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MORE RUSSIAN RATTLES

Strangely enough the Russian Government, which was saved from destruction so recently, has conducted its relations with the World in a rough and rowdy way. The Stalin government is not cooperating with the United Nations. Instead of trying to preserve the peace of the World the Soviet Union has adopted, this very month, a new 5-year plan, calling for increasing the Nation's production one and one-half times the pre-war level in the next five years, and providing for extensive research into atomic power.

The speeches by Winston Churchill were a clear warning to the American people that the Soviet government is endangering the peace of England.

The United States has never started wars. But it has successfully finished two World Wars.

FREE MEN WORKING TOGETHER

The experience farmers are now getting through their own cooperatives is strengthening the spirit of self-reliance which throughout our national history has made the rural element of our population a bulwark against attacks on our freedom. The nation and the world today need the example of free men working together, in cooperation with a government of their own choice, in undertakings too big for them as individuals.—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

GARDENS NEEDED IN 1946

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has sent to each State Governor the following telegram. It tells compactly why gardeners should renew their efforts in 1946 and try hard to equal or surpass the excellent Victory Garden records of the war years:

"President Truman has strongly urged vigorous home gardening program in 1946 in view of world-wide food shortage. Foods from rural and urban gardens can sustitute for foods needed for shipment abroad and help maintain good diets at home. Victory Garden program was outstanding in production and preservation of millions of tons of food. There is every need to make this year's program as successful. May we suggest, therefore, that you appeal to all home gardeners."

GASOLINE TAX FOR HIGHWAYS ONLY

In a unanimous ruling the Idaho Supreme Court upheld the opinion that "the motor fuel tax is not a tax for general purposes, but a privilege tax; a tax enacted from those who use the highwawys in proportion to the use for the construction and maintenance of highways."

One hundred fifty American leaders of education, religion, labor and agriculture have joined in an appeal to President Truman "not to take any step in the opposite direction from collective security through world organization" by enacting compulsory military training in peacetime. The appeal was headed by the National Council Against Conscription, Philadelphia, which announces that it is a "non-pacifiist organization." Peacetime conscription, the signers say, threatens UNO and all efforts toward world cooperation; provokes nations into competitive armaments and hostile camps; follows the disastrous pattern of European militarism; is based on obsolete notions of warfare and has little relevance to the atomic age; regiments youth and exposes them to the dangers of barracks life at a crucial age; and would establish "an undemocratic system aimed at unquestionable obedience to military authority, and constitute a totalitarian threat to religion, education, labor and business."

The voluntary rationing of wheat and grain products, canned fish and meat and milk, fats and oils, in order that they may be set aside for the use of countries now starving because of post-war shortages; and the urging upon Congress of greater food supplies sent overseas by the government, are suggested to American church people by four agencies serving in this field of human relief; the World Council Service, the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia, and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. They say: "Hordes of uncared-for little children drift across Europe today. Homeless wanderers, broken families robbed of every earthly possession, still struggle blindly for some ray of hope. . . .A gift at once may save several lives."

APRIL IS CANCER CONTROL MONTH

April is "Cancer Control" month by proclamation of President Truman and the Maryland State branch of the American Cancer Society, of which Dr. J. Mason Hundley, Jr., is executive cairhrman, has announced completed plans for a statewide canvas to assure the state's quota of two hundred thousand dollars towards the national goal of twelve million. Campaign headquarters have been established in the former Loyola High School Building, at 700 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, through the generosity of the Jesuit Fathers and a state Campaign Chairmanship has been accepted by Dr. George G. Finney, son of the late Dr. J. M. T. Finney, who was active in all such medico-public movements.

Assisting the Cancer Control Campaign will be the Women's Field Army of the American Cancer Society, of which Mrs. Roy D. Whitlock is state commander. District commanders under Mrs. Whitlock will organize every section of the state to cooperate in this national attack on what the American Cancer Society officials designate as "No. 1 enemy" of mankind. Statistics compiled by the Society show that one out of every eight Americans die from cancer, which places this disease menace at the top of all the threats to life in a peacetime world. Even more startling, Dr. Hundley admitted, are the statistics compiled since V-J Day.

"It seems incredible even to a doctor familiar with the inroads made by cancer on the everyday life of our people, but these figures have been checked. There were 294,000 Americans killed in World War II and in the same period of time, 607,000 Americans were killed at home by cancer. We should not have to say anything more to convince people that this cancer control campaign is not giving funds for any foreign worthy cause, but for the protection of themselves and the ones they love right here at home. The money we will try to raise in April will go towards establishing research laboratories and helping the ones already establisehd, like the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins, to discover the cause and cure of cancer, to educate people to report the symptoms in time to be cured ,and for the care of indigent cases."

Other diseases of almost the same magnitude, Dr. Hundley pointed out, have been brought under control by the public's becoming sufficiently aroused and contributing sufficient funds to fight them. This one, menacing as it does now one-twelfth of the population, must be fought the same way. The forces of public opinion moulding have been organized throughout the country. It still remains for the American general public to go down in their pockets and financially support this war against the greatest enemy that has ever threatened the health and happiness of mankind.

At the Campaign Headquarters, where Mrs. Olga Baxt is executive secretary, it was stated that the immediate need is for volunteers who will do the house-to-house solicitation throughout Baltimore.

"Almost everyone, we know, any of us," Mrs. Baxt said, "has had some tragic experience with the suffering and loss caused by cancer. We are a volunteer and unorganized group, compared to the regular fund raising organizations in this country but it seems to me that if everyone, who has had some personal knowledge of the disastrous and tragic influence of this monstrous disease, would come forward and help the campaign we would have the largest organization of all. We do need volunteers. . .to help in the office, to solicit gifts, to do any one of a thousand things. . . and everybody who knows something first hand about cancer ought to be ready to help."

Although Hammerfest, Norway, is farther north than any other town in Europe, its harbor is ice-free all year round, according to the Eucyclopedia Britannica. Because of warm westerly winds and the North Atlantic Drift originating in the Gulf of Mexico, the average January temperature in Hammerfest is only a little below freezing.

The Automobile Titling Tax has yielded $6,630,000 since its enactment in 1935. From 1935 to 1939 it was used for Aid to the Needy. Since that time, it has been used for general governmental purposes. It is a special tax on the motorists and if used for highways, could have constructed over 66 miles of two-lane, hard-surfaced highways.

PUZZLES OF POLITICS

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., March 25—The Honorable Henry Wallace is classified as the New Deal remnant in the President's Cabinet. He came out of Iowa as a Republican but out-deals President Roosevelt on a lot of points that upset the sound policies of the Department of Agriculture.

"Members of the Democratic party should vote for the British loan or be put out of the party by not beingallowed to run again on the Democratic ticket," he exploded, and added: "Either the dissenting members should join the other party or organize an independent one. The same should apply to the Republicans."

Mr. Wallace ignores the fact that there is "an independent" body in the Senate and another one in the House, that frequently does jobs of "coalition." The members are not only split on the British loan, but on about half of the recommendations of President Truman.

The Progressives in Wisconsin have just disbanded their political organization and returned to the Republican party. No comment from Mr. Wallace.

The voting conditions in the Southern States are upset in a dozen different dierctions. In the Northern States the professional labor union leaders do their political boostings for the Democratic party. Across the fence the voters in farming communities have generaliy deserted the Democratic party and gone over to the Republicans.

One would naturally expect Mr. Wallace, the former Vice President of the United States and the present Secretary of Commerce to have taken a hand in preventing the labor strikes since the war. So far as his efforts and influence as top man in Commerce went, he is entitled to be treated to the same medicine he prescribes for members of the Democratic and Republican Congressmen. You can add them up, and you won't find a weaker stick of timber than Henry Wallace.

Secretary Wallace suggests something terrible when he proposes to boot members of the different parties out of home when they don't vote the Wallace way—because Wallace's way is usually the wrong way.

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Just Keep The Harness On

White-haired and fair-haired Bernard Baruch won the confidence of his countrymen in World War I. That is the reason why he is called an "elder statesman" and is trusted by "we, the people." He is 75 years old and he has been drafted by President Truman to help harness atomic energy for peace.

Despite the fact that controversy exists in Washington over the issue of civilian vs. military control of atomic energy, there is real cause to fear the atomic bomb. There is no question but what the United States Government distrusts Soviet Russia.

Under ordinary circumstances the way to handle the atomic energy question would be to "lock it up" and keep the secret key. The logic of this conclusion is found in the fact that there is no probability, or possibility, that the United States will ever start a foreign war. The possession of the atomic secret by the USA should remain a weapon of defense—nothing else.

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Traceable To Strikes

Don't fall for big, big shouting, promoted in official circles in Washington that business is getting back to normal. There has been a business setback created by the strikes, and while some settlements have been made other new strikes are being unwrapped.

The Government has promoted wage increases. The OPA is still leading the procession and keeping tough on prices. That doesn't balance. It is a half-way scheme that makes full reconversion impossible. The big break-down started with an unreasonable strike against General Motors. Settlement of that long struggle does not guarantee production of automobiles sufficient to meet the demands for many months to come.

The individual doesn't have to look very far to find out for himself that there is still a business setback right now and it will not recover in a hurry. Number one problem is not oil in Iran, snooty behavior in Argentina, or foreign trade. The real problem is to pull our own country out of the hole and get jobs and rehabilitation for GI boys and civilians. The Government is moving all too slow in these matters.

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A Great Woman Passes

Miss Mabel Thorp Boardman died at her home in Washington recently at the age of 85 years. When she was 46 years old Miss Boardman devoted her life to the movement that is the American Red Cross.

Through all the years Miss Boardman kept office hours at the Red Cross and never accepted a salary, because she was wealthy in her own rights. She raised, personally, more than two million dollars for the Red Cross while she watched it grow from a single room into stately marble structures for which she drew interior plans. She put Red Cross workers in uniforms. She initiated the Red Cross Christmas Seals sales. She created the nursing service, first aid training programs and life-saving instructions and services. Her mortal remains have been deposited in the crypt of the Washington Episcopal Catherdal, where rest such great leaders as Admiral Dewey and Woodrow Wilson.

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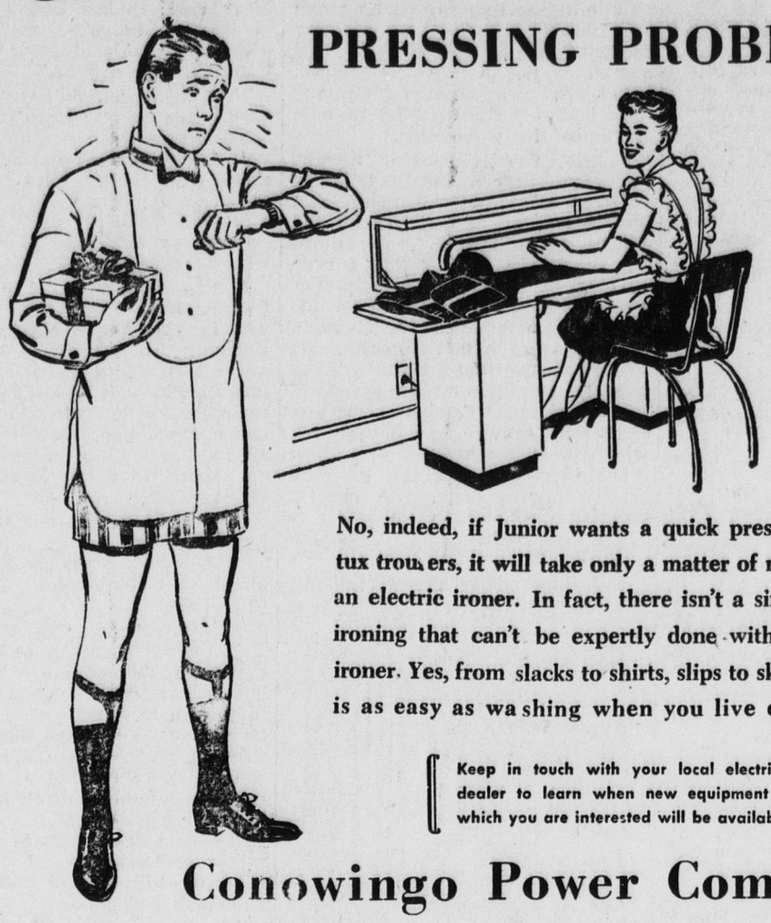

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FAVORED BY VEGETABLE GARDENERS

What are the favorite garden vegetables? A sample survey by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics last fall gives a reliable guide by listing the kinds that gardeners actually did plant, many of them after years of experience, others after from one to three seasons of experience in Victory Gardens during the war years.

The following list of seven vegetables includes those favorites, each of which was growing in 1945 in more than half the gardens not on farms, named in order frequency of planting: Tomatoes, string or wax beans, onions, lettuce, radishes, beets and carrots.

In farm gardens, where the average space available was greater, there were five additional kinds of vegetables, each of which was grown in more than half of all the farm gardens: Potatoes, cabbage, green peas, sweet corn and cucumbers.

Questioned last October, relatively few gardeners reported plans to stop gardening because the war was over.

SALE OF USED FARM EQUIPMENT

All units of the OPA in Maryland are cooperating in a comprehensive State-wide enforcement campaign designed to obtain full compliance with regulations governing the sale of used farm equipment by farmers and auctioneers, the Maryland OPA State Office has announced.

Special emphasis is being placed on preventing over-ceiling price transactions and enforcement of the provision requiring auctioneers to give notice to the OPA six days prior to any sale, said Barnard S. Needle, acting OPA State Director. This regulation requires that the auctioneers must give place, date and time of sale and copy of any announcement of the sale, said Mr. Needle.

FEED SHORTAGE THREATENED

"Unless some bold and effective action is taken immediately by the Government, the feed deficit area in the East could experience a feed famine," J. E. Givens, executive vice president of Cooperative Mills, Baltimore, declared at the grain shortage hearings held in Washington several days ago by the House Food Investigating Committee. Cooperative Mills is a subsidiary of Southern States Cooperative.

Mr. Givens stated that feed conditions in this area are steadily getting worse. Ingredient supplies at feed plants are being rapidly exhausted.

"Purchases cannot be made to cover requirements," he said. "Box car shortages make delivery schedules uncertain. Inventories of mixed feeds in warehouses and on farms are at an all-time low. Any semblance of an equitable distribution of feed supplies has been destroyed."

Allocations of feed to Southern States patrons have been reduced by 40 per cent since August. Feed formulas have been changed to conserve critically short feed ingredients. However, the formulas now being used are emergency formulas designed only to meet present chaotic conditions.

"Further cuts in allotments are inevitable and additional reductions in feed quality must come unless some action is taken to assure farmers in the East their share of the nation's feedstuffs," Givens said.

"We guarantee our haircuts—or refund your hair."—Sign in Chicago barber shop.

NEW YORK STATE CONSERVES ITS FORESTS

A productive future is envisage for New York State's ten million acres of privately owned forest lands as the result of an act just signed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Running counter to the current trend toward centralized governmental planning, the act, known as the Forest Practice Standards Act, calls for forest conservation through the efforts of twenty locally-appointed boards upon whom will rest the responsibility for establishing forest practice standards for their respective districts. The boards will be comprised predominantly of local woodland and forest owners with the chairmen of local soil conservation districts as ex officio members.

All woodland or forest owners will be invited to cooperate and adhere to the standards established by these local boards, and those who agree to do so will get expert assistance from the district foresters of the New York State Conservation Department, in marking trees, in insect and fire control measures, in reforestation, and in finding markets for forest products.

The act comes at a time when the country is suffering an acute housing shortage, partly because exploitation of our forest resources has depleted the lumber supply and made wise and farsigthed planning to restore this great natural resource, both a virtue and a necessity. According to Roy A. H. Thompson, a lumber financier, almost 40 percent of all the Nation's standing saw timber disappeared in the 30 years before the war, while after Pearl Harbor, the drain increased to about 117 billion cubic feet a year, exceeding by 50 percent the annual growth.

ECONOMY VITAL IN WASHINGTON, GOVERNOR DECLARES

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor has gone on record definitely to the effect that "No domestic problem looms up as more important than the necessity for economy in the Federal Government."

"There is a crying need for a balanced budget in Washington such as we have had in Maryland for the last eight years," the Chief Executive declared. "The State Government has operated on a balanced budget by living within its income and by eliminating unnecessary expenses and employees.

"The fiscal situation in Maryland, which was never better than it is today, shows how beneficial it is to maintain a balanced budget. Real Estate taxes have been reduced until today they are at the lowest point in over eighty years. The bonded indebtedness of the State has been reduced more than 50%. In 1939 it was over $48,000,000 while today it is down to approximately $20,000,000."

Egyptian ladies in the days of Cleo patra painted their lower eyelids green and the upper lids, lashes and eyebrows black, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. The palms of their hands and the soles of their feet were dyed with henna.

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up.

Those who are considering rocket trips to the moon may think it is made of butter, not cheese.

TIMBER MARKING SERVICE

On the recommendation of State Forester Joseph F. Kaylor, the Commission of State Forests and Parks has established a plan under which the timber marking service provided by the State Forester may be made available to landowners throughout Maryland.

For the first 25 acres marked, no charge will be made. For acreage in excess of that figure, the charge will be $15.00 per day. Applications for the marking service, Kaylor says, have been received in steadily mounting number, and the Department of State Forests and Parks is hard pressed to handle them with reasonable promptness. The cost of marking, which is done by technically trained foresters in the employ of the department, has also shown a marked increase and the $15.00 per day charge is necessary to defray in part the expense entailed by this state-sponsored service. In every case Kaylor declares, where merchantable timber is marked, the owner receives the maximum money returns from his tree crop, while the land is left in shape to produce successive timber crops in the future.

DREXEL INSTITUTE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The spring music festival, presented by the combined musical organizations at Drexel Institute of Technology, will be held on May 11 in the auditorium at Drexel, 32nd and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. The festival is under the direction of Dr. Wallace Heaton, director of music, who resumed his duties at Drexel after his discharge from the armed services.

Members of the Men's Glee Club, Women's Glee Club and the Drexel Military Band will take part in the festival.

Nancy Balderston, of Colora, a student at Drexel, is a member of the Women's Glee Club and will participate with this group in the festival.

Soloists for the occasion will be William Sylvano Thunder, organist at Drexel; Thomas L. Thomas, baritone; Sylvia Kalowsky, violinist; and Robert Horn, flutist.

During the course of the term, the Women's Glee Club sang at Darby High School on March 7, and at the Hospital Canteen on March 13, and they are going to sing at the state convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs on May 2. Drexel is a member of that organization.

The music festival will be the culmination of this year's efforts on the part of the Drexel musical organizations.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Realtiy" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday Mar. 30.

The Golden Text will be from Pihl. 4:8—"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Among the citiations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible—James 1:17—"Every good gift and eevery perfect gift is from above, and cometh form the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Hirohito promises Japan a recovery. Sounds as though the Emperor were already running for office.