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Hamsayings

The reappearance in Charlotte last Sunday of The Prophet Ham recalls his extended stay here in 1934. Quite a lively time was had by all, especially The News and The Prophet, who didn't like each other at all and said so.

At the time we accumulated and printed in the paper a glossary of what we called "Hamsayings"—exact quotations of the incredible statements which issued from the man passing himself off as a Christian evangelist. Even after ten years, the range of his misanthropy and the bile of his remarks still seem incredible. Herewith a few specimens:

"The number of men as given in Revelations harmonizes with the wavelenghts of Russia and the Vatican."
"Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points were a complete failure."
"Germany is doing more to defend Protestant ideals than any other nation."
"The President of the United States hasn't been in contact with one of his since his inauguration. I came to divide Christians from this man."

"Our Government called in all the gold and gave it to Jacob Schiff, who had financed Trotsky in Russia."
"We are approaching the end of the Gentile age, when all nations of this earth will gather against the Jews in Palestine and fight against them in the last battle of Armageddon."
"That will give you a pretty good idea of The Prophet's international good will program. Having unfolded it, he next took up Charlotte. Samples:

"There are houses in this town that are used almost exclusively for the raising of your high school boys and girls."
"We have request of pupils in the public schools, and we ask you, for their teachers. Their teachers are ridiculing this meeting."
"It was when he got mad at somebody personally, however, that Ham would go to town. Anyone who interpreted to him was likely to have to judge a hall of thunderbolts and curses, as the following:

"The Lord will put you who are opposing this campaign in a casket, and you will all die and go to hell with the Devil crowd."
"The very miracles God has done through me have amazed me as much as the public."
"Not a hand has been lifted against my campaigns in three years but God has brought a curse on the man that lifted it."
"After all my meetings there are usually a number of first-class funerals."
Well, The News, which fought this preposterous Harbinger of Hate tooth and toenail, is still alive and vigorous enough to take who in the — got him back here, or did he just pitch a one-day stand on his own to see what he could (1) stir up and (2) pick up?

Mr. Secretary
We greet Edward R. Stettinius as Secretary of State with mixed and mingled emotions. The young tycoon who left a \$100,000-a-year job as head of U. S. Steel at the approach of war has surely given remarkable service to his country. He worked manfully, if not with complete success, with the early problems of mobilizing industry for war. His service as director of Lend-Lease won him widespread acclaim. In a little more than a year as Undersecretary of State he has not so far as the public is given to know, distinguished himself as a statesman.

Mr. Stettinius was acceptable to most groups and parties when he took office in October of last year. Even Drew Pearson, who has criticized our State Department as anti-Russian, for one thing and been called a "chronic liar" by the President for his panics, applauds his entry into the State Department, knowing that Mr. Stettinius understood the Russians, and was admired by them.

But whatever one can say about Mr. Stettinius as Secretary of State—a really appalling job when one looks down the corridor of years ahead—our countryman who has tried and tried to be a statesman or diplomat. He is, he has surely learned during his apprenticeship, but we don't know, and we can't find out, how much he has learned. In short, he has no real record that we can credit.

And, since this undoubtedly intelligent, able and aggressive American is a novice at the game of world affairs—and since he has done a good job in our history when we needed the services of the most accomplished and experienced statesmen—we don't know quite what to say about this vital new appointment. We have always admired Mr. Stettinius, but the truth is that we never thought of him as our No. 2 man in dealing with the rest

of the world in the crucial period ahead. He surely must have been tabbed by the President last year, when Sumner Welles went out and he went in to assist Mr. Hull. But he said that day: "This is the climax of my young career; just as if he had never given this great man a single thought. We are wishing all of the best to our new Secretary, and are trusting the President to know his man. He will carry the hopes of us all into a new era, and will test himself and the country in the most dramatic, perhaps for generations to come."

White Plague

Tuberculosis kills more people between 15 and 45 than any other disease. Last year it took 48,000 Americans. Every day we lose 154 people to the disease. In Mecklenburg County last year, there were approximately 400 cases of T. B.—and 44 patients died.

These are pretty grim statistics, but they tell a tale that is far from gloomy. The National Tuberculosis Association was born, the White Plague was responsible for twelve of every 100 deaths. The rate is now down to one of every 100—B. T. is a nearly lost cause.

The goal of the 2,500 affiliates of the national organization of which the Mecklenburg Tuberculosis Association is one is to free the country of this disease. And that is more than a dream. The great challenge is to discover the cause in early stages, when cures are more easily effected. And the only sure means of discovering the disease is by X-ray. Every community, including Mecklenburg, now needs mobile X-ray equipment on all persons may be examined. That process should begin in industry, and be extended. But it cannot begin at all without considerable public support.

The Christmas Seal campaign which opened yesterday is an attempt to raise money for that expensive \$15,000 and badly-needed equipment. Financing mobile equipment must be left to citizens of good will who are able to contribute liberally. But the means by which the goal is carried on this, too, is one of Mecklenburg's recognized responsibilities. It will respond as in the past.

The Accusation

Now we begin to understand what has been ailing our stout Russian ally of late. The deep mystery of plans which suddenly canceled out from under Soviet delegates, the vicious bias of certain neutral nations, the apparent willingness to let Britain and America get their way alone in post-war alignments—all are becoming clear. And as usual, the Russians are thinking straight and talking straighter.

Moscow, you will remember, abruptly recalled her delegates to the international aeronautical council in Chicago. It was explained that the Soviet Union did not wish to sit down to table with representatives of nations like Switzerland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. The latter three were understandable—but what in the world was wrong with the Swiss? That was realistic Joseph Stalin, saying that neutrals aren't always neutrals, and that wartime records of all nations are going to be checked closely, come peace.

His newspaper Pravda, out of an almost clear blue sky, fired a heavy broadside at little Switzerland, to most of the world a veritable symbol of peaceful neutrality. The Russians, having said pointedly that they would not consider making a post-war talk table with the Swiss, and would resist making Geneva headquarters for any new league of nations, now set forth their reasons. Switzerland, Pravda says, has been making munitions for Germany for a long time and is no more neutral than the other wearers of the mask, like France's Spain.

If this charge is true (and the Russians have an uneasy facility for knowing what's what in the world), then Switzerland does not deserve to sit at any conference bearing on the post-war world—and certainly has no place at the big peace table. For that matter, neither does Sweden, which was compelled to do big business with the Nazis, and which was well enough to express sympathy for these nations caught in the middle by war's squeeze, but it certainly does not follow that the so-called neutral nations who have done no business with the Nazis should have any part in making the new world.

It is all in accord with the bureaucratic routine, no doubt, the case of the SEC employee, now the dazed father of babies in quadruplicate.

The Merry-Go-Round
By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON
More inside facts in the tangled skein of Chiang Kai-shek's politics leading to the recent shake-up of Chiang Kai-shek and the ousting of General Stilwell as his Far East command can now be revealed.

A show-down with China as to whether she was really going to fight Japan has been in the cards for a long time. Last July, this column reported that many Chinese war lords around Chiang Kai-shek would rather fight Britain and the U. S. A. than Japan. Since then, a comprehensive report has reached the White House giving details regarding the whole Chinese picture and certain suspicious relationships between the Japanese and some of those around the Generalissimo.

For example, Wu Te-chen, Secretary General of the Kuomintang (a position similar to that of Bob Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee), still owns a large home on Avenue Hague in Shanghai, still collects rent for it through his own agent in the Jap-occupied areas, while his wife lives openly under the Japanese in Shanghai.

Also, the wife of Chu Chia-hua, Kuomintang Minister of Organization has traveled freely between Jap-occupied and unoccupied China, apparently with the consent and co-operation of the Japs. Finally, her going and coming attracted so much attention that she was asked not to return to Chungking any more.

Meanwhile, Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of China's great liberator and first president, has been rebelling privately at some policies of Chiang Kai-shek, her brother-in-law. As a result, Madame Sun is kept out of contact with other Chinese in Chungking.

Where Madame Sun especially disagrees with the Generalissimo is in his failure to co-operate with the so-called "Communists," armies in the north. The White House report on China tells in detail about the steady resistance these northern, peasant armies are putting up against the Japs compared with the wavering, sometimes non-existent fighting of Chiang's own war lords.

All this came to a head when Gen. Patrick J. Hurley (Hoover's ex-Secretary of War) and Donald

Nelson asked Chiang to co-operate with the Communist armies under the overall command of General Stilwell. It was at this time that Gen. Stilwell was ousted, Chiang, who had never liked Stilwell, made it clear that he would never accept an American-ousted commander if Stilwell were in the picture. Since then, Chiang has cleaned up his Cabinet and is more co-operative.

Report on Reds

U. S. concern regarding the long-smoldering Chinese situation came to a head as a result of two developments:

1. It became apparent that the Japs could not be kicked out of inland operations in the Pacific. This type of warfare might destroy even the Japanese in the islands, but because the Japs have been moving their war industries to China, a major campaign on the Chinese mainland is going to be necessary.

2. The United States was able to send an official mission to visit the Chinese Communists or Agrarians for the first time in five years. This was arranged as a result of Vice-President Wallace's trip. The mission's subsequent report, recently reaching the President's desk, convinced him that somehow or other the "two divergent factions" inside China must be co-ordinated.

Here are some of the highlights of the American mission's report:

- 1. The best-equipped armies of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang are used not to fight the Japs, but to fight the guerrilla Communists. Some of their equipment was sent to China on lend-lease. This is one reason why we haven't sent more.
- 2. The Eighth Route Army of the Communist guerrillas is more efficient in combat than Chiang Kai-shek's forces.
- 3. The Communists have excellent military intelligence, know more than any other Allied army about what is going on inside Japan.
- 4. The economic situation of the guerrillas is better than that of the Chungking forces. Both are pretty much cut off from the outside world, though Chungking has been receiving a trickle of supplies from the U. S. A. by plane.

It Is Commonly Known As "Bulldog Tenacity"



The Fate of Germany

By Dorothy Thompson

FREDERICK KUH has reported from London that the American, British and Russian Governments have set up machinery for military control of Germany. The two most important things in the agreement are that it provides for a joint military authority for occupation zones, and, second, that "serious" questions of the present intentions look toward the emergence of a fairly early stage of a German central authority.

Only a few weeks ago there was every indication that Germany would be divided into three or four zones for separate occupation by the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and possibly France.

It would have been reached long ago. Many of them the ill-conceived Morgenthau plan, which seems to have been the turning point toward greater realism.

The President's foreign policy speech outlined the policy which seems to have prevailed: Complete and permanent disarmament; punishment of those

"directly responsible for this agony of mankind"; a hint of reparation; and the suggestion that the German will be allowed to earn their way back into the following of law-abiding and peace-loving nations, and the offer of a hope that this goal eventually be possible, combined with the absolute repudiation of any racial theory about the Germans as a people.

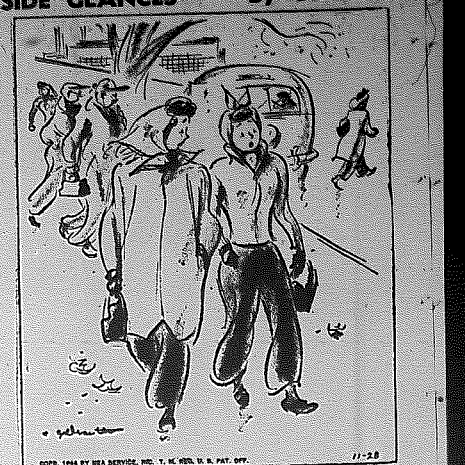
Since the President's speech there have been numerous other statements about what the world was blowing. The most authoritative was contained in the speech of Stalin on Nov. 6, which made it impossible for them to win over the nations they defeated, and that the Soviet Union does not intend to repeat this Nazi mistake.

Ally, he said, "We do not hate the wolf because his fur is gray but because he eats our sheep."

It is not going to be a "soft" peace for Germany—and that, as this column has pointed out many times, has never been the issue. The issue has been a peace that would hold the Allies together and offer, at least the hope of a new, peaceful, co-operative Germany, as early as we can get it. If this should prove impossible, it would be extremely unfortunate not only for Germany, but for the world. For eventually we must bring the whole world to a common understanding of what is and is not permissible on this ever-shrinking globe.

They've let it down, then, to this is the Colonel to get the public to proclaim his political ambitions. Know that he had the ghost of a chance to get the reputation might do to their chief's credit.

I had a talk with the Colonel in the Tribune "Buck" shortly before the election. He said that his primary made it clear that Governor Dewey would have no real contender for the Republican nomination. He looked at me very solemnly and said: "They may choose a man whose name is not now mentioned at all."



"I hope they don't waste time around the peace table before they demobilize, so Joe can get back in a hurry to this job on the assembly line—my feet are killing me!"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spough, D.D.

I have been subject to criticism by those who say that I write too much about the war, and our men and women in the Armed Service. That may be expected. But I have no dear ones in uniform. This is more a matter of material and implements. Important things are being done in this world, being overcome by evil forces. Only a few nights ago a woman, who I remember, reminded the radio audience that if we were to have a righteous victory with the just and durable peace, Christian principles must be uppermost in our thinking and planning.

We are glad to know that these principles and ideals are strongly held by some of our national leaders. Would that all of them did. From time to time we have referred to the fact that Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Montgomery were not devout and regular readers of the Bible. The Rev. Charles E. Fuller, famous radio preacher, writes in the periodical News Week, suggesting that he

might be simply striving for effect, among a people who have many Christian leaders, asked if an Australian correspondent for an article of the man. The report came back, "although it has hitherto been unpublicized, this man's convictions about God and prayer is no new development in Gen. MacArthur's life. His faith is lifelong, as is his avowed habit of reading a chapter in the Bible every night, no matter how tough his day has been. He has encouraged his troops to read the Bible to the troops, and he hopes his young son will follow the example of his father. I will remember him not as going into battle, but as leading the boys in prayer."

As chairman of the Democratic National Committee, allow me to congratulate you and your staff on the important part that you have fulfilled in making the President's victory possible. —ROBERT E. HANNEGAN, Washington, D. C.

A Note From Bob

Editors, The News:
The Democratic National Committee is well aware of the first job that was done by The News in informing its readers of the issues in the election just past. I am sure that your paper showed the same courage and strength of conviction and fidelity in your reporting of the distinguished.

I do not agree with those who contend that President Roosevelt's record of consecutive victories in face of opposition by the majority of American voters is not proof that our country's press is without power or is losing its constructive influence.

Life Of Night Fighters

By Hal Boyle

AN AMERICAN AIRBASE IN BELGIUM, Nov. 6.—(Delayed)—Trained skill and daring rather than carrots and sticks are the keys to the success of the night fighters. They carry two-man crews—pilot and observer. Because of the darkness, the crew must be able to see the enemy plane in the dark. The night fighters "day" begin at noon when the crews get into their sleeping bags for a quick breakfast. At 1:00 hours (1 P. M.) all crews report to the briefing room—they call it "The Shack." There they hear the latest world news and are informed of that night's targets. Then they take up their planes for an hour's flight to test their equipment.

No night lights are allowed in the quarters. The night fighters' vision. They think they are men behind dark goggles, like a movie star and get special vitamin A-rich food to help them see better in the dark.