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Idea-Issues Like a Gordian Knot, They Are Best Sliced in Two

In North Carolina the urge to "pass a law" saying what all the little people may and may not do seems itself principally in the nature of a prohibition. The law is that those who contend against legislation repressing individual behavior most often find themselves jousting with these twin shilletheads, darlings of the ecclesiastics, which enjoin observance of the Sabbath and abstinence from all beverages alcoholic, both on paths of amendment in the common goal.

As a result, the two injunctions assume a significance and an irksomeness out of proportion to their true importance in the affairs of mankind. The repressors will not let the law-makers repress and the unrepressing will not let the laws stand uncomplained of. That gives rise to needless friction between people who, except for this difference of opinion on minor issues, are probably much alike.

And years on years of experience have clearly shown that repressive laws which have been accepted in a docile spirit and forgotten. To the contrary, longer they stay on the books, the more vigorously they are protested. Sometimes they are repealed, as in the case of Charlotte's laws and North Carolina's Turington. This time, however, the evidence is so plain that the interests which so long upheld the laws appear to have been at all harmed by their elimination. And in this case it is the people who have reason to be most greatly exercised at such licentiousness are the people who live in the 75 dry counties, and therefore have no alcoholic worries at all.

Mystery Grins Washington Conferees Heard a Nice Secret

It was a strange smoke signal of optimism that arose from Washington yesterday. It came from the newsmen who were in the White House and who made a few remarks to members of Congress, and because it came in a week of bad news, the country did not understand.

Rustlers Japs Run Their Brands Over Our Open Names

Phonetically speaking, the Japs are giving us a terrible whipping in the Pacific. In truth, they always have. Armed with an unruly, alphabetless language of characters by the thousands, they have exhibited overwhelming superiority against our simple two-ocean English. Now, word by word, they are chewing up our Aleutians.

Dark Commandos Arrows From Nigeria For Schickelgruber

We're under bond to disturb no more the peace of our esteemed and omnipotent ally, the Bong of Wong. Him we have the purpose of making big war upon Nippon. And sing today of a new nation, joined with us all in the struggle against Axis aggression.

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Today's Bible Thought But start at home, deeds speak louder than words. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16:15.

The Senate Looks Ahead: Money For Civilian Air Raid Victims

From The Congressional Record

(Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, presenting a bill for the protection and compensation of U. S. civilians in war time this week, outlined publicly for the first time what America should expect from the alien and what Congress is doing about it.—The Editors.)

Butler, who will head the British information service in the United States, succeeding Sir Gerald Campbell, said in reply to a question that 55,000 British service men were killed or missing since the war started and 65,000 civilians killed in air raids.

Think of that, Mr. President. Only 55,000 British soldiers have been killed, whereas 65,000 British civilians have been killed so far during the war. That means therefore, that we are here today dealing with a bill to protect people who are not the front in modern war. If persons had been killed last night in Oregon, they would have been direct casualties of the enemy's attack and would have been the victim of a war hazard as defined in the bill.

Although we do not anticipate that there will be losses in this country at all comparable to those the British have sustained, yet the Secretary of War has told our people that the most serious experience bombing attacks from the enemy somewhere in this country. We do not know where the first blitzkrieg will fall. God forbid it should fall in this country, but, as a sensible people, we know that we must provide for it, and that it might occur anywhere.

Governor's Kitchen

WASHINGTON The face of White House coolness, James A. Farley appears to have put his own man in the White House. Farley's nomination for Governor of Ohio was announced last night by President Roosevelt.

Two objections have been raised to Mr. Bennett's nomination. The first is that he has demonstrated no notable gifts of leadership. The other is that he has declared he will not accept any nomination of Mr. Bennett under any circumstances.

In a close race such as the one between Governor Lehman and Thomas E. Dewey four years ago, the American Labor Party might hold the balance of power for the nomination to Mr. Bennett is that his nomination gives Mr. Farley any vote he can get.

The Republican side, Thomas E. Dewey has obtained more pledges to be nominated than he has actually received. Dewey's intense opposition but Mr. Dewey had his pledges in the bag before his opponent really got to work.

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committee could not tell the Senate what the bill will cost because we cannot tell the Senate how many persons are going to be killed or wounded. We do know what the British experience in that respect has been. The British have sustained a total of about 100,000 casualties; that is, killed and wounded. The scale of British benefits is about the same as the scale of benefits provided in this measure. So far as I know, this is the best evidence which can be given to the Senate as affording some indication of what the bill will cost.

I can give to the Senate a little additional data as to the property damage the British have sustained. It is estimated that so far—although naturally it is a figure they do not like to emphasize—the property damage sustained in Britain has been about \$600,000,000. That includes damage in a city such as Coventry, where, I am told, every other house was destroyed. So if we were to calculate the civilian injuries and losses of life in terms of British experience, the figures I have given seem to indicate that the maximum which under the bill this country would be called upon to expend for a five-year period after the war, would be not in excess of \$175,000,000.

So, the bill is not an extravagant measure. It does not involve any waste of money. It will not result in increased cost on the part of the Government. If provided, I submit, in common decency for the payment of a common obligation which we owe to the civilians of the country who may die be stricken down by enemy attack.

All Right, Put It Back in the Box

—By Herblock



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Mr. President, some question was raised in the Senate Thursday as to whether the war hazard covered by the bill was too large. I was anxious to be understood in the bill in the committee, the practice black-out as a war hazard. The committee took that action because of what has happened during black-outs. The Evening Chronicle last week on a day showed that in the result of the practice black-out. The same news item stated that in the previous black-out a person also lost his life.

It has been the experience of the country that in nearly every one of these practice black-outs one or more civilians have lost their lives, and it seems to me it is a war risk hazard, and therefore, after having consulted with the chairman of the committee, and as the Senator temporarily handling the bill on the floor of the Senate, I am glad to accede to the amendment offered by the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Taft) with respect to the words "practice black-out," and to agree that the bill may be modified to that extent, so that if there is a objection that course, the practice black-out, as one of the hazards, would be eliminated from the bill.

MR. TAFT: I will not vote for the bill so long as there is included in the provisions compensation for some five million to six million air-raid wardens and other members of the Civilian Defense Corps, whose claims, I think, would amount to ten times the amount of what there is a objection that course, the practice black-out, as one of the hazards, would be eliminated from the bill.

New Labor Pinch Felt

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON THE current flurry of news-items about strikes breaking here and there about the country does not constitute a new outburst of union politics. The union politicians apparently are bent on crowding Mr. Roosevelt's war board into great new concessions.

The new strikes are minor, usually involving a small number of men. They have been running anywhere from three to eight a day since Pearl Harbor and are generally short-lived. It is astonishing that, but the union leaders seem to be holding their boys in line reasonably well on that front.

But later, themselves, have been building up through simultaneous demands upon employers and the WPB what constitutes a campaign to break the voluntary Government order freeing arrangements upon which the war economy is based.

The United Auto Workers have, for instance, made extreme demands on the Chrysler Corp. for a new contract. These go far beyond the limits of FDR's code of living yardstick for wages, and probably beyond what the union leaders may expect to get.

Many cases seeking a day in court are being filed. The Little Steel cases have been there undecided since February. Also a General Motors case has rested there since April 27. WPB has received in all, around 200 cases and about 125 are still on hand.

Each labor element of negotiating committees is apparently trying to outdo all the others in demands for the men. Their mass demands are thus being dumped into the lap of WPB, which is now piled high with what might be called political labor demands.

FROM LIBYA ALL NEWS IS BAD NEWS The British probably did not intend to hold Tobruk this time. The best troops they had there on a surrender day were a couple of Indian and a division of South Africans, along with anti-aircraft units and supplies men. Apparently they intended to blow up their ammunition and escape on the boats.

The port could not be used as a plane and was built for defense of Malta with as much German aircraft around, and the cost of a siege this time would have been dear. But the Germans took them by surprise. The Germanys took them by surprise. The Germanys took them by surprise. The Germanys took them by surprise.

Last Saturday he gave them no time. His dive bombing planes took their small defenses by surprise and he forced the water lines and captured the city before they had time to carry out their mission of destroying their ammunition. It was another case of inferior British generalship in keeping with the rest of the Libyan campaign.

Visitin' Around

Round Like He's Out Here Work Out For HIM (Bill) Branch Him, (Marshall News-Record) Evangelist Harry Baird has Just arrived en route to Liberty Bell and Hard Scrabble in Yancey County to hold revival.

CLAUDE GORE, Rockingham.