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"Voice of America" Stutters

The "Voice of America" is a communications device, using the radio very largely, to "sell" the Russian people on the ideology of freedom and self-government.

First, the kind of programs to be sent over the "Voice of America" are confusing, not slanted to the result desired; the average Russian is not mentally capable of understanding what we are trying to say.

The "Voice of America" programs remind us of the story of the infantry captain who came upon a private operating a machine gun in a practice drill.

"How you doing, private, are you hitting the target?" asked the captain.

"What target, sir?" replied the private. "I ain't been given no target to hit—all I knows is that I am firing this machine gun and the bullets sure make a helluva noise when they leave here!"

To effect a campaign of propaganda for freedom with Russia and some of her satellite countries, why not adopt the Communist's own methods? Why not infiltrate democracy's ideas into those alien countries by direct human contacts, thus setting in motion the beginnings of the machinery of internal revolution in those countries by their enslaved subjects?

It is axiomatic that to sell a thing you must do more than merely advertise it through the printed or spoken word.

Perhaps it is too much to expect academicians like Dean Acheson and his State Dept. crowd to understand this; equally dumb about practical selling are most of the politicians who make up Congress and the executive branch of our government.

In the meantime Communism marches on... to the dreamy melody of the Missouri Waltz!

When Pitchers Won 30 Games A Year

Baseball fans are somewhat amazed by the high scores being registered this year. The pitching includes debates about the jack-rabbit ball and the quality of modern pitching.

Sports writers, with statistical turns of mind, call attention to the fact that up to 15 years ago there were 30-game winners in the pitching business.

The last was Dizzy Dean in 1934, but before his time, some 12 mound-stars registered 30 or more victories a season.

Old Cy Young was with five of his seasons showing 30 or more wins.

Christie Mathewson, between 1903 and 1917, won 20 or more games per season. He was over the 30-mark in 1903, 1904 and 1905 and won 37 games in 1908.

The general conclusion, expressed by Arthur Daley, is that something will have to be done—either the jack rabbit slowed down or the pitchers speeded up by use of the spitter. He thinks that scores are beginning to get ludicrous.

There may be some disagreement as to this verdict but the hurlers in the big leagues will not be among those taking issue with Mr. Daley.

Throw A Custard Pie

Russia's American ambassador, Jacob A. Malik, in the thoughts of sensible people, has been making a fool of himself before the United Nations Council.

The Soviet citizen, as president of the Council, is trying to confuse the other delegates so that he, and his country, can make favorable communist propaganda out of it.

How those delegates representing the Western World can retain their composure in the face of Malik's devilish nonsense, we do not know.

Somebody ought to throw a custard pie right into Malik's face.

A Listless Campaign

Alas! a lack of sufficient ideas and vigor marks the current political primary campaign going on in Michigan for State offices. On the Democratic side Gov. Williams is unopposed.

Five Republicans contest for their Party's nomination.

They are former Gov. Harry Kelly, secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr., Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, former Lieut. Governor, Congressman Albert Engel, and a chap named Leith, mayor of Brighton.

Political wisecracks think the race will be between Kelly and Alger. Kelly has the "county court house" crowds with him, meaning an organized political group. Alger, popular, has developed considerable followers, but not so well organized.

Keyes, as usual, depends upon his personal letter campaign to win him votes. Engel has been spending most of his summer in Washington; on emergency matters, but will be able to get about some with his trailer. We don't know whether Leith is travelling by automobile, ox cart, or jet propulsion.

The Korean war and other world problems have pushed state politics into the background, so the real issues confronting Michigan, as per candidates' presentation, don't make headlines.

A good, hot primary contest within a political party generally results in attracting the public's attention to that party, and wins votes for the following general election. But no such contest is going on in Republican circles.

It looks as though the processes of self-government in Michigan are laid away in the moth-balls of human apathy.

From Our Point of View

The lonely steer plods its lable-bound way over the western prairies, unmindful that its time of destiny may be changed by the vagaries of the meat packers' union, as it periodically weighs whether or not it will go on strike. Truly, current living is a highly organized condition.

You may contact each and every member of Congress, those in the highest places in the executive departments, including the President, and you will find any one of them capable of providing all the answers to domestic and world problems. Indeed, most of them are just average people who were able to get elected or appointed to their jobs. There is no omniscience in politics... for politics is the art of the possible, not the science of the ideal.

Unfortunately, you live in a world whose dominant human aim and objective is the gathering of material things, not the getting of knowledge and right understanding.

Scientists continue their profound studies of the stars, the planets, and the Milky Way. Dairy farmers also study a milky way, wondering why more of the final retail price fails to get into their own pockets.

Consider the lot of the true musician, on fire with the spirit of great melody. Poor in material wealth he may be, but pity him not too greatly... for during moments in his life he experiences an exaltation and exultation known to few of his earth-neighbors.

History will record this century as a time when the forces of evil raised up their ghastly minions in an effort to overcome mankind's thus far attained concepts of truth. Truth may fall to the earth, but will rise again, in the consciousness of what is to be hoped a further advanced civilization. Mankind defies that which he loves most. Some day more of mankind will love truth and right, and it will live to bring more of Utopia to God's children.

In this over-organized society of ours, we have room for just one more organization: one which will get rid of a lot of other organizations.

So They Say... Lyndon B. Johnson, U. S. Senator from Texas; speaking of our defense economy: "I did not intend—and I know Congress did not intend—that the knife which trimmed the fat should also cut the muscle."

Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense: "The frontiers of American democracy no longer are the shores of our country and no longer may it be defended there."



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 years ago AUGUST 24, 1900 The tenant house on the Paul Park farm west of this place was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. It is supposed to have caught fire from a bonfire in the rear of the house. The building was insured.

Ernest Hunt's birthday was appropriately celebrated by a number of his young friends Wednesday last week. A nice little dinner on the lawn was one of the pleasant features of the day.

The gravel car, "Iowa" is now doing duty as a special for evening trolley parties. It has been repainted and fitted out with lights and has already been in commission several times.

Schlack's house near the river must be left alone in the future. Those abiding in it will be arrested and punished to the limit of the law. This is no joke, boys, so bear it in mind.

We are full and happy! Will Walker brought to us a bushel basket of the most luscious, juicy grapes from over the hill, and a good supply for a few friends. Thanks are different.

20 years ago AUGUST 24, 1930 Plans for the first Masonic golf tournament were announced Tuesday afternoon by James W. Cassidy, Hardy Mudge and Ralph Wilson. Play will start at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Bloomfield township park. A dinner that evening will culminate the affair.

No special public celebration is planned for Labor Day in Birmingham. Citizens James W. Parry stated there would be no change in the police schedule as he felt the police force could handle any additional traffic the holiday might bring forth.

In a statement yesterday, Village Treasurer J. H. Hightower stated that tax receipts were normal for the current year. He added that the state of the increase in the tax rolls, payments were somewhat higher than those of last year at this time.

Coach George Johnson will have 12 veteran griders reporting for football this year, and looks forward to a very successful season. He stated that the team now comes to the team have every aspect of the team in top condition, and with the returning squad members should form into a tough opponent.

Ray Peck, representing the YMCA appeared before the commission Monday to protest the petition of Russell Chapman to permit him to operate his bowling alley on Sunday. He was instructed to present his opposition during the next meeting of the commission.

5 years ago AUGUST 3, 1945 With the completion of the teaching staff for the Birmingham public schools, the annual staff meeting will be held in room 101 at Baldwin high school Tuesday morning. Members of the Franklin school staff, which is beginning its first year as a part of the Birmingham system will join the meeting.

Ford M. Broock recently landed a bluegill while fishing at Silver Lake. Using feather lures and a black bass, he successfully took the nearly three-pounder, setting a record believed to be national, for that particular fish.

The twilight concert at the Baldwin public library this week will feature "Anthems" by Tchaikovsky. The recorded program also present numbers by von Weber, Schubert and Saint Saens.

Police Chief John P. Hackett warns motorists that war-worn cars will not stand the speed at which they are being driven. All cars are to be inspected for safety in the city by arrests and punishment of drivers to the full extent of the law. Hackett said officers would be lenient in

LOOKING OR ANOTHER WORSE THAN WAR

Tired of war talk and politics? Year for a Oklahoma to discuss some peaceful subject and center his sights on other matters? Well, we're like to accommodate you this week.

What is the clamor of radio and printed disseminations about? What is far removed from war and politics and apt to bring solace to the hearts of those who want what may lie ahead as the human race?

Fishing, we are told by "those-in-the-know", is a relaxing sport. Fishing, we are told by "those-in-the-know", is a relaxing sport.

WE ARE NOT QUITE certain how much mystery of the call of the finny tribe, which lures men to bend their weak backs

pulling an ear in desolate regions (and in some Oklahoma lakes which are not so desolate). But, assuming that it is a congenial sport, we are not responsible for the fears it attracts, we will try to interest our war-weary readers with fishing, a peaceful subject.

From what we can learn, the fish living in and around the two mouths of the Panama Canal have their troubles.

They have been known to pass through the canal where the water changes from salt to brackish to fresh, and back to salt again.

THIS APPARENTLY worries many of the fish at this water location, simply because they are unable to adapt themselves to rapid changes in the salinity and temperature of the water.

A child living down the street from our house was ill with pneumonia. The infection had developed from a cold. The fever climbed and congestion appeared. But nobody in our neighborhood got excited, even the parents.

The doctor was called. Penicillin and one of the sulfanilamides were given. The child recovered and went away from the bedside cheerily confident. There was absolutely no fever and no cough, he said. The father went back to work, the mother to her house, and the doctor and his wife went back to play.

The incident harkened memory to the time another child had fallen critically ill with pneumonia. Then our town was aroused. A specialist was rushed in from a distant city; oxygen, equipment and nurses from the city arrived. There followed many anxious days for everyone who knew the family. In the 30 years since then there has been no pneumonia in our town, as far as we know.

AS THE DOCTOR drove away from our neighborhood he turned him down to discuss the miracle of this now commonplace victory over pneumonia. He said that a young patient had bronchial pneumonia—the milder type—and that he had been in bed for 48 hours. Then he said an amazing thing. He has

we are advised that some of these fish make the trip and change their homes from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and vice versa.

This, as you can well guess, is quite a hardship upon any fish that loves his natural home.

We imagine that a number of these fish make this trip against their better judgment, being drawn into the process by those devilish locks which man has devised to raise and lower his ships.

WE HAD INTENDED to go on with this line of thought for a few more paragraphs, but a staff member has been reading this our shoulder.

We heard him murmur, "There are some things worse than war!" Perhaps he is right.

LOOKING AHEAD

PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

big practice and I happen to know the spends hours each week in public health work with the poor. Charities, yet he said he'd never seen a single case of lobar (deep-seated) pneumonia in the past three years!

What had become of this time-trial killer? Even the sulfas, now administered routinely in all upper respiratory infections, had done such a wonderful job, he said, the disease just never had a chance to get to the critical lobar region of the lungs. This doctor believes that the general use of these great drugs has killed off a lot of the pneumococcus organisms that used to be so virulent (the spores still alive).

THE STILLING OF the death of pneumonia is but one of the many victories recorded in the recent past by American medicine—physicians, surgeons, nurses, researchers and pharmaceutical manufacturers. A baby born in America today has a life expectancy of nearly seventy years, at least fifteen more than could have been expected thirty years ago.

Most of the major disease killers have been cornered and rendered less potent by our medical men, and surgeons advanced the science. Their professions use the same lure used by England's Socialists. The English people, a "free" medicine—end to boot, a life-heavy freedom-crushing, stagnating Socialist bureaucracy that has reduced the nation virtually to beggary.

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

STATE'S DEFENSE NEEDS GET TOP BILLING

Defense needs of Michigan continue to top billings in the state legislature, convening again at Lansing, received a request from Governor G. W. Winchell for a \$2,000,000 civilian preparedness program.

A "living blood" plan, planned as aid for a \$400,000. Minimum A-bomb destruction in Detroit would be 100,000. The plan is being studied by the Michigan National Guard.

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By George S. Benson

Americans. By next January approximately 75,000,000 will be aged by plans which pay an average of 50 per cent of total pensions; 40,000,000 will be entitled to a pension in the next major portion of surgical fees and about 25,000,000 will be enrolled in year-round medical care plans.

FOR THE PRICE OF a package of cigarettes a day, any American family can be free from worry about financial difficulties arising from illness. As a sample of what industry and a great many businesses are doing in cooperation with their employees, the medical profession in its battle against the major disease killers, there are a few people who wish to establish a compulsory health program and subsidize the profession of medicine. Their spokesmen use the same lure used by England's Socialists. The English people, a "free" medicine—end to boot, a life-heavy freedom-crushing, stagnating Socialist bureaucracy that has reduced the nation virtually to beggary.

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"I know you're mighty proud of the fact that you shot a mouse with a bow and arrow—but don't you think this is carrying things a bit too far?"

