

# EDITORIAL PAGE

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### The Fly in the Loving Cup



## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

SAN FRANCISCO—On April 25 and 26 this column revealed that one day after President Roosevelt was buried, a meeting was held in the state department at which his previous policy of a hard peace for Germany was reversed.

State department appeasers proposed a new line favoring a soft peace. On April 27, one day following aforesaid publication, President Truman called an important meeting in the White House. Attending it were Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Under-Secretary of State Joe Grew, Under-Secretary of the Navy Bard, Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, and Leo Crowley, federal economic administrator.

At the meeting Truman laid down a flat rule that Roosevelt's previous hard peace policy was not to be changed.

This hard peace policy is basically that laid down by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau last autumn, following Roosevelt's discovery that the army and state department had been planning appeasement. The Morgenthau plan calls for the wiping out of all German industry which could contribute to war, the taking over of the Nazi educational system, the banishment of Nazi school books, and a long occupation.

The White House has had indications that the Russians also will go for a hard peace. Big remaining question mark is the British. Many of their banks and business firms collaborated closely with the Nazis before the war, and after this war they will control the most highly industrial sections of Germany. What they will do with these areas remains to be seen.

At San Francisco, Vandenberg, also has been grabbing the ball and running with it. By all odds he has been the dominating member of the American delegation. Stettinius has sat somewhat in his shadow. Vandenberg is the man most sought out by newsmen. He is also the delegate who had advised other American delegates that their strategy should be to put out one good story to the newsmen every day.

Meanwhile, Senator Tom Connally has said little, sawed wood. But the other day when news reached the delegation from Washington that Himmler had approached Churchill regarding a surrender, it was too much for Long Tom. He got even for all the news tips

Vandenberg had been feeding out by handing newsmen the story.

One little-noticed difference between the U.S. and Great Britain on one hand, and Russia on the other hand, at San Francisco is the western allies attitude toward punishing war criminals.

It may get squeezed out in the discussions between Stettinius, Eden and Molotov, but the Russians took an alarmist view of the way in which the state department squeezed out Pell as head of the American delegation to the war crimes commission in London. This commission is charged with working up dossiers against axis war criminals and seeing that they are brought to trial instead of organizing World War III. During the past year, sincere, graying Herbert Pell maneuvered himself into a position where he was scheduled to be head of the whole allied war crimes commission. Instead he was thrown out.

At one of his last commission meetings in London, Pell proposed that every German holding Nazi party membership cards from number 1 to 100,000 (the men who originally founded the Nazi movement) be put to death without trial.

This proposal so infuriated appeasement-minded British members of the commission that they tipped off state department pals in Washington, who went to work on Pell and caused his early removal.

Although several months have passed since Pell's ouster, nothing has been done to give America real representation on the war crimes commission, despite the recent hideous Nazi atrocities.

Here is the general conversation which took place between President Truman, one-time Missouri farm boy accidentally hurtled into the presidency, and Foreign Minister Molotov, who before 1940 had never been outside his own country.

The first 15 minutes of their 40-minute conversation dealt with regrets over President Roosevelt's death and Truman's delight that Molotov had come to the United Nations conference. Then the conversation turned to Poland, and Truman reminded Molotov of the Yalta pledge that some of the London Poles would be brought into the Lublin cabinet in order to make it a See WASHINGTON... Page 6

## Side Glances



"You'd think after Bill spent two years in the fighting line he'd be bolder, but he's shyer than he was when he went away!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

### FINESSES IN FOUR SUITS FOR A SLAM

I received a letter recently from D. C. Gillette of Ulster, Pa., commenting on the lucky hand of Charley Sanders. He said it is hands like this that maintain interest in bridge. He further stated that all his bad luck was offset on today's hand when he and his partner made a small

Diagram of a card hand layout showing suits and cards for both players.

which dummy's seven won. The ten of hearts picked up the trump. The jack of diamonds was played from dummy. West covered and North won with the ace. At this point, he returned a small club and finessed the jack. The king of diamonds was then cashed and now the ace of spades played and a diamond discarded.

A spade was ruffed by the declarer and the last diamond ruffed in dummy with the last heart. At this point the declarer cashed the ace of clubs and East's king fell, so now he was able to lead a small club, finesse his nine spot and win the last trick with the queen of clubs.

## IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago, May 3 Much needed moisture came to Starkey in a 36-hour snow storm. Some stockmen were hard hit by the storm as they had sent their sheep, newly sheared, into the mountains, and the animals were dying of the cold.

Mrs. Nellie Neil, one of the city's elementary grade teachers and Mrs. F. G. Schlike, representing the Riviera district and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent attended the national meeting of the congress of mothers in Portland.

15 Years Ago, May 3 George Cherry of Enterprise, was elected president of associated students at University of Oregon. Russell Nelson was elected president of the high school student body for 1930-31. James Leslie was elected vice-president, and Jacqueline O'Brien, secretary-treasurer.

10 Years Ago, May 3 Mrs. Alfred Cook returned after a three weeks absence, which she spent with her sister in Corvallis and her parents in Oregon City. Jack McClay was elected master councillor of the DeMolay chapter. Edwin Pratt was elected senior councillor and Everett Wattenberg, junior councillor. Fred N. Fox, long known in Union county tennis circles, was elected president of the La Grande tennis association.

## Questions & Answers

- Q—What does radar mean? A—Radio direction and ranging. Q—What was the original name of Vienna, Austrian capital now in Russian hands? A—Vindobonna Vienna. It was a Celtic settlement soon after the time of Christ. Q—What is the Jay Gami-Kaze? A—The army suicide. Q—What does 7 DOCKS mean in navy code? A—Bureau of yards & docks. Q—Which is closer to the U.S., Moscow or Buenos Aires? A—Moscow, by 1000 miles.

## WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

A newspaper story, complete with dazzling pictures, gave the lowdown on the problems of that glamorous small group of working women, New York's top models.

It pointed out that the girls who smile at us from the pages of newspapers and beckon to us from billboards are hard-working women with tiring jobs, who haven't time for much else in life except to keep themselves in dazzling form.

But it didn't say whether or not the girls who made a 24-hour-a-day career of beauty ever feel a moment's pity for the poor housewife they've put so neatly on the spot.

The gal who tries her best to look like them, to copy their hair-styles and keep up with their chic, while doing a full-time job of keeping a husband happy, a home clean, and her children well fed and happy, is really on a spot.

Don't the models, who set the pace for her in looks, ever worry about her for a mo-

ment? Especially when they are posing in a fluffy house dress in a dream of a kitchen, playing at washing an already gleaming sink, or whipping up a pie without a bit of mess or trouble?

Don't they ever feel a moment's guilt at pretending to be the typical "little woman" when they spend most of the day keeping pretty enough to make the busy housewife wince when she compares her looks with theirs?

Doesn't it ever bother them that the children they lead by the hand in ads are always well-scrubbed, happy cherubs?

If this never bothers them, then they've no understanding at all of the tired housewife who sees a picture of a beautiful blonde turning out a washing with a happy smile and every hair in place, and says to herself, "I've simply got to do something about my hair—but when?"

## Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—When U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., picks up the gavel to preside over a plenary session of the United Nations conference, it is a tribute to the fact that he has now become a polished statesman. This doesn't mean he has been polished-off by the British, the Russians, his tailor or his barber, either. In three international conferences and a little less than a year, the protocol boys in the state department have whipped him into shape, taught him all the tricks of the diplomatic trade, learned him when to say yes, no or maybe when some Latin or old world baby poses a hypothetical question demanding a firm, unequivocal evasion.

Stettinius proved what a skilled diplomat he has become when a reporter asked him if it would be safe to take the week-end off and go fishing.

Now this was a leading question which might have compromised the United States with every one of the powers having an interest in the Pacific ocean, in which it is assumed the the reporter wished to fish. The trusteeship issue on all the islands in the Pacific being particularly touchy at this time, such a question was obviously fraught with utmost significance. The situation demanded careful analysis and consultation before the position of this government could be stated by any official spokesman. Was the Netherlands consulted? Had security been considered? What did Truman think?

In this ticklish situation, likely to lead to a diplomatic incident with far-reaching consequences, Stettinius showed his skill at what the foreign correspondents so familiarly refer to as "the diplomatic game." "Fox" Stettinius, they call him now.

It is not permitted to quote the distinguished secretary's reply directly as that might embarrass this government at some later period. But on highest authority of informed sources, it can be stated that the reply to the direct question, "May we go fishing over the week-end?" was to the effect of, "Do you mean fishing for fish?"

A less skilled diplomat might have muffed that one, the first test of a statesman

is that he never be caught off guard, behind the eight ball, dead on his feet and with his striped pants down or out to the cleaners. Without delimiting the issue to its proper concept, the secretary might have been tricked into giving the correspondents approval to go fishing for blonds, seal, crabs, abalone or hidden information. It might even have been interpreted as tacit consent for any of the reporters interested in claims to take advantage of the precedent set in the celebrated case of Mary Ann McCarthy who, it is now being recalled here, went out to gather clams and dug up all the mud there was in San Francisco bay.

But no. This government renounced all such claims and the Kremlin and Downing street should take note of this highest-level policy decision. When the secretary was assured that the correspondents meant they wished to fish for fish, he gave the idea his quick sanction. It may be assumed this had the backing of the White House, though Senator Vandenberg could not be reached immediately for comment.

This chess-master conduct of foreign relations is difficult, but it can be learned. The traditional school of diplomacy demands that international affairs be kept as complicated as possible so that everybody will be happy because nobody will know where he is. Take Stettinius' position in the great controversy over who should preside at this conference. To have one chairman would have been too simple. So what do they do? They have four presidents and they make Stettinius, who is now only one-fourth of a president, chairman of the Big Four—presidents. They call this system "rotating the chairmanship." Revolving might be more accurate. Round and round. This is also known as diplomatic foot saving and it's done with mirrors.

Stettinius is also chairman of the Steering committee of 48 and the Executive committee of 14 as well as chairman of the U.S. delegation of eight. So any way you look at it, Stettinius is top (and) it don't all right, has the situation well in hand, and more power to

EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project. LA GRANDE — A city of 10,000 — Extend the city limits.

TODAY'S TEXT And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.—II Kings 10:26.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY It is never too late to turn from the error of our ways: He who repents of his sins is almost innocent.—Seneca.

Indoctrination The war department has provided discussion leaders in army camps with "Three Ways to Spot U. S. Fascists." It says that a person who does any of these things is in "a mental state that lends itself to the acceptance of fascist aims":

- 1. Believes in a master race; is antagonistic toward any particular race or religion; toward labor or the foreign-born. 2. Is intolerant of "the brotherhood of man"; opposes international co-operation; spreads propaganda against the British, Soviet, French or United Nations. 3. Indiscriminately applies the label "red" to persons and ideas he dislikes. Any person given to such practices is, of course, ignorant, vicious, anti-social, anti-democratic, a menace to the national and international communities. But is he a fascist, actual or potential? A fascist is an adherent to the philosophy of the fascists; a gang of thugs

organized by one Benito Mussolini (remember him?) for the ostensible purpose of rescuing Italy from communism but for the actual purpose of serving the ambitions of Mussolini and his associates.

So far we remember the fascist never argued the theory of a master race, or raised a religious issue, or persecuted Jews or Negroes as such. Far from being anti-labor as we use that term in the United States, their program contained a liberal dash of syndicalism, which aims, by strikes and violence, at giving workers' organizations control over production.

It was Hitler and his Nazis who expounded the master race thesis, and blamed Jewry for all the world's ills and persecuted Jews with a sadism that has horrified every civilized person.

We have two schools of argument. One tags anybody and anything it dislikes as "red." The other dubs whatever it hates "fascist." Both are lazy, ignorant and dangerous.

We hate communism. We hate fascism. We hate nazism. We hate Japanese—and all totalitarianism. Nevertheless, we claim the right of any man, woman or child who disagrees with us to accept and propagandize his fallacies to his heart's content, so long as he does it peaceably and out of conviction, and not at the behest or for the benefit of any alien government.

The army betrays ignorance of what fascism is. But even if it had correctly spotlighted fascism it would still be wrong. It is the duty of the army to defeat our enemies—which it is doing to perfection—and not to use its vast authority to hint that certain beliefs, detestable as they are, come within the purview of our armed forces.

By the way, does the Orientation Fact Sheet contain also three easy ways to spot U. S. communists?

## SO THEY SAY

It is my firm conviction that in practically every field this country's manufacturers and workers are so far ahead in efficiency of those in any other part of the world that even a 50 per cent higher wage cost here can have no effect on our over-all production costs.

—Assistant Secretary of State William M. Clayton.

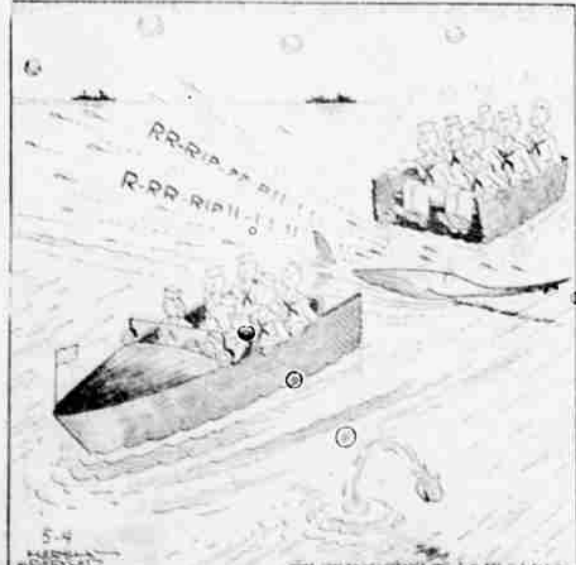
In our area the Germans are frankly hostile. Closer to the border and before we crossed the Rhine their attitude was different. But here they look at us with actual hatred in their eyes.

—Capt. Doris Donovan, army nurse at Darmstadt.

The building industry is the nation's number one field for postwar employment of returning service men and for re-employment of the vast number now in war industries.

—Walter R. McCormack, vice president American Institute of Architects.

## Funny Business



No power! Who forgot to fill the gas tank again?

## This Curious World



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