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STALIN - EPITOME OF EVERYTHING

THROUGHOUT the Communist world today the little men who look to the Kremlin for their inspiration are celebrating the 70th birthday of J. V. Stalin.

of the Peoples of the World.
J. V. Stalin - The Teacher and Inspired Leader.
J. V. Stalin - Co-ordinator of World Science.
J. V. Stalin - The Theoretician and Initiator of the Transformation of Nature in the USSR.

Through it all at a stocky man with an impassive face which hides an ever-pulsating mind and infinite will. Seventy years old, possessing still of all his mental vigor, he was undoubtedly one of the most important and influential men of the 20th Century.

In the non-Communist world, the little people who prefer to plan their own lives and conduct their own affairs could only marvel at the degree of slavish adoration heaped upon this epitome of everything.

They had no time to ponder the wonder of it all, however. For most of them were too busy getting ready to celebrate the birthday of another Master whose contribution to a troubled world fortunately remains after two centuries to combat the influence of the man from Moscow.

Everywhere the theme was the same. Typical was the list of resolutions adopted at a symposium held by the Academy of Sciences of the Rumanian People's Republic in collaboration with the Rumanian Soviet Scientific Institute:

J. V. Stalin - Lenin's Perpetuator in Creating the Theory of the Construction of Socialism.
J. V. Stalin - The Theoretician and Leader of the Fight for Peace and Brotherhood among the Peoples.
J. V. Stalin - The Military Genius of Our Times.
J. V. Stalin - A Mirrorred in the Literature

NOISE, NOISE, NOISE

NOW that the District of Columbia Public Utilities Commission has ruled in favor of radio in restaurants and hotels, the scene of man's battle against the noise-makers will shift to New York City.

There a hearing called by the New York Public Service Commission after weeks of noisy reports against the noise-makers will hear arguments for and against the new public address system in Grand Central Terminal which sports advertisements, weather reports, news bulletins and other music for seventeen hours a day.

The New Yorker summed up its complaint thus:
"The individual is becoming the captive of the sound-makers who are losing the right to choose whether he listens to noise or not. We don't think Grand Central should have any more sound, except for the trains and sounds incidental to train arrival and departure."

"We don't think so either, and we sincerely hope that the decision in New York will be the reverse of the Washington ruling (which, incidentally, may yet be tested in the courts).

Once a man leaves his home, where he can regulate the variety and volume of noise to his heart's content, he is at the mercy of noise made by others. He has no way of protecting his battered eardrums unless he dons some sort of ridiculous headpiece complete with thick mufflers.

He can complain, but he cannot receive it, when he is patronizing a public carrier. A franchise to operate a public carrier or a public transportation terminal should not carry with it the privilege of forcing unwanted sounds upon those who prefer not to hear—in Washington, in New York, or, perish the thought, in Charlotte.

DENFELD IS STILL POUTING

ADMIRAL Louis Denfeld's decision to A turn down the command of U. S. naval forces in the Atlantic and Mediterranean foretells the approaching end of his utility to the nation.

The Admiral, still smarting from a deserved reprimand for his leadership of the Navy fleet against the Russians, remains that Secretary Matthews' charge of disloyalty would place him under "undesirable restraints" in dealing with leaders of other nations. He added that these nations would not have the necessary respect for and confidence in him.

"That excuse is not very convincing. The fact that the Secretary of the Navy, with

the approval of the President, showed enough confidence in him to assign him to such a vital post is proof enough that the charge of disloyalty applied only to his activity against Unification and in no way reflected on his loyalty to the nation or his ability as a fighting man.

It seems that Admiral Denfeld, like Captain John Crommelin, is intrigued with his military role and will surrender reluctantly, if at all. If that be the case, he will be of more service to the Navy if he resigns and makes room for men who are willing to work as a team under the orders of a commander-in-chief in carrying out policies set by the U. S. Congress.

THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

"I see thousands who had no hope and who have it now. I see thousands of little children, crippled and sickly, who never had a chance for help. I see thousands of boys and girls, strong and healthy before, and millions of school children who are learning to be strong and vigorous all their lives. I see thousands of doctors and nurses glad to help and save. I see millions of children, grown and young, people rich and poor, upon whom you can rely to carry the Christmas Seal forward year by year. I have always seen this seal this way, in terms of people, not of money."

aware, decided to adopt the idea to her purpose. She did not know, at that time, that the Christmas Seal program was to become a national institution, one of the greatest of charities. By her help, the help of the Red Cross, the Philadelphia North American (a crusading newspaper), and some enthusiastic workers, it became that.

It is now in its 43rd season, under sponsorship of the National Tuberculosis Association. Under the sign of the Lorraine Cross (the double-barred cross), sales have grown to the point that this nation's campaign against TB would be seriously handicapped without the funds brought in by the sale of the Christmas Seal.

Last month, Charles C. Green, managing director of the Advertising Club of New York, made a speech in which he summarized the history of the Christmas Seal movement.

In closing, he said:
"The great changes the Christmas Seal has wrought in one of the widest fields of human life and misery must be credited to the Christmas Seal, which has done more—even to the least among us—a chance to be real than has any other agency of health and happiness. To an extent never before achieved in any effort to advance human welfare, this tiny stamp has stirred up and is maintaining a people's war."

THUS, decades ago, Emily Bassel saw the future of her own project: the sale of Christmas Seals to fight tuberculosis. That future is now a Christmas Seal has become a paramountly important in stamping out the disease once thought incurable.

This month you have been asked to buy Christmas Seals. Perhaps you would like to know why.

It began, actually, in 1904 in Denmark when a postal clerk named Jacob Riis conceived the idea of selling small stamps in post offices, not for postage but for money for a sanatorium for tuberculous children.

Emily Bassel, asked to help raise funds for a small tuberculosis hospital in Delaware, took up the idea.

LET BOB RUN

FROM Asheville, Dec. 18, via Associated Press.
Former United States Senator Rice Reynolds said tonight: "I am strongly inclined to run for the United States Senate next November, and I am sure that I have a very good chance of being elected."

Think, we reckon, is news, although nothing like so good as news of a man killing a dog. There is, so far as we can see, no earthly reason why Robert Rice Reynolds should not run for the United States Senate, if he wants to. He ran once or twice before, was elected and fortuitously succeeded to the job of noncommittal Senator Military Affairs Committee which kept him out of an embrace all out of character. And then after a couple of terms he saw or thought he saw the handwriting on the wall and got out of the way of Clyde R. Hoey—who might be

easier to beat six years later, although we doubt it.

For our own part we welcome our Bob into the race. There is nothing which gives us more pleasure in voting than to have a clean-cut choice of candidates. We'd be puzzled to find any better reason for voting for Senator Hoey than the fact that it would be slamming the door in the face of one who never had any business in the Congress of the United States and proved it.

Another need of the times is a typewriter that will make a noncommittal wiggle when you aren't sure about the spelling.—Mattoon (Ill.) Journal-Gazette.
Remember you can have no peace and quiet until we are peacefully forgotten.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

'Hiya, Pop—Have A Cigar'



People's Platform

Two Opposing Views Of The News

He Thinks We're Reactionary

Editors, The News:
PART of your expanding editorial opposition to the Roosevelt-Truman economic policies, you have hit the jack-pot in getting Mr. Bruce Barton for a regular Saturday night story-teller or columnist.

In all fairness, however, I believe your readers should be told that this is not the famous actor Barton. That Barton was a very orthodox old-time vaudeville juggler. This Bruce Barton in your paper is none other than the Mr. Barton in the famous team of "Martin Barton & Fish" team immortalized by the late President Roosevelt in his 1940 campaign. This team of "Martin Barton & Fish" was made by the great President the symbol of that Republicanism which thinks a "little" depression is not such a bad thing.

Now Mr. Barton, your Saturday columnist, recites the same refrain in his article on Dec. 17 entitled "How to Deal With the Depression." He says that the depression is not only making a man "humble," but it also makes him hungry, cold, and sick, and give him despair as his constant companion and sorrow. Mr. Barton, your Saturday columnist, tells how a depression hardened him and even helped him to get a job. He says that he came from the old "Silk Stockings" district of New York, and that wondering how he fed his children was not one of his embolisms.

What Mr. Barton of "Martin Barton & Fish" wants to get across, somehow, is the idea that it would not be a bad idea to vote for Republicans next time; that a little depression may not be a bad thing, may even be beneficial to the average citizen; and with him; it would be beneficial, if we all had wealthy fathers and when we lose our jobs we can go to our fathers and say, "Dad, I'm broke. Can you give me a few dollars?"

Why not wait until "Pulton's Folly" (?) has been fully read before a joint Congressional committee and the U. S. House of Representatives have heard fully? Then, if you want to rub the sore into the hand of applying the ointment-by-all means go to it.

But do be careful how you tell that word "reactionary" to the Editor. Beads and fellow travelers' simply worship that word—and I'm sure you wouldn't want to be called a "reactionary" by the Editor. One who is capable of thinking at all can easily see why the word appeals to them. "Reaction" cannot easily be accomplished by one who really has been by "reaction" and the Reds know it well.

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—J. R. CHERRY JR.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
NOTE—Burke's "Operation 23" the special Navy propaganda task, deliberately floated all regulations regarding unification and armed services co-operation.

Reclamation For Eastern USA

NEW YORK'S water shortage has caused Government engineers to survey the water resources of the entire nation. The result of the survey is that the country is generally over-reclaiming the water in general, but not re-reclaiming the water in certain areas.

The fact that the big cities are draining their reservoirs faster than the water flows in, chiefly because of the "water-wasters" in the factories, is a fact which their nimble nose "Monthlies 95 per cent of our water runs into the sea unutilized."

Operation 23

HERE is the inside story on how Capt. Arthur A. Burke, Chief of the Navy's "Operation 23," was passed up for promotion to Rear Admiral.

Politicians Swap Meat-Axe Tactics For Subtle Moves

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE WAY in which Democrats and Republicans will square off in the political arena is becoming fairly clear. The Democrats are pushing for the most touchy of all the civil rights provisions in the new states Pair Employment Practices law.

They have done this by a move that, whatever its inherent virtue, is clearly a shrewd strategy. It will certainly touch off a Southern rebellion, complete with filibuster, that is bound to get in the way of the Administration program. But from the Democratic point of view it does some other things.

It puts the Republicans in the Senate on the spot. Are they for or against the bill? What's more, this takes place against the backdrop of the House Democrats' appeal for a union between the Republicans and the Southern Democrats.

The latter circumstance has a long history. It is the result of a long and wistful wish for the new year is that Sen. Bricker and his colleagues should be able to get the other reaches of oblivion.

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The Best Is None Too Good, And That's What He Means

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON
WHEN I asked my bride what she wanted for Christmas, she thought I'd get tangled in a losing battle with postwar rationing. She said she had been thinking about this for some time and had I no money to buy her anything, she'd like to see me in a new suit.

She meant that there were no racks in Emma's dish. Otherwise, she'd have been working in a western mining camp from T. A. M. and how he generally suffered, and became "humble." It also helped Mr. Barton to know that his family had wealth, that they came from the old "Silk Stockings" district of New York, and that wondering how he fed his children was not one of his embolisms.

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Channing Map Of USA

WHEREVER engineers are altering the map of the United States in their quest for water, they are now employing means of changing the course of the mighty Colorado River, which has reached a new stage in its quest for water.

Another problem along the sea coast is seawater which is being pumped into the underground water table. This is being done in both Los Angeles and Miami and is also threatening Brooklyn, New York.

NOTE—One solution suggested for the water shortage is a series of water tunnels to be built in the mountains. Some reclamation officials are privately boasting this plan on the grounds that it will be more expensive than piping water from fresh water reclamation projects.

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