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Liquor License

Under Prohibition It's Called A Fine, but What's the Diff?

Evidence to support the statement that prohibition is not another system of dispensing liquor with correspondence to a license to do business, is to be found in the case history of a man who was tried in County Recorder's Court the other day. His name is immaterial, for his counterpart in this dry community are numerous.

Here is his record over the last two years, the violation in each case being of the State's Burlington, or little Volstead, Act:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows include Nov. 1, 1939 (\$ 5 and costs), May 1, 1940 (25 and costs), May 2, 1940 (25 and costs), May 10, 1940 (20 and costs), Feb. 15, 1941 (20 and costs), May 21, 1941 (100 and costs), and Aug. 15, 1941 (150 and costs).

The license fees which this liquor merchant has to pay have been going up, like every tradesman's taxes. His receipts showing fines and costs paid are no assurance that he will not have to pay further fines and costs, but the profit made by the merchant, also out of the chronic offender would try his hand at some legitimate enterprise.

Whatever difference there is between licensing dealers in legal liquor and fining those who are caught yielding it illegally is in favor of the legal method, at least the State is allowed some say-as-to who shall be authorized, under its own regulation, to deal in this controversial commodity.

One Of Three

UAW's Anti-Red Resolution Calls Forth Strong Dissent

The UAW-CIO, after much bickering, finally put through an anti-Communist resolution. As for clamoring out the Communists in this enormous auto workers' union, the practical effect of the convention's action is yet to be determined. As a statement of principle, this resolution is of some importance in its own right.

In the phrasing of the resolution, however, and in the vote by which it was adopted are indications that the taint of Communism in this union is a reality rather than a bugaboo. Only officers are forbidden to belong to or to be subservient to the Communist Party (as well as to Nazi and Fascist organizations which are somewhat beside the point at issue). But on the membership at large there are no restrictions.

Furthermore, while 1,950 delegates to the convention voted in favor of the anti-Communist resolution, 920 delegates voted against it. How much of that negative vote was due to a preference for one of the other resolutions introduced or to a belief that this resolution did not go far enough, there is no way of knowing. At any rate, the resolution was voted in favor of the resolution, one vote was cast against it.

The Cage

Can a People Be Eternally Conditioned to Captivity?

Officials at the St. Louis zoo thought they were doing Petie a favor. They took him and two other apes out of their cages and let them free on a nearby island. Everyone expected Petie to be overwhelmed with happiness. After all, those years in a cage, he was free again!

Next day they found out how mistaken they were. When the zoo boat came over to the island to bring Petie his breakfast, the whimpering little ape crawled aboard and begged to be taken back to his cage. And the next day, it is always the same. Petie won't be happy until he's behind bars again. Psychologists would say that he'd been conditioned to the environment of the cage; any change was sure to make him unhappy.

Somewhere in this, we allow, there is a moral that concerns the subject peoples of Europe and Asia, and Africa. How long will the French, the Danes, the Norwegians, the Czechs hold out before they, too, become as hopelessly conditioned to the cage as the nameless apes of China? Whose soul will die today, and whose held fast by a tortured mind? Whirlwind is the one finger, and the heavy by the Gestapo's oppressor? The answer, we feel, lies in the essential difference between man and ape.

ter how they are used and degraded, cannot be deprived of the single spark which, surrounded with the tinder of unity, will ignite the flame we call freedom. Unless there is such a spark, man is a deluded, hopeless beast who deserves nothing better than a cage fashioned by his fellows.

Eight Points

How Often Must They Be Only Campaign Promises?

To destroy . . . and to build. These, we are told, are the twin objectives agreed upon and discussed by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at their mid-Atlantic conference yesterday. Utterly and finally to destroy the "Nazi tyranny," and to build thereafter a "better world." It was further agreed that the destruction of Nazism must be accomplished before the building of a better world can begin.

Any blueprint for the better world, whether outlined in eight points or in fourteen, is worth no more than a campaign promise until the victory is won. Even after the enemy is vanquished, President Wilson discovered, these campaign promises are subject to the most unexpected amendments both by your allies and by your own countrymen. When Clemenceau and the American Congress finished having their will on Wilson's Fourteen Points, there were just enough of them left to make it possible later for Hitler to mesmerize Germany and subjugate a confused Continent.

The Roosevelt-Churchill eight points are high-sounding. They represent what the peoples of the world have always wanted, have often been promised, and have seldom had. Disarmament, peace, economic security, the right of peoples to choose their own form of government, freedom of trade and of the seas—these are shining goals toward which men have been reaching for centuries.

Man's desire for these things have been promised—often, always, it seems, but never a price. First there is a great menace to be dealt with. Then, with that ordeal past, all of these rewards will be available for the taking. And then, after the price is paid, the victory won, it begins to appear that there must be a choice between principles and vengeance. Few nations have been able to turn their backs on vengeance.

President Roosevelt placed himself in double jeopardy when he undertook the joint eight-point war aims agreement. He not only put his post-war policies on record, he became a full partner with Churchill in a war to destroy Nazism. He did so on the day after the House of Representatives came within a single vote of virtually disbanding the United States Army. We wonder how much confidence Mr. Churchill can put in himself to place in the assurance of a man whose commitments could at any time be nullified by a short-sighted, partisan Congress.

This is not to suggest that Congress be stripped of the power to veto President Roosevelt's commitments to foreign powers. It was put there for a good reason. We mention it only in pointing out that Mr. Roosevelt's real battles must be won not only in Europe and Washington, but first of all in Congress. He must win and lead, and inspire such a public understanding of his objectives that Congress will be obliged to back him up. Otherwise, like President Wilson, his reach will exceed his grasp.

It is unnecessary to fool all of the people, but the totalitarian leader considers it safer.

So numerous are Federal employees in Washington, that they paydays are to be staggered. As for the little man who pays for all this, he, too, is reeling.

One observer believes the shooting will be over before Winter. November was the best time for ending World Wars—and a "V" month, at that.

A dilettant in hard-pressed Britain commends seaweed as a healthful article of food, combining as it does the several advantages of spinach and salt air.

Russian Rumor

By Hugh S. Johnson

THE substance and accuracy of the following column is guaranteed. Most of it seems reasonable and in accordance with such facts as are known, although it is hardly credit some of it. The only thing I can say with confidence is that it is a fair consensus of our active professional military experts in Washington.

Much of it they don't know and 1941 was over but they have more to say on than we newspaper libtizers.

In addition, quite recently, some unquestionable information in a report coming through from military officers abroad in our own or other services. Piecing it all together, the result, for all it is worth, is something like this.

THE LATEST DOG-HOUSE HUMOR ABOUT GOERING

The recent rumor that Goering is in the dog-house is entirely unfounded as is the explanation that he and the rest, opposed the great Russian adventure or that the latter has been dogged down.

The truth, according to these reports, is that if anybody is in the dog-house, it is the Hitler himself. The professional soldiers insisted that Goering could not risk further setbacks in the east, and that the powerful Russian Army on its flank and rear. They also argued that Hitler was playing a very carefully planned and carefully force before making another move.

The professional view was adopted. Hitler's position is entirely untenable to do with the campaign. The soldiers are the best judges of this. That certainly sounds reasonable.

The next important assertion is that while it is the Hitler himself, it is three to six weeks delayed campaign—has been shown up, then a merely spectacular sample, not greatly relied upon by the general staff.

IF PLAN A FAILED, THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN would be a disaster. If it worked by some spectacular break-through such as that in France, so much the better, but the possibility of a disaster was never forgotten and plan and schedule B were not to be in the event of a disaster.

Plan B is said to be ahead of schedule and it is beginning to be clear that the communiques of the German High Command are more accurate and timely than those of Russia.

While all this and with less circumstance of verily and more conjecture is a question of whether or not the military situation is really as serious as the German High Command says it is.

Whether it is first to liquidate the Communist Party and then to set certain mining, agricultural, petroleum and industrial areas and in the havoc of defeat, destruction and disorganization, take its course elsewhere on Russian political front.

Well there it is. As I began by saying, I can't vouch for it but it is an opinion of our active professional military experts in Washington. It might bring in, right a carrier and so on.

One Thing Worse Than Being Disturbed

The New Yorker

At the Easter Hotel in Cleveland who was staying in the morning are faced with a dilemma. They can run the risk of being disturbed by the chambermaid or they can hang outside their bedroom a large green card with the words "No Stay in Room—A Bye Land."

Siamese Twins



Letters to the Editor: Catholic Politics (Cont.)

Editors, The News:

Replying to a letter from Mrs. K. V. Crowe who seemed to think it was out of order in criticizing Catholic Archbishop Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, for his pro-Hitler and anti-Semitic attitude, I am glad to hear that Mrs. Crowe that the Archbishop is criticized to his opinions and to the free and public expression of them. What I do condemn is his using his position in the Catholic Church as a sounding board to his political opinions.

I also strenuously object to the use of quotations from Cardinal O'Connell. And it seems strange to me that if the dean of the Church in America were not in sympathy with this Beckman, he has not repudiated the Archbishop's use of his name and prestige on behalf of Hitler.

I further strenuously object to the Catholic Church as an institution giving aid and comfort to the enemies of America by not curbing or publicly censuring such rabid rabble rousers as Beckman and Coughlin and permitting them to carry on subversive activities under the protection of the priesthood.

I know Catholics are as good Christians as those of other religions and I believe that Catholics are as patriotic Americans, but the efforts of certain Catholics to lead the Government leaders to harbor the Government and to turn the Catholic hierarchy toward un-American activities is a pretty annoying to a lot of plain Americans, who have never before held any animosity toward or prejudice against the Catholic Church. And it is being the enemies of the church who have always accused the Catholic Church of plotting world domination in a pretty convincing argument, too.

I disagree heartily with Mrs. Crowe's feeling that it does not matter if the Catholic Church paid for the Archbishop's commands to his fellow Catholics to try to thwart the expressed will of the majority of Americans. If the church is to be a part of the life of the American people, it should know so that they can recognize the church as an enemy, along with the Bund, Silver Shirts, Ku Klux Klan, etc. If not, the church should raise itself of the majority. I quite agree with Mrs. Crowe that it is time for prayer. But we need a darn sight more than prayer. The Catholic countries of

One Person's Idea Of a "True American"

Editors, The News:

If I may express to you my idea of this true American, "with four of non-human forms of life, only his need makes the sacred spot. But, with the faith of his fellow men, the truth is sacred and his need is not."

Sparta, Ill.—MARY A. GRANT

Gerald Nye, Anti-Semite

By Dr. John H. Sherman

DUNCAN FARR, President of the Anti-Semite League, wrote in South Kansas that the publicity of American preliminary to Congress would cause the assassination of the Jewish people. He particularly mentioned the probable power of a propaganda campaign of race hatred among us.

On Friday, August 1, 1941, the "American First Committee" threw off the last shroud of disguise (except its misleading name) as it presented itself to the howling mob in St. Louis. The crowd mobbed at every alar upon American foreign policy, cheered reference to democratic non-success, and particularly about approval of Nye's principal effort of the evening.

NYE'S TITLE WOULD DISGRACE THE UPPER HOUSE

It would be wrong to use Nye's official title here, because that principal shroud was so low and un-American as to be a disgrace to the Senate of the United States of any Senator.

His principal effort of the evening was a Hitlerian attack upon the American Jews. Deliberately, adroitly, with every trick of timing and inflection of voice, Nye accused the motion picture industry of fostering pro-British sentiment, and then called for the names associated with the motion picture industry, doubly exaggerating their most Hebraic-sounding syllables, with pauses to encourage his inflamed hearers to shout and hiss.

He did not use a complete list, which would have included many honored Gentiles. Nor did he mention the fact that some of our best and most convincing motion picture appeals for peace have been produced by the men he named.

HE ATTACKED NOT MOVIES BUT THE JEWISH RACE

His attack thus was not truly an attack on the motion picture industry as such, and not an attack on war advocates within the industry, but merely an attack upon Jews because they were Jews, in typical Nazi style.

Any person who has doubted that the "American First Committee" has a definite place and part in the Hitler campaign to disrupt America must surely have found the full answer in the Nye speech. That un-American appeal to anti-Semitic prejudice was in the pattern of Goebbels' anti-Semitic speech, calculated to do maximum damage to the internal peace of our American people.

That is exactly what Hitler, sixteen years ago, promised to accomplish among us.

"P" Stands For Presumption

The New Yorker

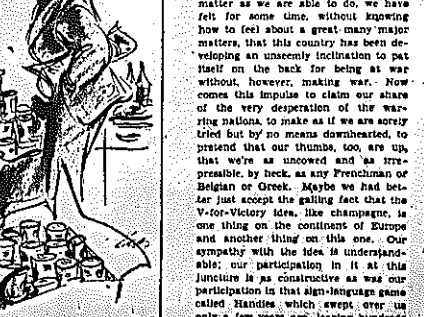
V stood for Victory last week in the occupied, but not altogether conquered countries of Europe, and we are very much afraid that in this free and often easy country P stood for Presumption. This, we feel, is a domestic affair which may fitly be discussed in public, presumptuousness being aggressive that suggests immaturity rather than ill-breeding, bad judgment rather than black heart. V stood for Victory where men and women were not in a position to alter the whole world out loud, where people could do nothing more aggressive than try surreptitiously to let the invader know that their spirits, at least, were unconquerable. V stood for Victory where every man painting it on a wall at midnight might expect to be whipped or shot if caught. But this continent's brave symbolism all too readily became another's silly faddalism. It was "smart," our newspapers said, to wear the V badge, to wave the two fingers at you as they beat out the Morse code of V in restaurants and cafes. PX came out flat-footed and printed a handsome V on the front page, urging its readers to "cut it out and paste it on the window of your motor car." There was a great deal of thing was going on, V stood for Vulgarization.

To put as fine a point on this minor matter as we are able to do, we have felt for some time, without knowing how to feel about it, that the V was a matter, that this country has been developing an unhealthy inclination to pat itself on the back for being as war without, however, making war. Now comes this impulse to claim our share of the very despotic, more aggressive nations, to make as if we are sorry tried but by no means demoralized, to present that our thumbs, too, are up, that we're as unconquered and as irresponsible by back as any French, Belgian or Greek. Maybe we had better just accept the galling fact that the V-for-Victory idea, like champagne, is one thing on the continent of Europe and another thing on this one. Our sympathy with that idea is un-American; our participation in it at this juncture is as constructive as was our participation in that sign-language game called Handies which awakens, ever, only a few years ago, leaving hundreds of thousands somewhat hurt and crazed in the heads than they had ever been.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Be assured in your nearness to God: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.—Psalm 27:1.

Side Glances



THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

- No. 1—An Uptown Theater-Auditorium
No. 2—A Separate Court District
No. 3—An Uptown Rest Room
No. 4—Street-Widening

"Think what a saving, dear! I got a can opener and one"