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SOCIALISM IS SOCIALISM

In a column printed in the New York World-Telegram, Lawrence Fertig said: "Socialism is socialism no matter how it is dressed up to appear different."

The occasion for that apt observation is the debate in and out of Congress as to whether a \$400,000,000 hydroelectric project on the Niagra River shall be undertaken by the federal government, the State of New York, or a group of five tax-paying, publicly-regulated utility companies which are ready to go ahead with the job.

At the end of his discussion, Mr. Fertig emphasized the main principle when he wrote:

"In the case of Niagara there is no question of navigation, flood control or any other factor except the development and sale of power. The power industry, as everyone knows, is an outstanding example of an efficient industry that has met its public responsibilities well. Advocates of government control of various projects—whether state or federal—generally try to trump up a case based on some delinquency or apparent failing in the industry they want to take over. But in the case of power, they haven't got a leg to stand on. There is no sound reason why private enterprise should be further restricted by the entrance of government-dominated monopolies in this or in any similar field."

Yes—socialism is socialism, no matter what kind of government is responsible. And socialism, as modern history so grimly proves, inevitably leads to communism and the destruction of all liberty—civil as well as economic, individual as well as corporate.

That's why every citizen has a personal stake in what happens at Niagara—and everywhere else where socialism is being urged.

WHO NEEDS ANOTHER STAR?

Three hundred scientists, meeting at the third annual symposium on space travel at New York's Hayden Planetarium, were told that Russia can now put a "red star" in the sky—a one-ton satellite that would pass over us every few hours at a height of 200 miles. But if we hurry, we might beat them to it, and shoot a 100 pound job up there by 1957 at a cost of a mere billion dollars.

But, looking around us, it would seem that we still have a few chores to do down here on the ground first.

SMALL FACTOR

Do you ever wonder just how much of each dollar you spend at retail remains in the hands of the merchant in the form of profit? Various surveys indicate that many consumers think that 25 percent or even more does just that.

If you're one of them, a report of the financial experience of the nation's department stores last year will come as something of a surprise. Their profit, after taxes, averaged 2.4 percent of their sales. In 1952 the figure was the same.

Some kinds of stores, dealing in staples, earn even less. For example, leading food chains often show profits of but one cent or a trifle more on each dollar that crosses their counters. Retail profits are a microscopic factor in establishing the cost of living.

"Where people are concerned, be human, and where you deal with their money, their economy, their government, be conservative, and don't be afraid to use the word." —Dwight D. Eisenhower

Funeral Services Held for Tin Heiress Who Wed Son Of British Hotel Owner

PARIS, (AP)—Funeral services were held at St. Honore d'Eylau Church Tuesday for Isabela Patino Goldsmith, Bolivian tin heiress whose runaway marriage last January to the scion of a wealthy British hotel owner made headlines throughout the world.

About 1,000 persons, including representatives of France's aristocracy and the ambassadors of Cuba, Spain and Brazil, attended the funeral mass in the church near the Arch of Triumph. A crowd estimated at 3,000 waited outside.

The 18-year-old daughter of a tin millionaire died Friday, reportedly of a cerebral hemorrhage. Shortly before her death, she gave birth to a five-pound daughter by caesarean section.

The baby, christened Isabela, was immediately placed in an incubator.

The young bride's 20-year-old husband, James Goldsmith, and her father led the mourning procession in the church. Patino had tried vainly to halt the young couple's elopement in Scotland.

Isabela had scored several noble suitors of her father's choice to wed Goldsmith after a seven-month romance. With the help of Scottish friends, the young couple was finally married by a town registry clerk in Kelso, Scotland.

Patino and his son-in-law had a reconciliation after the wedding.

Capehart Group May Be Asked to Take Alaska Probe

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Sen. Capehart, Indiana Republican, said Tuesday a Senate-House committee he heads will take over an investigation of alleged graft in government spending in Alaska if Sen. McCarthy asks it to do so.

McCarthy got permission from his Senate Investigations Subcommittee last week to hand the inquiry to some other appropriate congressional group. The subcommittee had voted to handle no other inquiries while it is looking into the row between McCarthy and Pentagon officials.

A top aide to McCarthy, declining to be named, said he expects the senator will delay a decision "for a little while" before officially handing the inquiry to Capehart's Defense Production Committee.

Capehart told reporters he has been advised only that the inquiry involves "a smelly situation" in connection with federal aid to some tin mining interests in Alaska.

Capehart said the Senate-House committee, set up as a watchdog over the Defense Production Program, has jurisdiction to conduct the inquiry. He added, however, that "it will be a couple of weeks" before he could find time to start hearings on any information the McCarthy group might turn over to him.

Vietminh Charge French Sabotaged Evacuation Plan

GENEVA, (AP)—Indochina's Vietminh rebels charged Tuesday the French sabotaged an agreement to get French Union wounded troops out of fallen Dien Bien Phu. They said French bombers killed 15 French prisoners of war the rebels were leading away from the fortress.

The charges were made at a news conference by Hoang Van Hoan, Vietminh ambassador to Red China. He said the French alone were responsible for the breakdown of the plan to evacuate the seriously wounded from the northwest Indochina bastion which fell to the Communist-led rebels May 7.

(Dispatches from Hanoi, however, said the Vietminh released 18 more wounded from Dien Bien Phu Tuesday. At the same time, the dispatches said American-supplied bombers had resumed powerful attacks on rebel troops streaming along a main highway from the fortress toward the French-dominated Red River delta surrounding Hanoi. The highway had been neutralized to permit the Vietminh to remove their own wounded, but the French charged the rebels also were moving heavy military equipment for a possible attack on Hanoi.)

Hoang said a group of prisoners taken at Dien Bien Phu, including Nurse Genevieve de Galard Terrau—she lone woman stranded in the fortress during the siege—had written to rebel leader Ho Chi Minh to express gratitude for their "humanitarian treatment."

HANOI, (AP)—A French air assault smashed at Vietminh troop and truck convoys moving along the 70-mile-long Highway No. 41 between Dien Bien Phu and Son La, the main route toward the delta. Other planes also hammered Vietminh forces in key sectors of the delta area.

The French had warned the

MEMORIAL DAY WREATHS
— AT CAVOTA'S

Retrial With Open Hearings Ordered For Playboy Jelke

NEW YORK, (AP)—The conviction of Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke on charges of compulsory prostitution was reversed by the appellate division Tuesday and his retrial ordered.

The court held that Jelke, heir to a manufacturing fortune, was deprived of a "fair and impartial trial" because certain portions of the hearings were closed to the public. The decision was by a 3-2 vote.

Jelke, 24, had been sentenced to serve three to six years on each of two counts of compulsory prostitution. His trial in New York general sessions court was closed to press and public during presentation of the state's case.

Judge Francis L. Valente at the time said he felt that lurid testimony of admitted call girls might endanger public morals, and declared he felt that he had the legal authority to order this step.

New York newspapers and press services protested vigorously.

In reversing Jelke's conviction, the majority of the appellate court ruled:

"It becomes apparent that to place in the hands of any court the power in a criminal trial to close the doors of a courtroom during the presentation of the case for one party and open it when the other party undertakes to present his case creates a situation that should not be tolerated."

Jelke was pictured by the prosecution as a free-living young man who couldn't live within his allowance but led girls into prostitution to increase his income.

Property Transfer

Thomas Martin has sold to Kay Handeland, Lot 27, Block 29, with house and contents.

Vietminh the air strikes on the highway would begin again unless the rebels agreed to the French evacuation plan, which included a French offer to treat and return gravely wounded Vietminh troops. The deadline for acceptance was midnight Monday.

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