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Tanker Routes

Limiting Helps, but Eliminating Ought to Follow in Time

There's no assurance that the City Council is going to pass on final reading the gasoline tank-truck ordinance it put through two readings at its meeting Wednesday.

He didn't want the ordinance passed and made effective until the oil dealers had a chance to be heard, and we reckon that's far enough provided the Council keeps reminding itself that in this regulation there's a clash between public safety and private interest.

The ordinance in its present form contains a number of provisions which would limit the number of tank trucks to be used in the city.

Some of those streets, however, are lined with old frame residences. A ban on a tank truck in such areas would be the very devil to pay.

It would be far-wisdom on the City Council's part were it to accompany this ordinance regulating the movement of tank trucks with another to forbid the establishment of any more bulk plants within the city except by special ordinance with the express permission of the proper authorities.

Gloves Off

British Turn to Rule of An Eye for an Eye

The delayed action bomb which fell on Buckingham Palace and exploded Tuesday was probably the straw which broke the camel's back and decided the British to indulge, on their own account, in some "accidents" with the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, etc., in Berlin.

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Dark Shadow

Sabotage or Not, Kennel Reminds Us of Danger

The management of the Kravill powder factory denies the suspicion of sabotage and it is a fact, of course, that the manufacture of high explosives is inevitably attended with danger of explosion.

month. It is inevitable that sabotage should pop into the minds of many people who are not given to hysteria.

What is certainly indicated is a far more searching and rigid investigation into the background of employees in such places as the Kravill plant.

Rival Gambles

Italy, As Well As Hitler, Feels the Squeeze of Time

If Italy has actually begun her long-heralded invasion of Egypt, it is one more indication that the counsel of desperation has taken control of Axis strategy.

It is certain in any position to undertake the conquest of Egypt and cutting through to Suez.

Yet he cannot afford still in Libya, either. For that simply means the commutation of his supplies and the vital oil of water, which must be fetched from Italy.

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Maine Returns

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—The Maine election results are by no means a conclusive indication of what is going to happen in the Presidential election.

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By Herblock



Letters to the Editor: Dialogue on Indispensables

Dear Sir:

I hear much talk of the "indispensable man" these days. Quite naturally my mind wanders to foreign countries, Russia, Spain, Italy, Mussolini, Germany, Hitler.

"Wake up," I am told, "How are you going to defend yourself and prepare yourself fully, if you don't get your mind on the principles?"

"How I get what you mean," you are telling me in the past few greater and has done more for America than Franklin, Marshall, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Moore, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge or Hoover.

"You mean he is really bigger than Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Adams, Jackson, Buren, Harrison, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge or Hoover."

"Don't talk foolish. Those men were all good in their times, but this is 1940. The country is faced with an emergency. We haven't time to think about tradition or precedent. What do your amount to now?"

He War Between the States, through many trials and tribulations, came right on through the last war and on the brink of another today.

"Yes, my friend, I believe in an indispensable man; but he doesn't sit on the White House or the in his throne and the earth is his footstool. God is the only indispensable person in America needs today or ever did to save us from this world and bloody mess now, in 25 years hence or finally at the end. God forbid that we should place our final destiny as a nation in any mortal man's hands, with-out restraint, any more than we would look to anyone but Him for final light and direction as an individual."

"I am sure you are right," you are telling me in the past few greater and has done more for America than Franklin, Marshall, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Moore, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge or Hoover.

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Mongoose and Boa

By William L. White

NEW YORK—Now what's been happening in Finland? Are the Russians going to move in?

"The Finns will fight if they do, and the Russians know the reason why. Maybe the Russians won't," said the man who has just come from Finland.

"But how can they fight?" "The Finns think they can fight better than they did the last time."

"With what? They lost the Mannerheim Line fortifications in the peace treaty."

"With plenty of things. They withdrew their army intact and all its equipment, which was more than the British could do at Dunkerque. They started out in the last war with nearly 200 planes—they got about 500 now."

RUSSIANS SEEK TO AVOID A FIGHT? "But how can they fight without the Mannerheim Line?"

"Finns can fight without anything. But here is how they explain it. They never taken—it was outflanked. By Russia tanks an inferior coming over rather than fight. And because the Russians know they will win, they're trying it the other way—from behind."

"Only suppose it did?" "They see what happened to the little Baltic countries who lay down and took it—Estonia and Lithuania who believed Russian promises or preferred to pretend to believe them rather than fight. And because the Russians know they will win, they're trying it the other way—from behind."

RED AGENTS WIN LITTLE SUPPORT "With any luck?" "No, except for what they can buy. They've managed to purchase about 200 agents within the country—flat salary and expenses—the Finnish secret service knows all about it. These guys are always raising hell—getting up on soap boxes trying to start street riots—you know the kind of stuff?"

"What can the Finns do about it?" "Not much directly. Because the Russian Ambassador's been stepping in. In most countries that's what happens to local Communists: no concern of the Russian Government. But in Finland they're in a position to put on the screws. They protest that the Finnish Government is denying these worthless Finnish citizens their normal rights of peaceful assembly."

FINNS HIT BACK WHENEVER THEY CAN "Have the Communists any real following in Finland?" "Practically nothing that they don't buy. Outside of a handful of smart boys who think the Russian Army is coming in soon anyway, and maybe it would be allowed to get around on the power side. You always find a few of those in any country."

"Are the Finns taking all this lying down?" "No. When they make that speech, the Finns hit the label next to them—'The Finns always counter'."

"So they're the whole country's in a tight spot?" "Terribly. Everything depends on what happens south of them. They know it, but they're going ahead rebuilding their country anyway, on the off chance that they will be allowed to keep it."

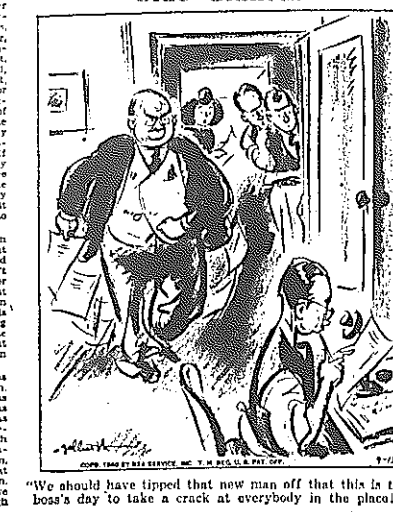
Glomy Mood Dave Sink, Lexington Dispatch Nothing could be lower than a Fall morning in Carolina—such as we had this very morning!

Let Alex Corn, who is suffering with one of those late Summer colds doesn't think so. "Maw a m'm," he merrily declared, "has that and not felt half as bad as I do this morning."

New Model Nash (Loray Item, Statesville Daily) Mr. and Mrs. Marion Nash have a young daughter born in Atlanta, Ga. Meet B. Patrick Colles (Reel 1 Item, Lumberton Robesonian) Ingram Collins was on his way last week after the cow. He found and killed 25 cotton-tail rabbits at a nearby briar at his home.

Outdoor Sports (Coker Hill Item, Morganton News-Herald) The past week has been a very busy one for the people of this community. Parties, the cream apples, visiting and wild-gingling have been the main activities.

Side Glances



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