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Pct. Stubbs

His Invention Is a Warning to Hitler

If you are a Sunday night radio listener, you doubt you know Private Homer Stubbs of the U. S. Army. Private Stubbs is a fictional character intended to typify that vast body of ingenious young men who are pouring new blood into our armed forces.

Charlotte has its own Private Stubbs. Not Homer, Robert Reid Stubbs, of 1210 East 36th Street, now stationed at McDill Field, Florida. And yesterday the Army announced that our own Private Stubbs had invented a bomb dispersal device so potent that it will make the United States Air Force the deadliest, most destructive, and most impregnable in the world.

Charlotte's Private Stubbs remained a civilian, the chances are he would never have studied about the creation of a weapon for destruction. In all probability his efforts, following the American tradition, would have been expended in more peaceful channels.

Americans don't prefer to fight. They had rather stay on their jobs, producing clothes and automobiles, and radios, and crops. They like to sit down to eat with their families, to argue about the birds and the Dodgers, and to go to church on Sunday. They don't like to be ordered and regulated and regimented; they had rather shoot quail than people; they fishing appeals to them more than going on an Army maneuver.

But when an American knows he has a fight, he can turn all of his peaceful propensity and his Army officers say we were first to experiment with the blitz-bomb. More recently two draftless developed a cheap and accurate artillery-fighting device from ten-cent mirrors and a piece of pipe.

Charlotte's Private Stubbs has warned Hitler and his gang that they are trifling with the most dangerous people on earth.

Certainty

The Only Thing Sure About Taxes Is There'll Be Some

Nothing, according to the well-worn saying, is certain except death and taxes. It is upon this premise, of course, that some of the shrewdest people in Charlotte are applying for the purchase of the new tax anticipation notes, through which they will lay away funds to retire Federal taxes due next March.

The Big Egg

When Will Hitler's Master Latin American Plot Hatch?

It doesn't take a public opinion poll to convince us that a large majority of the people in this country believe Adolf Hitler is trying to murder the democracy (such as they are) of Latin America. In fact, every scrap of news from Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Argentina is new evidence of the Dictator's plot to (1) distract American attention from the Atlantic supply route, (2) eventually make all of the American republics vassal-states of the German Reich.

according to the Peruvians, with parachute troops. And the latest "putsch" attempted by Nazi agents in a province of Argentina. And many other incidents.

Several months ago we were talking to an Army officer who is considered something of an authority on South America. He said that a final, all-out Nazi uprising, timed to shake all Latin America, is in the cards. He predicted that such an upheaval would be preceded by a wave of minor outbreaks during which the Nazi units would test their strength.

Well, the minor plots are certainly hatching thick and fast. The big egg may be next, unless the Nazi nest is roused. Or, unless, like so many citizens of the Reich, the egg is sterile.

Der Bob

What Is He Worth To Us—and to Hitler?

Had Adolf Hitler sited the membership of the United States Senate he could not have chosen a Military Affairs Committee chairman better suited to advance the Nazi cause than Robert Rice Reynolds of North Carolina.

We say this deliberately and after considering the eligibility of both Senator Wheeler and Senator Nye. Either of these men would have been pleased with the Nazi, but the elevation of Reynolds to his present post was a sheer stroke of Hitler luck unmatched since it failed to rain during the blitz in Poland.

There are reasons. Reynolds is well-known in Germany. The Fight for Freedom Committee reports that interviews with the Junior Senator from North Carolina have appeared in Hitler's own newspaper, Volkischer Beobachter. In one of these articles, published February 5, 1939, in the Beobachter and later in the German newspaper Bunds Wecker, Senator Reynolds is quoted as follows:

"There was a time when John Bull needed only to say 'boo!' to set the whole world afloat, but that time is gone forever. Now, however, it is we who have brought John Bull down to his knees, and today the British Empire is in greater danger than ever it was in the course of its own history."

"In connection with this, one may recall the words of Anthony Eden used to induce the United States to participate in sanctions against Italy and how the United States promptly complied. How very good that we took that stand."

"Business is it of course, of the American people, what form of government Germany, Italy, Japan, or any other country can afford. Why should we be sticking our noses into the affairs of other nations? ... What did the American people really do to the American people that we should hate them for it ...?"

Adolf Hitler himself could not have said it better.

There is plenty of evidence that Senator Reynolds did not change his views. As long as North Carolina's most famous political poet presides over the Senate Military Affairs Committee, his name to Adolf Hitler is equal to several Nazi "putschs" in South America. He is worth all the Hitler and half the spies within our own borders.

"Compromise"

George Washington's Ghost Watches a Tragedy.

The ghost of George Washington must have hovered over the U. S. Senate Chamber yesterday. If grim Old George still walks the nation he fathered, he couldn't have resisted listening in on the Senators while they argued an issue that plagued the master of Mount Vernon during every campaign of the Revolution.

Pooh-Bah Shunned

By Hugh S. Johnson

MR. CHURCHILL, like Mr. Roosevelt, shuns a production pooh-bah. Both are right.

After all the exhortations and delegations of emergency aid, nothing really startling has happened. The surprise—executive orders and the like—efficiency of carefully planned, organized, national effort, nothing really startling has happened. The surprise—executive orders and the like—efficiency of carefully planned, organized, national effort, nothing really startling has happened.

You can have the best paper plan that could be devised. Without the proper men, it won't work. You can have the best plan and, with the proper men, it will work.

SPHERES OF AUTHORITY SHOULD BE AVOIDED. This isn't to say that clear assignments of authority and responsibility within particular fields are not necessary, or that prevention of conflicts and overlapping authority is not desirable.

I don't know whether that has been done in Britain, as Mr. Churchill so passionately insists that it has been done. I only know that beyond the pretentiousness of a doubt it has not been done here.

The spectre of an industrial pooh-bah overshadowing both their positions seems to haunt both of these gentlemen. In this country the title of Mr. Pooh-Bah as the assumed American pooh-bah seems to worry them both. Britain needs a pooh-bah. Hoover had food, Garfield had fuel, McCaughy had transportation, and so on.

COMPLAINTS SET OUT BY BOARIS

The secret throughout that has not been anticipated and supported most of the authorities the President has asked. Many of the complaints for them were first advanced here for vast appropriations for mechanization.

"We face grim realities. We have appealed the little white man all the way to the end of the sword, the quickest and surest method of destroying him by the sword and the fire of the slightest hesitation because on the Pacific Coast and wherever else, including our universities, where they have come to gain knowledge, including valuable military secrets, they have responded to our kindness and generosity with intrigue and murderous plots to overthrow our form of government."

AMERICAN PROBLEMS NEED DIRECTIVE HANDS

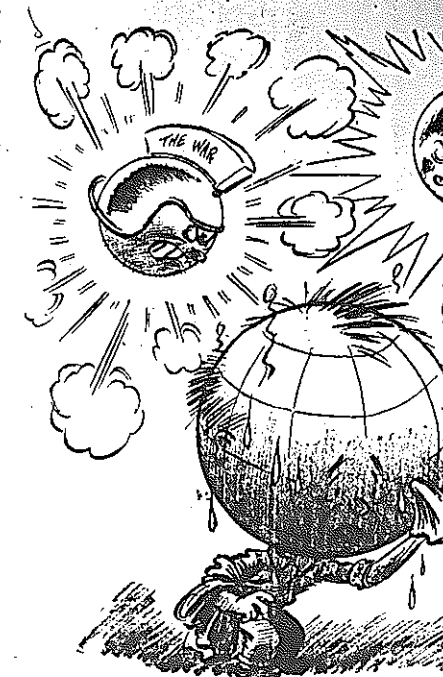
This is not to advance any pooh-bah. To repeat, both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt are right. Our aimality didn't make any self-evident pooh-bah for such a job as this.

But American industry in the main has found means by organization and administrative aid to get along without pooh-bahs and it is about time that American government and industry should be able to do so.

As it is, through inadequate inflation controls, all our people are threatened with a great and necessary hardship, through inadequate conservation controls and ill-considered controls, we are threatened with virtual starvation to other nations, little business threatened with virtual starvation, and through many other aspects of gross political mismanagement a great and growing economic and social catastrophe threatens national unity is threatening our military solidarity and efficiency.

"Boy, Wotta Summer!"

By Herblock



Letters to the Editor: No Room For Japanese

Editors The News: In response to your editorial today "Bomb Tokyo?"

I do perfectly true that we do not want to espouse the war tactics of Adolf Hitler. But it is also true that a civilized population feeds the stomachs and furnishes the raw materials, even the Japanese, and we may as well face a situation that is as black as night, so long as the Japanese and German civilians or armies are willing to be led by murderous, thieving, plundering parasites for one man's single one of our own boys who must their fighting men their supply bases of food, war materials and men can be bombed and burned, even though it means annihilation of the whole of both races; because there certainly is not room on this planet for men and nations who follow such leadership and for men and nations who prefer peace, free enterprise and shipwreck.

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Grades for Defense For Uncle Sam

Bringing the war home to the disinterested, we would avoid that delivery of grades, foundation garments, etc. may in future be hampered by quantity orders from the Army. Pilots of dive bombers, it seems, must be

well coerced to prevent injury when pulling out of a power dive. Also in this connection, a young mother reports to us that the demands of national defense have prevented her from replenishing her small daughter's supply of middle-blue uniforms for school. The Army has ordered all the available supply of material.

Our government now sees fit to ban the exportation of airplanes and the gas to fly them and scrap metal and machines and food to these blood-thirsty new in God's name let's have nothing more that comes from Japan, until this Axis business has been dealt with and the race of Man kind can foresee a brighter day.

To Benito, on His 58th Birthday

Sutherland Dellinger in PM O Mail This Day With Gump and Cuse— The Dear's Niall Hour Who Rides Italia In Reverse To Build a Tenth-Rate Power. All hail, All hail! He's 58. This Windous Mussolini— Just Think How We Can Celebrate When His Career Is Finit

Today (July 29, 1941), is the 58th birthday of the former Socialist, Benito Mussolini, currently employed as Duce to the Italian people. In that capacity he has cost them several armies, many thousands of lives, virtually all of their liberties, and much territory—to say nothing of having taken the bread from the mouths of their children.

In return, he has enabled them to collaborate with Herr Adolf Hitler, a one-time house-painter now rampant over Europe. But not on terms of equality. From such this valangorous sorcupus is "fit and vigorous." which is too bad, and adds that he will spend the day at his desk, "working tirelessly" and probably not getting anywhere.

Price Bill Delay Due

By Raymond Clapper

THE rate of prices in such that price legislation is likely to encounter more delay and more opposition than occurred in passing the war price control act. It is probable that there will be further extending the terms of service indefinitely.

These aggressive minorities often like to whitewash the majority by stamping trading around until they get command of the situation. This is the danger that President Roosevelt faces in the requirements for price legislation. He will get a law but the danger is that it will not be an effective law, and that it will be loaded down with gadgets which will nullify its purpose.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT IS UNCERTAIN

The situation is so bad that House leaders refused to say in advance to what committee the price bill would be referred. The idea was to protect members of the committee from being pulled from having the heat turned on them by these special groups.

Some of the farm members intend to use the price legislation as a vehicle for hauling up the price of farm products again. One scheme now afoot is to attach a rider to the price bill to revise the existing parity basis which is used for Government price-fixing of farm products. One of these schemes would raise the parity price for cotton from sixteen cents to more than twenty cents a pound, although cotton now is selling higher than in ten years.

FARM BLOC ALREADY HAS FORCED ONE SURRENDER

The Administration already has surrendered to the farm bloc by emitting from its price-control legislation the question of farm prices. Now, not content with this concession, which in effect creates an unusual situation, an effort apparently is to be made to add some price-fixing amendments to a bill whose whole purpose is to hold prices in line. The farm legislators are not satisfied with even 85 per cent of parity as Government price-percentage level. They are now after full parity, an effort more they want to bring up the parity base from the present 1909-14 standard to a 1920-29 base, which would allow the base line considerably. Cotton interests are campaigning for a law which would prohibit the sale of Government-owned land for less than 75-1-2 cents a pound, although cotton now is around seventeen cents at against ten cents a year ago. Those interested in other commodities will be similarly on the job.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND NO LONGER WORKS

As to the need for restraint on prices, there can scarcely be any argument. The defense program has made the law of supply and demand unworkable. The Government must have definite goods regardless of price. These goods must be taken largely out of normal civilian production. That leaves an acute shortage in many lines. If uncontrolled, prices would go through the roof by natural bidding among those scrambling for the limited available supplies. It is happening now with tin, for instance. In some articles a price increase will stimulate additional production. But we have passed that point and further price increases will not materially expand production of most defense war materials.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

If ye had known me ye should have known my father also.—Matt. 8:19.

Side Glances



Advertisement for 'The Queen City's Hope Chest' with a list of items: No. 1 - An Uptown Theater-Auditorium, No. 2 - A Separate Court Room, No. 3 - An Uptown Rest Room, No. 4 - Street-Widening.

Visitin' Around

—And Make It A Nickel Apiece This Time (Anthon) Item. Morganton (News-Herald) There were 111 present at S. S. Sunday and the collection was \$3.36. There will be preaching Sunday by our pastor at 11:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

Tobe Or Not Tobe

(Union Hill Item) Tobe Hardy left Monday morning for Bradshaw, W. Va. Hardy.