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Joe Lends Dignity To Lowly Task

By BRUCE BARTON
NEW YORK
His name was Joe. He came from Italy.
When he was just a boy, with a little black and white hair, a bushy mustache and a friendly smile, he said: "Why don't you come up to my office every morning? I'll show you how to shine shoes." "My name's Joe," he said.
Joe was in the shoes business.
"I'll fit that," he said. "So Joe shined every day for all the people in an advertising agency called George Batton Co. He was so good that the publisher of a magazine on another floor let him shine up there. I was a kid on that magazine."
Came the first World War, and Joe dropped out of my life. I had hopes, and a world full of hope, that our own little advertising business.
One of our first callers was Joe. He wanted to shine for us. We were united again.
One day we mended our business with the Batton Co. Joe mended too.
Joe was a hard worker. We never tried to "man-an-p" of the cloth the flashier shoe arranger in for. But when he shined your shoes they were shined all over—around in back, down the arch. Sometimes when I was in a hurry I'd try to get him to give me a lick-and-a-promise. It was no good. Joe was going to shine them right.
I once said jokingly, "Joe, with all that money, why do you work so hard?"
"What's wrong with work, Mr. Barton?"
I felt tempted at times to ask the question of my older and younger generation — "What's wrong with work?"
Always he wanted just one to see Italy again, and his folks. "No, after 40 years, he and his wife brothers and sisters, he slept in the same bed he had when he was a boy. He had made his dream come true.
He was glad to come home. "No, no good over there," he said. "The war isn't finished. The United States...

4 Marines Die As Car Hits Bridge

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
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Five In Auto 'Accidents' Here



FOUR MET DEATH IN THIS WRECK
This is the car in which four Marines, bound for a week-end in Charlotte, died last night. The automobile ricocheted from one side of this bridge to the other, finally coming to rest on the Monroe Road. A fifth Marine, seriously injured in the crash, is in Memorial Hospital.

Red Charges Are Denied By Finland

WAR CRIMINALS NOT GIVEN AID
HELSINKI, Finland — (AP) — Finland categorically rejected today Soviet charges that Finland supplied Soviet war criminals here with faked documents. At the same time, Finland assured her powerful neighbor that she is making every effort to abide by the terms of Finnish-Soviet pacts.
Finland replied to a strong Soviet protest delivered last week to Karl Sundstrom, Finnish minister in Moscow. Today in Moscow Sundstrom delivered the Finnish reply to the Russians.
The Finnish Government told the Russians that it is making every effort to fulfill fully its obligations under the peace treaty.
"Likewise, it is striving by all means to act according to its friendship and mutual assistance pact with Russia. Nevertheless, it is entitled to reject categorically the assertions that Finnish authorities have supplied war criminals with faked documents."
Russia, in a New Year's Day note, accused Finland of harboring 200 Soviet war criminals. The note of the Soviet- Finnish peace treaty, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, said. Sundstrom in Moscow and deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, the Soviet government of furnishing the alleged war criminals with faked names and documents.
Among the war criminals that were said to be guilty of the most heinous crimes were: Hans Frank, who was executed by the Russians; Wilhelm Kube, who was executed by the Russians; and other high-ranking officials of the German government.
The Finnish Government said in the reply that of the 200 names of Soviet war criminals only five are new names, since the rest of the names had been accounted for previously.
Actually, the list only contained 20 names of Soviet war criminals, because two on the list referred to the same person.
Four of the names were not mentioned in the Finnish note, and were not mentioned in the Russian note.
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Portions Of Judge's Charge Heard Again

NEW YORK — (AP) A Federal jury asked guidance from the judge today as it rendered a verdict in the second jury trial of Alger Hiss.
When the jurors went to lunch at 12:15 P. M. (EST), after 22 hours after receiving the case, there still was no indication whether the verdict was near. A recess was ordered until 2:15 P. M.
The jurors, eight men and four women, filed into the courtroom at 10:44 A. M. (EST), and at their request, Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard read portions of the charge which he gave in submitting the case to them at 1:10 P. M. yesterday.
He told them again that the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Hiss had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington and with the Communist Party of the United States.
The HISS case was the first of the State Dept. trial. Hiss had been indicted on charges of espionage for the United States.
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Rice Institute Dormitory Damaged By Bomb Blast

HOUSTON — A home-made bomb exploded in a Rice Institute dormitory early today, causing \$1,000 damage. Eleven students nearby escaped injury although the blast ripped doors off in four dormitory rooms.
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Rat In Jury Box Not Grounds For Trial Dismissal

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — "Just a moment, there's a rat in the jury box," said Attorney James Cooper, addressing the Circuit Court yesterday.
Attorney Charles F. Kaufman jumped to his feet, demanding a recess. "I am sorry, Mr. Cooper, it was not a rat," the judge said.
The judge said that the rat was not a rat, but a mouse. The judge said that the rat was not a rat, but a mouse. The judge said that the rat was not a rat, but a mouse.

Berlin Building Left To Reds

BERLIN — (AP) — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. commander in Berlin, ordered West German officials to leave the building rather than the city government, which is now under the control of the Russians.
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Woman Sees Tavern Owner Shot By Men

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Robber Killed, 2 Others Taken

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