

COMMUNISTS

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The government of the United States will shortly make public an authoritative list of communist organizations, ^{also Fascist.} ~~It~~ ^{This} is now being prepared, ^{to} ~~and will~~ be released in a day or so.

The announcement came^s from Attorney General Tom Clark. ~~He made it clear that the Department of Justice is in earnest.~~ ^{who says} The publication of this list ^{will} have several definite aims: First, it will be used to improve the process of weeding out disloyal people from the government payroll. Any people who belong to such organizations will be judged disloyal to the government ~~just~~ by virtue of their membership ^{alone,}

Secondly, it will be used by the National Labor Relations Board to carry out the provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, denying the privileges of the labor laws to unions controlled by Communist fronters.

The attorney general announces further that he is going to establish a board of review, ~~which~~ ~~the D. V. calls~~ a loyalty board. People connected with Communist or communist front organizations, will be

called before this board and given a chance to defend themselves against charges of disloyalty.

The lists also will be sueful to private emphyers who don't care t have their personnel infested with Reds or Fascists.'

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The Communists themselves have given the government some help by obasting of the number of organizations that they dominate; including the American Labor Party, The Civil Rights Congress, the Veterans Housing Congress, the American Youth for Democracy, the Independent Citizens Committee, The National Citizens Political Action Committee, The Young Citizens Political Action Committee, and several others.

PRICES

~~Bad news for our dinner menus, yes, and our breakfast too.~~ Prices continue to zoom, and the end ~~is~~ not in sight. Butter ^{now} ~~is~~ a dollar-and-five cents a pound, eggs ninety-eight cents a dozen. Sirloin steak ninety-five cents, rib roast seventy-three ~~cents~~ a ~~px~~ pound, loin ^l chops ninety-five ~~cents~~ a pound. Bacon-on-the-hoof thirty-dollars-and-fifty-cents a hundred. September wheat two dollars and eighty cents a bushel!

The Department of State ^{makes the} ~~announcement~~ announcement to the world that the U.S.A. this year will be able to send to needy countries ten per cent less grain than in Nineteen Forty Six.

Senator Flanders of Vermont made an appeal to the Chicago Board of Trade to raise its margin requirement, in the hope of stopping speculation and putting brakes to the spiraling price movement. If ~~margin~~ margin requirements are raised to a hundred per cent, said the Senator, it would discourage speculation and slow up the ~~xx~~ advance of prices.

EISENHOWER

An argument rages in Washington around the office of the Inspector General of the Army. Many veterans believe that this officer should be a civilian, not a ~~xxx~~ professional soldier. The argument is that if the Inspector General is a soldier, his tendency will be to favor fellow brass, that is to whitewash officers accused of mistreating enlisted men.

General Eisenhower, as Chief-of-Staff, took a hand in the squabble yesterday and objected to any change. The Inspector General, said he, is subordinate to no one but himself. Consequently, any proposal to make him a civilian presupposes a ~~xxxx~~ lack of confidence in the Chief-of-Staff. And, as he told newspapermen today, "I personally busted a lot of Generals in the last war." ^R Then he went on to explain that he doubted if any civilian would know enough to handle the job of Inspector General. As for the argument of the veterans, the probability is that it would be easier to pull the wool over the eyes of a civilian

than a military man.

So much for today's news about General Eisenhower as Chief-of-Staff. But there's also a story on ~~him~~ ^{as a possible Eisenhower, the} candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination. He was in New York today, for the purpose, as he put it, of getting some inkling of what would be expected of him as President of Columbia University. He told reporters he has about decided to seal his mouth on politics. ~~and he said~~ ^{That} he thought no professional soldier should take a political position ~~xxxx~~ because it is not good for the Army, or good for the soldier.

But the newsmen wouldn't let him off ~~with~~ without firing direct questions about his candidacy. They asked him ^{again} about this ^e "Draft Eisenhower" movement. ~~To that~~ ^{that} he replied there never has been a "draft" movement without artificial stimulus, and, he added, "I will be no party to anything artificial."

ITALY

An American Columnist, Robert Ruark of the
Scripps-Howard ^{Papers,} recently published angry charges against
Lieutenant General John C.H. Lee of the United States
Army, American Commander-in-Chief and ~~xxxx~~ Allied
Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean theatre. Ruark
made the accusation that enlisted men under General Lee's
command received abominable treatment while officers
lived luxuriously. At the General's request, the War
Department sent the Inspector General of the Army to
Italy to investigate in person.

Today, General Lee announced that he had
been ordered home. He added, however, that the orders
had been issued last June Tenth, before the ^{Ruark} charges
were made. ^{The General also} ~~and even longer before the investigation began.~~
~~He~~ announced ~~further~~ that last February he had asked
permission to retire, and General Eisenhower had consented ^{that}
~~General Lee also made~~ ^{makes} public a plan for
~~evacuating our fifteen thousand soldiers who have been~~
~~occupying Italy. This is in accordance with the newly~~

BRITAIN

For the second time in a week, the Obiter Dicta of the Right Honorable Ernest Bevin, have been repudiated by the government of which he is the Foreign Secretary. I mean, his suggestion that Uncle Sam, if he won't turn over the Fort Knox gold, should renew lend-lease. This, ~~was~~ Bevin's own idea, and ~~was~~ shared by none of his colleagues. His own department, the ~~Ran~~ Foreign Office, announced that what Mr. Bevin said to visiting American Legionnaires last night had been spoken off the cuff; ^{that} ~~and~~ he had not ~~even~~ given any of his advisers or subordinates an inkling of ~~h~~ what he was going to say. Another spokesman at Whitehall said that evidently his Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs had been thinking out loud.

In reply to this, the comment in Washington is that, on the contrary, Mr. Bevin appears to have spoken without ~~the~~ thinking at all.

~~The event of the day in Europe was the second annual meeting of the International Bank and~~

MARSHALL PLAN

Charles Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State, pleads tonight for American support of the Marshall Plan. Says Saltzman: "We face the choice of making sacrifices now for peace or facing the greater sacrifices of a third World War."

And ^{he} ~~Saltzman~~ makes this obvious aside to Russia:—"Any totalitarian rule by fear, force or fraud will be found-out for just what it is." ~~Says~~

^{TP} The Assistant Secretary of State ~~then~~

~~Saltzman~~ adds that our objectives are those of a free people, who, with other free peoples, must now ~~us~~ shape the destiny of the world for generations to come. ^{And he goes on:—} "It is to help the world, ~~says Saltzman~~, that Secretary of State Marshall has proposed his plan for the economic reconstruction of Europe. To save the world we, must see the plan put into effect!"

MIAMI

It's the hurricane season in Florida again, and the city of Miama is battening down -- taking precautions as usual against those tropical winds that come spinning up at this time of year from the steaming Caribbean.

But this time, it may all be different. For the first time in history, man may have a weapon with which to battle the hurricane, the big blow. And a Navy plane has already taken off from Miami to drop "dry ice" on a storm moving north out of Puerto Rico.

Dry ice, so we hear, was used with some effect to break up the recent drought in areas of the west and Middle West. What effect ~~ix~~ it will have on a hurricane? Well, Navy meteorologists are only guessing about that. But privately they believe that dry ice, flown into the storm, may cause violent falls of rain or snow, and thereby dissipate the storm's violence.

TRUMAN

President Truman stood trial today in the ^{South-}~~the~~ Atlantic, before his Majesty King Neptune, the hoary old ruler of the sea. His Majesty, with his court, boarded the battleship Missouri just as she crossed the Equator. ^{Neptune}~~He~~ preceded by his Prime Minister Davy Jones, who came aboard last night in order to prepare for the day's proceedings.

The charges against the President of the United States, ^{who is also}~~and~~ Commander-in-Chief of ^{our}~~the~~ armed forces, were, that he was, "A", a land lubber; "B," an airplane fan, and "C", worst of all, a Democrat. The President made an eloquent plea in answer to the charges. He denied that he had violated deep sea regulations when he flew across the Equator on his way to Brazil. And he reminded Neptune that as Commander-in-Chief of Uncle Sam's Navy he had certain ^{and could hardly be a land lubber,}~~prerogatives in the United States~~. However, ^{he said} he would not claim those prerogatives at sea and would exact no reprisals. As for the charge of being a Democrat, he had to plead guilty, but ^{that}~~he said~~ he was a Democrat, with a little "d".

In spite of all this Presidential eloquence the Monarch of the Sea found the President guilty; and then because of his rank let him off without the usual punishment, which consists of being dunked in the pool, choked with doses of quinine, having his face massaged with ~~xxx~~ soap and mustard, receiving electric shocks, and then getting a sound paddling from sailors armed with clubs made of canvas. That's the usual treatment meted out to a pollywog, one who has never crossed the equator, in the initiation which transforms him into a shellback, with full Equatorial standing.

The King sentenced the President to make a speech, which he did, to the delight of everybody on board we presume, except the fellows down in the engine room.

How about Mrs. Truman? No charges against her. But Margaret Truman had to stand trial, and they found her guilty too. But, they didn't dunk her! Just sentenced her to sing a song. What song did she sing? Yes, "Anchors A'Veigh," which they cheered to the echo.

But some of the members of the President's party -- were given the works. For instance, there was Dr. John R. Steelman, assistant to the President, was ducked and ducked and then ducked again, until finally it dawned upon him that he could escape further punishment if he yelled the word "Shellback". Wich he yelled at the top of his voice.

The unhappiest victim we hear, was Stanley Woodward, State Department Chief of Protocol. A Protocol Chief being the Judge of last resort on the important question of who sits where at a White House dinner party, and who goes first through a door. Stanley Woodward suffered not only in his dignity but in his anatomy. They dosed him with quinine until he almost choked. They massaged his face with mustard until he couldn't see. ~~They~~ Then they hurled him backward into the pool, where they ~~ducked and reducked~~ ducked and reducked him again. And then for the final jolt to his State Department dignity he was thrown down an oil ramp into a crowd of jolly mariners armed with clubs, and made to run the gauntlet.

AUSTRALIA

American veterans we learn today, and other young men too, are trying to emigrate to Australia by the hundreds of thousands. Recently, the Australian consulates in the U.S.A. announced that there are two hundred thousand jobs going abegging in the Commonwealth down under. The Australian Government wants new blood, healthy young people of English speaking origin to fill those jobs. The government of the Land down Under will even pay a share to their fare to Sydney. So the story went.

As a result the Australian consulate at San Francisco now is swamped with incoming mail. Unopened mailsacks piled high and the Consul forced to hire extra people to sort it. The response is so heavy the Consul says it's embarrassing.

Many of the letters include the question, how soon can we start? And there the Australian authorities are in trouble, because there aren't enough ships to carry all those who want to go, those who

are lured by the fresh pastures and the green grass on the other side of the mountain - the other side of the world, I mean -- the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

The first batch Australia-bound left last week, twenty-two veterans of the last war, with their families - bound for the land of the duck-billed platypus, the dingo, the wallaby and the koooburra bird. Seventy more are due to leave in October, and a larger contingent in December. The Canberra government particularly wants married men, who will take their families along, folks who will settle down and become good Aussies. Once they've landed at Sidney, the Commonwealth will help them find ~~job~~ jobs and pay their fares wherever they have to go, be it to Kalgootie, or Coolgardie or the Never Never Lane out Back of Beyond.

Well, from Tasmania to the Pearl ~~Harbor~~ Fisheries at Broome; and from the Great Barrier Reef to the Great Australian Bite, ^{I happen to know that} it's a great country.

And now Nelson can you think of anything else that's great?

COMMUNITY

A cyclone tore through Leseur County, Minnesota, on August Thirtieth, killed one woman, injured several others, and left part of the county a wreck, particularly in the neighborhood of a town called Le Center. It not only destroyed crops, but tore farm buildings clear off their foundations. One farmer's wife was killed, and his little three year old daughter badly injured, also his aged parents. Not a board of his house was left standing.

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As the people of ^{the town of} Le Center saw the havoc that had been caused, the wreckage, the gaping ~~foundations~~ foundations, the crops unharvested, they decided they must do something about it, that it was not a problem merely of the victims themselves but of the entire community. ^{So -} They started a community club, organized crews of helpers. Yesterday every business in Le Center was closed down. Merchants, bankers and professional men got together with other townspeople and farmers, ~~armed~~ armed themselves with rakes, hammers and saws, and went to work. Bankers and lawyers, hammered and sawed, raked

and shoveled, pounded and dug, side by side, with farmers and laborers. When the sun sank, the wreckage of the buildings was cleared away, the lumber was all put together in neat piles. Roofs, barns and ~~plumbing~~ plumbing ~~were~~ repaired, and crews ~~were~~ at work in the fields harvesting the grain.

~~And that isn't all. The community job will be continued until the wrecked houses are rebuilt; and, the community club started making plans to raise money to rebuild what they could not finish by hand yesterday.~~

signed Italian Treaty. This evacuation gives cause for considerable alarm. Communist plots have already been exposed, conspiracies to seize most of Northern Italy and establish Red Regimes under Soviet guidance, in Venice and the principal cities of the Val D'Aosta. So long as our G.I.'s were there, such plots were futile. Now there'll be nothing to stop them, except the ~~power of~~ the Italian Government, which so far has ~~been a pretty~~ *had an uncertain* wobbly ~~affair, its~~ lease on life. ~~uncertain.~~

Under the treaty, the deadline for the withdrawal of our Troops is December Fourteenth. Tomorrow morning, the American and British Officers in Northern Italy will set up boundaries at critical points along the new frontier between Italy and Jugoslavia, as *set forth* ~~delineated~~ by the treaty. Jugoslavia today is reported to have closed its frontiers not only to Italy but also *to* the free territory of Trieste, at one oclock in the morning. Five thousand of our men will remain in Trieste ~~free territory~~ to protect it from the Red Jugoslavs.

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Allied Command Headquarters at Rome are to be closed at once. All the United States units in the Eternal City are to be withdrawn shortly.

Monetary Fund in London. ~~The Right Honorable~~ Hugh Dalton, His Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer, used the occasion to remind the meeting that Europe faces disaster. ^{Then he} ~~He~~ urged the dignitaries present to consider all possible ways by which the international fund and the bank may make an even larger contribution towards solving the urgent problems and helping ~~to~~ stave off the economic disasters which threaten. ^{meaning} ~~What he meant was,~~ loans to stop the gap. Each nation ^{to} ~~must~~ do everything it can to help itself, but ^{that} ~~most~~ of them cannot go all the way without help.

ADD PRICES

Wool has gone up too; which means clothing will cost more.

The one bright side to this picture is that consumers appear to be waking up and realizing that if they offer concerted resistance as they did on one or two previous occasions, that prices will come down. So many people are employed now, at high wages, that housewives, although they grumble, are paying the prices asked, and not economizing by buying cheaper food.

At Detroit and Toledo, the Unions have mobilized to organize buyers strike. And, Toledo housewives organized a telephone campaign calling up all their friends and urging them to leave the higher priced foods on the shelves of the butchers and grocers.

Some union locals have set up grocery stores in union halls, selling to members, at cost. With stocks soon sold out.

Elsewhere throughout the country, there are indications of a buyers' strikes.