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Prohibition: Friend or Foe?

By Harrison Parker

March 8, 1926

Take a rabbit away from a hungry wolf and watch what happens. On January 6th, 1919, the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed and the United States took alcohol away from the people. Just like many events in United States history, the United States is split on the issue of prohibition. Pro prohibition started around the 1890's, and "(the) prohibition movement's strength" continues to grow, "especially after the formation of the Anti-Saloon League in 1893," which consisted of mainly protestant ministers and the churches they led, lobbying for prohibition. (OHIO U.) Groups such as woman reformers want to take away the alcohol from men, because of the way it makes them behave. Woman prohibitionists state: "(lips) that touch liquor shall not touch ours," which was a motive for men to abstain from alcohol. (LEAH). Ironically, after the 18th amendment passed, people drink more alcohol than they were before the amendment, going in the complete opposite direction the prohibitionists want them to. Even the president serves wine to guests!

Sure, alcohol is a problem in some cases. It causes crime, too much sex (the bank's closed you two!), and an economic burden for the people who drink. Men are walking into bars way too often, either because they aren't drunk yet, or are too drunk to walk straight. Women aren't off the hook either, because if a woman isn't for prohibition she is most likely against it, and is drinking as much (or more!) than her male counterpart. Because of the increase in demand for alcohol, bootleggers make alcohol in their house and sell it to the public, violating the law. To solve the issue of bootlegging, the Volstead act

was adopted to enforce the 18th amendment. People are now thrown into jail, and some don't even know what's happening because they are too drunk to understand! Men are spending too much money on alcohol instead of on their families, causing their families to be in need of money. Also, divorce rates are going up because of alcohol and its effects.

In order to limit alcohol consumption, the people need to be educated on the effects of alcohol. Prohibition leaders "look forward to an educational campaign" to "eventually...lead (toward) a sober nation." (OHIO U.) Education for alcohol will mitigate homelessness, broken families, crime, and anything bad that can happen when half the nation is drunk out of their minds. Moderation would have stopped prohibition firsthand, and now we need education to end prohibition.



Prohibition just isn't cutting it. The country can't do without its alcohol; it's like having the stars on the flag without the stripes. Let the people drink if they want to, and just enforce whatever laws they break if they overindulge. Prohibition is a failure because of the widespread negation of the Volstead act enforcing it. If someone says a person can't do something, they are going to want to do it even more; it's simple psychology. Get a brain, government. The United States government needs to pass another amendment for the purpose of getting rid prohibition. The constitution says I can write an article criticizing the government, but I can't enjoy a glass of wine. If I can criticize the government, then the American people should have the right to legally drink alcohol. Most of us do it anyway, but it makes me mad that it isn't legal.



"Why are we doing this?" -Many government officials after the 18th amendment was ratified.



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Communism spotted in America

By Solana Bailey

March 8th, 1926

Communism has infiltrated the borders of America and is now spreading like wildfire. It has been said that an estimated 150,000(a whole .001% of the population) people in the united states consider themselves communist. The nation has declared communism an epidemic. Please protect yourselves the best you can and report any suspicious activity to your nearest police officer. Communism is fatal, once you become exposed to it you start to lose the sense of individualism that you once had and you think that independence is just ludicrous, the government should own everything. This is killing democracy, the very founding principals of this great country. Everyone must do their part to protect America from succumbing to this disease. **Look** out for people wearing red (the color of communism) ,**Listen** for words like lenin, communism or sharing , **Report** if you see or hear anything like this report it immediately, you could be saving America. Rumors have it, if communism continues to spread this rapidly that he will be



changing the flag to purple and white , in order to show the communists that we are not giving into them and we will not be impacted by their flawed philosophies. The chief of police in Washington dc recommends that you keep your children out of school, to keep them away from any possible communist exposure. He also says please watch out for propaganda posters and if possible tear all posters down promoting communism. No minds should be made to believe that it is right for our country because it is not. Sadly there is no known cure for communism, but if we work together we can eradicate it. Stay strong everybody and if you feel yourself weakening say the pledge of allegiance, read the constitution (free copies should be provided at local libraries) and if all else fails please call a doctor before it is too late.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY



TO HELP SAVE YOUR COUNTRY FROM THEM?



Dr. Seuss

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CRAVING COMPETITION

With The New York Yankees leading baseball by example, and Red Grange pummeling College Football into popularity, Sports are the new Black.

"A streak of fire, a breath of flame, Eluding all who reach and clutch; A gray ghost thrown into the game, That rival hands may never touch; A rubber bounding, blasting soul, Whose destination is the goal." This is a description of the Red Grange leading College Football into an era unlike any we have seen before. Along with its rise in popularity there has been an influx of stadiums built for College Football. Stanford just built a stadium that seats 86,011, and Ohio State with its new stadium built to seat over 85,000. There has also been rumors of a National Football League, but I am far from certain that it will take off in any where close to the same way that College Football has.

Unfortunately the black smudge of the Black Sox has still stained our pristine pastime, and Shoeless Joe had the whole country saying "Say it Ain't so Joe." However now its the 1920s and with a turn of a decade comes a fresh start for baseball. "The Sultan Swat" with 60 homers in 154 games, is smashing records into the upper deck and selling the contract of "The Great Bambino" isn't something Frazee and the Red Sox are going to live down any time soon. Some would even say its the stuff of curses. Along with "the House that Ruth Built" another new addition to baseball is the first Negro National League created by Rube Foster. Foster, who if you haven't heard of by now, has

challenged the likes of Cy Young, and Mordecai Brown, and despite the rotting benches, and hot soda, his league enjoys games that any true fan could enjoy, despite race. After seeing a game it is obvious that these players have the skills to compete with the likes of Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Roger Hornsby. For example Josh Gibson of the Memphis Grays hit 75 Home runs in one season. It may sound radical, but I believe it is time to start integrating these players, into the game we have come to know and love.

College Football and Major League Baseball are taking over our weekends, and while racism runs rampant, we are enjoying a level of competition, that was unheard of until now, so sit back, relax, and find a seat under the flagpole in Yankee Stadium, its the 1920s, who knows what will happen.

By Aidan Hogan



Red Grange, nicknamed "The Galloping Ghost" for his uncanny ability to navigate defenses untouched



From left to right, Jim Crowley, Elmer Layden, Don Miller, Harry Stuhldreher. These four men made up the Famous Notre Dame Backfield that only lost two games in their four year tenure.



Rube Foster, sitting in the middle of the left row, established the first National Negro League in 1920 that helped break the color barrier by developing players like Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby, the first two players to break the color barrier, in the MLB.

BACK-TO-EUROPE MOVEMENT DRAWS SUPPORT

Indian leaders have yet another "foolproof" plan for peaceful race relations

GABRIEL HACKWORTH, PRYOR, MONTANA
- In a speech before the beginning of the 1921 Sun Dance, Crow leader James Truhajo outlined his newest proposal for restoring traditional relations with who he referred to as "the settlers".

"We gave the white men many centuries to assimilate to our culture, but by now it is clear that they are fundamentally unable to do so. The only thing they took to was buffalo hunting, which they took a few steps too far."

At the core of a radical new political party with Truhajo at the helm, the Back-to-Europe campaign pushes for white Americans to move back to their ancestor's lands. "Obviously new people are living where their ancestors did", Truhajo said, "and we wouldn't want anybody taking land from other people now, would we?"

The plan details setting aside land in northern Ireland and relocating ninety-nine percent of the white population of the United States to an area .15% the size. "It's painfully obvious that white people are more inclined to violence and maltreatment of each other," says Truhajo, citing capitalism, urbanization, and wrongs against natives by whites. "Many US citizens, show a complete lack of an ability to thrive, or live off of the land. So many crowd together, only to have disease spread. It's evident that the white people don't have common sense."

Truhajo says he expects some opposition to his plan, but nothing major. "I think if we lay out our

argument clearly and simply, many whites will jump at the chance to take more people's land in yet another country. I don't actually care what they do, as long as they don't do it here."

We interviewed several white Americans to see what they thought of Truhajo's plan:



"Now that the West is all taken, I'd love to get my hands on some new land!"
- Donald Plath

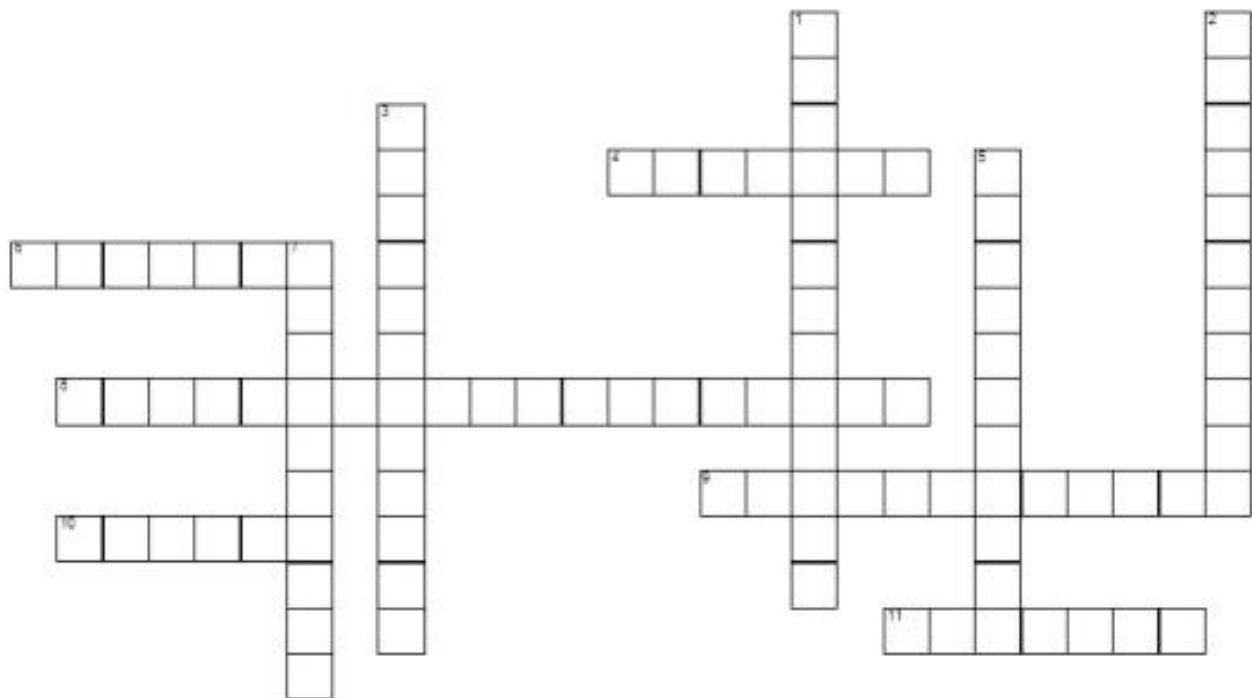
"I don't really like this moving to Ireland thing. I don't want to live with those savages."
- Cynthia

"He said we would all get a pony, so I mean why not?" - Gerald Ford

However Truhajo's plan carries out, it's widespread support is a testament to the gullibility of white people. Only time will tell if this movement will succeed, or fail as the Back to Africa movement once did.

1920's Crossword

Gabriel Hackworth



ACROSS

- 4 main country founded by ex-slaves
- 6 land of the stupid
- 8 thing
- 9 fictitious movement to relocate European "settlers" in America back to Europe
- 10 largest indian tribe in us
- 11 land of the red people

DOWN

- 1 white proponent of the back to africa movement
- 2 prominent black proponent of the back to africa movement
- 3 the actual movement to relocate former slaves to africa in the 19th century
- 5 thing
- 7 led former slaves to sierra leone

Jazz

During the 1920s, all social and economic tradition was dropped for a new outlook on music, entertainment, sports, money, and politics. Although this social change did not last long, regressing back into the traditional culture during WWII and after the Great Depression, it brought new light to new ideas for American culture. A new culture for Americans meant a new realm of social and entertainment change. A new form of music that was introduced was jazz. This form of entertainment became a social boom for society, bringing Americans together with a form of music every one liked.

Originating from African American musicians who combined improvisation and riffs, the Jazz Age had a huge impact on American culture. Jazz became a huge hit in American culture after being introduced by musicians like King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, and Drake Ellington. A new industry influenced by

“basement music” combined improvisation during performance, new sounds with saxophones, trumpets, and other instruments, creating a new sound that Americans adopted and loved.

Although there were many social and racial tensions during the 1920s, new entertainment and music loosened the segregation. New forms of dance emerged after the introduction of jazz as well. The Charleston was a new, risqué dance that women and men danced to that involved long, beaded dresses that swung to jazz; this became a huge hit, creating a new culture for dance as well. Although many traditional women and men did not agree with jazz, many Americans were brought together due to the new rise in music.

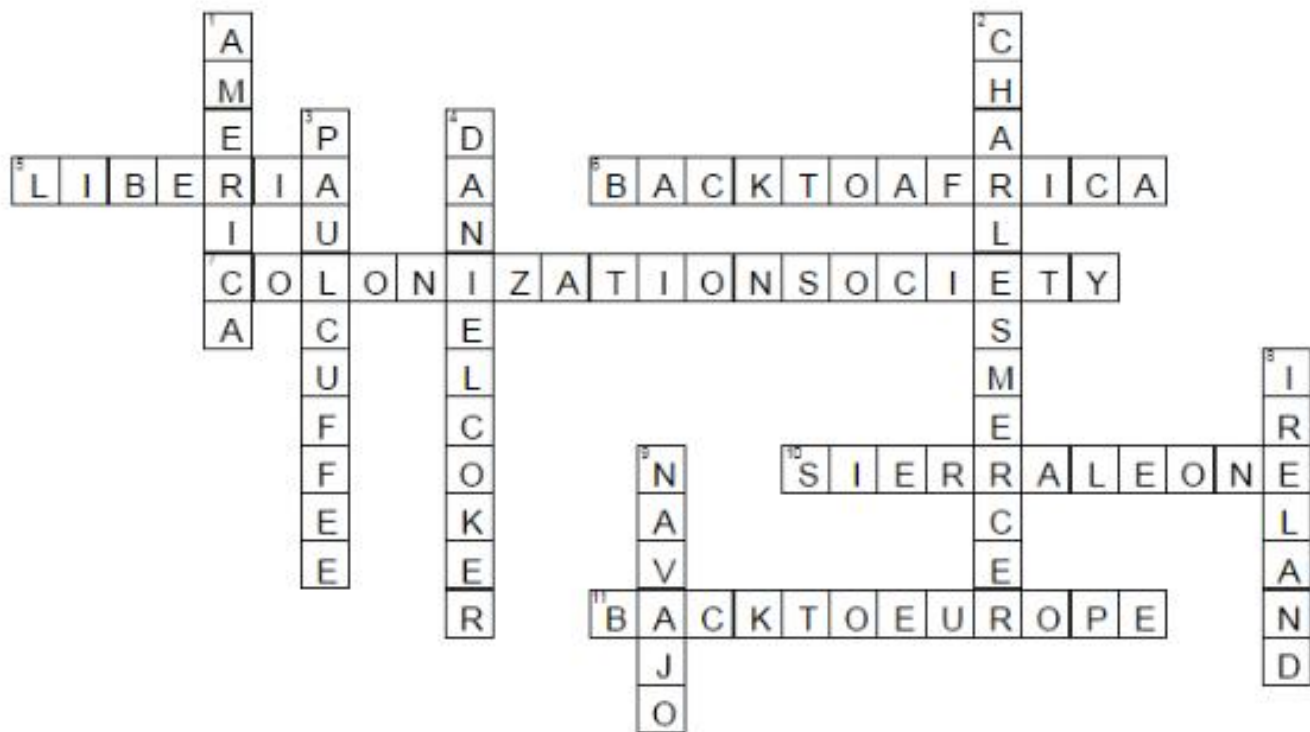
Although tradition had been broken, creating tension with the modern social and economic change; jazz did not fade away after WWII. Jazz is still a form of music we still use and love today. The general method of jazz is still used and has contributed to new

forms of music as well. Jazz had a huge impact on society in the 1920s, and still contributes to music and culture today.





Crossword Answer Key



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