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Same Old YD's

They Dared To Have an Impulse
But Discreetly Throttled It

The Young Democrats were strictly in character in refusing to present at the Winston-Salem convention a resolution, sought by some daring members, to censure Bob Reynolds' failure to support the Administration's foreign policy.

Foreign policy, of course, is the all-important, transcendent issue of the hour. On it our very lives depend. Furthermore, sentiment in North Carolina is so overwhelmingly in support of the President and against Bob Reynolds that the Young Democrats would have been assured of the popularity of the attitude which they refused to strike. But they wouldn't do it, no, sir. Discretion suppressed the valorous impulse.

The Young Democrats, as has been frequently pointed out in these columns, is a youth movement that isn't going anywhere. Key to this inertia is the organization's policy of talking no stand in intra-party matters, of remaining passive in primaries, and throwing its weight into the fray only when some unwary Republican goes through the motions of running against a Democrat.

They pile on, that is, after the whistle has blown, then appear most conspicuously proud of themselves and look to their elders in the party for approval—expressed, if you please, in the form of a connection on some public pay roll.

Army Pay

Vermont Steps Up and Lays
An Alliance on the Line

There has been much talk about how our soldiers and sailors deserve pay increases. The New York newspaper PM has been conducting an all-out campaign to that end. In much military language so have Ambassador Josephus Daniels and numerous members of Congress.

Even the Communist Party, which a little more than three months ago was accusing President Frank Graham of being a warmonger because he favored aid to Britain, has seized upon the idea. Comrade Bart Logan, mouthpiece and front for the Communists in the Carolinas, demands, in his latest mimeographed bulletin, more money for the underpaid men in uniform.

But all this talk. Here comes the lily white state of Vermont with action. This week the Vermont legislature voted to pay every one of her sons in the armed forces a monthly bonus of \$10, appropriating \$500,000 to foot the bill. Henceforward, Vermont's selected soldiers have something to jingle in their army jeans beside the good intentions of their well-wishers.

Wreck Fans

Charlotteans Can't Resist
Following the Ambulance

An ambulance roared out South Tryon Street yesterday afternoon, siren going full blast. The man who had been sitting on his porch, reading his paper and leaning to his own business, looked up. The youngsters passing a football in the front yard stopped playing and pointed.

We should prefer to report that, as the screams of the siren faded away, the man calmly resumed his reading and that the children went back to their play.

But no. The man jumped out of his rocker and yelled to the oldest boy: "Hey, get the car! Let's go to the wreck!"

Whereupon the car was fetched, the whole family deserted its peaceful and safe domicile, piled into the family car and went speeding off after the ambulance.

The motives behind this decision are easily deduced. When our impetuous citizen rose and invited his family to go with him on a little ambulance-chasing expedition, he was doing what dozens of other well-to-do and intelligent Charlotteans habitually undertake. Here it was late Sunday afternoon; he was reading the comic section for a second time and without knowing it, getting a little bored. The wall of the siren came to break the monotony and to offer him a chance for excitement. A little morbidly was involved also: the opportunity to see smashed, blood-spattered cars and, if he were fortunate, to see them

loading shattered bodies into the ambulance, and did not like to think about following the ambulance. When the siren screamed, whether he knew it or not, he'd already made up his mind.

So he started to the wreck. And if luck was with him he got there. Probably just in time to see a wrecker haul away the last of the wrecked cars. He wanted to stop and talk over the wreck with some of the two or three hundred other persons who had gathered at the scene and who knew just exactly what had happened. The police were already trying to break the traffic jam on the highway. They wouldn't let him stop. But he saw black lines on the pavement and pointed them out to the kids. "That's where he skidded; must be bad and he was wrecked!"

And if his luck was still good, he got his family safely home again. Or, perhaps, it was his time to be one of the principals in Charlotte's popular pastime, the automobile wreck (daily and Sunday, no admission, spectators assemble at their own risk).

French Tradition

Pétain Wants It Followed
—As He Interprets It

"It is not in French tradition," says Pétain, "to attack soldiers in the dark while they are doing their duty."

This remark is intended to dissuade Pétain's countrymen from stabbing, shooting, or bombing the poor, defenseless Nazi troops who have occupied half of France and imposed a regime of blood, loot, and terror upon the whole French nation.

If Pétain were available for questioning, one would be tempted to ask him to define the exact principles of "French tradition."

Is it foul treachery in high places—the betrayal of whole armies to the enemy in order to slake the lust for power of a few Iscariots like Darian Lavagay?

Is it "French tradition" not only to surrender to the enemy but to join forces with him against a former ally?

Is it "French tradition" to lay to children slowly dying from hunger, "Hush, it is un-French to cry for bread?"

Perhaps we are not as familiar with "French tradition" as Pétain, but we find it difficult to overlook the prominent part in the history of France played by the guillotine. The French people, lacking such complicated and formal machines for execution, must rely upon more primitive weapons in dealing with their contemporary despots.

Prophets

Two Anonymous Senators Make
An Amazing Observation

It must be great to be a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to have "secret sources of information" that you cannot divulge, and to make brilliant predictions about what is going to happen in Germany and Russia. It appears that you don't even have to authorize publication of your name to get your prophecies printed.

Today, for instance, two Senate Foreign Relations Committee members make a particularly trenchant observation. They declare, recklessly and without permitting their names to be used, that "the outcome of the present all-out drive for a decision in Russia will decide whether the Nazis will have to sue for peace in six months or whether they will be in a position to wage a long war."

One of the anonymous Senators said "his information" indicated that the German forces were trying to cut the Red Army to pieces before Winter sets in.

The other says the State Department believes that the present German drive will mark "the turning point" in the war.

What swift deduction is indicated by these exact observations? What instantaneous understanding of the situation! Amazing!

It should be comforting to every American to realize that his Senators are at least getting down to bed-rock. In fact, one would almost suspect that in spite of their arduous labors, this pair of anonymous Senators has found time to read a newspaper. If this is true, it is perfectly obvious why they wouldn't want their names disclosed.

To have tires, the word goes forth, "drive slow." Though hard on the rubber, they say.

Reproof On Her Lip, But A Smile In Her Eye.—SAMUEL LOVER.

The Bill Must Pass

By Hugh S. Johnson

IT IS not as a spectacular as some of the other hearings and discussions in Washington—such as the tax bill with its "economic warfare" clause or the appropriation of more billions for Lend-Lease and National Defense—but nothing is of more importance to you and me—just a couple of ordinary guys—than the hearings before the Banking and Currency Committee on the Price Control Bill.

When Mr. H. M. Baugh testified, the bill was bad because it exempted farm products up to ten per cent of "parity" because it exempted wage control altogether and above all because it does not attempt to control all prices and does not tie up price control with the other necessary war controls—priorities, rationing, conservation, substitution and increased production. One without all operating together is sure to fail. All the rest, even if operating together, without some of the other essential price control and priorities—cannot possibly do the job.

HENDERSON'S TESTIMONY

WAS DOCUMENTED
The bill presents all these faults. I have read every one of the tens of thousands of pages of the testimony, especially that of Mr. Louis Henderson, the principal witness for the bill. His presentation of the necessity for price control was carefully documented with the figures indicating the certain approach of inflation, the experience of this and all other countries in this way and the last, and not the least, the necessity of price control as the only escape. The showing was overwhelming and, so far as I can see, unanswerable.

Still Mr. Henderson supported the bill with all its fatal faults. That part of his testimony wasn't so convincing. On the question of 10 per cent of parity as the lowest allowable ceiling over farm prices, there were indications that he had not written that part of the bill and he did not support it. He simply referred the question to the chairman of the committee, Mr. Starnes, who apparently had no objection.

All of his documentary evidence and most of his oral testimony showed that you cannot prevent inflation or have any control without wage control. When cross-examined about the consistency of this part of his testimony with the bill itself, he said that the bill was assigned by the President to the chairman of the committee, Mr. Starnes, and that he was not up to him to testify his associate's belief.

BILL IS LEFT WIDE OPEN TO ATTACK

That is commendable. Organizational loyalty but it completely evades a vital question and leaves the bill wide open to attack. It is a dead-end alley. It may be and probably is true that the administration of price and wage stabilization should be in different hands but both should be part of the same bill and guided by a single brain. If they don't move there is no hope for a single purpose in the effort.

As to where failure to act against inflation prices will hit the man in the street, Mr. Baugh testified: "Many members of Congress have said that the size of Government expenditure has been urging economies in the size of the nation's economy. I say to them that the only way to prevent inflation is to prevent Government expenditure. If all appropriations can be saved, there is no better form of economy than that price control. He pointed out that price inflation would hit the pocketbooks of rich and poor alike with indisputable accuracy—perhaps up to 50 per cent of income—especially unbearable to the poor, to white collar people and Social Security beneficiaries.

HAD AS IT IS

IT MUST BE PASSED
I know the answer to these arguments. This bill simply must be passed in its present form in the interest of the nation. Another attempt to delay or hurt it is a betrayal of the nation. Henderson as being unfit to administer it. This column can only repeat what it has said before, after Mr. Henderson and at least some knowledge of Government and what goes on in Washington, he is, I think, in every way fit and far better equipped for this job than any man I know in America.

Sounds Like a Pleasant Place

Billy Author in
Oswald County News & Views
One of the sergeants down at Hix's day they were like Camp Davis.
"Swamp Davis," he corrected the questioner, "is the only place on God's green earth that you can stand knee deep in mud and have dirt blow in your face."

The QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

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

"You Fellows Come Across Any Wheat Yet?"

—By Herblock



Letters to the Editor:

"Too Dumb Not To Fight"

Editors, The News:

There seems to be no limit to how far some mind-minded Americans will go in their efforts to keep us off Hitler—until he gets ready for us. Now and then a Southerner will attribute the martial spirit of the South to ignorance. In their attempts to label righteous indignation as war mongering, like some indecent birds, they will belittle their own. That most Southerners advocate resisting Hitler when, how and where it will hurt him the most—even at the risk of getting hurt themselves—is attributed by these Reluctant Dragons to ill-erect.

Such perversion of logical deduction is worthy of a Goebbels. According to the reasoning of these peace-at-any-price literates, readily bays cowardice, and only the intelligent value of anything above their own skins.

But let us not argue with these sophistates who deplore the fighting spirit of their own people. Those of us who are so benighted as to prefer to fight, rather than to live in peace in a Nazi dominated world, must remain unlighted. No amount of education will ever enable us to abate our hate for Hitler. No compromise of the Nazi ideal ever came to us to curb our warlike spirit.

Let us remain unlettered and bellicose rather than learned and half-minded. To the illiterate Southerners let peace be proffered by Hitler is not worth their birthright of liberty.

Let us not be too dewy-eyed if our deprecators find a danger in our undisciplined minus the desire to kill the Nazi beast. Persuade them that they will bring the ignorance that makes us unafraid. If I were an European child fleeing from the Hitler scourge, I would rather have one ignorant Russian soldier protecting me than a hundred effie Niche Frenchmen. If I were an American woman shrinking from the fearful gaze of an invading Hun, I would rather have one illiterate Southern soldier defending me than a thousand over-cultured Hitler appeasers.

If enlightenment means the acquiescence of Nazism, then I pray God the people of the South remain forever dumb.
—LEWIS A. SMITH,
1700 East Boulevard,
Charlotte.

"From Within The United States"

Editors, The News:
"From Within The United States" Within the United States the above phrase is quoted from your editorial in Saturday's News (Saturday, Sept. 14) wherein you

state that you suspect "the German leaders are counting on strong support from within the United States" and speak of the co-operation they expect from Senators and Representatives, etc., etc.

You are right. And I believe the majority of your readers will also agree with you. Jeopardies of their plans, motivations, loyalties, the fact remains that every time certain belatedly attack their President and the Government, certain Nazi, Spanish and Italian newspapers loudly applaud these "distinguished Americans." But when the President speaks, he is reviled, sneered at, called a liar and traitor—names what other vile names their vocabulary may boast.

Yes, the "Big Three" and their yapping satellites run with a disreputable crowd these days. All one has to do to be convinced of this is to listen to the boos and hisses directed against the President when a Lincolnton, a Wheeler or a Nye addressing an "America First" crowd, delivers a below-the-belt blow designed to poison the alleged minds of these self-styled "patriots," against the Chief Executive and the Government.

Then Nye, the utter of racial hatred, drums up a Senate subcommittee to investigate the motion picture industry. Because—famous—certain pictures portraying the Nazi ideal are in the opinion of Gerald P. Nye, "war propaganda."

Dorothy Thompson sounds a warning we Americans should by all means heed in her column in today's words: "The vicious and determined minority in Germany succeeded in banning the picture 'All Quiet on the Western Front' and they succeeded. Says Miss Thompson: 'One year later, there was not a scrap of any sort of civil liberty left in Germany.' Then Miss Thompson warns that there is grave danger that our liberties to speak freely, to portray the truth in pictures, etc. are also being jeopardized. If we

Americans allow this "pandemoniac little clique in the Senate" to carry out their Nazi-parallel designs to muzzle the motion picture industry, the only article in today's paper, that give food for thought. We read with disgust and alarm in Drew Pearson and Robert Allen's "Merry-Go-Round" that "investigation reveals how German agents use members of Congress for their own sinister purposes. God pity us, here in America, if we have reached such a pass."

The Oswald Mosleys of Britain now languish behind bars. How much longer will those of our own country be allowed to do their dirty work?
—VIRGIL C. HENDRICKS,
Dallas.

She Promptly Forgot About It

The New Yorker
An average little housewife of Springfield, Mass., was patting down her house one fine morning when the telephone rang. It was Western Union, with a telegram from Seattle. "I will give you the message," said Western Union. "What," Code B. 1208, 6042, 3400, 1224, confirm disposition?" "What?" said the housewife. "Just this residence of Mr. —" asked Western Union, doubtfully. The lady said no, it wasn't. "In that case, you may ignore the message, Madam," Western Union said.

TODAY'S RULE THOUGHT

God sometimes overrules man's madness; pray for peace in the hearts of all men: Except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved but for the elect's sake those days should be shortened.—Matt. 24:22.

Side Glances



"Mothers make an awful fuss over nothing! Little Stanley's starting to school today, but you'd think he was going to the North Pole or some place!"

Price Of Victory

By Raymond Clapper

LAST WINTER Congress appropriated seven billion dollars for Lend-Lease supplies. Now President Roosevelt asks for six billions more. That makes a total of thirteen billion dollars. It is almost exactly the sum that the Federal Government expects to collect in taxes during the coming year under the unprecedentedly high rates.

Evidently there is no longer much serious question as to the advisability of the Lend-Lease policy as such. Congress approved the policy after long hearings and debate. There is every indication it has met with growing approval on the part of the country. Former isolationists are swinging around to the conviction that it is very much in our interest to see Hitler defeated. Senator Capper, the old reliable westwarder from bleeding Kansas, has shifted. One of the most volatile critics in the House, Representative Duggan of Illinois, came to have walked out on the Chicago Tribune. Herbert Hoover is working his way around to a more tenable position, and said in his speech this week that we must give the tools of defense to the democracies.

And now we have the most significant development of all, the action of the American Legion national convention in planning itself firmly behind President Roosevelt and even pushing him toward outright repeal of the Neutrality Act. Colonel Lindbergh and the crackpot letter writers are still busy but they are beginning to sound like lone drummers.

The question now is whether to make this Lend-Lease policy as strong and effective as we can make it or whether to starve it.

LEASE-LEND IS CUT VERY EFFECTIVE

It has not as yet been very effective. After six months we have laid down only \$190,000,000 in materials to those fighting Hitler, a trivial amount compared with the seven billion dollars available. We cannot send faster than we produce, but we have not sent as much food as we might have sent. The new Lend-Lease report allocates \$1,875,000,000 for agricultural, industrial and other commodities and articles. Food and agricultural commodities are a vital as arms. As the flow of goods enlarges, more shipping will be needed. In other words the whole stream will enlarge as time goes on.

In these matters it is better to overestimate the need than to underestimate it. Still further expansion of capacity will be required, and the assurance of orders is needed far in advance. Originally the army was opposed to pulling an unduly heavy weight of supplies on the back of industry. The usual figure of speech was that too much steel would smother the fire. But the industrialists of OPM believed otherwise. They believed that industry would make a greater effort if a larger pile of orders was pressing against it.

THE NEED IS NOT ONLY FOR ARMS

It still is impossible to foresee the extent of the demands that will be made on American industry. Russia is adding greatly to that demand already. Not only will Russia need arms, there will be heavy demands for clothing, shoes and other articles.

Obviously the price of defeating Hitler will be high. It will be high for us in materials. It will be high and is now high for every citizen of our country, not only in materials but in lives. Yet, so far as we are concerned, there is no choice. We either throw in the materials now, or else if there is a Lend-Lease victory, we will throw in the materials for an indefinite period with a good chance of having to fight a war directly with Hitler later on. Were Hitler to win, we would begin at once preparing for the next war, and we would have no allies upon whom to count, for they would all be producing goods for the Hitler war machine.

WILL LEASE-LEND BE LOAN OR CHARITY?

The question of repaying Lend-Lease outlays still remains to be considered. Whether all or part of the funds are to become a gift has not yet been seriously discussed. The first consideration has been to get a flow of material going across. Later the question of at least partial repayment in raw materials donations will come up.

But even if there are one year's collections in the United States, it will be nothing, because the assurance of a free world to something that cannot be priced in dollars. I suspect that the people of France would gladly pay a year's taxes to get Hitler off their backs.

Visitin' Around

Hittin' On All Six Again
(Sheffield Field, Dave Records)
Hugh Edwards, who has been laid up for repairs, is able to be out again.
What's French Bread Ask?
(Fodder Black Item)
Transylvania Times
Selwyn Hamilton and family have moved to the Justus property in French Broad Park.