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Red Scare

In The House A Veteran Bait The Russians

Michigan's Rep. John Lesinski, Democrat, fired a vicious broadside at Russia in the House last week. It went in part, like this:

Despite the remarkable advances on the western front, the war against the barbaric Nazis is not getting over. It is now certain, however, that victory will be on the side of the Allies. It therefore follows that it is superfluous to talk about West danger to the world. Instead, it becomes necessary to analyze carefully and cautiously the Soviet policy and its administration relative to the organization of Central Europe and China as vassal states.

In short, one war is almost done, one danger dead. We must now look for another danger (a greater one)—and perhaps even another war.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is creating a world of peril. It is a world of peril, not only to the West, but to the East as well. It is a world of peril, not only to the present, but to the future.

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and in a nationally-circulated letter accused the California Department of the American Legion of actually sponsoring the movement.

We rejoice in the increasingly distinguished battle records of these troops, and consider their deeds under fire sufficient answer to irresponsible critics and idle talk of the prejudiced. Response in battle, after all, is the final evidence, and adequate testimony to the loyalty of these men to the American flag—regardless of their stakes in this country's future.

An Error. Our War-Plant Shortage Becomes A Blessing

We can't be certain of the accuracy of O. Max Gardner's prediction that North Carolina will be able to convert civilian production faster than any other state in the union, but his observations in this connection are worthy of close attention.

He made particular note of the fact that the State does not suffer from an over-supply of war industry, and that no false booms—generally speaking—have raised the prospect of shocks to come in the months ahead. It is interesting to recall that the founders of Southern plants, early in the war, was that the region had not been given its fair share of war plants and war production.

While the big money was flowing, we wanted our part. And now that the end is in sight, and businessmen are soberly calculating on the problems of reconversion, our shortage of war production facilities is revealed as a great blessing.

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The Merry-go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON RAILROAD moguls can scarcely conceal their joy over Col. J. Edgar Hoover's appointment as director of the Office of Defense Transportation. Known in his home State of South Carolina as more for his operation of fishing boats than big-time transportation, "Rowboat" is very versatile. He now suits the railroad perfectly.

Here is the latest inside story of his operations. Before Attorney General Biddle filed his anti-trust suit against Western railroads, "Rowboat" Johnson pulled every possible wire to block the suit. Backstage, he howled vociferously, even at the White House, and the suit got FDR's blessing, and was filed.

This, however, did not stop Johnson. Hearing that Attorney General Biddle was holding conferences on the West Coast, "Rowboat" demanded that the Office of War Information force Biddle to clear with OWI in advance every statement he made to the press. With the Attorney General moving quickly from the city to city and speaking extemporaneously in answer to newspaper questions, this obviously was impossible. So OWI turned Johnson down.

Later, when Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General in charge of trust-busting, left for a series of West Coast speeches, he took the precaution to submit his speeches in advance to OWI, and OWI sent them on to ODT and Johnson's desk. When "Rowboat" saw them, he hit the ceiling. He even went to the extreme length of demanding that Berge make no reference to Lewis.

The issue is leadership in the union. Leader of the result is smart-thinking, hard-hitting, former Illinois Mine Workers district president Ray Edmondson, now running against Lewis for the OWI presidency. Edmondson has against Lewis about his fight, knows that he probably won't win this time, is counting on dumping Lewis in the next few years by becoming the focal point of all opposition to Lewis.

Edmondson resigned as district president last April, but he is still a big name in the Illinois mine rather than stand for Lewis' direction. In past years, Lewis has been able to break at least temporarily, every man who opposed him. This time, however, he is running a top OIO official, who ran against Lewis in 1938 and claimed Lewis was counted out in a crooked vote, also OIO president Phillip Murray, ruthlessly purged by Lewis several years ago in a dramatic clash which wrecked a 30-year friendship.

Lewis' brother Denny likes to sit back and tell how Lewis once won an election unanimously in a backward West Virginia district where strong opposition had developed. "It was simple," Denny Lewis says. "John knew there was plenty of opposition. Therefore he had his boys print ballots with only his name on them. When the workers came to the booths to vote, our men would ask against Lewis'."

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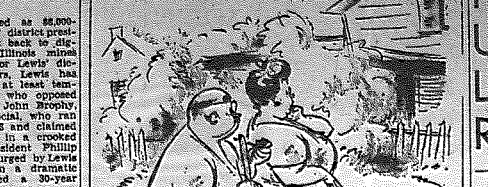
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United In Labor Of Rebuilding



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Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spough, D. D.

Where there are children, it is wise to draw them into the program or worship by allowing each one to read a part of the scripture. The book may be passed around the table as all take part. The custom of the family joining hands around the table at prayer is offered in a beautiful symbol of the family's unity within itself and with God.

Where families have not been accustomed to worshiping together, a beginning can be made by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Later each member of the family may offer a simple prayer, which may or may not be concluded with the Lord's Prayer. If visitors are present at the table for family worship, let them be taken into the family circle at a host's explanation.

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No Formality

By Samuel Grafton

(This is the second in a series of columns by Samuel Grafton on the subject of peace terms for Germany.) THE best defense against German aggression is simply to continue the present war, after the fashion of the OWI in the form of an indefinite armistice, without concern as to whether it lasts ten, fifteen, or even twenty years.

It seems fairly clear that we must throw out of our current thinking the idea of a formal and final peace treaty with the German nation, discussion of such a treaty is like discussing the marriage contract with a boy who is still to be born, to go to school, and to grow up.

The concept of a permanent armistice merely puts into legal form what has been the actual relationship between Germany and the rest of the world since 1914. It is a permanent armistice, not a peace treaty. It is a permanent armistice, not a peace treaty.

Well, Well! A Hitch Hiker!

By Dornan Smith



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Sgt. Franklin Wounded In War

MORGANTON—First Sgt. Wm. Howard Franklin, 25, was slightly wounded in action on Guam Aug. 3, according to a War Department report to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Franklin of Route 3, Morganton.

The casualty telegram, followed by two days a letter from Sgt. Franklin stating that he had been wounded in the left knee but gave no details. He insisted that his injury was not serious.

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