WOULD REMOVE PRESS CONTROL WHEN WAR ENDS

British Newspaper Weekly Critical of French Provisional Government's Plans For News Dessemination

LONDON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Asserting "the craft of journalism must not be reduced to the level of a messenger boy who knocks at the governmental door," the newspaper weekly World's Press News urged in a special article the removal of all restrictions on the press immediately the war ends.

The article was particularly critical of press arrangements made by the French provisional government, observing "their new press arrangements provide in effect for a government monopoly in news."

"The French information agency would circulate the communiques and official statements to the press and radio and acquire the copyright of foreign news," it added.

"Thus they would reintroduce the bad old days of 1919 to 1939 when the government departments masquerading as news agencies kept a stranglehold on news and views, telling their own people and the world outside what they thought would suit their purpose.

"Their action raises an acute issue which goes far beyond the interest of the press or of France itself. With the exception of such control as must be applied to the German press until the poison of Nazism has been eradicated, there must be no government control of news and views.

"We may as well admit that some of the exiled governments now in our midst have a far from democratic tradition so far as the press is concerned. It is necessary therefore for all concerned with newspapers and craft of journalism to decide what their attitude will be should other governments attempt to usurp the function of newspapers and journalists or to exert control, direct or indirect, of any kind.

Misleading Designation

"What, for instance, is the future of quasi news agenci now operating in London under the auspices of various Allied governments?

"There are numerous so-called news agencies of this sort, all of them publicity departments reflecting the views and aspirations of their respective governments.

"It is a pity that any of these departments should have given themselves the description of news agencies, because it is quite misleading.

"A news agency is a news gathering organization run by skilled journalists who, as representatives of the public to whom they address themselves, observe, describe, report or comment on contemporary affairs with complete objectivity and no ulterior motive.

"The function of the two is diametrically different. We must, therefore, watch the future of these quasi news agencies with especial interest lest they should be tempted to follow the unhappy precedent of the French provisional government.

"Reuters and The Associated Press have very properly sent the French provisional government away with a flea in their ear and a similar answer must be given to any other embryonic news director, whatever his nationality or professed intentions.

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Psychiatric Study Valuable to Doctor

LONDON, Sept. 21 (AP) — Dr. R. D. Gillespie, physician for psychological medicine at Guy's Hospital, advocating the value of psychiatry to the family doctor, suggests in the British Medical Journal that it enables unnecessary operations to be avoided.

He recalls the case of an operation for appendicitis which disclosed a normal appendix and which a knowledge of pyschology could have avoided; afterwards he noticed the man was inordinately fond of self display.

"The experience of an unnecessary operation is very impressive," adds Dr. Gillespie. "I have known such operations to be performed for broken hearts, angry fathers, sexual guilt, depression of spirits, anxiety of all sorts and even on account of mistaken pride—the patient herself knowing that she had no physical ailment really, but lacking the courage to tell her parents that she had simply been giving a demonstration and was not ill at all.

"In that instance the play went on and the appendix came out and the patient was no better a character afterwards, rather the reverse."

DANGEROUS WORD

PARIS (AP) — You're apt to startle a good Frenchman if you employ the word "boche" in conversation. Use of that term for the Germans has been dangerous for so many months that most people have used it only in safe and private conversation. Openly the Germans have simply been "les Allemands."

MUTUAL AID

Less than 24 percent of Canada's war production goes to her own armed services. The remaining 26 percent is received by other United Nations.

CANDIDATE IN SASKATCHEWAN

Flight Sergeant Dohlen Is Nominated Here

Prince Rupert Royal Canadian Air Force Station, at a meeting recently, nominated Flight/Sgt. Dohlen as nominee for the election of a serviceman to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Flt./Sgt. Dohlen has spent almost three years in Western Air Command and is well known all along the coast. Prior to enlistment he took a very active part in politics, being a charter member of the C.C.F. and president of the party's organization in his home constituency of Lost Mountain.

Government regulations do not allow servicemen's candidates to take a party stand in this election and Mr. Dohlen says he agrees with that policy to the extent that every shade of political thought is present in the armed forces and that everyone's welfare must be looked after no matter what his political benefits. However, if the servicemen and women are to derive the same benefits as other service personnel such as those from Australia and New Zealand he thinks that a political stand is necessary.

F/Sgt. Dohlen's family live at Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, where he farmed before the war and that is what he plans to do again when this war is over. He farmed in Saskatchewan through the thirties and still has enough faith in his province and its people to believe that under proper management every man, woman and child can have all the necessities of life and a great many of its luxuries.

Band Celebrates After Four Years

THIBERVILLE, France, Sept. 21 (AP)—The war was well beyond this little village south of the Seine on Sunday, Aug. 27 but the villagers turned out with their brass band that hadn't played for four years, to celebrate their liberation.

Led by the band whose members wore highly polished brass helmets, navy-blue tunics and pale blue trousers with red stripes, the villagers paraded to the monument of their First Great War dead. All were in their Sunday clothes, the menfolk in their best suits and the women and girls wearing hats and all kinds of bright dresses.

The mayor placed a wreath before the monument and made a brief address of welcome to the Canadians. The band played "La Marseillaise" and everybody joined in. Then there was another little parade to a green where French folk songs and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" were sung.

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