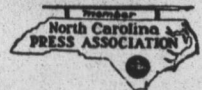


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It Almost Happened Here

Though some newspapers and a few magazines have within the past few months published articles containing highly critical opinions of the activities of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, the first of the week headlines telling the story of the arrest of eighteen members of the "Christian Front", an organization frequently praised by Father Coughlin, will doubtlessly serve the purpose of re-directing public attention to the Detroit radio priest's behind scenes operations as an unfortunate and perhaps dangerous molder of public opinion in certain sections of the United States.

The "Christian Front" arrests, made after six months of Federal Bureau of Investigation surveillance under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. head, revealed an astonishing and fantastic plot to overthrow established government in the American nation by strategic seizures of post offices and other government buildings, by destroying newspaper offices, by taking control of communications systems and by the murder of no less than a dozen Congressmen. The whole affair, as planned, appears to be as fantastic but as deliberate as anything previously imagined by an "It Can't Happen Here" Sinclair Lewis.

Impossible details fill up the news releases. Quite in keeping with sheer melodrama is secret manufacture of armaments and explosives. Also to be expected is the above mentioned plan to commit murder in official circles. But more may be learned concerning the "dangerousness" of the abortive plan by studying the list of suspects rounded up by the F. B. I. agents. With one or two exceptions, all of the men involved are described as small-time residents of the metropolitan New York area. They were, in several instances unemployed. At the most they were men working at small white-collar jobs, with slight chances for advancement and many of them apparently are of doubtful status as citizens of the United States. To be noted, too, is the fact that ages in the group range from eighteen upwards through the forties, with considerable inclinations to military service of the minor type.

We have no fear that the government of the United States will be overthrown, nor do we fear that there are left at large many other members of the "sporting club" so recently disbanded. We do, however, fear the indirect results of this affair of the week.

Times like the present spawn a vicious intolerance and in both the national and international sense no one any longer trusts his neighbor. It is perfectly possible for educated and otherwise well balanced people to allow themselves to develop an unpatriotic patriotism, a patriotism capable of gross and blind acts of injustice and mal-judgement. There are citizens, for example, who will set up a hue and cry for the blood of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin and will drag down into the mire with him the church in which he happens still to be a priest.

There are other people, of the less literate group, who will absorb the prejudices of the "sporting club" and will themselves carry on a crusade against Jewish people in the name of patriotism. Indeed, in conservative North Carolina we have seen too much of this anti-Jewish ill spirit within the past twelve months, and from sources least expected, in the ranks of college graduates of the professional set.

In jittery hours such as we as Americans are sharing perforce with the rest of the world it takes sanity and discretion to have a long view, but now and always we need to continue to have faith in ourselves. We need to realize that weak-minded people who have permitted themselves to become associated with organizations such as the "Christian Front" are just as weak-minded in times of peace when dictators and dictatorships fade into the sub-conscious background. North, east, south and west we do daily business with citizens of this complaining and dis-satisfied turn-of-mind. Only in hours of unusual stress do we begin to say that so and so ought to be put in prison, because he happens not to think, feel or act within the rules accepted by us for what we think is for the common good.

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Alfred Moore Scales

On Monday of this week last rites for Alfred Moore Scales were conducted at the First Presbyterian church in Greensboro. Identified throughout his life with both the church of his fathers and with his native city, Mr. Scales never-the-less found time to be for many years an influential and an active North Carolinian.

He was, for three decades, a participant in state-wide civic, social, religious and political affairs, always with that touch of far-seeing vision peculiarly his own, and more than any other North Carolinian of his time, perhaps, he carried forward into the service of the new days of Aycock and Glenn the aristocratic but well-proportioned family tradition to which he was born. No man could resist his affectionate friendship and his capacity for understanding human nature. No man ever wanted to resist.

In later years, because of ill health and economic reverses, Mr. Scales was denied the privileges of out-

ward reward for his period of distinguished service to his state. He suffered much and in silence, but he would not have known any other way to suffer. With his death the state has said farewell to yet another citizen who lived and worked and planned for it with a commendable and genuine lack of self-interest.

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Local Note on the WPA

Current reports from the Person County WPA office where Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, administrator, has the task of enrolling applicants, indicates that there recently has been a large increase in certifications. The weather permitting, it would seem that now is the time for work on the sewer project, and on whatever else can be properly done under WPA hereabouts, to be dispatched with speed.

We know that proper appreciation of the present WPA influx of labor is being shown here, but we merely wish to remind city and county authorities that many of the enrollees, come the spring, will have to go back to their farms and to the production of hay and corn and tobacco. That's the way the government works.



The Example of Providence

Christian Science Monitor

The lesson that Providence, Rhode Island, has given the Nation is simply that accidents are avoidable—if one drives slowly. Although impressive records were made last year by both Kansas City, Missouri, and Atlanta, Georgia, in reducing their fatalities by 60 and 50 per cent respectively, the New England city of Providence, despite its narrow winding streets and frequently adverse weather, has again topped them all, holding fatalities to 14, or 5.5 per 100,000 population.

The Providence campaign has many fronts. One is educational, police working with the schools, so that not a child of school age has been killed in 13 months. Another is the development by press and public officials of a lively civic pride. This has been stimulated by such things as the granting of the National Safety Council Grand Award.

But it is the firm conviction of police that success in Providence lies in the strict, impartial enforcement of a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit.

This is a conclusion some may find difficult to accept; but actual police records over a number of years, detailing the factor of speed in specific accidents, was so conclusive that when the Superintendent of Police asked permission to enforce the 25-mile limit, no great objections were heard.

By-products of this slowing down are interesting. After driving a few blocks in Providence traffic one begins to feel a certain measured rhythm in the movement of cars. Tension is relaxed and replaced with calm assurance. There is time for courtesy. These are doubtless contributing causes to the fact that safety-conscious people throughout the country are considering the example of Providence.

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Armament Appropriations

Durham Morning Herald

Senate and house committees concerned directly and indirectly with extra appropriations for national defense, naturally enough, are asking a lot of questions and crowding those who ask for more for the army, navy, air corps, and so on for a bill of particulars—for down-to-earth explanations of why a bigger navy, army, and air corps is so imperative.

The navy department and chief of naval operations, Admiral Stark, in particular, is on the witness stand, so to speak. Why, insistent senators and representatives ask, must the navy have a billion or more extra money right now for newer, bigger, and better ships? What potential enemy is the navy thinking about, congressmen ask, that requires a greatly enlarged naval establishment to deal with? Why, if at all, should the United States have not only a navy second to none but one superior to any and equal to any like combination?

It is natural, we say, that senators and representatives level such questions. They have occurred to many of us and all of us would like a more satisfying answer than anyone has yet offered.

But if it is natural for the questions to be asked, it is also natural of the admirals and generals to respond with vague answers and natural again for congressmen to stop asking and go ahead and make the extra appropriations. And that, we suspect, is what is going to happen.

Truth about the matter is no one knows what sort of navy, army, and air corps we need in the world of today—and the probable world of tomorrow. Everybody wants as strong a navy, as powerful an army, and as comprehensive an air corps as is required to defend our interests and shores and to persuade all outsiders to respect our rights. And wanting that, most everybody resolves doubts in favor of adding to our armaments. What else is there to do when those supposed to know most about the question advocate that course.

FINANCE

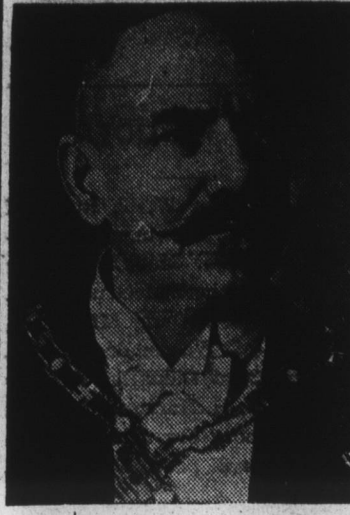
New farm mortgage financing, including loans to farmers and tenants to purchase farms, showed an upward tendency during the last half of 1939 for the first time in several years.

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Defends Finland



Pehr Evind Svinhufvud, 78, former president of Finland who, according to reports, has enlisted in the Finnish army. He was president of the nation from 1932 to 1937.

FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: How much carbon disulphide should be used in a corn crib to control weevils?

Answer: In a well-built crib, designed with a view to fumigation, from ten to twenty pounds per 1,000 square feet is a common dosage. However, in the ordinary crib as much as 50 pounds is used to the 1,000 square feet. It is better to use more of the fumigant than is actually necessary than to overestimate the tightness of the barn and have to do the job all over again. In using the carbon disulphide it is well to remember that gas is very explosive and inflammable and no lights or fire in any form should be allowed near the crib that is being fumigated.

Question: Is it necessary to treat sweet potatoes before planting in the hotbed?

Answer: Seed potatoes should be treated to destroy any surface borne disease organisms that might be present on the potato. Amelcor chloride 1-100 solution (1 ounce to 8 gallons of water) should be used for fifteen minutes before bedding. Do not wash the potatoes. The solution should be warm or about 100 degrees F for the most effective control of organisms carried on

REFLECTIONS

By R. M. SPENCER

TOMORROW

Tomorrow is anticipation. It is that part of life's trail which is always out of sight. It is just around the bend and holds the promise that we shall find what we may most desire.

Tomorrow gives zest to living.

If we knew what awaited us around the corner, there wouldn't be any point in hurrying to find it. We hope to find good health tomorrow, we expect to reach success

and to realize the climax of our endeavors tomorrow. They are around the next bend of the trail that holds the secret of our desires.

Tomorrow is anticipation. Go on! Keep on trying! The gold of opportunity may spread out in the valley of Tomorrow. You will reach it if you keep going on.

Success is synchronized with Tomorrow. Bankers, businessmen, fathers and mothers maintain their success in just the degree they anticipate Tomorrow. You may find success today BUT you must anticipate Tomorrow to keep it!

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the seed potato. Seed already diseased cannot be cured by seed treatment.

Question: How may beef be preserved on the farm?

Answer: Any part of the beef animal may be canned and this is the most popular method of preserving on the farm. Cut the meat in five or six pound chunks and rub with salt. Pack the pieces in a clean vessel of hard wood or stone ware and cover with a pickle made of one and one-half pounds of salt, one ounce of salt peter, one-quarter pound of sugar or syrup, and one-gallon of pure water. Leave the meat in this pickle for about two weeks and then smoke lightly to improve the flavor. If dried beef is desired, hang the meat and allow to dry out well. The rounds are usually dried.

DIFFERENCE

Although he applied calcium metaphosphate on his clover in the late spring, C. D. Baldwin of the Lansing community in Ashe county reports he could tell a marked difference when the clover was cut for hay.



Of course you don't want to lose an eye without insurance.

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Palace Theatre

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From Thursday, Jan. 18 thru Saturday, Jan. 20

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 18-19

Sonja Henie with Ray Milland - Robert Cummings - Maurice Moscovitch - Alan Dinehart - Fritz Feld, in "Everything Happens At Night"

Beauty! In the swift, shimmering ice-and-snow surprises only Sonja can give! Exciting too! In the running fight for their lives—guns blazing, sleighs racing!

Colored Cartoon: "Scrambled Eggs" — Pete Smith Specialty: "Take a Cue"

No Morning Shows; Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c; Evening daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-30c

Saturday, Jan. 20

Roy Rogers with George "Gabby" Hayes - Donald Berry - Pauline Moore, in "Days of Jesse James"

Episode No. 12 of the serial "The Oregon Trail" ("The Avalanche of Doom") with John Mack Brown - Louise Stanley - Fuzzy Knight.

Terrytoon: "The Watchdog" Matinee 2:30-4:00; Admission 10-25c; Evening 6:45 - 8:15-9:30. (Box office opens at 6:45.) Admission 10-30c.

Special Show Saturday Night 11:30, Jan. 20 - Men Only (Women Only at the Dolly Madison)

"Condemned"

A true, gripping story of beautiful young girls who pay with broken lives for good times they never had!

Cartoon: "Park Your Baby" Box office opens 11:15. Show at 11:30. All seats 25c.

ONE-QUARTER

One-quarter of all this country's farms now have high-line electric service, more than twice the number of farms that had such facilities in 1935 when the REA was established.

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The Hardy Family (Lewis Stone - Mickey Rooney - Cecilia Parker - Fay Holden) in "Judge Hardy and Son" (First Run)

The New Hardy picture is here! 800 laughs! Thrills and heart-throbs too! Man-to-man, it's terrific!

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Saturday, Jan. 20

John Wayne with Nancy Shubert - Yakima Canutt, in "Sagebrush Trail" (First Run)

Episode No. 13 of the serial "Dick Tracy's G-Men" ("The Fatal Ride") with Ralph Byrd Headliner: "Frankie Masters and his Orchestra"

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Special Shows Saturday Morning 10:30 — Saturday Night 11:30 For Ladies Only (Men at the Palace Saturday Night)

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