

Don't Get Hysterical Now

MOSCOW'S hysterical performance in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution underscores the timeliness and wisdom of former Secretary of State A. B. Hayes' warning against hysteria in this country.

The Russian parade of military might, accompanied by furious sound effects and ugly face-making, was a coldly organized demonstration arranged especially for the benefit of the United States and Great Britain.

The purpose has been to keep us so agitated and alarmed that we cannot accurately size up the situation and see the Soviet weakness.

Fortunately, not all of our leaders are deceived by the Russian propaganda and show of fanatical intransigence. One in particular is Secretary Marshall, who has had most to do with the fact that we now are gaining all along the line and who refuses to take a dark view of our chances for success in Germany.

Chickens But Us Chickens, Boss

PERHAPS the chickens know what's going on but we admit we are just as confused as Mr. Charles Luckman, whose Citizens Food Committee has just abandoned Poultryless Thursday as a means of saving grain for Europe.

In this connection, it is gratifying to read that Mr. Luckman himself was not originally responsible for Poultryless Thursday. The head of the Citizens Food Committee is a business executive, a genius of the soap trade, and he knows that if the nation goes hungry, the chickens will be the first to suffer.

Now, instead of eating less chicken, turkey and duck (goose is too rich for us), we are told we must consume 138 million birds in 1947. In order to have 50 million bushels of grain. After reading this item in the paper, we rushed out to co-operate with the new program but were thrown for a loss by a 75-cent turkey sandwich.

The vindication of Mr. Luckman restores our faith in private enterprise but his experience does nothing to make us feel better about what is going to happen to us in the future.

Sales Tax Is Not An Issue

REASONED political observers, according to the Raleigh News & Observer, have chalked up an error against gubernatorial Candidate Charles M. Johnson for his failure in Wilmington that he didn't think the sales tax would ever be repealed.

The standard economic (and political) criticism of the sales tax is that it violates Adam Smith's canon of taxation which concerns "ability to pay." Of course, the sales tax is regressive and is borne largely by the poor.

Mr. Johnson does not seem to have created any issue which would enhance his popularity of the other hopefuls, and thus it is dubious that his bravery will out him votes.

In fourteen years, the State has collected approximately \$220 million in sales taxes, a large portion of which has been expended on educational services.

From The Greensboro Daily News

Motorists Forewarned

NORTH CAROLINA motor vehicle drivers whose names fall within the A, B or C categories will need to heed the warning of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, and their license examinations as promptly as possible.

Those entrusted with various provisions of our new highway safety program might do well to heed, beginning January 1, periodic mechanical inspection of motor vehicles will become compulsory.

According to Colonel Rosser only about 25 per cent of this group has appeared before the license examiners as yet. As they have until January 1 in which to take their examination and secure their new license, it is obvious that time is flying and that a last-minute rush is inevitable.

Our inept advice would be for motor vehicle owners, in anticipation of this inspection soon to start, if not for their own and the public's immediate safety, to have their cars checked over in advance and ready to go so as to avoid the unsafe findings later on and the jam and delay which appear most likely to result.



One-Sided History  
Veil On The Roosevelt Era

BY ROSCOE DRUMMOND  
(Reprinted from the Christian Science Monitor)

THIS far the long and event-laden record of the Roosevelt Administration is being historically expounded and appraised almost entirely by its defenders. First, Miss Frances Perkins wrote her extremely perceptive and admiring biography, and then Elliott Roosevelt broke into print with his key-hole and cocktail memoranda, which meant well, even if they did his father more harm than help.

Now Henry Menoghen is in Collier's magazine and James F. Byrnes is on the bookshelves. Finally, Robert Sherwood's version of Harry Hopkins' diaries and recollections and former Secretary of State Cordell Hull's record of his stewardship are being forthcoming.

But these books and these appraisals are bound to be one-sided. They have a maximum value as sources of historic information, but they have a minimum value as aids to historic objectivity.

High officials in the Administration have sought out scholars who they were sure, could be "trusted" to handle different phases of their official history.

Prof. William Langer of Harvard, for example, wrote "Our High Command" at the suggestion of Mr. Hull, and it came out a complete apology for the French policies which the President and the Secretary of State turned down in 1940.

ABOARD THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN—Thousands of people have been down to greet the Friendship Train all along the line to which the American people have given their name.

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Hawaii Donates Sugar  
THAN FURNISHED, a call came that the people of Hawaii, in response to the appeal of the Friendship Train, had pooled their talents to buy a carload of sugar. The average donation was eight cents a pound.

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People's Platform  
Cheer For Robert Taylor

PLEASE allow me to reply to Mr. A. E. Baskin's remarks about Robert Taylor. I am not coming to the defense of Mr. Taylor because he was NOT making a remark about Russians in particular, in so far as their race is concerned.

What this country needs... is a few more Robert Taylor's in each plain, simple, understandable language!

Dre Pearson's Friendship Train Shows U. S. Goodwill

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Trainman's Contribution  
OTHERS have felt the same. Here, for instance, is a telegram from Lloyd Weedman, a trainman on the Atlantic Coast Line covering today's pay with overtime pay.

Frightened Harry Warner  
WHEN HE is Harry Warner, 67 years old, who because of illness had retired from the motion-picture business.

By VICTOR REISGL  
NEW YORK (AP)—Small radio station will be forced out of business and many a job on the big time networks will be lost if Jimmie Petrillo can put over his plan to give his union members a right against musical records.

Slowest of the unions to swing around and comply with the Taft-Hartley Law is the CIO. CIO 10 has filed the proper financial and political statements comprising the AF of L's big 108 country outposts and 30 of the nation's 48 large independent unions.

It now appears that the starting political news is the fact that the AF of L's railroad men, not the CIO, will be the first to be plugging into national politics with money and manpower—first behind-scene and then in a pledge of both those politically vital resources to Wendell Willkie.

Samuel Grafton  
Words In The Air

MARTIN called up and made it a definite appointment to plan to meet. That was pretty formal as between two men who commuted from the same office.

That's right, thought Ed, he never has been in my office before. It must be something special.

"I'll go right to it," said Martin. "I'll be there at 7:30. I'll be there at 7:30. I'll be there at 7:30."

"Oh, hell," Martin said. "You're a sweet guy, Ed," said Martin. "You're a sweet guy, Ed," said Martin.

Resetlement Cost  
PITTSBURGH (AP)—About 100,000 displaced persons are still in the plan of the United Nations special committee on Palestine to resettle about 100,000 displaced persons.

Real Estate Lobby

YOU have to hand it to the real-estate lobby. Among its members, at times, they are not only honest, but amazingly brazen about crowing over their achievements.

Just a few short months ago when the real-estate lobby was winning the rent increase through Congress, the boys were publicly waving that real-estate operators could scarcely make a living.

When the effect of the new rent law on earnings of rental buildings was analyzed, it was found that the subject of a good deal of mental speculation. On the basis of the following facts are interesting:

Note to U. S. Housing Administrator Wood: In view of the current real-estate lobby for rent hikes, the above should interest you.