HUMOR IN THE LAND OF THE FREE

A Leading Script Writer is Glad That He Lives Where Censors are Lenient

humor is a wonderful thing and when the secret service branch of the milthat attribute runs through a nation itary. Oswald, sleepy-voiced 'Oh yeah' and is combined with freedom of stooge, was cast in the role of Chief speech, the situation is an ideal one of the Intelligence Corps, and he has for radio script writers.

comedy material for many radio art- there was a general uprising. ists, including Ken Murray, pictured the fortunate condition of American scribblers in an interview recently.

perhaps worse fate in the offing. But this is a land of free speech and lampooning is not a criminal offense.

Tight Brigade," for use by Murray ness must be preserved about his and company on one of their Tuesday right arm, the military. The slightest night broadcasts. During the sketch I jest is rewarded with severe punishpoked fun at the absurdities of war, ment. I can picture myself peacefully including the reluctance of colonels typing away in a Naples villa overand generals to leave their swivel looking the blue Mediterranean just chairs to get within proximity of the as that peace is rudely disturbed by actual fighting.

to me if I had written a similar sketch huge bottle of castor oil. for radio consumption in a foreign country!

"Let me offer a few of the 'gags' and situations from this script to illustrate my point. Ken Murray has been given the title of 'Major Murray and he is talking to his orderly.

Major Murray-Sergeant, on your way out instruct the new Chief of the Intelligence Corps to report here.' 'Orderly-Yes, sir, but the new chief will be a little late.'

'Major Murray-Why?'

What would happen if this same 'gag' situation had been broadcast in Germany? Hal Fimberg, who is production head of the Murray program. used. As Hal Fimberg, production head, U.S.A., he approved it. As Hal Fimberg, production hear, Germany, he would shout in horror-stricken

NEW YORK, Jan. 18—A sense of "In the same sketch I poked fun at just returned from India with a lot of silly information such as that the Ken Englund, who has supplied natives had been given yeast and

'In England all of the above would royal Italian company used.

Any dictator, fuehrer or other form "Recently I wrote a burlesque of supreme ruler knows that an aura that Britain had again advanced a sketch titled "The Charge of the of almost holy dignity and seriousa visit from a dozen black-shirted "I can picture what would happen gentlemen, one of them bearing a

> would be meted out to me for daring to poke fun or to question the bravery, dignity and sobriety of the Sta-

medals from his pajamas to his uni- Titles like 'Roses and Bums,' 'Bismarck, His Life and his Herring.' The Country Needs is a good Five-Cent Constitution of the Irish Free State Not only did all of these sketches re Free State's external association. ceive the approval of production passes on scripts before they are heads like Hal Fimberg, but the passed the American radio censors, who do have a sense of humor.

"Appealing to a nationwide sense tones: 'Das ist verboten!'-even if he of humor is subtle propaganda against didn't particularly feel that way about war. We all know that a war and the it. You see, it is no secret that Herr conditions that foster it need glam-Gen. Goering is particularly fond of our and dignity to arouse public ferhis medals. If by hook or crook this vor and enthusiasm. Poke fun at joke managed to reach the air waves these things and you are helping to in Germany it would be sufficient to knock the props from under the forprovoke the arrest and probable con- ces that agitate for war. If I were centration of all concerned, with ex- President, one contribution I would tra forms of torture allotted to me make to war-torn nations would be a for thinking and writing it in the batch of radio comedians, script writers and supporting casts."

MEETING **FORESHADOWS**

De Valera Has Long Conference With Malcolm MacDonald in London.

DUBLIN, Jan. 18-The discussion in London between Eamon de Valera and Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDenald have been censored with a warning to have provoked here the same keen the author not to be so flippant about interest as in Whitehall. It is learn-"Writers for American radio come- an important branch of the military ed that there is every likelihood of a dians," he said, "get by with subtle service. One character was identified 'new deal' affecting tariffs and other or broadly satirical sketches that as Capt. Fender of the Royal Mud- outstanding problems, being reached. would not be tolerated in other coun- guards. The same British censor Such an agreement was, indeed, foretries. In looking over a series of would eliminate that reference, I am shack wied by government speeches scripts which I have written for Ken sure, for it is considered sacrilege to here during the last week-end. Thos. Murray I realize that in fifteen coun- spoof the names of British regim Dedrig, Minister of Education, and tries I could mention I would now be ents. Or suppose this gag had been Sean Lemass, Minister of Industry languishing in durance vile, with a broadcast in Italy and the name of a and Commerce, both envisaged set-Great Britain.

In official quarters it was stated the humblest dwelling. suggestion for the establishment of a Federal union of the Free State and Northern Ireland, under which each section of the country would control its own home affairs on the lines of the Government of Ireland

army, foreign problems and other itated and came into use to some ex-Another situation concerned itself far as Northern Ireland is concern- valued the painted paper as a cheap with the purage of higher military ed, by the British government. This and tolerable substitute for the costleaders. Once again it ended on the joint committee would have equal ly tapestries and hangings which usual comic and disparaging note. I representation from Northern Ireland were then fashionable. can readily imagine myself as a Mus. and the Free State and would act as covite wag, and the punishment that a single unit. The committee probably would be elected by the respective Parliaments on a proportional basis.

The balance of trade between the wo countries, it was pointed out now slightly favors the Free State. Re-"In the six years I have been writ- newal of agreements on a pound, foring for radio I have poked fun at pound quota basis, with additional 'Ordery-He stopped to transfer his many of the famous wars in history. big reductions in tariffs on both sides is anticipated here.

It is also thought that the United Russian Revolution-or What This Kingdom will approve changes in the Czar' should give you a rough idea. and recognize the actuality of the

FARMERS'

One of the most encouraging features of the recovery witnessed during 1936 was the narrowing of the spread between prices of farm produce and prices of the things farmers buy. At the low point of the depression it is estimated that farmers were receiving only 35 per cent of the 1926 level of prices for their produce, while the prices of things farmers buy had fallen to only 82 per cent of the 1926 avhad risen to 65 per cent of the 1936 average, while the index of prices paid by farmers had not yet advanced over the 1932 level. The farmers' price disadvantage has thus been reduced materially, but there is still sufficient difference to make profitable farming difficult. It is probable that price increases will occur in such items as food, clothing, feed, fertilizer and building materials during 1937 These facts are pointed out in the Agricultural Situation and Outlook for 1937, prepared jointly by the Dominion Departments of Agriculture and Trade and Commerce.

The market for Canadian farm produce at home depends to a very large extent on the activity in other industries. Material recovery was recorded by most of these industries during 1936. Preliminary estimates show that the average level of production in 1936 was at least 8 per cent above 1935. The manufacturing industries showed an improvement of 11 per cent for the first ten months of 1936, while newsprint production and the output of electrical power reached new all time high levels during 1936. Construction has lagged behind other industries, but the increase in private building rather than public en terprise is an encouraging sign. Employment has shown a material advancement in the numbers actually employed, but at the same time relief lists remain long and consequently the purchasing power of a large group of consumers has been retarded Consumption during 1936 was higher than in 1935. This is indicated by a 4 per cent. rise in retail sales as well as by slight increases in merchandise car loadings. The tourist trade of Canada continues to be an important factor in the domestic market for farm produce. In 1932 the excess of expenditures of tourists in Canada over those of Canadian tourists in other countries amounted to 86 million dollars, while in 1935 the

lion dollars. The income received by farmers in 1936 was above that of the preceding year and indications are that for the first six months of 1937 a further increase will be recorded. Little change is anticipated in farm taxes for 1937 and rates of farm wages still remain low compared to pre-depression lev-

corresponding difference was 123 mil-



PAPER ON WALLS CHINESE IDEA

Development of Industry, However, Largely Took Place in France

tlement of the main difficulties with alike of adorning the abodes of the wealthy, and making more cheerful ing and partly by the stencilling pro-

> people covered their walls with pap- were of a pictorial kind. er and painted thereon figures and landscapes

Some of the early British travellers A joint body sitting in Dublin to the East brought home specimens would control affairs relating to the of the painted paper. These were immatters which are now controlled so tent among the wealthier class, who

Notwithstanding England's early connection with the art, development belongs to France. In the middle of the sixteenth century paper-staining was an established branch of industry in France and in 1620 a manufac-

The most popular forms of decorat- turer of Rouen invented blocks for ive art is the covering of walls of producing the patterns, which had rooms with paper, 'a material capable previously been done partly by paintmake paper that would resemble in The Chinese are repotred to have some degree the tapestry which it been the inventors of paper hanging. was intended to stand substitute for, Many centuries ago those ingenious and consequently their earlier efforts

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MEISNER DAMAGES

Freed of Kidnapping Important Positions Are Charge, Claims Malicious Prosecution By Brewer.

TORONTO, Jan 18-Writ was issued at Osgoode Hall today by David Meisner of Covington, Ky., against John Labatt, London, Ont., seeking unstated damages for alleged "malicious prosecution and negligence in identification."

year in Portsmouth Penitentiary for and promotions are also given out the kidnapping of Labatt, was acquitted at a second trial in London, March 20, 1936.

The jury deliberated seven hours before freeing the frail, well-dressed Meisner, who at his first trial had been convicted and sentenced to 15 years in Portsmouth Penitentiary at Kingston.

Minister of Justice Ernest Lapointe had ordered a new trial after Michael McCardell had made what he said was a full confession of the kidnapping. McCardell absolved Meisner of all blame, said the kidnapping was carried out in August, 1934 by himself, John Bannon, Russell Knowles and Albert Pegram. McCardell was given 12 years, Bannon and Knowles were each sentenced to 15 years. Pegram has not yet been captured

At the first trial Labatt identified Meisner as one of his kidnappers who acted as his guard when he was held captive in a Muskoka cottage three days. At the second trial the London brewer said he had been mistaken, ner for McCardell.

BIG SHAKE-UP ASKS LABATT OCCURS IN QUEBEC DEPARTMENTS

Changed in Move For Reorganization

QUEBEC, Jan. 18-Changes in several Provincial Government departments, some of them involving high officials, were officially announced from Premier Duplessis' office. The retirements of deputy minister, secretaries and assistant secretaries of various departments were announced, and a number of appointments

Stanislas Begin, Montreal, has been appointed secretary to H. L. Auger, Colonization Minister, and Alexandre Hebert, Montreal, former draughtsman at the cadastral offices in that city, has been promoted to take over full charge of that bureau.

Other appointments are:

Romeo Cantin, St. Hyacinth, to be jailer of the prison there; Dr. Rene Milette, St. Germain de Grantham, to be joint coroner of Athabaska County; Dr. J. Comptois, St. Barthelemi, to be coroner for the district of Joliette; Hertel O'Bready, Sherbrooke lawyer, to be clerk of the Circuit Court and Magistrate's Court and of the Crown and Peace for the judicial district of St. Francis; Gerard Gauthier, Sherbrooke, to be deputy clerk in above courts; Marcel Delorme, Sherbrooke, ordinary clerk in above courts.

Alphonse Hardy is named in charge of the back-to-the-land movement, Department of Colonization; Louis P. Legendre and Emilien Michaud, Ste. Croix, Lotbiniere, are appointed joint registrars for Lotbiniere County, and was convinced he had mistaken Meis. Albini Brunet, St. Jerome, is appointed jailer of the Terrebonne jail.



boy, grows into a sweet young woman. And what a tug at your heart strings when the break in the family circle comes. But at least you're happy to know she will have the protection and support of strong young arms.

So you're glad Tom has a job; glad that industry has been able to provide a place for this eager, intelligent young man, and give him the opportunity to make a home of his own and carve out a path to success.

Many a Canadian family gets its start in just this way with the automotive industry. Thousands are employed in automotive plants and distributing and selling organizations. Thousands more earn their livings in plants that make the materials used in building

motor cars, and in the making and handling of food products, clothing, furniture, purchased by automotive workers.

The money put in circulation reaches the farmer, fisherman, miner, lumberman, railway worker. So the true value of the automotive industry to Canada is measured by the number of Canadians it puts to work. That is why we need a strong, prosperous automotive industry in Canada.

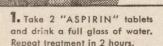
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For Instance, take Our Own Industry

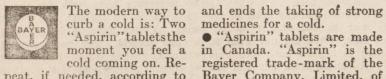
Over \$22,000,000.00 was paid by the Automobile Manufacturers in salaries and wages during 1936. Yet this huge sum is dwarfed by the wages paid in the factories that produce the materials and parts that go into a completed car, which wages are built in large part on our purchases. Other Canadian industries — glass, steel, rubber, textile, paint, chemical; to name a few — are stimulated by the manufacture and sale of Canadian-built cars. The prosperity of their employees is likewise affected as is that of those who supply their individual

For statistical and further informa-tion about this Industry, write to Automotive Industries, 1006 Lums-den Building, Toronto.





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