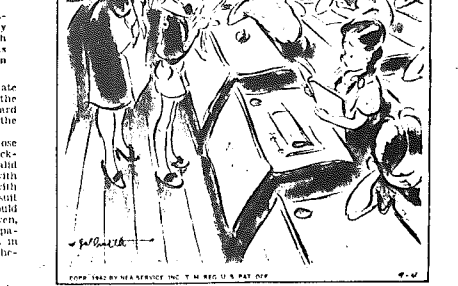
Quote, Unquote

Where is the United States Navy? It is where it has always been. It is in there fighting. It is trying out the command to hit our enemy, and hit him again wherever and whenever we find him. —Franklin D. Roosevelt.

We are making so many trips across the Channel that I am getting to know the place. —Leut. Robert Lupton, U. S. Air Forces.

I fired two shots at supper. —Met. James Roosevelt, after Makin Island raid.

Side Glances



"I hope the rest of you children spent your summer as profitably as Wilbur! Now pay attention while he reads the essay he composed on why India is misunderstood!"

The Lieut. Suit

By PVT. PETE IVEY

THE kitchen policeman serving slices of cake with sauce was gruffly going about his duties of keeping the line moving. Men of Company B, the 3rd Battalion, were going slowly past the food, with large spoonfuls piled on the plates.

Men on K. P. get tough treatment and they give out in the same manner. The line was gradually going by the man serving the cake with sauce. Everything was progressing according to schedule, and he watched hands reach out to take the saucers containing cake. A hand came over the cake area, and wavered. Its owner apparently was undecided on which slice of cake he would take. "Take one," commanded the kitchen policeman gruffly.

All the strategic advantages were on the German side