

A Fright Left By Halloween

CHARLOTTE still is counting the cost of its Halloween fun six nights ago. As the reports of incidents mount and the citizens compare notes, it becomes clear that we had not simply an unusually riotous celebration but a riotous celebration in the Myers Park, Eastover and Dilworth sections.

Pedestrians were stoned and assaulted with batteries of milk bottles. Bottles were thrown at a woman when she emerged from her Myers Park home and the missiles continued to fly as she ran to her motor car and drove away.

Marshall Plan Is Paying Off

A PRONOUNCED trend against Communism in Europe was reported this week by that solid Republican, Rep. John W. Ladd, of Connecticut. Ladd is a man of a tour which took him to twelve European countries, including nations in the Soviet orbit. His findings are borne out by election returns from abroad which have gone consistently against the forces of revolution in recent weeks.

Europe's turn to the right is of special significance in relation to the great task facing America in the extra session of Congress, which has been called to pass on Winter aid for our European allies and the long-range Marshall Plan. It comes at a moment when Americans are asking themselves whether they can afford this sacrifice and whether it is worthwhile doing anything to assist foreign nations which cannot help themselves and which may go Communist or Socialist anyway.

These Americans don't know that the Marshall Plan already is working for them and is an all-important factor in Europe's swing to conservatism. It was the promise of the Marshall Plan that Summer elections in the European rally against Communism. It forced the Communists to take extreme measures to maintain their hold on the satellite countries and this is stirring revolt against them here and hardening the rest of the world against

The attacks continued until well into the morning hours.

Police say these troublemakers were not hoodlums from another part of the city but boys from homes in the "besieged" neighborhood.

The Halloween mobs have been growing bolder each year and they probably will be out again next year to do even greater injury to the community. There will stop only if we do something to protect Charlotte from these young vandals? Must someone be killed before their indulgent parents see that only they can correct this evil? When will they see that their own parental irresponsibility is jeopardizing the lives of fellow citizens and demoralizing their own children?

The damage does not end with Halloween. The steel, unburied, condoned or excused on this occasion breeds a spirit of lawlessness which is contagious and will have lasting effects on many boys from good homes. Such actions contribute to the spread of other forms of lawlessness and will produce more tragedies than may occur on one night in the year. The growing violence of an unplanned, unsupervised Halloween in Charlotte confronts the whole community with a major social responsibility to be checked until the fathers and mothers face up to their individual and collective responsibilities as parents and citizens.

People's Platform

Labor For Slum Clearance

CHARLOTTE.—The really too bad as it seems to me that quite a few of our great men in this country, including some of the most illustrious Presidents, didn't have that opportunity. From the handwriting "People's Platform" it is quite evident that it did not take FDR as over-educated and Truman undisciplined. It's really been rough on you the last few years, hasn't it, Name Withheld?

This guy may be a Republican and automatically an American as he states, but I'll bet there were quite a few people in this country who were under the impression that he was American before the Republican Party was even formed.

Oh, we skipped probably the classiest sentence of them all: "little crack pot FDR was stupid enough to say 'yes, dear' to Stalin." That's rich. Where have you been the past few years, Bub? Who would be as stupid as that? We had to be firm with Stalin? That's right, you did. We had to be firm with Stalin?

As I mentioned earlier in this letter, you probably are down with the same thing that Pegler has. Were you both vaccinated by the same phonograph record?

As for your party and the two leading candidates at the present, who seem to be Dewey and Taft, if either of them run it will be the death of the Republic. That's right, they were to get elected, it would be the end of our country.

Have you bought any groceries lately, or do you happen to be in the habit of coming to the store to buy such things as the average man's groceries? This is the only way you can see that you're still a human being.

—NAME NOT WITHHELD,  
R. J. Bernard,  
2828 Kentucky Ave.

Letter From Dublin

DUBLIN, IRE.—I WOULD be very grateful if you would publish this appeal to your readers from an invalid hoping that they can help me.

I am 72 years of age and have been ill for quite a long time. I am confined to bed for most of my time resting and lying in bed I do a lot of reading as time passes. I would be very grateful if you could send me any old books, magazines, or newspapers that you think I would like. I would be very grateful for anything at all.

Thanking yourself and your readers for their kindness.  
—PATRICK J. WALSH,  
Five Station, Buckingham St.,  
Dublin, Eire.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON.—HINDSIGHT is always easier than foresight, but in view of the coming high cost of living and the fact that the last day of the month is the day to look back and see who was right and who was wrong in the days when the inflationary tide was running high.

Chief responsibility for abolishing the excess-profits tax must rest at the feet of much-loved Uncle Justice Fred Vinson. Charles McNamara was an excellent member of internal revenue, knew a lot about taxes, and Marine E. C. Calkins of the Federal Reserve Board, who has kept his feet on the ground economically better than anyone else around the White House.

Three senators also opposed removal of the excess-profit tax—Oscar Chapman of Arkansas and Oklahoma and William M. E. Connor of Wyoming—all Democrats. In fact, they were the only Democrats who voted against the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 75 to 15.

With 80 per cent of business profits being paid into the U. S. Treasury, it is not surprising that the bill was not so successfully demanded higher wages.

Secretary Vinson, however, turned a deaf ear. He even became a little irritated when Senator Fulbright of Arkansas tried to convince him. And since the bill was drafted by Vinson at that time was the man closest to Truman, a Presidential message was sent to Congress simply advising that the bill was the law, recommending that the profit bars be lowered to his business.

Predictions Come True  
Since then all the predictions made by Harnegan, Eckels,

IN contrast to the rest of Europe, which is really a wonderfully bustling and prosperous. Prague's baroque palaces and squares are crowded with people and the streets are full of life. The streets are full of life. The streets are full of life. The streets are full of life.

Behind this happy surface, however, a crisis and a struggle is only half concealed. Czechoslovakia is in the grip of a creeping terror. The streets are full of life. The streets are full of life. The streets are full of life.

INDEPENDENCE IS A JOKE  
As everyone knows, the Czechs learned the hard way that independence is a joke. As everyone knows, the Czechs learned the hard way that independence is a joke.

Shift To The Right

NEW YORK.—It looks as if the British middle class is going conservative again. The British middle class is going conservative again. The British middle class is going conservative again.

I don't believe labor has changed its politics much in any of these countries. The big change is taking place in the middle class areas in which, at certain moments, the Conservative Party has been replaced by the Labour Party.

To take first things first: What effect will this shift have on the great question of peace or war? One might imagine that before the war the opinion would be reasserted by this new pattern, and would be a little firmer.

But doesn't work that way. Conservative opinion is never reasserted. It is only reasserted at a time, and its appetite for more and more reassurance is insatiable.

Under The Dome  
Senator Harry Cain, the irresponsible Republican from Washington, has been expelled from the Senate by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Worried colleagues notified the military government which spread a rumor that Senator Cain had been expelled from the Senate.

Oil Merry-Go-Round  
Speaking of corporate profits, the Associated Press made a slip, but vital omission, error in reporting the profits of the American oil companies in Arabia. AP reported that they made a profit of \$1,000,000,000 on an investment of only \$100,000,000.

One Step Away From Bilboism

ALTHOUGH the mantle of Theodore Bilbo may still be worn in Mississippi by Rep. John Rankin and others, unofficial election returns indicate that "The Man's" Senate seat will be occupied by a circuit judge who refused to be a candidate for the Senate after a rather encouraging omen for the South that Rankin, Forrest Jackson, Bilbo's personal attorney, and Rep. William Colmer failed in their effort to exploit "white supremacy," and if Judge Stennis follows an unexceptional course in the Senate, professional south-haters will have to look elsewhere for a promising target.

However, it is unreasonable to assume, from Tuesday's ballot, that the millennium has been reached in the South, and campaign was conducted in an air of sweetness and light. Judge Stennis polled approximately 27 per cent of the votes, while the three more democratic candidates combined polled approximately 73 per cent. A fifth contender, not mentioned in press association dispatches as a "white supremacy" champion, corralled 14 per cent.

Inasmuch as most Mississippi political campaigns are devoted primarily to racial questions, these figures are disturbing. Conceding that the electors may have

cast their ballots in accordance with local factors such as allegiance to the personal machines of the various hopefuls, we hasten to point out that more than half the voters of Mississippi swallowed the vicious, judge propaganda which Theodore Bilbo uttered so effectively.

Judge Stennis' victory thus seems to be the happy result of these circumstances: (1) four candidates split the vote which would normally have been polled by Bilbo; (2) Stennis followed an unexceptional course in the Senate, professional south-haters will have to look elsewhere for a promising target.

The results Tuesday indicate, we fear, that the Bilbo tradition still lingers in Mississippi. It will linger as long as the elementary right of suffrage is denied to the majority of Mississippi's citizens, and as long as an illiterate, ill-fed electorate remains fertile soil for the sowers of hate.

Britain Without Hollywood

INEXORABLY, or at least with every appearance of inexorability, the day approaches after which we shall see no more new American films. British producers will continue to make films, but they will be made for the British market and we shall all bear up as manfully as we may; but it would be folly to deny that something will be missing from our lives. That something will not be the same thing in every case, for the tastes and tastes vary. Some will mourn the entrancing Miss Binky; others, strangely invulnerable to her charms, will sigh principally for the dynamic Mr. Dash.

There is, however, only one loss which we must steel ourselves to writing off as irrevocable; and that is the Hollywood version of life in Great Britain.

often as a "Dixie," though generally rather smaller, than our own was infinitely more animated as well as being better lit; it is almost a necessary corollary to recall a film in London that it was made in America.

Among those who argued with Vinson were Postmaster General John H. Harrison who as a commissioner of internal revenue, knew a lot about taxes, and Marine E. C. Calkins of the Federal Reserve Board, who has kept his feet on the ground economically better than anyone else around the White House.

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