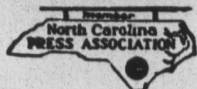


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Blood Of The Martyrs

Most profound and far-reaching consolidation of strength yet accomplished within ranks of the United Nations was wrought Sunday when public announcement was made from Moscow of the dissolution of the communist third international. With the announcement was incorporated an appeal to labor to end factional strife in a united front against Hitlerism.

The dissolution, coming from Russia, from the heart and soul of communist principles, deals a death blow to all that was extravagant and fantastic in a doctrine believed in by Trotsky, Lenin and our own John Reed and Emma Goldman. The dissolution effectively removes the one and only stumbling-block between Anglo-American and Russian cooperation, and comes as proof positive that the ideologies directing the Union of Soviet Republics are veering more closely than ever toward that form of democracy with which Anglo-Americans have been most familiar.

The blood of the martyrs, who died in the faith of communism, cries up from the dark earth, but the world moves onward, with only history as the narrator of the strange course of events in which a faith once vital finally died because those nations once most opposed to that faith appropriated the best part under another name.

One Muddle And The Start Of Another

Supposed to have been held this week was a registration for sugar for canning, a registration that was cancelled on Monday by a State OPA office announcement about twenty-four hours after previous registration places had been published hereabouts.

Begun last Friday through Post Office facilities was distribution of application blanks for War Ration Book III, with the provision that said application blanks, properly filled out and duly signed by head of the household applicants, are to be returned to Charlotte on and after June 1 and certainly by June 10.

No possible criticism for the contermanded sugar order or for the complexities pertaining to obtaining War Ration Book III may be laid upon the doorstep of the already panting and overburdened Person OPA office, nor may the blame be placed upon any one of the other local OPA offices throughout the State or the Nation, but the fumbling and the lack of imagination displayed by the State Office and by the National office can only be described as titanic.

Person, fortunately, is one of those small, neighborly areas where everybody knows everybody else and so we take it that it will not be long before the revised sugar for canning regulations will be properly spread abroad and understood. That muddle can be passed up, but what is to come from the Ration Book affair, even in Person, has not yet been felt.

The steps for registration for Ration Book III have been described as simple, and they are simple, if each and every person required to register could be supposed to be possessed of the ability to read and write and to understand what is to be read and signed. Unfortunately, even in so advanced a County as Person, there is a considerable portion of the population handicapped by functional or by actual illiteracy. In other sections of the South, especially in that section of it commonly referred to as "Deeper", the proportion of inability to read and understand, much less write, is even higher, and the same holds for urban denizens in Yankee cities, where ignorance is more abounding than grace.

The Post Office department does a grand job of distribution. It has had sufficient practice for lo these many years, but it cannot be expected that postal authorities can take time to help our less literate citizens ponder the rules and regulations with which the application blanks are hedged about.

Main fact now is that the application blanks are here and must be coped with. And although we can appreciate the fact that men and women in military service do not like being classed with ineligible such as "persons in involuntary confinement, we fully understand that proper filling out of the blanks for Book III

creates a good neighbor obligation that must be met. Unless OPA appointed advisers appear on the scene, it will be the duty of the rest of us to see that our less educated friends and neighbors have what they can in the way of "filling out" assistance.

The Post Office system of registration and distribution may be simpler and more effective than any system yet devised, but as the national OPA is already finding out, it does present its own peculiar difficulties.

Two News Items

Take this one, headed — "Algiers, May 23—(AP)— Fresh meat appeared in Algiers butcher shops today for the first time in almost two years . . . Authorities permitted resumption of slaughtering after a sabbatical period decreed to enable livestock raisers to build herds and flocks depleted under the Vichy regime by the shipments of large amounts of meat to the Axis . . . Official prices range from fifty cents to one dollar a pound."

Take this one — "Oxford, May 23 — (Special) — A step forward toward relieving the meat shortage here was taken by Oxford Board of Commissioners Friday night as provision was made for slaughter of meat under proper health regulations within fire districts of the town . . . The Commissioners adopted an amendment to the code of the town allowing the operation of an abattoir or slaughter house on the same premises in connection with a duly licensed meat market, provided that the establishment be operated in accordance with laws of the State Health Department . . . The amendment was drawn up by the town attorneys, Parham and Taylor, on an order issued at a regular meeting of the Board last Tuesday night and was adopted by Mayor Tom C. Jordan's deciding vote, breaking a 3-3 tie by members of the Board."

Take the two news items together and we have different pictures of difficult situations, but it strikes us that the Oxford tie-vote reflects a singular lack of comprehension and anything but a "Step forward". Whatever of credit can be taken for the poor, substitute solution voted in must go to Mayor Jordan. We have the hope that whatever of solution is arrived at in Roxboro will be as it should be, concrete and cooperative, with both City and County support.

We Are Living In History

Mr. Average Citizen lives one day to the next, with a complacency approaching boredom, but to Miss Charlie Huss, of Raleigh, State Keeper of War Records for the Office of Civilian Defense, all that is being written today has historical significance and it is her job to make the public realize that soldiers' letters from the African front, from Guadalcanal, from Japanese prisons, from England and from any one of the hundreds of American camps and training centers are historical documents.

The same living quality of history is incorporated in a multiplicity of stories about home front activities in Red Cross and War Bond fields, in accounts from USO huts and Stage Door Canteens. Everywhere we turn, history is smacking us in the face. There is no escape. Out of the everyday commonplaces is being woven the record that future generations will pour over and look upon with anxious eyes, in an effort to discover what manner of men walked the earth in 1943.

Much of what is at this moment regarded as important will perish and in the distant future some Stephen Vincent Benet or some Margaret Mitchell will reduce it all to a synthesis. Miss Huss just happens to believe that we, the ones who are living now, today, can make the synthesis job a bit easier if we will but save the records that come to hand.

Locked up in the idea is the feeling that what happens now to Person County folks and to their neighbors in the ninety-nine other Counties in North Carolina will some day form a part of the State's proud record in this our heroic age. And so, in keeping with the news story released in Sunday's Times we can do no more than ask for the present and future cooperation of Person citizens in the keeping of their part of the record.

Knowing the honest and the just pride that Person and Roxboro people have in their sons and daughters who are actively in the war effort, and knowing from first hand information some of the responses to home front sacrifices that are being made here, we have full confi-

From where I sit . . .



by Joe Marsh

Friday nights, a bunch of us fellows all get together over at Bill Webster's place.

We don't play cards; we don't sing or carry on.

We just sit quietly over a glass or two of beer and talk about world affairs and local politics, and what not.

You mightn't think that just setting and talking would be so much fun. But it is.

And it's wonderful how friendly talk over a glass or two of beer

can bring out the best in people — good sense, for instance, and good fellowship, and tolerance. From where I sit, there ought to be more of this quiet talk over a glass of beer. Helps understand each other—and be more friendly to each other in these trying times.

Joe Marsh

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dence that Miss Huss will have from Person County a good and worthy record, but it is important to remember that the job of compiling it can be done by no one man or woman. It is a job that all of us who love and appreciate the Person tradition can have a part in.

Sweet Potato

Good Wartime

Food Crop

The sweet potato is one of the best crops which North Carolina farmers can grow at present to meet the increased demand for extra food under wartime conditions, says J. Y. Lassiter, Extension Horticulturist at N. C. State College. He reports that growers are anticipating a normal season during 1943 with relatively good prices for the crop.

As an example of how some farmers feel about growing sweet potatoes this year, he points out that Dan Lee of Arapahoe is planning to fill three curing houses on his farm with about 50,000 bushels. He will put in around 256 acres of vine cuttings, following a crop of oats. The rotation followed on this land is

soybeans, oats, and sweet potatoes.

The horticultural specialist reports that Lee is marketing the last of his 1942 crop in three grades. No. 1's, No. 2's, and commercials. Recently he was getting \$6.75 per bushel for his No. 1's, and \$3.00 per bushel for the No. 2's and commercials.

Lee keeps 18 Duroc brood sows so that he will have enough pigs coming along to take care of his cull sweet potatoes. On the 600 acres, which he operates with four tractors, three mules and a saddle horse, he has 37 acres of tobacco but he is more interested in the sweet potatoes than in the tobacco. His returns over the past twelve years show that the

net returns from the yams are greater than the returns from tobacco.

In addition to a large acreage of feed and soil improving crops, Lee has 20 acres of Irish potatoes. He is a firm believer in diversification and, according to Lassiter, he follows a definite plan of rotation and cropping based upon carefully prepared records.

After July 1, luggage will be made in 7 basic types and will be drastically limited in size and design.

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