

BUND

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The mills of the law were grinding today for leaders of the Deutsch-America Bund. First came an ~~indie~~ intimation in New York that Uncle Sam has a rod in pickle for them. ~~Don~~ Wheeler-Hill, assistant to Fritz Kuhn, the American Fuehrer, refused to answer questions put to him by a federal grand jury at New York. His counsel declared that the United States Attorney was conducting a fishing expedition. Wheeler-Hill himself described it as a "witch hunt." But the judge of the District Court called Wheeler-Hill before him and informed him that if he didn't answer he'd be held in contempt. The United States Attorney ~~xx~~ at New York at the same time declared that it was not a witch hunt, that the Bund was being investigated on serious charges of a military nature.

Some time after that, the attorney for Fritz Kuhn appeared in General Sessions Court and made a motion that evidence which District Attorney Tom Dewey had seized in a raid on the Bund headquarters should be suppressed. The court reserved decision. As Kuhn's lawyer left the Criminal Courts Building he shouted out loud:- "Kuhn can't get a fair trial in this city."

DIES

The prime comedy in the hearings of the Dies Committee is the way the Communists and ex-Communists are slapping each other down. The principal witness today was a former comrade named William McCuiston, who had a lot to say about Harry Bridges. ^{He} declared that in spite of all denials, the West Coast C.I.O. leader had definitely been ^{a member} of the Party. He said that on one occasion he saw the financial secretary of the New York Communist Party give expense money to Bridges, also to Joseph Curran, head of the National Maritime Union who testified uproariously last week. To back up his charges further, McCuiston told the Dies Committee that Bridges had always refused to come to New York to make speeches to maritime workers in the east. But when two Communist leaders decided that he should, Bridges obeyed, came to New York, and addressed a Madison Square Garden rally in Nineteen Thirty-Six.

McCuiston then said that Bridges was not the real head of the agitators on the Pacific Coast. The power behind the scenes, he ^{declared,} ~~said~~ is a direct agent of the Soviet Military Intelligence named George Mink. Several weeks ago, Earl Browder,

now under indictment, was testifying before the Dies Committee and said he didn't know Mink. McCuiston said he had attended fifteen meetings at which Mink and Browder both were present. And he added:- "I've heard Mink tell Browder he had to change his line. And Browder had remarked afterwards that he'd get Mink yet."

Congressman Martin Dies made a statement today which somewhat clarified his attitude about this Communist business. He told reporters that he would defend the right of any man to be a Communist as quickly as he would the right of any man to be a Democrat. "But," he added, "these foreign ideologists profess to be one thing and do another. Their followers are innocent of double-dealing but their leaders are not, because they are agents of foreign groups." And Dies declared:- "These groups must sail under their true colors and let the people of this country know who and what they are."

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BLACK TOM

Here's another epilogue to the notorious Black Tom explosion of July, Nineteen Sixteen; also the explosion at Kingsland, New Jersey, in January, Nineteen Seventeen. You may recall that huge quantities of munitions were blown up at each of those places ~~with a terrific roar~~ and everybody suspected German sabotage. Ever since the War, there has been argument about those disasters and the charges that grew out of them.

A final decision was announced today by the German-American Mixed Claims Commission. It awarded damages of fifty million dollars against the German Government. The umpire was Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts. The original awards were twenty-one million dollars odd. But adding interest at five per cent over a period of twenty years has swelled the sum to fifty millions.

In announcing the award, the Commission also published an emphatic protest by the German government, ~~the~~ ^{a protest rejected by our} Secretary of State. ~~rejected the German protest.~~ The Nazi Charge d'Affaires complained that the sessions of the Commission were nothing but ^{— that is} rump sessions, one-sided affairs, since the German Commissioner

withdrew. The Nazi diplomat also accused Justice Roberts of being biased. Secretary Hull retorted that the Mixed Claims Commission was outside the jurisdiction of the State Department. As for the withdrawal of the German Commissioner, the Secretary said that was evidently designed to frustrate or postpone indefinitely the work of the Commission.

At least part of that money can be collected, as the German Government has funds on deposit in this country.

NEUTRALITY

(The House of Representatives today started ^{its} ~~the~~ big fight over the Neutrality Bill, started it in such fashion as to make the Senate arguments sound like a Quaker meeting.) However, though violent, the squabble in the House will be short. The purpose of the leaders is to get ^{all} through with it ~~all~~ this week.

The fight began at a meeting of the powerful Rules Committee of the House, the Committee that decides how long the debate shall last. The supporters of the administration proposed to restrict debating on the floor to two days. That aroused the ire of the stormy Ham Fish of Dutchess County. ^{Up he} ~~he~~ sprang ~~up~~ to cry that this was the most vicious gag we've ever had in Congress. And he demanded that the House should have the right to amend the Senate bill.

The procedure to be followed will be to send both the Senate Neutrality Bill and the House Neutrality Bill to a conference committee of members of both House and Senate. The House in its last session, passed a neutrality bill whose author was Representative ~~Sam~~ Bloom of New York. However, before those bills ^{can} go to conference, there'll be debate on the floor of the House tomorrow.

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Oct. 30, 1939.

L.T.:- There's one piece of news tonight of interest to everybody who drives a car. It's of special interest to dealers in Blue Sunoco. They're all listening in tonight, by special invitation, listening for this announcement.

Sitting here beside me at the microphone is J. Howard Pew, President of the Sun Oil Company. He has a message for Sunoco dealers. The rest of us can hear, along with them, hear one of the most important announcements ever made in the world of motoring. Now, Mr. Pew, these ten thousand dealers are waiting - and so are we.

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MR. PEW:- Thank you, Lowell, I asked you for these few moments of your radio time to speak directly to our dealers. I am happy to have this opportunity to tell you that a revolutionary new process for refining oil has been developed - a new great advance in the chemistry of petroleum. It's a process that gives us, not just an improved gasoline, but a radically different motor fuel.

It isn't an overnight development, but has taken over ten years of tireless research - all inspired by a new, a great idea. It's a true miracle of gasoline chemistry - a new motor fuel, designed especially for high compression motors, yet made to give highest performance in any car. We're introducing to the motoring world - Nu Blue Sunoco. Tonight the gasoline in the tanks of every Sunoco dealer is - Nu Blue Sunoco. All of you dealers are now ready to supply this product at the regular gas price - no increase, no premium price.

We know how good it is, by every test. We intend to let everybody else know it, so tomorrow the Sun Oil Company is launching the greatest advertising campaign in its history. Announcements in hundreds of newspapers will invite millions of motorists to your station to try the new motor fuel. Knowing as I do its qualities and its merits, I am confident that this new miracle of petroleum chemistry, with the hearty cooperation of our dealers, will enable us to make a new record in serving the needs of American motorists. The Sun Oil Company is proud to present to its dealers and to their customers, old and new, the Nu Blue Sunoco.

MR. THOMAS:-

Thanks, Mr. Pew, for letting the rest of us listen in to so important an announcement from the Sun Oil Company to its ten thousand dealers. We motorists are looking forward to the thrill of trying out this Nu Blue Sunoco. At any rate I am. I drove my bus in from the farm today and I'll fill it up with the Nu Blue gas tomorrow.

CITY OF FLINT

(The City of Flint is now somewhere ~~where~~ between the Arctic Circle and a German port, presumably Hamburg. And it seems to be definite that her officers and crew, forty-one Americans, are still safe aboard her.) A newspaper in Stockholm has a dispatch from the Norwegian port of Tromsø, just this side of the Arctic Circle. The German Consul at Tromsø boarded the CITY OF FLINT and is said to have reported that the American crew is still ^{on the} ~~aboard~~ ^{ship} ~~very~~. The Norwegian authorities ordered the CITY OF FLINT to leave at four o'clock this afternoon.

From another source we also have some first-hand information about those captured American mariners. Before ~~capturing~~ taking the CITY OF FLINT, the German pocket battleship DEUTSCHLAND had sunk a ~~a~~ British freighter, the STONEGATE. The crew of the STONEGATE were first taken aboard the DEUTSCHLAND. When the battleship overtook the CITY OF FLINT, the captured Britishers were transferred to the American ship. When the CITY OF FLINT, on her cruise to Murmansk, put in at Tromsø, the Britishers were released at that Norwegian port. But the Americans were sent on to Murmansk. The Britishers were brought home to England from Norway on a Norwegian ship.

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One of the survivors of the STONEGATE is a former American
marine, sixty years old now, ^{who} used to be one of Uncle Sam's ~~Leathernecks~~
Leathernecks. He says he had a grand time aboard the CITY OF FLINT,
cannot speak too highly of the way the Americans treated the
Britishers, and added that "they must have the best grub in the
world aboard their ships." He says that the officers of the German
prize crew warned the Americans that if they tried to start anything
they would be blown up with hand grenades.

BATTLE

Another naval engagement in the North Sea. Not much of a one. Two German bombing planes swooped down on a flotilla of British destroyers. The warships fought off the airplanes. It occurred south of the Dogger Bank.

FRONT

About the only news from the Western war front is that the Duke of Windsor just completed a visit to the British lines. An official visit in his capacity as an Inspector-General of the British army. It became known that the immediate result of the ex-King's inspection was a recommendation that knitted woolen clothes and comforters be sent immediately to the soldiers in the lines. The reason is that winter has swept down upon the opposing armies. There are heavy snowdrifts in the Vosges Mountains, and the soldiers are shivering tonight.

LEAGUE

Don't look now, but a bashful stranger is poking his head over the horizon. It's the League of Nations. The Council has been summoned to meet at Geneva on December Third. And who do you suppose called that meeting? A Russian diplomat, the Ambassador of the Soviet to London. He's the Acting President of the Council. The principal purpose of the meeting is to vote a budget for Nineteen Forty. This is a most necessary action as otherwise the League couldn't function at all next year. The expectation is that the Council will meet without mentioning the trivial fact that there is a war on, that rival armies, totalling almost five million men, are facing each other over bristling fortifications along the Western Front.

So, it's likely to be an embarrassing meeting. Just suppose the Polish delegates put in an appearance. Their usual place is not far from the seats of the delegates from Moscow.

FLIERS

Here's an interesting angle about the European war with its relation to the United States!

We're told that of all the military aviators in the world, American army and navy fliers are best. Why? Well, we could say our American boys are natural-born fliers. But here's something more definite than that. It's published in COLLIERS Magazine -- an article by Bill Courtney, who made a survey of military aviation in various nations. He tells us that the training of many foreign army fliers has been handicapped because they haven't enough gasoline for training purposes, whereas the United States has an abundance ~~of gasoline~~ and can give its aviators all the training flights they need.

the Sun Oil President, J.
As it happens, this refers right back to what ~~to us.~~
to us. *Mr. Bly Sunoco*
Howard Pew just said, [^] He told us this ~~new~~ [^] process makes possible a different kind of gasoline for automobiles. But it has an ever wider significance. It can supply an abundance of very ~~high-test~~ high-test gasoline needed by modern airplanes. Leading magazines and newspapers have already hailed this new development -- emphasizing its importance from a national defense angle.

Now what does this mean to you and me? In our cars
Of course it means a surplus of high-test, knockless power; quick starting;
But and economical mileage. [^] In any national emergency, it means that
 our planes will have a maximum of power.

Science, through this new miracle of gasoline chemistry,
 doubly contributes to our national well-being.

On the following day the Colonial Office received this
 cable from that government. It replied: "We have interned four
 Dutchmen, six Americans, three Brazilians, four Japanese, twelve
 Chinese, two Cypriotes, six Germans, two Belgians, seven Italians,
 three Austrians, two Yugoslavs, one Greek, two Turks and three
 Russians." And the cable from the British Governor concluded:
 "Please inform us of the en enemy aliens."

And so it went on.

ALIEN

The following item is attributed to a French newspaper. The message is that on September Second, the Governor of one of the British colonies received a cable from the Colonial Office in London. It informed him that war had been declared and that all enemy aliens should be interned.

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~~In all fairness, it should be added that this was~~
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~~attributed by the German short wave radio to a French newspaper.~~