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These Days



By
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THE CASE OF HAROLD STASSEN

Harold Stassen was appointed by the State Department to serve on the American delegation at the San Francisco conference, which was managed by Algier Hiss. Stassen was a strong supporter of the bipartisan foreign policy to which Senator Vandenberg devoted the last years of his life. Otherwise, he would not have been acceptable for this position.

Stassen had been Governor of Minnesota and on Admiral Halsey's staff in the Pacific during the war. More than any other Republican, his appeal was to youth. When he was invited to attend the secret State Department conferences in October, 1949 to discuss the China policy, he was no tyro. The personnel of that conference was such that 17 out of 25 persons attending were drawn from the Institute of Pacific Relations. Stassen could not have represented the Republican Party; he was there in his own right as a citizen of considerable experience.

The State Department cannot smear Harold Stassen as, for instance, they smear Joe McCarthy because Stassen's career does not lend itself to that kind of an attack. If anything, he has weakened his political prospects by too constant a support of the administration's position in foreign affairs. Therefore, they accuse him of faulty memory with the implication of falsehood.

Particularly on the subject of withholding supplies from the Chinese Nationalists do they totally deny Stassen's statements. He has challenged them to produce documents which he claims will corroborate his position in the diaries of Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. He has apparently forgotten that his general statements have already been fully substantiated by testimony before the Russell Committee investigating the dismissal of General MacArthur. Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense at the time (1949), testified:

"Senator Green. Now, in answer to one other question that was asked you, you were asked did the administration continue to give support to the Nationalist government, and you hesitated and then you said they did not give support, but did they give (sic) any opposition?"
"Mr. Johnson. Yes, sir."
"Senator Green. Active opposition?"
"Mr. Johnson. I don't know what you mean by 'active' quite, but there were efforts from my office at the instance of the military, of the Defense Department, to speed up the doing of the things they wanted to do in the line of acquisition and material that it seemed they were asked to get, and without being able to give you details, the definite feeling I had, there was a dragging of feet, an effort to delay."
Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger also testified:

"To make a long story short, nothing happened. Questions as to even the prices, what it was going to cost those people (Chiang Kai-Shek), were not forthcoming, and remembering that that was approved by the joint chiefs, had the authority of the Act of Congress and had the approval of the President, a period of 5 months went by before we could actually get any action."
"Senator Hickenlooper. Action where?"
"Admiral Badger. Action toward the shipment or knowledge of what was going to come, and you can't build a house, you can't fight a campaign unless you know what is coming and when it is coming, and therefore all the planning, the whole thing was stopped."
Admiral Badger testified concerning one shipment:

"I received word that a ship was entering, was about to go into Tientsin and it had about 10 per cent of this shipment that we had recommended on board. I said, 'Well, that's pretty bad. It's too bad that it isn't the full business, but maybe it will still have a morale effect.'"
General Fu Tso-Yi, who was holding out against the Communists assuming that American aid would come, reported to Admiral Badger:

"The above-mentioned weapons are not in good condition, and for the most part cannot be used. I do not know how or why these weapons were forwarded in an incomplete state."
The Admiral's conclusion is:

"The result was that General Fu Tso-Yi, who had his back to the wall at that time at Tientsin and Peiping in effect had his generals say, 'Is this what we have been waiting for?' And they collapsed within 2 days."
This collapse gave Peking (Peiping) to the Communists.

I could go on quoting substantiation of Harold Stassen's statement from the record, and may still do so if the situation warrants it. The record is enormous and all in one direction, except the testimony of



"But, Honey, I have to get into the spirit of this book!"



BEHIND THE SCENES

"No minority group in the country," within the past ten years, has made the advances scored by Negroes," Lena Horne told Ted Kirkpatrick, of Counterattack, "and we would have made even greater advances if the Communists didn't deliberately try to confuse the issue and stir agitation. Communism offers nothing to the Negro and the United States offers everything. If I could address young Negro performers, I'd warn them against allying themselves with Communist-front organizations! I'd warn them explicitly to resign immediately from any organizations visited by Combies and above all, I'd warn them not to permit the use of their name on letterheads until they check the sponsorship. The main thing for Negroes to do is fight actively against the Combies, not passively. That's what I intend to do, from now on."

"The World Series and even the playoff games dramatized the advance of the Negro, under the American system," continued Lena. "Jackie Robinson, Monte Irvin, Newcombe, Campanella, Mays and Henry Thompson are the best answers to Paul Robeson's agitation. Robeson, for whom I once had great admiration, does not speak for the American Negro, as Jackie Robinson told the House Committee on Un-American Activities and I would tell them, if invited. Agitators, however, will always be with us. The other night, an unauthorized group of whites from ACVA visited me to start trouble in night clubs which don't permit Negro patrons. I'll give you their names and you can check their Communist front backgrounds."

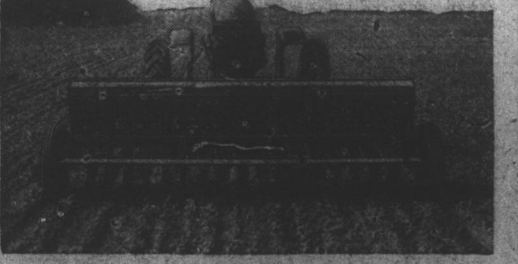
Said tall Kirkpatrick, ex-FBI agent: "In the final analysis, public opinion is the final judge of each one of us. Such a program as you have outlined will be recognized immediately by the American public. While I haven't the power to clear anyone, I want you to know that you can always call our office and check on any group which wants to exploit your name, either for their letterheads, their radio programs or public assemblies or even interviews which the Combies will distort. As a Negro, you will continue to fight for your race but as you've learned, the way to conduct that fight is as an American, never teamed up with Communist-fronts or Communist agitators."

The Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. expect a December Stork . . . Jeter Torre, recovered from his illness, making flickers in Germany. . . Lana Turner tapped Bob Topping's Beverly Hills phone. . . Howard Hughes wants a return bout with Stewart Granger. . . The Martin Sweeney's (Thana Skouras) expect Sir Stork. . . Christopher Fry writing a verse comedy for Dame Edith Evers. . . Charles MacArthur's brother, banker John, has teamed with Eddie Dowling to co-produce the Clare Boothe Luce play, "Child of the Morning." . . Hollywood re-issuing some of Laraine Day's old flickers as a result of World Series publicity.

Reason for the split after 16 years, of Sonja Henie and Arthur Wirtz. Chicago ice show impresario, according to his office, was Wirtz's proposal that Sonja permit Barbara Ann Scott to take over some of Sonja's spotlight numbers. Sonja nixed it, opens at Galveston in her own show Nov. 17. . . Mrs. Bill Oatis, wife of the AP correspondent imprisoned in Czechoslovakia, being coached by Mrs. Robert Vogeler on how to get her man freed. Mrs. Vogeler's main advice: count on the press. . . The Bert (Variety) Brillers named her Joan Ellen. . . Jack Davies rallied from a heart attack at St. Claire's Hospital (he manages Bert Wheeler, Jack Cole and other stars). . . Human flies in web of Brooklyn Bridge, painting her gown red. . . In the Fifth Avenue parade, Joan Fontaine, Nancy Guild, Jeanette MacDonald, Dru Mallory and Joan Caulfield (Joan driving back to the coast, on a rubberneck tour).

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Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON.—The Treasury booted its boss tax collectors out of St. Louis, San Francisco and Boston, you may remember, on charges of assorted shenanigans. It also fired the collector in the Third New York District not so much for crookedness, but for downright stupidity.

Then came tales of some revenue agents accepting hams, plane rides, World Series tickets, and cash from their reluctant customers.

This pained the House Ways and Means Committee, which writes the laws that are supposed to bring in the billions. And what good are income taxes, if the smart boys don't pay 'em? Makes the rest of us look like suckers.

So the committee hurried up with an investigation in the hope of regaining the public's respect for the tax collector. It called into its gold-draped room with the plaster eagles in the corners the new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, John B. Dunlap, to see what he was doing. He said he was struggling toward the same objective.

Well sir, it turned out that the Congressmen had been doing a little snooping in New York City, asking pointed questions of the agents who labored in the office of the collector.

"Very disturbing were the results," said Chairman Cecil R. King (D., Calif.) of the investigators. The big, bald and blunt commissioner said what did he mean? Rep. King turned the reply over to his former, Adrian Dewind, who got the rebuffs in New York.

Dewind said he asked these Federal officials how much money they had and where they got it. Some of 'em never did answer. One refused a reply on the grounds he might incriminate himself.

"Another reported very great skill in bridge and poker, which resulted in a steady annual income," said Dewind. "Still another had an infallible method of betting on horse races."

Commissioner Dunlap said he was doing his dead-levelled to clean out the monkeyshiners from among the tax collectors. The great majority of them were strictly honest, he continued, but a few were making it tough on the rest.

If Congress only would give him more money to hire more agents to check the agents checking the tax returns, he said, he believed he could do a better job. That pained Rep. Robert W. Keane (R., N. J.).

"The answer to all your troubles in your mind seems to be lack of funds," the gentleman from New Jersey said. "There may be something to this, but every time the present administration is criticized for anything, it comes running to us to ask for more and more and more money. There is a limit to what the taxpayer can take."

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Neither of the visitors knew that Dunn has a Little Theatre group and they didn't realize they were giving a plug to the program here, but that's what they did.

We noticed the ears of a couple of local Little Theatre performers perk up when they heard that praise of the organization, too. It was encouraging news and the encouragement came at a time when rehearsals are under-way for next week's Little Theatre performance and at a time when every word of encouragement helps and is appreciated.

A check of biographies will also show that a great number of radio, television, and Broadway stars also got their start in Little Theatre acting.

All along, we've had great appreciation for our Little Theatre and such information as this strengthens and enlarges that appreciation.

And may we just remind you that on next Thursday and Friday nights, "Meet My Brother" will be presented by Dunn's Little Theatre group. We advise you to get your tickets now.

Why Not Go Ahead?

General Omar N. Bradley said a few days ago in Tokyo that the United Nations now have enough men in Korea to stop any possible Communist attack and can win the war on the battlefield if truce talks collapse.

That statement struck us mighty funny.

Only a few days before that, President Truman told the American people that his policy with the Russians is one of preparedness and force if necessary. Mr. Truman is absolutely right. That's the only logical policy.

During the peace negotiations, we have taken one insult after another from the Reds.

And if our troops can, like General Bradley said, defeat them on the battlefield why don't they go ahead and do it?

Who's waiting for what? Let's get it over with and get our boys back home!

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