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A Party

America First Holds Open House In Senate

Do not presume that the spirit of isolationism or America Firstism has died. On the contrary, it may hold a greater danger for the country in the days ahead than in the days before. Last week, when United Nations Relief came up for debate in the Senate, the leading spirits of the movement were busy again. Bob Reynolds and Bert Wheeler planned the assault. They密谋ed, exchanged complements, shouted "I told you so!" and deplored the present and future. Once, Senator Wheeler broke into the Reynolds speech to add an enlightening incident:

MR. WHEELER. A short time ago I happened to be at a dinner where a lady said to me, "You talk like an America Firster." I replied, "What are you—an America seconder? It seems to me that you must either be for this country first, or for this country second. Whether you are for this country or for some other country, I am glad to have it said that I am for America first, rather than for American second."

The theme, occasionally bolstered by Senator Clark of Missouri and later expanded by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan—was that the United States was preparing to pay the entire bill for relief and rehabilitation of the world, that we were about to sign away our birthright. Behind it all, and less clearly shown, was a hate and distrust of Russia. There came a time when a Reynolds-Wheeler game revealed that:

MR. WHEELER. Does anyone question who will control or dominate Europe after the war is over?

MR. REYNOLDS. No.

MR. WHEELER. Certainly Russia is going to dominate Europe.

MR. REYNOLDS. Stalin is going to own all of Europe and control all of Asia. He has already said he is going to take part of Poland, part of Poland, part of Russia, and all of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Bessarabia. We know that one of the difficulties in Italy today arises from the fighting and the intrigue which is going on between the Fascists and the Communists over who shall have control after the war.

It was quite a show, in which the old American Fisters made their bid for a comeback. They shamelessly confessed to their negative votes on Lend-Lease, Neutrality Act Repeal, Arms Embargo repeal. They boasted of their position. And opened a new attack in an attempt to lead America back to 1920. They failed, this once. They'll try again.

Listen to the commercials to get in on the real hardships of war as the hero learns that the overseas can't be out of his kind of cold. A Danger

Willkie Sees GOP Heading For Suicide

Wendell Willkie, speaking in Wyoming last week, had a significant message for his fellow Republicans. It was a solemn warning, and though it is likely to be received with derisive jeers in some quarters, it should be of vital importance to the remaining Republicans.

Willkie thinks that the GOP cannot go far in its crabbing resentment against the New Deal. He asked his listeners to remember that they were now crying out against the very thing they were for years ago.

He confessed to them that he held the Administration guilty of arbitrary, capricious and interfering methods. But he said that the Republican Party had gone away from its original principles, the principles of the Fuehrer's dashed hopes is this sorry experience in the rich Ukraine. All he is getting out of the place is what Germans can.

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON. UNFORTUNATELY, the bombing of the Benedictine monastery at Cassino is considered only a foretaste of the destruction which is almost certain to come.

Reporters in the Grande

have found what the Spaniards

call "a modern city" at Madrid

that a modern city as a natural

fortress which can be defended for months. Rome may share the same fate.

U. S. Army didn't say anything about it for several weeks, but they had trouble with the Cassino monastery long before they bombed it. This may be because it is a natural fortress. That section of Italy is chopped up into a series of mountain passes, each leading down to the valleys.

The monastery sits astride the mountain passes, so that the New York World War II "After-Dinner" in Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1943. After Claypool's death, his manuscripts were sold at auction in 1859. It was bought by James Lenox for \$2,000 and now is part of the Lenox Library Estate in New York. Photo Courtesy of Senator Billings, who offered it to the Government on Jan. 24, 1859, but the manuscript was sold to Lenox and the rest of the collection was still pending.

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the destruction of the Benedictine

monastery by the Nazis.

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