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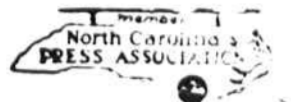
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Historical Reminder

It may surprise some Americans to note the close parallel between conditions in Europe at the close of World War I and the present disturbed period, as revealed in a collection of diplomatic papers published by the State Department and relating to the Paris Peace Conference of 1919.

Then, as now, there was economic dislocation, great social unrest, armed clashes and apprehensions for the future. American missions, going abroad, stressed the necessity of aid from this country and the need of dollars to get the economic machine going in the world.

Interestingly enough, two of the problems discussed were: (1) how to curb Communism and (2) how to prevent revenge on the part of defeated Germany. The solutions suggested then, as now, were economic assistance and the restoration of normal world trade.

More Money, Less Buying Power

Here are a few facts about the income of farmers:

In 1947, they received about \$30,000,000,000 from marketings and \$340,000,000 from government benefit payments. This was their highest income in history for our farmers, exceeding by 19.8 per cent the previous high record set in 1946.

The Alexander Hamilton Institute points out that the increase in farm income from marketings was primarily the result of a sharp increase in the prices of agricultural products, but that there was also an increase in the quantity. Prices reached the highest levels on record, being 19.3 per cent above the 1946 level.

There is one other point to be mentioned in connection with these figures. Despite the rise in farm income, farmers were not as well off as during the year before. While their income went up, it did not go up as fast or as much as the increase in the prices of the goods which they bought. Consequently, their purchasing power in 1947 was nearly one per cent below the 1946 level. Moreover, the recent sharp break in the prices of farm products indicates that there will be a further decline in the purchasing power of American farmers in 1948.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—The furore over the alleged "leak" by Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson of the government's grain-buying intentions was touched off by a perfectly routine Agriculture department press release.

Monthly announcement of how much grain will be exported—and therefore how much must be bought—is normally made by the department about the third of the month.

This month it was held up two days to obtain State and Army department clearances. It was ready to go on the fifth, second day of the grain market slump. Anderson and his aides huddled. Could it be held up or released? Release, they realized, would bring Republican charges that the administration was trying to bolster prices.

The compromise solution—release with a statement by Anderson elaborating on the situation—backfired and added more fuel to the flames.

Anderson's advisers insist he made a sincere effort to "play it down the middle" with a simple recitation of the facts. They further contend there was nothing in his statement which had not been common knowledge for weeks.

OLIVE BRANCH TO DIXIE?—Democratic National Committee-Chairman Howard McGrath may not make that informal trip south to pacify the revolt against President Truman's anti-Jim Crow proposals.

The rebellion thus far has reached only the "annoyance" stage with the administration, which would like to give it a chance to die "gracefully."

Mr. Truman also is being told that if a peacemaker must be sent southward, McGrath is not the man and might fan the political secession flames anew. The Rhode Island senator wears the "New Deal" tag, which currently is making segments of the south see red and threaten to bolt in November.

One group of advisers is telling the president that a better fence-mender would be Senate Democratic Leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky. Barkley, long-time administration wheelhorse, would be "acceptable," these counsellors argue.

It is now a tossup whether anyone will go south. The administration hopes that when the chips are down next November, the south will call off its dogs, and realize that patronage is mightier than revolt.

HARTLEY AND THE UNIONS—Rep. Fred A. Hartley (R), New Jersey, co-author of the Taft-Hartley law, says he has uncovered a new labor grievance during his west coast explorations—hot milk.

This is not what the name implies. Hartley said he discovered some union truckers in California who refused to transport the milk of certain producers because the cows had been fed with grain hauled by the farmers themselves instead of in union trucks. The congressman explained that it was termed "hot milk."

BAD LABOR STRATEGY?—Some independent unionists believe the AFL and CIO are employing the wrong strategy in blasting Henry Wallace and harping about the Taft-Hartley Labor Act.

These unionists think the repeated attacks on Wallace only serve to keep him in the limelight and may gain him support from a lot of independent, non-union voters in the midwest.

The Taft-Hartley issue, they argue, appeals only to labor's leadership and thus far has left the rank-and-file cold. One official says the attack on the act is two years too early, that the rank-and-filer has not felt any ill effects from the law yet and therefore his leaders' exhortations to battle its supporters fall flat.

All liberty is based upon the surrender of individual liberties.

When every citizen looks out for himself alone, the nation is apt to succumb.

Selfish people never made a nation great, regardless of the money they manage to acquire.

Most any business man can handle a big deal. The successful executive knows how to dispose of little deals.

Somebody has suggested that Charleston, S. C., may have been the site of the Garden of Eden. What's he trying to do—start a war with California?

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 18—The Dillsboro Masonic Lodge will meet in the Masonic hall, Dillsboro, at 7 p. m. Claude Cowan, W.M.

Thursday, March 18—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Scott's Creek Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Perry Parris at 3 p. m. Mrs. Joe Sutton, president.

Friday, March 19—The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild will meet in Allison building at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harry Hastings, president.

Monday, March 22—The Woodmen of the World will meet in the W.O.W. hall at 7 p. m. Jeff Hedden, council commander.

Tuesday, March 23—The Rotary club will have a dinner meeting in Allison building at 6:30 p. m. Dr. D. D. Hooper, president.

Wednesday, March 24—The American Legion auxiliary will sponsor a party for small children at the community house at 3 P. M.

Wednesday, March 24—The Lions club will have a dinner meeting in the High school cafeteria at 7 p. m. T. Walter Ashe, president.

Wednesday, March 24—Oce chapter, No. 139, Order of the Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic hall, Dillsboro, at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Worthy Matron.

Thursday, March 25—The American Legion auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Raymond Glenn at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Lawrence Cordeil, president.

Miss Stillwell Is On Production Staff Of Folk Dance Club

Raleigh, March 12—The spring folk dance performance of the Meredith College Folk Dance Club and classes will be given on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, the first in the auditorium of the Raleigh Little Theatre, and the last in the college auditorium.

The program consists of folk dances of America, Mexico and Europe, and is directed by Doris Peterson, professor of health and physical education at Meredith. Jolene Weathers of Rolesville, is president of the Folk Dance Club.

The production staff is made up of Miss Peterson, Mrs. H. E. Lynn,

15 Drivers Of WNC Lose Licenses

The drivers' licenses of 15 Western North Carolinians were revoked in the period Feb. 27-March 5, according to a revocation notice of the state highway safety division.

Those whose licenses were revoked are Osborne S. Ball of Bryson City, Thurmon R. Barnes of Canton, Charles Grady Biggerstaff of Sylva, John Lewis Case of Hendersonville, N. D. Deure of Asheville, Vernon Edsel Doss of Leicester, Herbert Harrison of Fletcher, Spencer McCarroll of Tryon, James Ray Mills of Sylva, Ralph Kelly Morgan of Sylva, Arthur William Parks of Marion, Roy Payne of Tryon, Hubert M. Walker of Ellensboro, Gerald David Wood of Canton, and Edward Wright of Hendersonville.

Cub Pack Plan For Summer's Work

The 23 members of the Sylva Cub Scout Pack, their leaders, parents, and friends met in the Allison building last Friday night at which time advancement in ranks were announced and plans for the summer were discussed.

Britton Moore, cub leader, and Tom Wilson, assistant leader, along with Avery Means, field secretary of the Daniel Boone Council, directed the discussions and games during the evening.

The theme for the month is conservation and the boys have chosen as their project, "rat killing", in the town of Sylva. The boys also plan to build a number of bird houses to be placed about the town and to plant spring gardens on their home lots for the growing of vegetables to distributed among the needy.

Rachel Rosenberger, Beatrice Donley, Phyllis Cunningham, Dorothy Dugger, and two students from the orchestration class, Emily Hine of Winston-Salem, and Elizabeth Stillwell of Sylva. Miss Stillwell has done a major part of the orchestration for the dance accompaniments. She also served as adjudicator's assistant at the 17-county district music contest held at Meredith last Friday and Saturday.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

We're so busy. Everybody I meet is busy. But we busy about the right things? That is what ought to concern us. Repeatedly I've written in this column that too many of us mistake motion for progress. Too many of us are busy about the wrong thing.

There is an interesting story buried back in the Old Testament, which tells about the selection of Saul as the first king of Israel. After he had been chosen, they couldn't find him. A diligent search was made for the new king and the record says quaintly that they finally found him after the Prophet Samuel had prayed to God. The Bible verse reads, "Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff." (1 Sam. 10:22).

How many of us have hidden ourselves "among the stuff"? We are literally covered up with "stuff," which we have gathered up and piled around us. Stuff! What gatherers we are. How covered up

we are with it. It all seems so important now, but in the light of eternity it will amount to nothing. We may have this "stuff" piled up in an office, in a business. We may even have it in a home. It takes tremendous effort to accumulate it, and more effort to care for it.

Many of us read last Christmas Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol." Do you remember the conversation between Scrooge and Marley's ghost? Scrooge tells Marley that he had been a good man of business. Marley cries aloud, shakes his chain, and says, "Business! Mankind was my business."

Frequently I hear someone say that he is not too much concerned about Judgement Day, that a God of Love would not condemn a man for his sins. Almighty God does not condemn us. We condemn ourselves when we hide ourselves in "stuff," busy ourselves about the wrong things, fail to follow His Plan for salvation, fail to put Him first. The Bible tells us emphatically that God desires "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Christ said, "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

A correspondent sent me these lines inscribed on a tablet in the Cathedral of Lubeck: "Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to Us: Ye call me Master, and obey me not; Ye call me Light, and see me not; Ye call me Way, and walk me not; Ye call me Wise, and follow me not; Ye call me Fair, and love me not; Ye call me Rich, and ask me not; Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not; Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not; Ye call me Noble, and serve me not; Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not; Ye call me Just, and fear me not; If I condemn you, blame me not."

CAA Has Aircraft Communicator Openings For Alaskan Duty

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The Civil Aeronautics Administration has openings for a number of qualified single men as aircraft communicators in Alaska, at starting salaries of \$3,306 a year.

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