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THIRD TERM

No third term - this today from Roosevelt. But which one - there are quite a few Roosevelts. A White House, Hyde Park Roosevelt - but there are quite a few of them also. Well then - Elliott Roosevelt. The President's son today expressed the hope that his father would not run for reelection in Nineteen Forty. Elliott's wish is - no third term. Why? Here's the explanation he gives:- "I guess my principal objection is that being a son of a president is more of a handicap than a help."

Brother Jimmy, meditating upon his insurance business, has said the same thing. So maybe one way to get ^{the} a third term issue out of the way is to put it to a vote in the Roosevelt family.

RELIEF

There's White House word today - hold down the spending. The President's mandate is - keep W.P.A. relief within the seven hundred million dollar mark. That's the amount the W.P.A. has left for disbursements until March First.

All this came out today in a conference between President Roosevelt and Deputy W.P.A. Administrator Aubrey Williams, and the following comment was given by Williams to the newspaper men. "We have hopes," said he, "of stretching the money out as directed ~~directed~~ by the President. Employment is increasing everywhere and the outlook is brighter than at any time in a year."

PRICE SYSTEM

The latest big idea in Washington is called - the two-price system. It was proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and today was endorsed by Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau.

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According to the two-price system, the government will ~~sell~~^{sell} food and clothing to people of the low income groups at reduced prices. There's a huge surplus of grain and cotton.

This has to be disposed of, so why not sell it ~~at reduced rates~~^{cheaply} to people who can't afford to pay regular rates?

~~so~~ That would mean ~~that~~ there would be two levels of prices, one charged in the normal course of commerce and the other charged by the government in selling surpluses to those who make so little they have trouble in getting the necessities of life.

GREEN

When C.I.O. Chairman John Lewis announced to A.F. of L. President Green that he'd resign if Green would resign -- Green replied that the answer to the proposal would be given by the delegates of the American Federation of Labor. And today, in convention at Houston, Texas, the delegates gave the answer. They unanimously reelected William Green to his fifteenth consecutive term as President of the A. F. of L.

GAS

One of the painful things of life is the gas bills, and one of the things we look at with a glowering glance is the gas meter. Is that meter registering right, or is it just piling it on? The Federal Bureau of Standards in Washington undertook to answer that question, made an investigation, today gives the answer. And it's O.K. for the gas meter. The Bureau finds that the methods used ~~ex~~ all over the country in ^{checking} ~~check~~ the meters are quite accurate. ~~They~~ ^{ever} hardly anything more than a small margin of error. And, the investigation showed ^{that} in borderline cases the consumers get the benefit of the doubt. So it's a pat on the cheek for the gas meter, if the gas meter had a cheek.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

I suppose we all agree that we can do something better in two months than in three days, more time to work on it. But there's a Japanese-American sculptor named Isamu Noguchi, who won't agree with that at all.

Prizes were offered for a plaque of bas-relief, to be placed above the entrance of the new Associated Press Building here in Rockefeller Center. Noguchi entered two proposed plaques. One he created in three days. The other he worked on for two months -- just to make sure it would have a chance to win.

But the three day quick job turned out to be the winning one, not the long arduous labor of two months. All of the hundred and ninety entries have just been put on exhibition with the winning sculpture pointing the moral -- that fast is sometimes better than slow.

STORM

A change of course is reported, from the Gulf of Mexico, a hurricane switching direction. A tropical storm which was heading for Alabama and Mississippi, has turned eastward, and is blowing toward southern Florida. So says the Weather Bureau.

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BULGARIA

This afternoon the news flashed ~~the word~~ that Sofia, ~~the~~ capital of Bulgaria, was cut off from the world. That ~~was~~ raised the instant surmise -- revolution, rumors of the overthrow of the government. Then the world came through from Sofia:-- ~~the~~ threatened revolution, quelled by the authorities.

This follows the assassination of the Chief of Staff of the Bulgarian ~~army~~ army, shot down several days ago by a Macedonian terrorist. Today there was a round-up throughout Bulgaria of terrorist elements -- those Macedonian secret society people who have ~~been~~ long been the ^{scourge} ~~terror~~ of the Balkans. The Macedonians are Bulgarians who want to join Bulgaria and their revolutionary committees strike at Bulgarian politicians who do not serve their aims.

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LINDBERGH

In the uproar between Lindbergh and the Soviets, the original story was given by a London news sheet of Left Wing tendencies called - THE WEEK. And today this same news sheet appears with ^{what it presents as} a new Lindbergh revelation. THE WEEK says that the Lone Eagle not only told a party at Lady Astor's house that the Soviet air force was inferior and disorganized, but also that he said the same thing to Lloyd George. But Lloyd George was not impressed. Why was he not? Here's the reason as given by - THE WEEK.

The war time British Prime Minister, talking to the world's most famous aviator, is reported to have asked - did Lindbergh tell these things about Soviet aircraft efficiency to Voroshilov?

And Lindbergh is supposed to have answered: "No. Voroshilov? - who is Voroshilov anyway?"

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With that Lloyd George is said to have walked away - figuring that if Lindbergh didn't know that General Voroshilov was War Commissar for the Soviets, he wouldn't know much about anything.

Meanwhile, flying expert Al Williams is saying that from what he recently saw of Soviet aircraft, Lindbergh didn't tell the half of it.

And today the literary critics are having a Lindbergh say -- hail the newest book by the Colonel's lady, as a masterpiece. "Listen -- the Wind" it's called.

HUNGARY

The Czechs and ~~the~~ Hungarians stopped talking today, broke off negotiations. Prague refused ~~to~~ to hand over the territory that Budapest wants, merely offered autonomy to Hungarian sections in Czechoslovakia - an autonomy ~~the~~ Hungary refuses to accept. So now it's to be another four power affair, with the Hungarians announcing that they'll submit their claims to Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy for adjudication, the same four powers that patched things up at Munich.

VIENNA

The Nazi drive against the Catholic Church in Austria took an official turn today -- a bitter speech of denunciation against the Catholics delivered by Buerckel, Hitler, chief lieutenant in Austria. He declared that clerical activities in Austria will be crushed.

Hitler's men savagely denounced the Austrian Catholic clergy for meddling in political affairs, and charged them with blood guilt. He said they supported the former Schuschnigg regime which for a while succeeded in suppressing the Nazis.

IRELAND

The spread of the ~~ix~~ self-determination idea to Ireland came to the front in the Ulster Parliament today. It was raised by the leader of the Nationalist Party ~~to~~ North Ireland. He demanded to know whether the Ulster Prime Minister was prepared to consult with British Prime Minister Chamberlain on the subject. Since Britain backed ~~xxxxxxvanted~~ self-determination in the case of the Sudeten Germans, was Britain prepared to advocate ~~ix~~ self-determination in the Nationalist areas of Ulster? So that brought the question to the front in official fashion. The question was answered just as officially by Lord Craigavon, the Ulster Prime Minister. He replied that the question had been settled twenty years ago, when Ulster voted to stay within the United Kingdom. "That was self-determination for all of Ulster," he ^{im}plied. *And there'll be now* "No self-determination for those sections that want to join with Nationalist Ireland."

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HOLY LAND

The same news from the Holy Land, ~~bad news~~ fighting all over ^ethat place, ~~sacred to four religions~~. The ^{newest} ~~worst~~ outbreak follows the assassination of a high Arab dignitary who opposed ~~the~~ violence and bloodshed. The assassins are believed to have been Arabic students, striking at him because he refused to join them.

Meanwhile, reports continue that Great Britain intends to give up the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, call off the Balfour Declaration. Today in Washington fifteen American-Jewish organizations handed a strong protest to the British ambassador - a protest against ^{the} reported British intention of ^{abandoning} ~~abandoning~~ the Zionists.

FAST

The problem of religion and youth is being tackled at Palmerston, Pennsylvania -- tackled in a way that provides food for thought. But no food for the clergyman! He says to the youth of the city -- if you don't go to church I won't eat. He is the pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church, the Reverend Lazar Kirchenkoff. Two Sundays ago he announced from his ~~Greek Orthodox~~ pulpit that the young people were not going to church the way they should. So, he would go on a fast until they did. "They will return to worship," declared the ~~Greek Orthodox~~ priest, "or they will have an opportunity to attend my funeral."

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Today is the fifteenth day of the clergyman's fast, ^{and} it doesn't seem that youth has been flocking to church in droves. -- *For so far he hasn't* because he didn't order ham and eggs for breakfast. And he vows he will keep on ^{fasting} to the end -- preferring ^{Heaven} death to a world of irreligious youth.

TREASURE

Today at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, three men started digging - two white men and a negro. With a military guard protecting them, they went to work with pick and shovel, digging for treasure. And this, on a United States military reservation, comes as a climax of a strange story - a tale of brass or gold, worthless junk-metal or treasure?

Twenty years ago, the negro, Frank Shepperd, was digging around ~~on what are now the military grounds of Fort Sam Houston,~~ ^{when he} ~~and he~~ unearthed three bushels of yellow metal bars. Brass - he thought jubilantly, knowing that brass ^{was} ~~is~~ worth something. He took his find to a junk dealer who paid him five hundred dollars for the metal - the negro keeping one small bar for himself.

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It was a highly satisfactory transaction for that colored brother, until later on he noticed something. The junk dealer showed signs of prosperity, all the evidence of money. ^{In fact} ~~he~~ opened a department store. And that made the negro ponder. ~~Why all this sudden wealth right after the purchase of three bushels of brass?~~

He looked in wonder on that one small bar he had kept, took it to a

Jeweler - and was told it was gold. Such is the story the negro tells *of* treasure that slipped through his fingers.

He wanted to go digging again, there might be more of those yellow bars. But the ground was now a part of the military reservation. Permission was needed from the War Department. He tried to get it, but couldn't. Nobody paid any attention to the fantastic tale of buried gold. It was all regarded as just a local fable. Recently, two white men became interested in the negro's story, ~~they~~ became convinced there might be something to it. So they hired a lawyer and went ~~to the~~ through the procedure of getting War Department permission. All the formalities ~~were~~ completed ~~today, and today~~ *today* they started digging ~~under~~ under a military guard, in case they should find a hoard of buried treasure.

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FLUTE

Any reporter would smell a story on seeing the following - a newspaper advertisement, one of the melancholy kind in which a husband advertises he will not be responsible for his wife's debts. It reads in the familiar traditional form, with a kicker. "My wife," it says, "having left my bed and board - and absconded with my flute." Yep, she ran away with the family piccolo.

Today John Oresky told a sad story. He's a musician, and his instrument is the flute. He played with Sousa, he has tooted on the flute with the greatest bands and orchestras. ~~He~~

~~isxxxx~~ But, ~~his~~ married life, ~~is~~ not ^{so} ~~such~~ perfect harmony.

This is the third time his wife ran away from him ^{taking} ~~and took~~ the flute, eloped ^{ing} with ^{his} ~~the~~ piccolo. Today, the musician showed the

reporters closets full of women's clothes, No - she hadn't taken her clothes with her when she left, she didn't take anything,

^{small} except the flute. She clasped the piccolo to her, and fled.

"It ['] ~~is~~ because she is jealous, ['] ~~moaned~~ ^{and} the musician, ^{and}

"jealous of that flute; she hates the piccolo." It is a magnificent four hundred dollar instrument that plays the most beautiful melodies. The musician is ~~is~~ devoted to it, blowing

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FLUTE

his soul into the mouthpiece and fingering his heart away on the silver keys.

"She is jealous of my art, my music," he sighed - and they are symbolized by the flute, a human life expressed by a piccolo.

HANGING

Today died a man who was hanged forty-four years ago. Back in Eighteen Ninety-Four, the days of white caps and night riders in the south, a farmer was killed - and Will Purvis was sentenced to death for the murder. He escaped, was recaptured. He got away again, and, was caught again. ~~and~~ Then the ^{Final} day of doom came! - he was hanged! A crowd of two thousand spectators were gathered at Columbia, Mississippi, when the hangman put the rope about Purvis's neck and the trap was sprung, and down he plunged. But the noose slipped over his head, and all he got was a fall.

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So they picked him up to hang him again. But here the crowd intervened, and in sympathy they shouted that there couldn't be a second execution unless the governor ordered it. ~~and~~ The sheriff ^{yielded} ~~knew it~~ - and stayed the execution until he got another order from the governor.

The order never came. The case was a public sensation, and it was election time - with one candidate for governor promising he'd free Purvis if he were elected. And he was elected. So the man who was hanged lived on, for forty-four years - until today.

HOLD-UP

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In New York today, two young men were held on bail - they were charged with a stick-up. What did these two young robbers steal? - two kisses. ~~It is~~ ^{An} odd story of ~~some~~ absurd sentimental larceny.

A husband and wife were driving along in their car. They stopped on the highway, so that hubby could light a cigar. Three young men on horseback rode up. One drew a knife, held it against the husband's chest, and made the couple get out of the car. One of the three youths protested, saying: "Let them alone." But the other two said: "No" - ~~they'd get at least a kiss. And they did.~~ ^{She must pay toll. So} Each kissed the wife - and that was all there was to the hold-up. Now they're in the toils of the law - the two that did the kissing.

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The other - not having kissed, ~~he~~ was not locked up.

Tonight they are wondering:- is it better to have kissed and lost, or never to have kissed at all, and s-l-u-t-m.

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