

Poor Man's Philosopher Beseeches Divine Help For Life's Miseries

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Spring prayer by the poor man's philosopher!

It is such a beautiful season, Lord, that everything upon the budding earth and bending sea should share Thine own vast compassion.

Teach us to understand the eternal why of all unlovely things.

Such as —
Poison snakes, biting dogs, poison ivy, puppies in zoot suits, the stinking thistle underfoot, gossip and witches and people too big for their britches.

Yes, such as toll roads and taxes, road hogs and gay old dogs, tourist traps and weasels, and the daubs of paint upon modernistic artists' easels.

Show us Thine own endless patience in dealing with our daily vexations and frustrations.

Such as —

Falling hair and rising prices, doors that jam, slide fasteners that stick, relatives and wonder drugs that won't work, television sets that work too often, drug clerks who try to sell us deodorants and lotions, and statesmen with political notions.

Grant us, O Lord, Thine own mercy in judging the stuffed shirts of our time.

And Pontifical Pests

Such as —
Pontifical columnists and commentators, sanctimonious parsons, people who measure your social standing by the length of your motor car, radio matter of ceremony smarties, and the long-winded intellectuals who try to save the world at cocktail parties.

Let us, O Lord, forgive all even as Thou dost forgive.

The fellow who passed us a counterfeit \$5 bill, those who did us a small favor and couldn't help making a big brag about it later, the idealist with a mind of one dimension, bill collectors who won't grant us just one more extension, and the butcher who in the last war didn't give us the breaks when we asked for steaks.

Seal our lips against making a big gripe about our own small troubles. Help us put up with them.

Neighbors And Relatives

Such as —
The spoiled kid next door that walls half the night, the neighbor that won't lend us his new lawnmower just because we broke his old one, complaining wives, husbands that stop off for just one more — and then come home and

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FIRE HITS WRANGELL WATERFRONT — Smoke rises from the Wrangell, Alaska, waterfront where fire wiped out half the business district. Eighty-five persons were made homeless when the only hotel burned along with 20 other buildings. Fire evidently started when a boiler exploded and damage was estimated at close to \$1,000,000. (AP Wire-photo)

try to kick their way through the door.

Yes, such as the brother-in-law who comes to visit for a week and stays on through the years, mosquitoes in the parlor, cockroaches in the kitchen, sudden small pains, and the garbage that insists upon clogging the drains.

Teach us, O Lord, in this beautiful spring to take the little and the big in stride, to appreciate the shower as well as the flower, to look at both sides of the wonderful gold coin of life.

Let us be grateful even for the mice in our paradise.

Budget-Cutting Drive Passes Billion Mark

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House budget-cutting drive passed the billion-dollar mark Wednesday, and a \$492,434,763 Interior Department appropriation bill was set up as the next target.

Already trimmed from President Truman's requested \$626,001,800 by the Appropriations Committee, the Interior measure offered little opportunity for heavy slashing. It was scheduled for a final vote Thursday.

House passage late Tuesday of a \$1,783,242,968 bill financing the Labor Department and the Federal Security Agency for the fiscal year starting July 1 sent the total cuts

thus far slightly over a billion dollars.

The Labor-Federal Security bill was \$200,167,893 less than the President had requested, and was the third successive budget measure the House trimmed. None of the three bills has been considered by the Senate.

Truman Didn't Aid Him, Accused Dealer Swears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harry Easley swore Wednesday — "on my word of honor" — that his friendship with President Truman had nothing to do with his profits in a grain storage venture.

A self-styled "small town" business man, Easley was in the witness chair for the second straight day as the Senate Agriculture Committee inquired into charges of "fantastic profits" by private businessmen in the government's grain storage program.

At one point, Sen. Ken (R-Mo.) asked Easley whether he was "a close friend" of the President.

"I've known the President for a long time," he replied.

He insisted he never discussed with Truman the deal in which he and four others leased buildings at Camp Crowder, Mo., and then

Waste Wood Use To Run Sawmills Nearing Reality

SEATTLE (AP) — The lumber industry's hope of generating enough power from waste wood to run its sawmills is close to realization, two Oregon forest products men said Wednesday.

A new sawdust-fed gas turbine engine, with combustion efficiencies ranging from 92 to 99 per cent, was described by George H. Atherton and Stanley E. Corder, of Corvallis, Ore., at closing sessions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The heat release, based on grate area, the two reported, is about three times as high as that attained in most sawmill installations producing steam from hogged fuel. Based on furnace volume, the heat release rate is about 15 times as great as that usually attained in most boiler installations using wood fuel.

The two men are mechanical engineers with the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory at Corvallis.

Operation Described

The experimental installation, they said, consists of an aircraft turbocharger set up as an open-cycle gas turbine. The turbine temperature and speed were controlled by varying the under-grate air supply, rather than fuel.

The fuel used in all tests was Douglas fir sawdust as received from the sawmill, with an average moisture content of approximately 40 per cent.

Studies by the laboratory, the two reported, show that Oregon sawmills produce a much greater volume of wood waste fuel in the manufacture of lumber than would be required to supply the mills' power requirements.

Pointing out that one area in Oregon had, within a 30 mile radius, a long range fuel potential

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of 850 units (200 cubic feet per unit) of unused waste wood per day, the engineers said:

"If the sawmills operate eight hours per day, five days per week, this represents a waste of 25,000 horsepower continuously."

The idea behind the laboratory's project, the engineers said, originated in a contest for student papers sponsored by the society two years ago.

McGrath Upholds Extra Practice Of Dept. Aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General McGrath told House investigators Wednesday that except for the case of T. Lamar Caudle, he knows of no allegations of impropriety against any Justice Department official.

McGrath was upholding the custom of permitting Justice Department attorneys to take on outside, after-hours work.

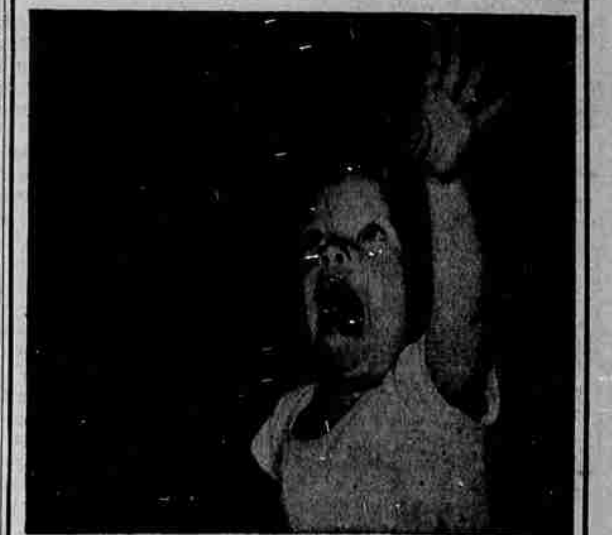
He said that if they were barred from outside activities that supplement their income, the department would lose overnight "a majority of its best attorneys."

He testified at the first open hearing of a House Judiciary subcommittee that is looking into the Justice Department's operations.

Members cited the case of former Assistant Attorney General Caudle as an argument for maintaining a strict check on the outside activities of departmental employees.

Caudle was fired as head of the department's tax division on order of President Truman last fall for engaging in outside activities. Truman said he was incompatible with his official duties.

McGrath had auctioned Caudle's acceptance of a \$5,000 commission on the sale of an airplane whose original owner had business connections with two men whose taxes were being investigated.



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