

COMMUNISTS

L.J. P. & G. Wednesday, June 2, 1948.

Washington this afternoon had its
demonstration against the Mundt-Nixon Bill for
Communist control. A crowd of four thousand formed on
Capitol Hill, and ~~picketed~~ ^{then marched to} the White House - a crowd
in which there was no lack of Reds and Pinks. There was
plenty of noise and milling around? But that was about
all. ^R The police arrested two for disorderly conduct.
But there was no real violence - as Communists, fellow
travelers, Henry-Wallace-Third-Party-followers and sundry
others made a concerted protest against the bill that
would impose ~~such~~ drastic restrictions on the Communist
Party.

FLOODS

From Portland, Oregon, the word tonight is - flood crest going, and flood crest coming. Today the high-water level of the Columbia River dropped ~~some~~ inches, as the crest of the flood moved down-stream to the point where the Columbia pours its waters into the Pacific, ^{near Astoria.} ~~At~~ At the same time, ~~the~~ ^{SA} warning ^{went out of} ~~was issued~~ a new rise of the river, ^{another crest} ~~is~~ coming.

Weather Bureau authorities have been keeping a close watch on the behavior of the myriad ~~of~~ streams that flow into the Columbia, and these are surging again, pouring a new excess of water into the big river. That's the sign, the signal - that a new flood is building in the upper reaches of the Columbia, a new crest that will move down stream.

So the flood story may be told all over again, a repetition of the tale of the deluge which flooded twenty-five per cent of the city of ~~and~~ Portland, inundated huge areas of land in several states and Canada, drove a hundred thousand people from their homes, and ^{damage} ~~cost~~ a hundred million dollars. ~~without damage~~. The hope

is that the second flood crest won't be that bad - the water that pours down from the mountains of British Columbia, ~~xxx~~ Idaho, Washington and ~~xx~~ Oregon, as the heat of this early summer season melts the huge snows of a winter of blizzards.

The Midwest is having a hard time
and a lack of rain-fall - a peril for the corn crop.
The fields are hot and dry, and so are the forests.
Farmers are taking precautions against outbreaks of fire
in the woods - this is smoke from the
forests - a great forest fire in Canada
has been burning for a week over the Mississippi valley
far south as Kentucky - that much smoke from burning
Canadian woods.

DROUGHT FOLLOW FLOODS

The story of water on the rampage is accompanied by a contrast - as dry as the floods are wet. There is danger of drought in the Middlewest - danger also of forest fires, which already are raging fiercely in Canada.

The Middlewest is having a heat wave, and a lack of rain-fall -- a peril for the corn crop. The fields are hot and dry, and so are the forests. Rangers are taking precautions against outbreaks of flame in the woodlands - this as smoke pours across the northern border from giant forest fires in Canada. we hear ~~that~~ there's a haze over the Mississippi Valley, as far south as Kentucky - that much smoke from blazing Canadain woodlands.

N.B.C.

In the Congressional uproar about the voice of America, an offer was made by the National Broadcasting Company today. The trouble was caused by radio ~~mag~~ programs broadcast by ~~the~~ N.B.C. to Latin-America, and now the big radio ~~nx~~ network offers to let the Federal Government have the use of its short wave facilities for a fee of one dollar a year. The proposal is that the government should handle all oversease programs, take that responsibility in full, the radio network to withdraw entirely from international ~~broadcasting~~ broadcasting. N.B.C. has ^{three hundred ~~and~~ ~~thirty~~ ~~two~~ Kilowatt} three [^] fifty [^] -millimeter [^] short wave stations, and offers to hand these over to the government for a buck a year.

APPROPRIATIONS

The House of Representatives has passed a six-and-a-half-billion dollar bill, funds for the Army and Air Force - and the Legislators are ready to act on an appropriation for the Navy, three-billion, six-hundred million. All of which follows ^a warning issued today by our top defense command - warning that Soviet Russia is building an enormous war machine, Army and Air Force. Congress ~~is~~ was advised - that "war is not impossible."

ATOMIC

The atomic energy workers at oak Ridge, Tennessee, tonight voted overwhelmingly against accepting a final wage-increase-offer of ten cents an hour by the carbon and carbide chemicals ~~corp~~ corporation; - ~~that is~~, the concern that operates the Oak Ridge laboratory for the government. The next move, [^] a meeting, ~~to be held~~ on Sunday, when the A F of L ~~union~~ atomic workers at Oak Ridge will decide whether or not to strike, [^] which may result in government intervention -- to prevent a tie up [^] in our atomic energy program.

PALESTINE (New lead)

(Here's the latest on Palestine:-A dispatch from Tel Aviv quotes a spokesman for the government of Israel as saying that Jewish forces stopped firing at three A.M. today. The Jewish spokesman said that Israel is accepting the United Nations four-week truce proposal) after two major last-minute ~~xxxxxx~~ strategic moves by the Jewish armies to protect their positions. "We have decided to risk the lives of our own people rather than risk violating the ceasefire order" said he. *And then he added!* ~~We have decided to risk the lives of our own people rather than risk violating the ceasefire order" said he,~~ "now it is up to the other side." And ~~he adds that~~ if the Arabs don't stop shooting by nightfall, the armies of Israel may start major operations ~~on~~ on all fronts."

(As yet no word from the Arab states that the cease fire order has gone out to their troops) who are reported to be still firing on five fronts. The New city of Jerusalem being heavily shelled


(continue with original story)

PALESTINE

The United Nations has decided to consider the Jewish and Arab acceptance unconditional. To be sure, both Israel and the Moslems, in agreeing to a U.N. truce, set forth assumptions and interpretations of what they believe an armistice would mean. But they did not lay down formal conditions, and that gives the Security Council its cue - in deciding that both messages of acceptance are unconditional.

Arriving at that conclusion, the Security Council late this afternoon sent a message to the U.N. mediator on the spot, Count Bernadotte of Sweden - instructing him to arrange with Israel and the Arabs for a cease-fire date, a definite time for fighting to stop. Count Bernadotte, in Palestine, is working on that right now.

The Arab acceptance when the full statement from the Moslems was made public, today, had an unpromising look. The Arab States insist that, at the end of the proposed armistice or one month, they will definitely resume fighting.



unless the state of Israel is dissolved. This, of course, will never find any Jewish acceptance - which makes any truce look dubious, as a permanent thing. However, the U.N. is eager to have the fighting stop under any circumstance and hopes for the best.

In London today, foreign secretary Ernest Bevin disclosed the present status of Glub Pasha, the British officer who commands the Arab Legion. Glub Pasha has resigned from the British Colonial service, so that he may retain his high military post in Trans-Jordan.

GERMANY

Important news from Germany - (the western allies have reached a full agreement for giving the people of western Germany a government of their own.) For weeks there were secret negotiations between the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, with much bitter wrangling on what to do about getting up a German government in the zones held by the western powers. France, in particular made objections, the French always worried about strengthening their old rivals - the Germans. But now all differences have been settled.

This was announced officially today, with an added word that a constituent assembly for the people of Western Germany will probably be set up in September .

GREECE

A dispatch from abroad brings a new theory to explain the murder of George Polk, correspondent for C.B.S. in Greece. He was, apparently, on his way to try for an interview with the leader of the Communist Guerrillas, when he was killed. Some suspect the Communists while others think that George Polk was murdered by Greek reactionaries, the C.B.S. correspondent having been outspoken in criticizing various aspects of the present conservative regime in Athens.

Today's new theory emanates from the Greek Red Guerrillas, via Moscow, and declares that the American newsman was assassinated on instructions of, what Moscow calls - the -American secret police. The Red story is that George Polk was lured to his death in a trap laid for him - by the American Secret Police. But just what can this be, this American OGPU, this N.K.V.D. of the U.S.A. Americans will be puzzled.

CUBA

Cuba has elected a new President - Carlos Prio Socarras. The figures for the vote cast in the election held yesterday, are still incomplete - but they are decisive. Candidate Prio, backed by the Havana Government, is running far ahead in all six ~~xxx~~ provinces of Cuba - and his election is conceded by his chief rival.

There were four candidates in the race, and last place goes to the Communist, whom the incomplete figures show to have a mere ninety-nine thousand out of nearly a million ~~and~~ three hundred thousand ~~xxx~~ votes polled thus far.

HEROES

Today's news tells the results of a primary election in South Dakota yesterday - and, along with the figures comes a vision of daring peril in distant tropical skies.

In Minnehaha County, Candidate Joseph Jacob Foss has won the Republican nomination for the State Legislature. That's equivalent to being elected in November, because the Democrats are not making any contest in that County. So now we'll have State Representative Joseph Jacob Foss, who will plunge into legislative problems, debates, bills and resolutions.

But ~~ma~~ memory will hark ~~in~~ back to wild scenes in the South western Pacific, whirling planes, rattling machine guns, air battle on high. Because the newly elected State Representative is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Foss, who won fame by being the first American pilot in the Second world war to equal the record established by Eddie Rickenbacker in world war One, the record of twenty-six enemy planes shot down.

Yes, Joe Foss will now busy himself with dull

matters of taxation, state budgets and highway problems. But his comrades of the South Pacific will think of him in terms of breathless adventure - like the day off Guadalcanal, when Joe Foss with a squadron of Marine Corps Planes, was flying up there at the ceiling, twenty-nine thousand feet high. He got into a fight with a Jap zero, caught it square with his machine guns, and sent it plunging like a rock down to the Pacific far below.

But, fast as the zero fell, Joe Foss plunged faster, because way down there, nearly six miles below, he spotted a couple of Jap Torpedo planes, flying at low altitude. Down he went in a roaring power dive, going after the two torpedo planes. At the end of the stupendous dive, he leveled off and shot down one of them. He sent it crashing into the ocean before the zero, which he had blasted far above, fell into the water. In the dive of nearly six miles, Joe Foss had beaten the falling x zero ^{with} ~~by~~ seconds to spare, ~~by~~ enough ~~time~~ to shoot another Japanese plane into the sea.

but now it will be committee hearings and

Legislative enactments for South Dakots State

Representative Joseph Jacob Ross.

But, it will be something else for a war hero Lieutenant in Illinois, a salesman who, unfortunately, was never in the Army, let alone the war. In a Chicago Court today, he pleaded guilty of falsifying Army ~~XXXX~~ records, in which he bestowed upon himself both military rank and exploits of valor.

He wanted so badly

with his service to be a hero in the war;

he but never had *the* a chance. He dreamed of exploits of courage and ~~for~~ glory, but

a defective arm kept him out of ~~the~~ service. So all he

could do was go to work for the Army as a civilian.

In the huge Pentagon Bldg., in Wash.,
~~in the huge pentagon building in Chicago,~~

Wash., he was assigned to the "Officers' Records Branch," where

he had to copy and file away citations for valor, official accounts of the exploits of officers in battle. *And that*

depth of frustration *for* the salesman who longed to be a war

and there he was hero handling the hero-records of others. It was also a

And so he temptation. *he* filled in his dream by making out a record

for himself, and putting it on file.

On paper, he made himself a ~~kingman~~ Lieutenant, and assigned himself to a glorious branch of the service - the Paratroopers. The theatre of war he chose was Europe, the second front invasion, D-Day. He composed citations honoring exploits in battle that he figured out for himself as a soldier of the sky. He *also* ~~awarded~~ awarded himself numerous medals, including the bronze star, the combat infantry ^{badge,} ~~badge,~~ and the purple heart with oak leaf cluster - almost everything except the Congressional Medal of Honor.

That was as near as he could come to making his dream a reality, a dream that exploded with a final melancholy bang in a Chicago Court room today - as he pleaded guilty of falsifying Army records.

BUG

America has a new visitor, a most unwelcome guest, named Nematode. In case you are not acquainted with him, let me make a formal introduction by saying that Nematode belongs to the Phylum Nemathelminthes, ^{Family,} Today in Washington, the Department of Agriculture asked Congress to put up half a million dollars a year - all for the purpose of getting rid of the Nematode. It sounds serious - and it is.

Recently, on New York's Long Island, farmers noted that their tomato and potato plants were looking sick - leaves withering, plants wilting. Investigation disclosed a tiny white worm, something like a piece of string - the Nematode. Which was surprising, because that particular type of pest had never before been known on this side of the Atlantic - although the Nematode has long been a blight in the tomato and potato patches of England, Scotland and Ireland.

~~(How did the pest get over here? Nobody knows. Its merely another case of unwelcome immigration in the world of worms. Having found a new home on Long~~

Island, the Nematode is likely to follow that old American advice, "Go west Young Man, Go West." That is, unless something is done about it.

Today Chief Entomologist of the Department of Agriculture S.A. Rohwer told a Congressional Committee that the string-like worms feed on the roots of tomato and potato plants, and their eggs are so light that they're blown by the wind, like dust, for long distances.)

Hence the urgent need of doing something to get rid of the unwelcome guests. So, ~~the~~ farmers far and wide may have uninvited visitors by the name of - Nematode.

Phylum Nemathelminthes. — and now Nel. Case.