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the spy scare immediately after the U. N. O. session, and possibly to set the props under Churchill for his recent speech.

One sober journalist, Stephen White, of the New York Herald Tribune, observed on February 21st:

"With no information available from officials connected with the case, the Canadian press has fallen back on 'authorized' or 'highly placed' or 'unimpeachable sources' for copy to fill half its front pages. Some of the effect is lost by the fact that each source contradicts most of the others . . . it has been suggested that the Prime Minister may not be averse to the rumor factory he has started and that the entire spy scare is a matter of high politics rather than security."

Not only was the Soviet note to Canada the only real source of information, but the U. S. S. R., also supplied the motive for King's action. Quite simply, the spy scare was "broken" at this time to offset the impression which the Soviet defense of democracy had made upon the world at the U. N. O. sessions.

The Strength of Freedom

By Ruth Taylor

The first time I heard that phrase it came from the lips of one of the truly great elder statesmen. There was a lifetime of experience in his tone when he said, "We underestimate the strength of freedom."

What he had learned in his years of struggle to improve the conditions of his fellow Americans, is the secret of the power of democracy. It is the vital spark of reserve power of our republic.

There is a hidden strength to freedom, an innate power which is invincible. Fearful souls have spoken and written much of the might of totalitarian nations—of the speed with which they can act, of their cohesive power. But all of these are as nothing beside the strength of freedom. Freedom has powers beside which the powers of dictators—either of the left or right—crumble into their native nothingness.

There is a balance of power in freedom because it is applicable to all without regard to class, color or creed. Without equal rights for all there is no freedom for any—no liberty, just license to oppress for the favored few.

Freedom means the possession of self initiative and the exercise of the powers of deliberation. It takes courage to be free, because it demands the acceptance of duties as well as of rights.

A man who is free is a strong man. He is free from the chains of hate or prejudice, from fear, selfishness and despair. The man who is free has learned to walk alone, to think and decide for himself. He does not lean on others. He stands firm by himself.

We have underestimated the strength of our freedom. It is like the education of a child. If a child has been properly trained, he can be trusted as an adult to make correct decisions. Those who have been trained to freedom have the strength to use it wisely. This is our salvation as a nation. This is the cohesive quality of democracy.

Rumpus In Canada

An example of anti-Sovietizing in official circles came from Canada a few weeks ago, in the now-famous spy scare.

If all our newspapers stuck to objective reporting and to verifiable facts, the Canadian episode would, it has been pointed out, have produced the following immediately:

1. No international spy ring of any kind existed in Canada. The Royal Commission of the Ottawa government itself admits in a preliminary report on February 23rd that eleven men and two women detained for questioning were all Canadians.
2. As far back as a year ago—according to Pravda on February 22nd,—the Soviet government discovered instances where Canadians volunteered allegedly secret information to one or two members of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa. Whether these "secrets" were volunteered in good faith or with a provocative motive is unclear; in any case, the Soviet Union itself considered any such activities by its own nationals as "impermissible"; the offending aides of the military attache in Ottawa were withdrawn by the Soviet government. Neither the Soviet ambassador nor the chief military attache was aware of what one or two of their subordinates were doing.
3. The Canadian government never took the matter up with the U. S. S. R. through ordinary diplomatic channels. On the contrary, though discussing the details with the head of another government (President Truman) as long ago as last October, the Canadian government withheld all knowledge of these matters and "broke"

Poor Quality Seed Proves Expensive

Use of poor quality seed, mismanagement and bad handling of the crop cost North Carolina sweet potato growers about \$11,500,000 that was produced by Johnny Lassiter, Extension horticulturist at State College, who said that farmers received only about \$6,500,000 from a business worth potentially \$17,000,000.

North Carolina, which normally ranks first in the nation in sweet potato production, slid to second last year behind Louisiana, when bad weather conditions reduced acreages

by 12,000 and production by 2,000,000 bushels. Some progress was made in 1945, however, in that the quality of the crop improved sufficiently to stop the importation of potatoes from other states. Prospects are that the state will exceed the government-set goal of 74,000 acres this year, more than 10,000 acres above the crop harvested last year.

The North Carolina Crop Improvement Association has announced that since 1929 less than two and a half percent of the sweet potato crop in the state has been planted from certified seed, which, according to Lassiter, is the principal cause for losses and low grower returns.

James J. Edwards of Route 2, Ayden, received upwards of \$2,000 net

from sweet potatoes grown on two acres in 1945. His yield from this plot included 751 bushels of No. 1's, 80 bushels of No. 2's and 100 bushels of strings, the latter being fed to hogs. Edwards still has 100 bushels of certified potatoes for seed from this crop after sales. He says that "the use of good seed, close spacing and proper fertilization" are responsible for the high yield.

Lassiter recommends between 1,000 and 1,400 pounds of a 3-0-9 fertilizer with 10 pounds of borax added per acre for sweet potatoes in this state, plus the use of certified seed and close spacing.

"Chick" Parrish, Extension poultryman at State College, is urging poultrymen to start "usual" numbers of pullet chicks in 1946 to forestall an anticipated shortage of poultry and eggs later this year.

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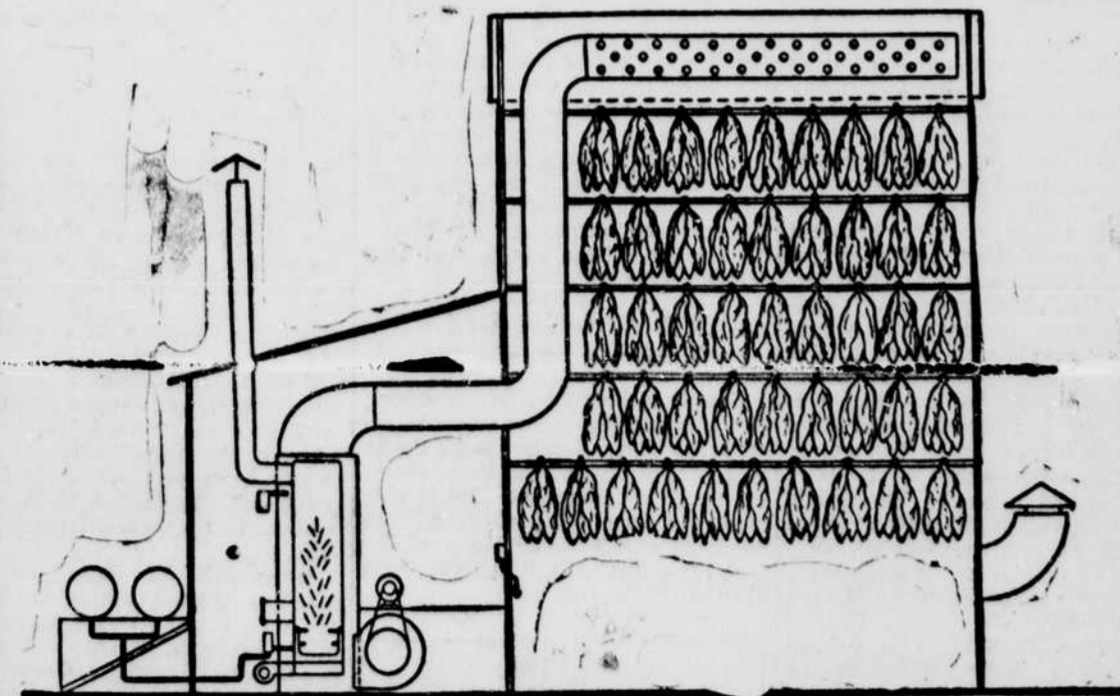
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