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Light on Dark Secrets

Obvious to the point of shame are the reasons why remaining senate Democrats so bitterly fought continuation of the special war investigating committee.

Most obvious was that which smashed into the headlines the very morning after they had lost their battle to lock the black secrets of war-time graft and corruption from public gaze.



Our Town News of Your Neighbors Gathered by The State Journal Staff Edited by Russell B. Pyre

C. F. Beckermeyer, cigar salesman of 2321 Gregory st., attended a play at Edgewood high school with his family last Friday night.

Beckermeyer was doubly concerned, not only about the car, but because he had left a newly purchased \$75 wheel of cheese in the back seat.

"Good work!" Beckermeyer commended. "But how about my cheese?"

"For the Lord's sake," Beckermeyer pleaded. "Get me back my cheese."

So the officers started on the trail again. And this was what they learned:

The thieves, who haven't been caught yet, abandoned Beckermeyer's car and stole another in Dodgeville, which they abandoned in Montfort; stole another there and abandoned it in Fenimore; stole another in Fenimore and wrecked it just outside of town.

But unfortunately the cheese was a victim of the wreck. It was oil-spattered and unfit for human consumption.

Mark up Dr. F. F. Bowman, city health officer, as one person well aware of Madison's 93 railroad grade crossings.

A group of fishermen, among the hundreds that dotted the surface of Lake Mendota last Sunday afternoon, was surprised at the approach of a tiny, handsome, gentlemanly boy who was dragging a sled, on which were two jugs of hot coffee.

And the group was even more interested when the lad sang out his price: "Hot coffee, five cents! Hot coffee, five cents!"

"How're you getting along, Boy?" asked one of the young women in the group. "How's business?"

"Saturday was a good day," the lad replied. "I made \$6."

And how are you doing today? "Pretty good," he said. "Let's see." And he reached into his pocket to count out a handful of coins.

By Witch-Hunting We Ape Russians

WASHINGTON — IN CANADA THERE is in progress the trial of one of the last of those accused of conspiracy in the amazing plot to give secret information to agents of the Soviet Union.



By MARQUIS CHILDS

How many hundreds of similar or baser stories remain to be disclosed no one knows at the moment. But both Republicans and Democrats possess a fair idea—and Republicans are hot on the trail of the worst.

That is why Democrats, certain of failure in halting any further investigation, attempted to turn it into inexperienced, unarmed hands.

Now the whole mess will be opened to public view—and public reaction. Certainly, it will make political fodder for Republicans. And why not?

After 14 years of administration, Democratic rule should be subject to review. The results of that review should be the basis of the people's selection for 1948 and after.

If that be politics, let the country make the most of it—which, we are confident, it will.

Transylvania Talks Autonomy

By CONSTANTINE POULOS (Contributor, News Agency) CLUJ, Romania — A heavy, white tranquil snow covers Transylvania—the rich, much-contested province cradled in the Carpathian mountains; but beneath the beautiful cold serenity an old, old idea, which would undoubtedly arouse the whole Danube basin and surely involve the Soviet Union and possibly the United Nations (UN), is being quietly resurrected.

In this ancient, lazy capital of Transylvania, which the Hungarians call Kolozsvar and the Germans Klausenburg, small groups of writers, newspapermen, professors, doctors and lawyers are discussing the possibility of re-establishing an autonomous Transylvanian state.

There has been little coordination of their ideas, as yet. It is simply that observations of post-war political and post-war developments have led small intellectual circles, both Romanian and Hungarian, to the same conclusion: Transylvania can best serve its people (Romanians, Hungarians, and Saxons) and both Romania and Hungary, by being set up as an independent state.

The original premise, on which nearly all interested groups agree is that the Transylvanian problem cannot be solved either by returning the province to Hungary or by leaving it, as it is now, wholly in Romania.

The Hungarians in Transylvania, who have given up all hope of any kind of restoration of the border between Hungary and Romania would of course heartily welcome an autonomous state. They too are motivated by fear. They foresee a possible overthrow of the present Romanian government and in its place a chauvinistic Romanian regime of the pre-war type which would carry out violent reprisals against the Hungarians for "damning" since the liberation and under the encouragement of the present regime, to think and act as equals of the Romanians.

Officially opposed Roman official reaction is unalterably opposed. Some Hungarian Communists in Romania say they would favor the proposition because they feel it is the only way to ensure intimate collaboration between Hungary and Romania. Vasile Luca, however, one of the three leading Communists in Romania, who is himself a Transylvanian of Hungarian origin, rejects the idea completely.

It is recalled only that when the Red army occupied Transylvania in the fall of 1944, it was placed under separate Russian military administration. This situation prevailed until April, 1945, when the Soviet vice-minister for foreign affairs, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, forced King Michael to accept a new government with Transylvanian party organs as prime minister, included in the deal was the return of Transylvania to Romanian administration.

Witch-Hunting

By witch-hunting we ape Russians. The man on trial, Henry Harris, is one of the small fry charged with being a go-between for the principals in the plot. Here is the essence of the democratic way of life. Here is the supreme contrast between the totalitarian state and a society grounded in the fundamental human freedoms.

In Soviet Russia, on the basis of the evidence found against these plotters by an official commission, they would all have been shot out of hand. In democratic Canada, each has been given a trial, and six of the defendants have been acquitted.

One, David Shugar, was acquitted although the royal commission reported, on the basis of extensive evidence and examination: "We are of the opinion that Shugar not only agreed to communicate such information (of a secret and confidential nature) but that the evidence before us shows that he did so communicate."

The COMMISSION'S REPORT, 733 printed pages, is an extraordinary document. Dispassionately, without rhetoric or emotion, it represents an overwhelming mass of evidence to show how Canadian citizens were so perverted that they betrayed every oath of loyalty and duty. It shows how Soviet agents, using the cloak of diplomacy in the Russian embassy in Ottawa, worked incessantly to subvert Canadians to their purposes.

Only by chance was this network of agents uncovered. Only because a cipher clerk in the embassy, Igor Gouzenko, could no longer endure the duplicity of his position were authentic Soviet documents brought to light. Gouzenko's courage almost cost him his life when agents broke into his apartment in the middle of the night.

When Gouzenko first went to the Canadian authorities with his story, the suggestion was made that he be turned over to our FBI for security reasons, and be permitted to make the story public on our side of the border. Gouzenko emphatically rejected this suggestion, saying he felt he would be in far more danger from assassination by Soviet agents in this country than in Canada.

MANY OF THE TRAILS UNCOVERED by the royal commission led into the United States. Sam Carr, a long-time Canadian Communist who was revealed as one of the chief under-cover agents, hid in Philadelphia from 1940 to 1942, when he returned to Ottawa. When the plot became known, Carr escaped. Since then, he has been reported in Paris, Stockholm, and Moscow.

One of the minor phases of the plot centered in efforts to get a false Canadian passport for a very important Soviet agent in Los Angeles. And repeatedly in the documents from the Soviet embassy, there were references to individuals and places in the United States—links in the world-wide chain.

Beyond doubt the network of Soviet espionage in this country is far more extensive than in Canada. If it can be uncovered at all, short of the kind of disclosure made by Gouzenko, it can only be done by a thorough, persistent, trained agency such as, say, the FBI.

THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES committee announces the most active year in its turbulent history. Apparently a beginning is to be made with hearings in Hollywood on the Communist influence in the movies. While this will make sensational headlines, it can actually do more harm than good.

Fellow-travelers—dumb, innocent, or glibful—are not likely to reveal on the stand anything more than a sense of martyrdom. The end result is confusion. By parodying the methods of the Russians—by witch-hunting, for example—we descend to their level. That is one of the perils under which we live; resisting the encroachments of totalitarianism, all our values will become so perverted that the difference between the authoritarian and ourselves will cease to exist.

Some of the Canadian plotters entered the conspiracy out of motives they believed idealistic. But it was not long before they were reduced to being paid spies pilfering documents out of government files and handing them over to their Soviet bosses.

CANADA IS A DEMOCRACY THAT has made real progress toward the good life for all men. In the fact of this sinister intrigue, Canada has preserved the true values of a free society.

Process Eliminates Slate and Refuse

By PAUL F. ELLIS (United Press Science Writer) STAMFORD, Conn.—A scientific tool that may add millions of tons of high-grade coal to the nation's fuel supply with a savings in mining costs has been demonstrated here.

This "tool," or process, already has been used practically in the mining of metals, and now with the cost of producing coal going up, engineers of the American Cyanamid Co., believe it soon may be used by all of the nation's coal mines.

Gets Rid of Slate The process cleans the coal, and gets rid of the slate and other refuse. Result: a high grade coal which leaves little ash and provides greater heat.

It works both on anthracite or bituminous, and even the low-grade coal taken from the strip mine.

The Cyanamid scientists call the "tool" the heavy-media separation process. A pilot plant has been built in a special building on the grounds of this large laboratory.

Resembles Breaker In some ways, the machine resembles the coal breaker used on the surface of coal mines. The feed, or raw coal, is fed into the machine and is carried along into a huge cone. The cone is filled with a heavy liquid, made up of water and finely ground magnetite, an iron ore found in northern New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

In this fluid the refuse, such as slate, sinks, while the coal floats. The floating coal simply moves along a carrier to a stockpile; and the slate and other undesirable material is carried along another carrier to the dump pile.

After the cleaned coal has been separated from the refuse—even though it may have been nearly half full of slate, mud, and other foreign substance—it sparkles like any high grade anthracite or bituminous coal.

PIANO TAKES WING AN LUIS OBSOPE, Calif. (UPI)—Chicago may be known as the "Windy City," but some hefty breezes occasionally blow through this coastal city. Workmen loaded an upright piano on a truck on the California Polytechnic campus on a windy day, and the next thing they knew the wind flapped the piano over the rail of the truck and sent it crashing to the ground.

Dried-up shoe polish in tins can be made serviceable again by melting. The average Minnesota cow yields 100 pounds of butterfat in a year.

Rails Seek More Traffic

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—The railroad industry has begun a campaign to determine how passenger traffic can be increased through improvements in comfort and convenience, according to a Pullman Co. official.

George A. Kelly, executive vice-president of the company, said the railroads intend to find out how large passenger traffic can be in peacetime, under competitive conditions, if it is made attractive, and to ascertain whether such service can be provided at a satisfactory margin of profit.

"Months before the war was over, railway executives had made plans for improved service that was intended to revolutionize railway passenger business," he said. "But with the advent of peace, many handicaps, primarily material shortages, have prevented accomplishment of these plans and have delayed installation of streamline trains which were ordered prior to the end of the war."

Kelly said other improvements being made included further development of railroad property, road beds, tracks, passenger station, servicing facilities, and improved operating procedures.

Extensive programs for training employes in friendly service and improved dining car service have begun, Kelly said. He added that modern merchandising methods, including improved procedures in reservation bureaus and ticket offices, will be used to attract rail travel.

LIFER MAKES MONEY NORFOLK, Mass. (UPI)—While serving 22 years of a life sentence for murder at the Norfolk prison colony, James F. Weeks, 49, has earned nearly \$6,000 by making and selling plastic models, such as children's dolls.

Radio Frequencies and WIBA TONIGHT program listing. Includes station names, times, and program titles like Sports Parade, News at 10:30, and Barn Dance Party.

MORNING program listing for WIBA. Includes shows like 7:00 News Report, 7:30 Organized, and 8:00 Breakfast Hour.

WIBA SUNDAY program listing. Includes shows like 11:00 News Report, 11:15 Pines Congregational, and 12:00 Afternoon.

OTHER STATIONS SUNDAY listing. Includes various local and regional stations and their respective programs.

NEWS BROADCASTS listing for SUNDAY. Includes times and station identifiers for various news programs.

He Walks Again advertisement. Features a photo of Jimmy Gilmore and text describing his recovery from a spinal injury through a program at Madison Radio Shop.

Radio Sick? advertisement. Promotes expert repair services for radios, emphasizing quality and satisfaction.

Madison Radio Shop advertisement. Lists services for repair and sale of radios, with contact information at 1210 Regent.

Our Town News of Your Neighbors advertisement. Promotes local news coverage and editorial by Russell B. Pyre.

C. F. Beckermeyer advertisement. Promotes a play at Edgewood high school.

Good work! advertisement. Commends the officers' investigation of the Beckermeyer case.

For the Lord's sake, advertisement. Pleads for the return of Beckermeyer's cheese.

The thieves, advertisement. Reports the investigation into the theft of Beckermeyer's car.

Mark up Dr. F. F. Bowman, advertisement. Reports on Bowman's work at railroad grade crossings.

A group of fishermen, advertisement. Reports on a group of fishermen on Lake Mendota.

Hot coffee, five cents! advertisement. Reports on a boy selling hot coffee.

How're you getting along, Boy? advertisement. Reports on a boy's earnings.

Saturday was a good day, advertisement. Reports on a boy's earnings.

And how are you doing today? advertisement. Reports on a boy's earnings.

There's a young man, advertisement. Reports on a young man's success.

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Grin and Bear It By Lichty advertisement. Features a cartoon illustration.

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