

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1945

Jimmy's Record

Everyone knows, we suppose, that Jimmy Byrnes is a mild-mannered little South Carolinian who is a veritable genius at the art of political compromise and arbitration.

Behind him is a record which places him in the middle of the road, about halfway between the Southern Democrats and the New Dealers.

After his long service in the House he was defeated by Cole Blease, in the 1924 Senate race.

As a Senator Byrnes was actually the man who handled the Hecklein behind-the-scenes direction of Administration measures.

He voted for the Wagner Act, against the "death sentence" for utility holding companies.

And they can't bring themselves to face-butt their heads that is certainly indicated.

The men of VFW apparently have not followed the combat record of the Nueel in Italy.

Statesmen At Work

SEN EASTLAND (Miss.)—Mr. President, for the past few days I have been busy in connection with the Committee on the Judiciary.

If so, their prejudices have the better of them, for they have denied membership to a Japanese-American who was needed to blackball him, however.

The challenge of this war's veterans and VFW was plain and significant: "We feel strongly that the prejudice of a few members which results in this resolution has no place in American life.

And that is not the first cry of the new veterans against prejudices at home. More than a year ago men returned from the Southern States protesting that the American Legion in California was persecuting Japanese-Americans.

Vacation Guide

Francisco Franca, El Caudillo, has invited American soldiers, in uniform, to vacation in Spain.

And these lovely old hills are the Guadarrama. Here is where the Indians, the makers of the Republic, were and where they still live in a macabre, delightful spot, is it not?

And there, down on these slopes, is where victorious warriors were used for the first time in true battle. It is not fascinating that you, who fought them religiously all over the Continent, can come to see the place where they were born in battle?

There, too, the International Brotherhood found Americans, Irishmen, Russians, Britons, Dutch, even some stray Germans and Italians.

And there are the prisons, where the Loyalist does set free his brethren—and where they like themselves just now.

There is the tomb of thousands of the beasts; that is Valladolid. And over there is Valencia; it was bloody there, too.

But all that is done now, here? We are all friends with the Americans and with all others. Spain has her glory, and we are all peace with the world.

OPA's announcement that 4,500,000 pairs of shoes in odd sizes and sizes are to be ration-free will be greeted jubilantly by anyone with two left feet.

Brass Tacks Of Peace

It is by now fairly obvious that the real test on Internationalism will not be the Senate vote on the San Francisco Charter.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON July 3.—Among the most powerful in Washington were put in their place during a hot, behind-the-scenes fight inside War Mobilization Advisory Board last week over the question of giving the Agricultural Department super-power to regulate food prices.

The War Mobilization Advisory Board, claimed by North Carolina ex-Governor O. Max Gardner, is composed of farmer, business, labor, and public representatives.

But when the board session opened last week Mr. Mobilizer's ally immediately challenged barren-headed O'Neal, head of the Farm Bureau Federation, and Albert Goss, head of the National Grange, for going counter to the board's resolution and forcing the crippling OPA amendment.

"It seems to me," rejoined Eric Johnson, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, coming to Vinson's support, "that you are opposed to this board's action by a resolution adopted by the board."

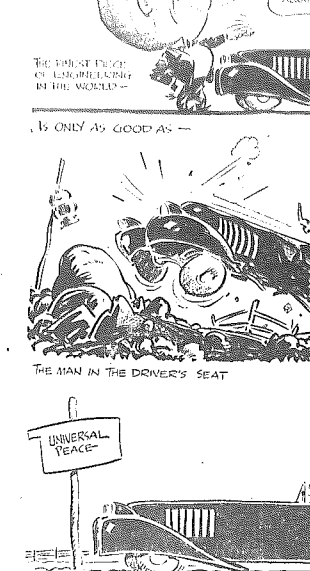
Farm Bloc Beaten

"We should a resolution that the economic stabilization act passed be continued for one year without any crippling amendments," founded Rufus Daniel, who represents small business on the board, "and then you turn around and urge Congress to pass a crippling amendment."

"How would you like to have business go over the head of OPA and set its own prices?" replied Eric Johnson.

"Yes, how would you like the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to be able to override OPA when it comes to setting its prices?" asked Mr. Daniel.

It Will All Depend On The Human Element



Churchill's Memoirs

Friends of the late President who are anxious for Truman to go over big at his forthcoming Big Three talk will start talking with Churchill and Stalin conferences.

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Therefore, the Osmena Government, without casting any reflection on the stellar qualities and leadership of President Osmena, is not invited in the Philippines and probably will be voted out of office in November.

It also is suspected that Gen. MacArthur is not so keen to return to the Philippines as he once was.

A Poll Of Polls

By ERIC F. GOLDMAN In July American Mercury

ABRAHAM LINCOLN once said: "What I want is to get done what the people desire to get done."

The most savage criticism has been directed against one polling organization, the Gallup Poll.

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Inside The Charter

By Samuel Grafton

THE United Nations Charter has come in its final form. It is the result of the work of the United Nations Conference on International Law and Organization.

Every lawyer knows the importance of finding a new procedural step at his disposal, of having an agency to go to with a definite addition to the apparatus of the world.

One draws the feeling also, from a careful reading of the Charter, that it sets up what might be called a "life of the United Nations."

The poll on the polls revealed that the public is definitely interested in the polls.

Critics of the polls are in a strong position to question the validity of the polls.

Even if the public were better informed, obedience to majority opinion would not necessarily benefit the country.

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