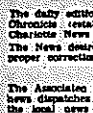


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Bratty

FDR Acts Up When Reporters Question Him About Ships

As an illustration of the brazen "non-of-your-business" attitude displayed by President Roosevelt whenever American ships are concerned, may we repeat a bit of the conversation which took place between the Chief Executive and newspaper reporters at a recent press conference.

Question: On what side of the Atlantic was it? [The President turned sharply to face his questioner and with moderate sarcasm, so it is to be made clear that the sarcasm made no difference.] A: It was on the seven seas. [Apparently, therefore, the Lenth went down in all water, easters of the globe.] Q: Was it outside the blockade zone? A: Whose blockade zone? Q: The so-called German blockade zone.

A: [Woundedly:] Well, I'm glad you saw the necessity of referring to the zone as "so-called."

It must have been a nasty little exclamation that comes, with Franklin Roosevelt behaving like a spoiled brat when the President of the United States is asked by the American press.

The 900 Will Close Clubs Fight Even

Controlled Causes of Crime? Numbered among the 900 members of Charlotte's ten major civic clubs is a near-by influential leader in the city.

There are, then, certain glorious possibilities in the decision of the Association of Civic Clubs—each of the ten organizations is represented to get at the roots of Charlotte's high crime rate and to make the necessary recommendations for its elimination.

Associate Delinquency—there's one for you. Mayor Okey Bagwell's committee will have before him his recommendations for improving Judge Redd's court and the methods of handling juvenile offenders than had the group from the Council of Social Agencies. The latter committee hit a wall of apathy, you might say.

From Areas and Their Relation to Crime—Have a committee run right up the street into another vested interest, the property owner. This one's loaded with dynamite boys.

Transferring and Crime: Prosecution. Mr. Clark's five grand jury present but invariably resumes its own shape.

Law Enforcement and Crime: We understand that an attempt will be made to expose the dozen or so local lawyers who are plotting for and supporting organized crime in Charlotte. Some attention might be given to the inefficiency of Superior Court and its Solicitor, John Carpenter. His pollensness is disgusting.

We have no doubt that the representatives to the Association of Civic Clubs know what they're bitten off. But we wonder if the 900 members of all ten clubs know what they have in their representatives on the Association?

For as long as the oldest charter member can remember, Charlotte civic clubs have avoided controversial issues scrupulously. They have gone about their business supporting the Red Cross and Community Chest, helping worthy causes, eating their lunches and singing some verse of "America."

Now, with an almost thrilling solemnity, the ten of them lined up in favor of a civic betterment program which would, if it were followed through, precipitate a series of politically ambiguous battles.

enough. As one member of an investigation committee pointed out Wednesday, most of the unhealthy conditions have been exposed and exposed until the public has come to accept many of them as inevitable.

Greetings To the Hon. Joe Martin While We Have His Ear

In the Hon. William Martin Jr., Representative in Congress from the Fourth Massachusetts District, minority leader of the House and chairman of the Republican National Committee, this city entertains Saturday a distinguished guest. Upon all his hosts there is imposed an obligation of mannerliness, the spirit of which we shall do our best not to violate.

To have a man like that in our midst is a rare pleasure. In fact, we would like to keep Mr. Martin here indefinitely. If we could keep him here indefinitely, and out of Washington, it would be at this immediate juncture, a great thing for the country. It might be enlightening for Mr. Martin.

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where, pray, does the Hon. Joe Martin stand on this policy? We can tell you where he stands.

He stands, with a sort of school boy exaggeration of the old fraternal spirit, against everything that the Democratic Administration proposes, without apparent regard for its merit or the consequences of opposing it.

Oh, yes! Guess he's gone and done it now. Our only excuse is that the state of the world and this country's place in it are critical enough to require plain statements of opinion. Regardless of the American boy murdered on the beach, had to send a big shot down this way, who couldn't they have pressed Wendell Willkie into service? He would have had so much more in common with our people, whatever their political label.

Aid To Anybody

Wherein We Side With the Communies, Again the Methodists

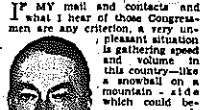
A year ago we had bet you a dime to a dollar that it would never happen. But happened it has. Here we are, on this aid to Russia thing, in full agreement with Bart Logan, the Daily Worker and the Communist Party, and plumb against the Western North Carolina Methodists, conferring in Winston-Salem the other day, didn't figure that taking a stand on aid to Russia was any of their business.

Not so, with: Comrade Logan and the Carolina Communists. Comrade L. declares in the latest issue of "The Bulletin," published in High Point: "The lives of the American boys murdered on the Kearny by a Nazi torpedo are being avenged at the gates of Moscow."

We feel this way about aid to Russia: If Hitler, having crushed everyone else, should turn against and murder himself, and if the right method of avenging against Old Ned, we would favor a strong aid-to-Hell policy.

'Let 'Em Do Without'

By Hugh S. Johnson



IF MY mail and contacts and what I hear about the Congressmen are any criterion, a most unpleasant situation is gathering speed and momentum in this country—like a mountain slide which could become an avalanche.

It isn't so much a protest against the so-called "priority" unemployment as it is of the arbitrary and unplanned nature of the defense restrictions themselves, but in some instances, will wipe out or tragically cripple all but the greatest business corporations in a country and impose burdens, not yet dimly dreamed on the entire civil population.

Rising prices, confederate taxes, with no end in sight, they can understand and appreciate the increasing denials to them of materials, transportation power with which to conduct their business, even on a skeleton basis, threaten a sentence of economic death—to them and many of their employees. This is much harder for anybody to understand, and the stern necessity of it is long and difficult to explain.

Blatantly Mr. Odium has been called in to "preserve the small businessman" by spreading defame orders. Anybody who knows anything about war production is aware that this is a worthy, but almost worthless gesture. So little subcontracting can produce a client result. So little by the bulk of these people—can't take defense business. They are not equipped for it. It is long and difficult task to change over a plant from one type of production to another.

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MR. ODUM HIMSELF IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. He has no experience in this type of industry or administration. No confidence has been shown in his ability to do the job. He is not equipped for it. It is long and difficult task to change over a plant from one type of production to another.

I don't know, but people who talk about "firer bullets" of war production, and the answer to the "necessitous" requirements of our civilian population except "let them do without" would do well to pay attention to this situation. Our country wants to do the best job it can.

Authors Should Distinguish

Tunisi Fact and Fancy

IT events things up when the newspaper book reviewers are compelled to say that they can't believe what you read in the books, and there is no difference between authors and all—confraternally in the press that part of the time they tell the truth and part of the time they are making things up.

The ugly side of his nature expressed itself in occasional outbursts so much afraid was he of eventual Italian bombing in Tunis that he had a dread dog out right under his study, in his close connection with Anatole De Monzie, a corrupt politician, and in his affected devotion to the "popular front." Over Russia he easily gave enthusiastic approval to the various plots; and, as captain of arms.

The Halloween Season in Europe



M. Labonne, Renegade

By Pertinax

WASHINGTON.—French diplomats all over the world were startled to hear the other day that one of their number, M. Labonne, headed the French anti-Bolshevik legion in the uniform of a German colonel and had sworn allegiance to the person of Hitler to the strains of the Horst Wessel Lied and the Marseillaise.

HE TURNED ON REGIME HE FATTERED. It is odd that his inborn opportunity should pit him today against the government he pampered and flattered so long.

With his stiff high collar of an obsolete pattern, his black coat, his twitching, his staccato voice, he had served in turn as secretary to the Moroccan proconsul, chief of the propaganda section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to Barcelona and high commissioner in Tunis.

Hitler Means To Destroy Japan

Anton Pettenkofer in New Asia

What is the fate which Japan and the rest of the colored nations have to face under the Nazi order? The Nazi doctrine provides an alternative for the treatment of the subjected nations: (a) slavery; (b) complete extermination. All dangerous colored nations, that is, those who have shown their military spirit by successful rebellion against the white domination and whose history is marked by a warlike terminology, are to be completely exterminated.

ARABS WERE. A close second are the Arabs, who have seriously threatened Europe in the past and we consider the Indians in Mexico, Bolivia and Peru, whose newly awakened nationalism is considered dangerous to the White Man's position in the significant part of the world. It is today precisely the Arabs and South American Indians on whom the Nazis are showing the true tokens of "true friendship" as on the Japanese. The other, the 400,000,000 East Indians, the 300,000,000 Chinese, and the Negroes in Africa are merely considered as "inferior races."

Side Glances

THE POWER MANIA OF THE FIVE WILD. This power mania of the Teuton goes wild is not of recent date; it is inherent in the German character to find special enjoyment and satisfaction in the destruction and subjugation of other nations.

Even in the world have shaped themselves just as General Hittler planned and determined them, early in his biography, since Hitler has some power in his hands. Europe now the Pacific powers have pursued a policy of their own.

ALL PACIFIC ARE THREATENED. Nations are threatened: the United States, Great Britain, Russia, China, India, and Japan.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT. Minute watchfulness is needed in character; too, catch us the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; these are in bloom—Romans 1:14.

Republican Enthusiasm

By Raymond Clapper



THE Administration now unexpectedly faces a delicate question of politics in the neutrality fight because some Republican Senators are ready to go farther and faster than some of the Administration.

It isn't a very serious problem, and if the Administration had been wiser to worry about it, it would be settling pretty loudly. Three aggressive Republican Senators—William Borah of Idaho, Charles McNary of Oregon, and Austin Vannoy of Vermont, the assistant Republican leader—have put in a bill for complete repeal of the Neutrality Act.

ROOSEVELT IS TAKING ONE STEP AT A TIME. This is exactly what the two captive Republicans in the Cabinet, Clegg and Blumson, have been urging for weeks. Secretary Ickes also knows it. President Roosevelt is waiting for revision only, for a chance to permit sailing of ships, which he wants done at once, and after that a change to permit American ships to go into belligerent ports. He was anxious for both changes at once but was persuaded by cautious advisers in the House to take it one step at a time.

Secretary of State Hull, while wanting both changes, is using compromise logic with doubt upon the proposition to repeal the whole act. The reason evidently is one of strategy, on the ground that an attempt to wipe out the whole so-called Neutrality Law would encounter more public opposition than the specific changes.

DEMOCRATS FEAR OBLIGATION TO GO. However, if Congress took the matter into its own hands and passed the Republican-sponsored measure, it is not likely that a single tear would be shed in the Administration. The chances are against such action because Democratic Senators do not want to find themselves suddenly indebted to Republicans for bringing about the thing they really desire. So we may find the strange situation of Democratic Senators who want to see the Neutrality Act repealed but are against such a proposition because it comes from the Republican side. It is a week after the Republican bill for neutrality Democrats, Pepper of Florida, Lee of Oklahoma and Green of Rhode Island, quickly introduced a limited repeal measure retaining the arms-control section. They are just as hostile to the Neutrality Act as the three repeal Republicans. But after all, you know it is the Democrats who are to keep the ball.

This is the first time the Democrats have been embarrassed by support from the Republican side and they don't quite know how to deal with it. They are like Mr. Roosevelt when they were first embarrassed by the introduction of supporting the foreign policy in the campaign. Mr. Roosevelt just went on calling the Republicans aggressors and acted as if his opponent was actually opposing his foreign policy. After the election, Mr. Roosevelt treated his defeated opponent like a Fifth Columnist, instead of bringing in the young fellow and sending him back for some of the heavy work around here.

GOOD POLITICS—BUT

NAD FOR THE COUNTRY

Thus we see suspicious partisanship on the Democratic side as we have seen it among so many Republicans who were ready to take any position once they were again Mr. Roosevelt was on the other side.

It may be good politics for the Administration to keep the Republicans as the party of appeasement and isolation. Mr. Roosevelt thought so in his last campaign. It is even better politics now because the isolationist cause has become so bedraggled that it can barely hold its head up. But it doesn't help the country. What Republicans are found who are willing, in spite of Mr. Roosevelt, to support his effort to protect the interests of the United States, their help should be all the more welcome because they are supporting the opposition party. This is a total war we are dealing with, and if we are going through with the program in mind, it will take both political parties to do it.

Senator Soaper Says

Try as he will, the Fuehrer is unable to endear himself to his captives. In the meantime, he has been ordered to keep his captives in the best possible conditions, if not, her love, to keep him, if not.

All advice point in the direction of the Fuehrer's being the fiercest since his "free silver" campaign.

The feminine span of life in America is now below that of the rest of the world. However, how years between 20 and 40 remain her best years.

Miss Nida and Hildred, Wisconsin, are spending the winter in Farmington with their son, Miss Queen Bess Kinnon.

Pipe The West—No! They're Westmen (Franklin Times)

Jack Healy was recently seen going into an office with the pipe smoking. Wonder if this is a part of the equipment for traveling or living well.

Visitin' Around

How'd They Find Easer And His Water Balloon? (Concord Tribune)

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