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## Who, In Fact, Is the Real Traitor?

### CHATTING

BY HARRY BOATE

A recent issue of The Digest and Review of Reviews contained the following under title, "Misunderstood America." It deals with European ideas concerning America, and in the light of European war debts owing this country there may be a great deal of truth in the statements. Here they are as listed in the article:

"That no American ever ate anything that did not come out of a tin can.

"That most Americans live on the hundredth floor of a skyscraper. That Americans love work above everything else. That they would much rather work than loaf, read, fish or swim. That if they have no work to do they become unhappy and restless.

"That American automobiles are so cheap that it doesn't pay to have them repaired. One throws them away, as one throws away an old newspaper. The cost of a general overhaul is usually higher than the price of a new car.

"That, when they arrive in Venice, Americans really believe the town is flooded.

"That American men keep their hats on when entering a house and always put their feet on a desk.

"That when there is a stock exchange crash thousands of people jump from the top of skyscrapers.

"That Americans can drink anything.

"That some Americans are very civilized and cultured, but they live in Europe.

"That Americans get drunk because they have no art.

"That an American wedding is always accompanied by the 'Wedding March' from Lohengrin.

"That street battles between cops and gangsters are so common that, after a while, you are not even disturbed in your sleep by full-scale and musketry reports. Cops invariably chase gangsters' cars at top speed, pumping bullets into passersby. Occasionally one sees a bullet-riddled corpse thrown out of a swiftly passing car.

"That the Americans love the English because they are cousins."

In some of these statements there may be a large amount of truth. In others it reads like fiction to those who really know.

Yes, we in America find much use for a can opener in preparing the daily meal, yet many a meal is served, especially at some of the farm homes, which would speedily change the idea about the tin can. Having partaken of many such meals, and watching preparation of same, know the statement is incorrect. And for the average city dweller to endeavor to eat bite for bite with the farm people is plain suicide.

As for most of us living on the top floor of a skyscraper, they should come to Charlotte and see our beautiful one-story homes and lovely flower gardens. About thinking Venice is flooded, well, we know a flood when we see it, and we have seen several in quite recent years. We know when a town is flooded. We also know what to do in such emergency.

Yes, sometimes we keep our hat on when in the house. Also occasionally in an elevator (or life, as the English say). Regarding our house manners here is one they failed to note. In former years when a person entered a strange house, he usually separated himself from his cigar before entering. Nowadays a cigar appears to be part of the man and goes inside with him. This would appear to be bad manners, as many times the occupant of the said house does not use the weed in any form.

About Americans drinking anything, it seems they are more nearly correct than appears on the surface. Some of them do. Why they get drunk may be explained by the fact that they consume more than they can well take care of. For all of which we are sorry, and so are they, after sobering up.

If all our civilized and cultured Americans live in Europe, we must be in a worse mess than we had supposed. But there is yet a chance that some person erred in this statement. All of us, and this includes Europeans and other nationalities, do strange and unusual things at times, but there are remaining in the United States some very courteous and refined people, and never a passenger vessel crosses the Atlantic that some European is not on it, usually with a desire to collect a few American dollars and take them back as souvenirs. Well, we have no fault to find if they succeed. As for loving the English because they are cousins, we might here say we love all people because they are brothers and sisters.

### The A. F. of L. Gains 702,940 Members In Eleven Months NLRB CHARGED WITH BEING A C. I. O. AGENT

The paid upon and reported membership of the 103 National and International Unions and Local Unions directly affiliated to the American Federation of Labor as of August 6, 1937, is 3,143,016. This is a gain of 702,940 members for the eleven months over the average membership of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1936.

This does not include the membership of the ten National and International Unions suspended September 5, 1936.

Pair Makes Film Bow In A New Motion Picture

Two motion picture performers of whom great things are expected in the near future make their screen debuts in "John Meade's Woman," a powerful love drama which begins on Friday at the Charlotte Theatre.

The first is Francine Larrimore, noted stage star, who comes to the screen already known to millions as a result of her stage work. The second is John Trent, erstwhile TWA transport plane flyer, who was "discovered" on a recent trip by B. P. Schulberg, producer, and given a "bid" to enter films.

Miss Larrimore's first appearance is considered unusual in that she is given star billings, along with Edward Arnold, who carries the male romantic lead in the film. This is a rarity in Hollywood. She plays the role of a country girl, somewhat on the tough side, who comes to the big city to make good.

So with these facts in mind, it seems to come with poor grace from Mr. Lewis to apply the word "traitor" to anyone and particularly to one whose service to labor has been as outstanding as has that of William Green.

### NOTICE TO TEXTILE WORKERS OF THE CAROLINAS

If you are interested in organization under the A. F. of L. you are requested to get in touch with the Charlotte office No. 302 South College Street, Phone 3-1905, and assistance will be given in every possible way. New textile locals are being formed along safe and sane lines, being directly affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### Some Of The Men You Know In Labor

[First of a Series of Sketches on Leaders in Labor in This Section.]

(By PEROXIDE)

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The next victim of this department is H. L. Kiser, president of Charlotte Central Labor Union, first vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, an old wheel-horse in organized labor and a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters local. He has his "peculiarities" (as we all have) but he is a union man tried and true, and a staunch A. F. of L. adherent. It is a known fact among his fellow workers that he is 100 per cent a "home man," and accounts for every moment of his working hours. A good scout is "Hill" Kiser and he numbers his friends by all who know him. He will really serve on committees and is an indefatigable worker in a cause which he holds near and dear to his heart, and last but not least if he is your friend he is your friend in every sense of the word.

### C. I. O. Leaders Are Ejected By Mississippi Mob

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 11.—Yelverton Cowherd, regional director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, said yesterday he and an associate, B. T. Garner, were ejected from Laurel, Miss., yesterday by a mob.

Sixteen men escorted them to a train, Cowherd stated.

The C. I. O. leader said a crowd of men gathered in the hall outside his hotel room and attempted to gain entrance after warning that "the C. I. O. is not wanted here and will not be tolerated."

### LOCAL LABOR NEWS NOTES

There was no meeting of Central Labor Union last night, the regular meeting being held next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

The Musicians Union reports a very well attended meeting Monday night, with much business being transacted.

Labor Day this year will see more stores closed and more industrial plants taking the day as a holiday than ever before in this section, all of which is a good omen.

### DOG "SHOPLIFTER" IS ANNOYANCE TO OWNER

Seattle, Wash.—Boy, Mrs. William Dixon's 10-year-old Airedale dog, has her worried about his tendencies toward burglary.

His latest feat was bringing home an overcoat. His mistress, after a diligent search, couldn't find the place he got it, and Boy was reticent on the subject.

He has a particular fancy for axes, hatchets, hammers and other tools with handles, which he brings home whenever located. Usually Mrs. Dixon can find the owner.

### GOOD EXAMPLE

An old Scots woman was wandering round the local museum with her grandson when they came to the usual statue of Venus de Milo, with half an arm missing on one side and the whole arm cut away on the other. "There we are, my lad," pronounced the old lady, wagging her finger toward the youngster. "That's what comes o' bitin' your finger nails!"

When you buy foreign-made goods, you are cutting your own way. Don't chisel on yourself.

### Googe Opens A.F.L. Knoxville Office

American Federation of Labor leaders here this week anticipated the arrival next Tuesday of the Federation's Southern representative, George L. Googe, to make the necessary preparation for the establishment of an East Tennessee office of the American Federation of Labor at Knoxville from which all organizing activities will be directed.

Announcement that Knoxville would probably be selected as one of two or four regional offices of the T. F. L. in co-operation with the A. F. of L. for organizing purposes, came at the close of the meeting of the State Federation's Executive Board at Nashville Sunday, and was tentatively announced here later by Cecil Arthur, C. L. U. president.

While here Mr. Googe will visit Alcoa in the interest of Local 19104's membership campaign. — Knoxville Labor News, Aug. 5.

### Dosh Doing Fla. From The East To The West Coast

L. H. Dosh who has been vacationing down Florida way the past two or three weeks, keeps writing The Journal about his good time and surcease of sorrow, away from the trials and tribulations of a lino-type, and while the writer does not envy him, it just can not be reasoned out why a man "bound down" should have to be tantalized thusly. The Madam is along with Brother Dosh, so we know he is living the straight and narrow, and will return to the Carolina Lino-typing company, of which he is one of the firm, in a "better humor" and invigorated and rejuvenated for another year of worry over "rotten copy" and bad collections.

QUICK SALE

The decrepit old car drove up to the toll-bridge.

"Fifty cents," cried the gateman.

"Sold," replied the driver.

### CONVICTS REVEAL LATEST TERROR IN GRIM GALAPAGOS

**Naked and Starving Men Revert to Primitive and Run Wild on Island.**

Panama.—New tales of terror are beginning to come from the grim Galapagos.

Naked and starving men are running wild, and life has reverted to the primitive since Ecuador placed a prison camp on those lush Pacific islands, officials here have been informed by smuggled letters.

Begging for help lest they die of suffering, five political prisoners sent the harrowing story from San Cristobal, 670 miles off the South American coast, to the newspaper Star Herald.

"You cannot imagine the sufferings we have to endure," they wrote.

"We are entirely without clothes. We are deprived of the most elementary articles of everyday life. We are detained under conditions probably unparalleled in any other country or part of the world.

"This island is under military guard, twenty men under command of two officers, who at the same time are the highest authority on the island.

"At our arrival they simply informed us that Ecuador does not assign as much as one cent for the purpose of feeding persons confined to this island and thus could not supply us any food.

Eke Out Own Living.

"The officers informed us that from now on it was entirely up to us to see what to do or how to make a living."

The prisoners, whose spokesman signed himself F. S. Coloman of Hungary, said their "only crime was having entered the country of Ecuador without proper travel papers," yet "even criminals confined behind prison bars live much more humanely than they treat us on

### SWING MUSIC UNNERVES Setting Hen; Quits Nest

Gouverneur, N. Y.—Setting hens have musical discrimination, if the act of one at the R. J. Rayburn farm near Pope Mills can be relied on. A radio was installed in a barn so the milkers could hear radio broadcasts at work. The stolid cows paid no attention to the radio.

Mrs. Rayburn encouraged a setting hen in the barn and all went well until the radio was turned on.

The hen listened with cocked head to speeches and news broadcasts, but when the swing music came on, uneasiness gave way to either disgust or extreme annoyance and Biddy left the eggs and would not return until the nuisance had subsided.

### Baroness Vanishes

The tactics they attributed to their military guard were reminiscent of those of the Baroness Eloise de Wagner, a German, who until recently ruled Paradise island in silk panties and a silver pistol cord. At the end of the cord was a gun she used to threaten anyone who happened to be in her disfavor at the moment.

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### Only half the battle is won, when you bargain collectively. Don't forget to BUY collectively.

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### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND BUSINESS MEN

(Brought out of the records and readopted December 9, 1936)

A resolution adopted last year as to The Labor Journal and solicitation of funds in the name of Central Labor Union was brought out of the minutes and republished as information. The resolution reads as follows:

"Resolved, That we publish in The Charlotte Labor Journal, that we do not condone any solicitation of advertising except for The Charlotte Labor Journal, purporting to represent labor, unless over the signature of the secretary of the Charlotte Central Labor Union.

### Word comes to The Journal that Mrs. W. E. McKamey, who has been in a critical condition at a Newport News, Va., hospital, following a very serious operation, is convalescing.

Mrs. McKamey is a former president of the Women's Union Label League, Charlotte, and well known in church and fraternal circles here. Mr. McKamey is with the Dupont company at Hopewell, Va., as a machanic. She is now at her home in Newport News Va., No. 4672 Washington, Ave.

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