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Summerfield, Sen. Smoot And Smut

There's one thing you can say for Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. When he banned the unexpurgated version of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" from the mails, he did more to stimulate sales of the D. H. Lawrence novel than critics could accomplish with roughly a billion words of praise.

Since 134 copies were impounded in New York, approximately 45,000 other copies have been distributed to bookstores in one way or another. This non-postal distribution will continue unabated and the publishers, the booksellers and perhaps even the reading public will benefit accordingly.

Aside from stimulating the economy, Postmaster General Summerfield has merely made himself look foolish. "Lady Chatterley's Lover" is definitely not for children. The kids, in fact, would be bored to tears by most of it. But adults hardly need to be "protected" from the facts of life by a Michigan Chevrolet dealer who also happens to be in the Cabinet.

Mr. Lawrence's book is a literary classic. Competent critics throughout the world have found it to be a novel of serious intent and artistic achievement whose predominant appeal could be by no stretch of the imagination be called prurient.

Of course, it contains some passages, which, if separated from the whole work, might be considered pretty racy in Mr. Summerfield's circle. However, the test of obscenity, according to the Supreme Court, is whether "the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." This description does not fit "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

The Cross Of Lorraine Grows Heavy

Tipsey with Gaullism, France has veered off in a direction that might reappraisal of Western defenses necessary.

Gen. de Gaulle's abrupt removal of the French fleet from NATO proves a harbinger of more to come. It looks now as if, recalling something Sir Winston Churchill wrote years ago, the Cross of Lorraine (the general's personal symbol) will be the heaviest cross NATO has to bear.

At the moment, France is trying to crash the exclusive "nuclear club" maintained by America and Britain. The French have all but said that American airmen will be chased from French soil if we do not share atomic secrets with Paris.

British and American statesmen might ordinarily rely on the tactic of saying, "All right, France, have your way," as Churchill did so well in his "empty chair" speech. Even haughty de Gaulle could not bear to face that.

But since the "empty chair" tactic worked, the political air has changed as much in Britain as in France. That is what makes the French "blackmail" effective now. Memories of the Luftwaffe's bombs showering England have always lingered in the British attitude towards nuclear weapons. In the past two years or so steps which the U. S. does not consider really debatable have become public issues in England. One is unilateral disarmament, the other is renunciation of the H-bomb, and both have been taken up by the left wing of the Labor Party.

If bombers and bombs had to be removed from France, they would likely have to be installed in England, where

although it does happen to fit any number of lurid paperback "novels" and magazines distributed daily through the mails and sold everywhere in the United States without the postmaster general raising a squeak of protest.

But who is competent to sit in judgment on such matters? Certainly not Mr. Summerfield. Nor is it safe to give any politician with the power to determine what is or is not obscene. Indeed, if the American public ever concedes that it is not fit to be free and responsible then it ought to leave these matters to the judiciary to decide, after receiving competent testimony from recognized critics and scholars. But in the final analysis, what is obscene is determined by the prevailing moral climate and self-appointed arbiters seldom exercise any really important influence.

If Mr. Summerfield is remembered at all in literary history it will probably be in about the same way that good old Sen. Smoot of Utah is remembered. Smoot was immortalized, after a fashion, by poet Ogden Nash in 1930. A part of the verse, first published in The New Yorker, went something like this:

Senator Smoot (Republican, Ut.)
Is planning to ban on smut,
Oh constitution for smoot of Ut.
And his reverent occupant.
Smute, Smoot, smite for Ut.
Gird up your l-ns,
Smite up and thigh,
We'll all be Kansas by and by...

Senator Smoot is an institute
In her name, her name, her name,
He guards our homes from erotic tones
By reading them all himself...

WARSAW
This is a city worth seeing, but for the stark contrasts. It has the ugliest building in the world — Stalin's gift, the Palace of Culture. It has one of the most magnificent views in the world, in the quarter where the superb palaces of the Polish aristocracy have been lovingly rebuilt by the Polish Communists.

This city, in truth, has shabbiness and glamor, squalor and beauty. Life here can be bizarre, or passionately interesting, or dull, or weary. But among all these violently opposed qualities, there is one that sets

again. And last year, one wondered whether the process of getting the situation under control in the hand would not in itself end the new freedom of Poland.

CURIOUS EQUILIBRIUM

Now, however, a very curious and seemingly stable equilibrium seems to have been achieved. There are limits which no one is allowed to transgress, whether artists and intellectuals or priests or peasants, or members of the new class of small entrepreneurs whose tiny but remarkably smart shops along the Marshalowska are one of the more curious sights of Warsaw. Yet these limits that no one can transgress leave the life of the individual citizen and the larger life of the mind substantially free. As the worst enemies of the regime will tell you, in all of Communist Poland today, no one is held in jail or camp for a political offense.

BLEAK PAST

Maybe this curious equilibrium between the Communist Party and government on the one hand and the Polish people on the other would be considerably less stable in less favorable economic conditions. It must be understood, moreover, that the economic conditions are only favorably by comparison with the bleak past. There is the beginning of a most shortage here, because the planners failed to realize that the good-starved Poles would first spend their money on clothes to put on their backs and then would increase their spending on food for their bellies. For the long run, there is also a grave agricultural problem: for small plot-peasant agriculture cannot indefinitely feed Poland's fast-growing population. Yet Poland's national product and income are rising faster than in any other country. Real wages have increased by 20 per cent since 1955. Life is not good, in short, but life is much better.

Such are the elements of the Polish compromise. As far as Poland itself is concerned, one gets the feeling that a very long time, or — maybe, one should say as long as Wladyslaw Gomulka lasts. The real question, indeed, is not what will happen in Poland, but will

teach the Soviets new methods of crushing the people of occupied countries? If he wants to learn about Russian methods, he does not need to travel so far or spend so much money. He could just travel to Henderson and spend a few nights, and he would learn just how things are in Budapest, Prague and to receive a decoration from Marshal Zhukov, as the "Hero of Henderson."

The governor is running off to Russia and leaving behind a mess of troubles. — people of North Carolina — help us get rid of this Soviet system in Vance County. The locked-out workers of the textile mills have never asked for anything except the right to survive and keep their union. The company demanded that the union be destroyed. Gov. Hodges sent the army to protect the scales who came from Virginia and distant areas to steal the livelihood of 1,000 citizens here.

U.S. Lines Up With The Jokers

Clinton, S. C.

Editors, The News:

All three wants is for the U.S. to use her military might to whip North Korea and turn the whole of Korea over to him. All that Chiang wants is for the U.S. to whip China and turn the whole thing over to him. All Adenauer wants is for the U.S. to whip Russia and turn all Germany over to him. Boy, you are lining up with some jokers! The three fellows mentioned above have never begun to lose patience. I am afraid that we are going to lose them. But we still have Spain. We have already taken over every other delinquent government; we might as well have Spain.

Discrimination?

The General Assembly, we trust, will not be taken in by the whoop-de-do about "discrimination" in applying the tax withholding system to individuals and not to most business. The only discrimination will be against individuals who are presently dodging their state income taxes. Businesses can't get away with it; individuals can and do.

'Soviet' System In Vance County

Henderson

Editors, The News:

From the occupied city of Henderson, where most civil liberties guaranteed in our Bill of Rights have been crushed under the iron heel of Luther's Legions, the people are forced to appeal for aid to other citizens of North Carolina. We ask an aroused people to rescue Vance County, not only because we have rights that have been stolen from us, but also because the same thing can happen in your county, if this is allowed in Vance.

As for the governor, after leading the state with a costly military operation against a tiny county — estimated at more than two million dollars per year to the taxpayers of the state — and after trying to get us to assume half of that cost to pay for the occupation operations, then he is amazing Gov. Hodges announced that he will soon go to Russia. We wonder why? Is he going to learn? Or is he going to

It's A Good Thing There Are Thinkers

Salisbury

Editor, The News:

A thinker does not make friends. Those who would be his friends think he is a fool. The thinker has very little to say to the masses. He is not popular. He never stops to try to be popular. He cannot afford the time it takes. Any one can think but very few are willing to pay the price.

But it is fortunate for mankind that there is at least one person in every thousand who thinks to some extent and one in ten thousand who is a thinker on behalf of the administration. The difference between the

Depression Denied To This Column

however, that Strauss had put him up to it.

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The Light New Hope Shines Palely Over Poland

By JOSEPH ALSOP

happen because of Poland in the Soviet Union and throughout the Communist bloc.

The Poles have their own answer to this second, truly fascinating question. They see China, going through its ultra-Stalinist agony, as one magnetic center in the Communist bloc. They see Poland, with all its extraordinary and exciting differences from the Soviet Union, as another magnetic center.

THE POLISH MODEL

"China is vast and Poland is small," one Polish Communist told me. "Yet we believe that the Soviet people and the Soviet

leaders, above all Khrushchev, want their country to develop in the Polish direction. So we believe that the Polish model will have great influence in the end."

A great deal of course depends on the correctness of the Polish judgment of Nikita Khrushchev himself, whom it is fashionable to describe hereabouts as "the number one revisionist." Perhaps Khrushchev secretly feels about what is happening in Poland the way John Calvin would have felt about dancing in the streets of Geneva. Perhaps he is just waiting to pounce. There certainly, "any true Russian Sta-

linists must regard Poland at once as far more dangerous than Hungary in real revolt."

The last question, from one of the wisest American experts on the Soviet Union, seems to me to sum up the problem. There is no promise in Poland of a defeat for the Communist system. But there is a possibility, a hope even, of the kind of change that will make many millions upon millions of human lives more tolerable and decent. And even if this change is highly unlikely to end the world struggle between the Communist and free societies, no human person can fail to pray for it.

'How Much More Do We Put Into It?'



Is Labor Bill Doomed?

By WALTER LIPPMANN

Demagogues Are At Work

WASHINGTON

There is a strong probability that after all the investigations and the big talk this Congress will fail to do anything about the regulation of labor unions. If this happens, the reason will be the opposition of Hoffa and of John L. Lewis. The reason will be that the Senate, which was set to enact a very useful bill, was stamped by political demagogues who want an issue and not a bill. The result is that unless the mischief can be undone in the House, a brilliant opportunity will have been lost.

OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

The gist of the matter is this. In April, after prolonged hearings and study, the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare reported out a bill which the majority of the committee believed would "drive criminals from the labor movement" and "deal with breaches of trust and other shady transactions" which are incompatible with a strong and honest labor movement. The bill was remarkable in that it provided powerful remedies and yet had the support of the AFL-CIO.

One basic principle of the 39-page committee bill, usually referred to as the Kennedy bill, is that a reform of the abuses of the financial transactions of the unions. That this is of great practical importance is attested by the fact that in the second dealing with reports and disclosure the Kennedy bill is substantially the same as the bill introduced by Sen. Goldwater on behalf of the administration. The difference between the

WHAT IT PROVIDES

The Kennedy bill provides criminal penalties for at least six other abuses. The embezzlement of union funds, tampering with or destroying union records, bribing employee representatives, corruption in union elections, and in the so-called trust-fund abuses.

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MEANS FOR IT

Quite evidently, the bill reported to the Senate is in no sense a soft and timid affair. Yet it had the support of Mr. George Meany, the president of the AFL-CIO. It is not often that a powerful special interest will be found supporting laws to regulate itself.

BREAST-BEATING

Whether the amendments are good, bad, or indifferent, is not the main point. The bill, before it was amended, was the strongest bill that could come out of real support within the trade union world. No doubt, it is not the best conceivable bill. No doubt, it is not a panacea. But it compels real reforms and it is the best bill that it is possible to read.

It would be a great pity if Congress passed up the chance to enact a good bill in order to give itself the pleasure of trying to write an even better one. It would be a great pity if the President and those who support him are so insistent that the Kennedy bill be strengthened that they prevent the very significant labor reform that is now possible.

It is still conceivable that the labor reforms can be saved if the leadership in Congress and if the President in the White House want to save them. But they must reckon with the demagogues who do not want a bill because it would deprive them of an issue to beat their breasts about.

Taking Coach Howard At His Word

"Would you like to hear Coach Howard's theory of the 'Three Little Pigs'?"

Bob Quincy, our eloquent correspondent from the playing fields, calls Clemson coach Frank Howard a "quipsster" when Mr. Howard opines that college professors "should mind their business and we coaches should mind ours."

Hold on there, Mr. Quincy. Coach Howard's brainstorm surely deserves more than a passing chuckle. In an era of periodic verbal knifings of coaches by professors, and professors by coaches, this might clear the air somewhat.

We agree with Mr. Howard and like the way he lays it on the line. There is, and ought to be, a sharp distinction between the professor's "business" and the coach's "business" whose goals are far apart. Professors aim to produce learned alumni; coaches aim to produce happy alumni. The game of producing happy alumni is related only incidentally if at all to the learning game. In these days of

killer schedules, coaching is not serving too at cricket boys, and the alumni think you're passing a bad joke if you remind them that "the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton."

This hands-off policy would, we guess, suit professors as well as coaches. Professors would be gleeful to sign a concordat. They would worry no more over some Saturday afternoon stars who are fletcher chasing touchdowns or smagging Texas-leaguers than digging relatively. Coaches would worry no more about keeping their boys in school; players could be hired and fired on the free market without worrying over academic formalities. The only ones who might suffer from taking the two "business" apart would be a rare Pete Dawkins 10th in his class at West Point and also All-American. There are others like him, who could be vice presidents in both corporations.

Far from taking Mr. Howard as a quipsster, we take him at this word. We do admit, though, the real question is whether he would take us at ours.

From The Washington Post

PORT OVER PIGMENT

The insensate squabble over whether black and white pigs and rabbits as characters in fairy stories are an encouragement to miscegenation has provoked enough bitter mirth without any artificial help. There is one point, however, which we feel compelled to call to the attention of the segregationists who are attempting to ban "The Three Little Pigs." The principal strains of white pigs are Yorkshire and Chester White, both indubitably Anglo-Saxon in nature. One of the black strains, Berkshire, appears to have

the same antecedents, perhaps by way of New England. But the other black strain — there's the rub. It is Poland China, no less. Unless the pig-breeding troops happen to perpetuate allegiances to Mikolajczyk and Chiang Kai-shek, it bears the label of not one but two nations which are incontestably Communist. And if that doesn't make the segregationists see Red, nothing will.

Just about the time a woman thinks her work is done, she becomes a grandmother. — Dawson County (Ga.) News.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editors' Note: While Drew Pearson is serving as a delegate to the Atlantic Congress in London, his column is being written by his associate, Jack Anderson.

WASHINGTON

The Jewish community is in an uproar over the way Secretary of Commerce Strauss' supporters have injected the religious issue into his fight for containment.

It was first introduced into the public record by New York's Congressman Steve Dornan who, as a Republican on the House Commerce Committee, has been close to Strauss.

Strauss Backers Use Religious Issue

Denouncing denied to this column, however, that Strauss had put him up to it.

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They point out, for example, that Strauss was active in the campaign against former Atomic Energy Chairman David Lilienthal. Later Strauss drove J. Robert Oppenheimer, father of the atomic bomb, out of government.

More recently, Strauss has tried to play down the achievements of Adm. Rickover, father of the atomic submarine.

Super-Protection

All three are Jews who threatened to overshadow him in the atomic energy field.

No spot in the Pentagon is more strictly guarded than the secretariat

where the military chiefs plan their secret strategy.

'Pen Pistols'

The how they are protected, of course, cannot be revealed. But at one time the clerks were armed with pistols disguised as fountain pens.

Bradley's Veto

Gen. Omar Bradley, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs, was more nervous about the protection than the danger. He later got rid of the lethal fountain pens to prevent some clerk from hurting himself.