

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

IN FRANCE (By Wireless).—We left Paris after a few days and went again with the armies in the field. In Paris we had slept in beds and walked on carpeted floors for the first time in three months.

It was a beautiful experience, and yet for some perverse reason a great inner feeling of calm and relief came over us when we once again set up our cots in a tent, with apple trees for our diapers and only the green grass for a rug.

Hank Gorrell of the United Press was with me, and he said: "This is ironic, that we should have to go back with the armies to get some peace."

The gaiety and charm and big-cityness of Paris somehow had got a little on our nerves after so much of the opposite. I guess it indicates that all of us will have to make our return to normal life gradually and in small doses.

Paris unquestionably is a lovely city. It seems to me to have been but little hurt by the war. You can still buy almost anything imaginable if you have money. Everybody is well-dressed. But prices are terrific, and already they have started zooming higher.

Those of us who expect to be coming home before long have made shopping tours and stocked up with gifts. And with the exception of perfume, which is dirt cheap, we pay about three times what we would at home for the same thing.

I'm sorry the restaurants couldn't open before we left. For although I'm not much of a gourmet I do value the sense of taste, and we've eaten enough meals in private homes and small-town restaurants over here to realize that it's all true about the French culinary genius.

Make Any Old Thing Taste Wonderful

THEY SIMPLY have a knack for making any old thing taste wonderful, just as the British have a knack for making everything taste horrible.

The other night we were talking about the beautiful women of Paris—as who doesn't?

But that's the way things are in this world.

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

DICK MILLER, manager of the Coliseum, posts cards from Muskoka Lakes, Ontario, where he is at Capt. Trainer Les Tooke's camp taking a rest in anticipation of a busy winter. "The fishing's great," he writes. "We catch 'em and then eat 'em right on the islands or lake shores. Weather's swell for sleeping and country beautiful. More than hockey players grow up here." Lt. Gov. Charley Dawson, who just returned from the camp, says Dick isn't fibbing about the fishing. Dick is due back Sept. 12. . . . Ernie Nierbrandt, advertising manager for the Coca-Cola company, went to St. Vincent's yesterday to have his tonsils removed. . . . Ernie Lundergren, vice president and general manager of the local Bowell & Jacobs Advertising Co. office, was taken home yesterday after a stay at Methodist hospital. . . . Jim Dilley, who just got back from a visit in California, got acquainted with another Dilley in Los Angeles. Jim says he's never run into many people named Dilley, so while out there, he looked in the phone book for the Dilleys, picked out one and called him. The man turned out to be a furniture dealer and invited Jim to "come on out." He did, and they had a nice visit.

The Water Was Fine

CLIFF DICK LEWIS, the Times' former Voice in the Balcony whose cabled story of the "rise of Paris" was carried in The Times this week, also found time to relate some of his experiences in a letter to old Inside. He writes: "We have been in France some little time, battoning around from one chateau to another. We generally arrive just after the Germans pull out and they seem to be in such haste to leave that they forget to police up the area. So we have been sweeping out one chateau after another. Our last stop was beside a lake where many young ladies were swimming in abbreviated bathing suits. I had been toting my bathing suit through England and half of France. I put it on to last at least there is a hole in the bottom. The water was fine but I couldn't get out of it. . . . One of the funniest stories around here is how Ernest Hemingway, here for Colliers, got hold of a German motorcycle. Duke Shoop, Kan-

Danger to Labor

By G. B. Parker

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—A letter from a reader puts into words better than we yet have been able to the danger to labor itself in the C. I. O.-P. A. C. drive to take over the Democratic party.

That movement is being promoted in the guise of liberalism. Of that our letter says:

"I think that a wholesale menace to all liberties is taking form under the name of liberalism; that it is trying to capture the labor movement and, through that movement, the government; that the C. I. O.-P. A. C. is its spearhead; and that its goal is government-planning and management of the national economy.

"If I could believe that a government-planned, government-managed national economy would benefit the workers, the great majority, I should question my right to feel as I do. But I can find no evidence to justify such a belief."

Faults Would Grow

"UNDER SUCH a system the faults of bureaucracy—the muddling inefficiency, arrogance, waste and extravagance—which irritate almost everyone in a time like the present, when a large degree of government planning and management is accepted as necessary to the conduct of a war, would continue and grow worse."

"But, beyond that, such a system could not function long unless government used its power

to MAKE people conform to the plan and submit to the management. Laborites who think that government power would be used only against the capitalists—against industry and business and employers—are simply deluded. As deluded as were the German bankers and industrialists who backed Hitler because they thought they could control him. Eventually the power would be used against the workers and their unions."

Wagner Act Preview

"THE C. I. O., of course, expects its philosophy to dominate the government. Administration of the Wagner act under Madden and the two Smiths provided a preview of what would happen to labor if that expectation were realized. The law—the government's power—was used not only against employers but against the rival form of labor organization. The C. I. O. tried to destroy the A. F. of L. and, given the fuller opportunity it now seeks, probably would destroy it. But it wouldn't stop there. To the C. I. O. would want government's power used to prevent schisms in the C. I. O. and to prevent people from organizing unions of their own choice, or joining them, if they were heretical from the C. I. O. viewpoint.

"When the labor movement, its leaders or members, start off, knowingly or ignorantly, toward the goal of a government-planned and government-managed national economy through political action, the liberal course in my opinion is to fight such a trend. Any labor leader or any rank-and-file union member who leads or follows a march in that direction deserves no praise."

"I have often marveled at Kansan corn, but I drove past a field in this neighborhood, the other day, where the corn stood well above my head. I have rarely seen a finer field, so that I might almost boast that Dutchess county can compete with Kansas."

"We also went through the 4-H club exhibit, and the future farmers are coming along. These youngsters have won many prizes; and the girls, with their home-making products, have done as well as the boys."

"I wonder how many of my readers know Kipling's story, 'They.' It is an eerie and sad little tale, in a way. Yet with its insistence on the value of love which transcends all separations, it carries a meaning and may be of some comfort. I feel, to many who suffer losses at the present time."

"To those of us who read the stories of the people of Paris in these first days of liberation, there must come, I think, a great admiration for the indomitable human spirit. Correspondents write that the Parisian woman, despite the years of suffering, is still well dressed. The soles of her shoes may be of wood and the tops of fabric—but the colors are attractive, and nothing can down the Parisian woman's chic."

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