

By Drew



"Did you get that caty remark she made about my new coat? Just wait till I get home—I'll tell her off in my diary!"

Ox-Team Express

By Hal Boyle

WITH THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION... When one anti-aircraft unit was cut off by heavy snow and ran out of supplies it didn't call on the air force to drop fresh supplies by parachute... The "provisional supply train" of the 37th anti-aircraft division consisted of two ox-drawn carts and was organized by First Sgt. Robert M. Winchester, Winchester, Va.

People's Platform

Editors, The News: On the evening of October 22nd, 1942, there was carried under the caption of "Winter Gardening," a "Digest of Vegetables That Don't Need Anti-Freeze Listed by Expert." The author of this "Winter Gardening" article is the Wake County Horticulturist, all gathered from the files of his history Home Garden, which lies within the corporate limits of Raleigh...

We Need A Secretary

Editors, The News: Enclosed you will find a letter that is self-explanatory. I am J. L. WILLIAMSON, Charlotte, N. C. Hon. Harry Hopkins, Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Hopkins: Frequently I hear it said that you are very busy, that you are in advisory capacity, as confidant, and that you pass on numbers of the night of Morgenthau being the case couldn't you get Mr. Roosevelt to create, in his cabinet, a Secretary of Commerce?

WARREN HOPKINSON... THE Russian military system was derived originally from German officers stationed in Russia and is similar. The Red Army, however, has gone further than it does the German Army in that it has a sergeant one month and a colonel the next. On the other hand, it makes a mistake. Generals who fail are buried in the ground.

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What A Relief

It's better, these days, being a North Carolinian, knowing that our Governor is Clyde R. Hoey instead of you know who. It's nice to be able to shake out the paper and read the Hoey name, attached to an important document pleading the support of a large group of new Congressmen to a world organization.

It's with a pleasant sense of relief that we realize we'll no longer have to fear that our Senator will be popping up on the floor to castigate Britain and Russia, to preach isolation, or to boast of it. It's good to know that we're at least on the right side, the world side, and that there'll be no American First, no Silver Shirt business around his office.

How very pleasant to be done with demagoguery, to watch our Senator cough wishes for a firm, sound peace to the President, and to vote with his more enlightened contemporaries for rigid control of German militarism. It's nothing to be sneered at, this gain of ours. As it is, Mr. Roosevelt will carry a message from North Carolina to his Big Thursday meeting that do you suppose that message might have been, if Bob Reynolds were with us yet?

Criminals All

Almost invariably, when a new atrocity story comes to us from Europe, there is just one more entry on the roll of dishonor for the Nazi S. S. Corps. These trained murderers of Hitler's Elite Guard have left a bloody trail behind them, wherever they have been seen.

It was the S. S. at Malmédy, when 110 American prisoners were slain by machine gun fire, helpless in an open field. It was the S. S. through a wide section of Belgium, leaving the bodies of old men, women and children behind to testify to their brutal methods of torture and slaughter. These men have violated every code of war and humanity. They have not only put prisoners to death time after time, they have burned, hanged and tortured civilians. The counts against them are supported with complete evidence.

This week's story of S. S. enterprise depicts as a mere dupe) to bid-time shouting by isolation's rear guard. The very names of the speakers tell a story. There were Mundt of South Dakota, Dirksen of Illinois, Hoffman of Michigan, and Bender of Ohio. They began on Wallace, all right, but that was just a springboard. They mourned for the Democratic Party that was lost, fought out in the last election. They shouted that Earl Browder's support had been bought for a pariah, and wondered what price he now would receive for his services. There was defense of Jesse Jones and his loans, and praise for Charles Dawes. There was assault upon Administration policies in toto, reaching back to 1923. There was a belittling of the Sixth War Loan, as nothing more than an inflation of bank credit. And finally, the gentlemen turned to world problems.

There, they went too far, and showed their hands. What Michigan's Hoffman, in particular, wanted to get at was our policy of Unconditional Surrender. His conferees joined him, and they lambasted that policy through two pages of the Congressional Record. They wanted to make a deal, they wanted to give, and they wanted to make sure American money would not finance rehabilitation. They wanted to know what was in the President's mind, as he prepared to meet Churchill and Stalin. The question of this revolution, we can make Mr. Roosevelt, Wallace, you see, only got them started. The kindred matters were more important.

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Training Our Troops

However, there is one other factor discussed very frankly by Americans returning from the Western Front and by men who have trained in the U. S. Army here at home. It is the fact that the German system of training and also the Russian system may be better adapted to the individual soldier. He is taught to believe that he is the best fighter in the world, that no other soldier and no other army can stop him. The German officer, among other things, makes a ceremony of singling out each enlisted man on his birthday and lighting his cigarette in front of the entire mess hall.

Junketing Solos

Servicemen are burned up at the way the Army and Navy are showing special favoritism to a tiny group of Congressmen, who, anxious to build up war records, but reluctant to resign their seats in Congress are becoming veterans within 90 days flat.

Beside The Point

The fight over Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce belongs to the Senate, but the House can't be expected to twiddle its thumbs while it rages. We think it is safe to suggest that representatives hold their tongues as the issue is settled. But we thought the House performance, on the first day it kicked the subject around, was remarkable.

It was a field day for Republicans. Naturally enough, they monopolized the floor. And no matter what came up for discussion, some minority stalwart quickly turned to Henry. The GOP wouldn't be side-tracked. But there was soon an air of unreality in the House. It became apparent that, though these protesting gentlemen were out to do a little Wallace-baiting, something more was at stake. For, once having mentioned Henry, and brushed him off as an honest and energetic, but dangerous visionary, they turned to other things.

The statement of Michigan's Representative Jonkman, part of which is quoted in the "Merry Go Round" column below, was fairly typical. Comment ranged from this incredible picture of the New Deal as a communistic attempt to wreck American government (in which Franklin Roosevelt was depicted as a mere dupe) to bid-time shouting by isolation's rear guard. The very names of the speakers tell a story.

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Russia Becomes A Fact

BY Samuel Grafton
NEW YORK
The great Russian offensive has many meanings. One is that the problem of how to "stop Russia in Eastern Europe" has become obsolete. This problem has been a favorite of many American and British minds for a generation. Some of our journalists have been able to make their living out of just that and the gold standard.

But the march of the Russian armies has obliterated the problem of how to stop Russia in Eastern Europe. The problem no longer exists, or, rather it is no longer a reasonable problem, for it is not, as we are reasonable, too, as well as solutions. Any publicist tempted to retire to his ranch and fiddle further Europe, the problem of how to stop Russia in Eastern Europe would do better to devote his talents to finding out how to stop the passage, or the exit of life, or to any other of that long list of ancient problems which died before they were solved.

The question of our relations with Russia no longer has meaning if it is set up in the narrow form of how to "stop" Russia; it must be translated to the higher level of how to live with Russia; and how to get along with her. In that form, the problem does have meaning: it is real, and it is solvable.

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Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).
MR. JONKMAN (Mich.): The firing of Jesse Jones and appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce should have caused surprise. Like "clear everything with Hitler," it was but the crowning to the surface of a concrete plan which has been in the Government since the inception of the New Deal. Henry Wallace can have any thing he wants in this Administration. Wallace and Rex Tugwell, according to the record, were two of the principal organizers of this plan which leaked out in the first year of the New Deal. We can make Mr. Roosevelt believe that he is making decisions for himself.

The Russian Power Grows

By Marquis Childs
LONDON
ONE great event overshadows everything that has happened in recent weeks. The great successes of the Russian offensive in the East make everything else in both the political and military field seem small. Particularly, it overshadows the meeting of the Big Three which Churchill and Eden will soon attend. Back of Stalin, when the three heads of State all down around the conference table, the Russian offensive is the one event that has never before. "Uncle Joe," as he is familiarly known here, is a supreme realist. He is not, as we are, a dreamer. Yet the underlying truth is that the British and Americans, on the one hand, and the Russians, on the other, seem no closer to real understanding than on that historic day in June of 1941, when the Soviet Government in exile—tried to find some basis of understanding. Take as an example the recent effort to reach an agreement on the joint organization of transportation into chaotic Europe. Negotiators for the three countries, together with representatives of other European powers—including, for a time, the Polish Government-in-exile—tried to find some basis of understanding. Then, abruptly, the Russians announced they would not sit at the same conference table with the London