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'Vell, Goot Luck, Chum!'



## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The play-by-play account of what went on behind the scenes after the United Nations conference reluctantly voted to admit Argentina can now be revealed.

After Stettinius forced a public vote on the Argentine issue despite Russian requests for delay, he suddenly found himself catching criticism from the press and the public. Greatly upset, he hastily called a meeting of the American delegation. The air was charged with tension.

Young Rockefeller broke the ice by launching into a eulogy of the way Stettinius had handled himself.

"This country is fortunate to have its affairs in his hands," praised Rockefeller.

Another Argentine rooster, Assistant Secretary Jimmy Dunn, started to chime in but was interrupted by shrewd Hamilton Fish Armstrong, key U. S. adviser.

"I'm very disturbed by all this," said Armstrong. "I think we ought to call the press in and explain the American position. The press is calling us fascists and Stettinius is being put in a reactionary position."

But Minnesota's quick-thinking Harold Stassen, who had been cool to Argentina's admission interrupted: "Oh yeah, what are you going to tell the press when you let them in?"

John Foster Dulles, who once represented Dictator Franco, observed that he too was worried about the public reaction.

"It's very important," Dulles said, "that the public doesn't get the feeling that our delegation is reactionary."

Again ex-Governor Stassen interrupted to say: "I don't understand why we have to be so apologetic about something that was discussed fully in here and was then voted upon and passed. The important thing is that we work together. It's impossible to avoid all differences between nations and people."

Stassen went on to point out that there was considerable justification for the American view, even if he didn't agree with it entirely himself. He said that if there were no arguments, there was no use holding a conference.

Stettinius then said he thought Stassen's statement of the situation was so good he ought to present it publicly.

Dunn next protested that the Russians were holding up the conference by refusing to permit Argentina to take the chairmanship of a conference sub-committee.

Rockefeller endorsed Dunn's idea about

giving Argentina place on a conference committee.

"It's terribly important that we treat Argentina as well as anyone else," he said. "I agree with Dunn and Rockefeller, chimed in Michigan's Senator Vandenberg. "Now that we've invited them we've got to treat them right."

But Stassen said he couldn't go along with Dunn, Rockefeller or Vandenberg.

"It's bad enough," said Stassen, "that we let them in without giving them any honors."

"Well," was Vandenberg's retort, "anything that Rockefeller wants is o.k."

Dunn suggested that the U. S. delegation should slip Argentina into the first committee vacancy they found, "but Stettinius demurred."

"I've gotten into trouble enough over Argentina already," observed the harassed secretary of state.

Note—Senator Vandenberg has consistently advocated a strong bloc of American republics which are anti-Soviet, even though pro-fascist. Argentina observed Hitler's racial laws and put hundreds in jail for political reasons.

### Fleeting Flashes

Joshua Powers, publisher-expert on Latin America, estimates that the per capita wealth of Washington, Oregon and California is \$1,500. Also he estimates that the wealth of the 11 million people living in these three western states is a billion dollars more than the wealth of all the 133 million people in the 20 other American republics. That gives you some idea of our western economic strength compared with Latin America—11 million people wealthier than 133 million.

The Los Angeles transit lines and motor coach lines are installing radio telephone for emergency use. This is what airplanes began using long ago to regulate traffic between planes in the air and airports. The railroads are now gradually coming round to it.

Here is how one of the leading Latin American delegates sizes up the other delegates at San Francisco:

Anthony Eden—"the smartest diplomat here, he dominates the conference. By adroitly pulling wires behind the scenes he has had his way more than any other delegate."

Molotov—"Shrewd and able but leaves a sour taste on public opinion."

Stettinius—"The United States could have its shirt stolen and Stettinius wouldn't know it."

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## WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

The efforts of factories to set "no accident" records by eliminating all possible causes for accidents, and impressing on employees the importance of certain safety measures ought to be carried into the American home.

For if such watchfulness and fore-thought can cut down on industrial accidents they can also greatly reduce home accidents.

The parents in every home—by using a little imagination about possible dangers in the home itself and in household work—could eliminate a great many causes of accidents.

Just such simple precautions as never leaving a small child in a house alone, turning handles of cooking utensils away from the front of a stove, repairing faulty steps and making throw rugs secure, can prevent many home accidents. To ignore them is a real crime.

And instead of being careless about their family's safety, parents could learn to take real pride in their own family's "no accident" records.

There is no question but that imagination in the prevention of accidents is needed as much in the home as in the factory.

It seems every newspaper you pick up carries some tragic story of a home accident that need never have happened. Such stories as a family of small children burning to death while their mother is at a neighbor's or a child's getting hold of lye, or a farm house burning to the ground because some one used kerosene to start a fire in the kitchen range, are common.

Families should feel proud of their "no accident" records, but by the same token should feel foolish and guilty over small accidents that could have been prevented by some simple precaution.

## Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

**SAN FRANCISCO**—No coverage of this United Nations conference would be complete without some mention of what might be called "The Unofficial Bleeding Heart Delegations." The professional lookers-after-other-people's-interests and the amateur sufferers-from-other-peoples-injuries are almost as numerous as delegates and consultants and sometimes they get a bit out of hand and under foot.

So far no official worrier over the fate of free Ireland has stuck his head up, but every other brand of long-distance oppressed patriot is here with bells on, jingling and jangling continuously.

When there is only one faction, it isn't so bad. But when two factions of free Koreans, free Poles, free Slavs or free Indians get to popping off at each other, the din gets real merry. Mostly this happens at press conferences where the representatives of the super-patriot house organs try to raise embarrassing questions which will bring out support for their pet causes. Mostly these efforts are flop.

It is of course noble to fight for a cause and isn't polite to scoff at another man's beliefs. Furthermore, these walls from the mourners' bench can't be ignored.

Spokesmen for almost every delegation here have emphasized that the San Francisco conference has nothing to do with solving specific world problems. Its job is merely to create a United Nations organization which will deal with these problems in the future if they are international problems.

In purely domestic fights within the borders of one country, the United Nations organization will be obliged to keep its hands off. All the loud and discordant noise heard in San Francisco, today, however, merely indicate what tomorrow's trouble spots are going to be and what problems they will present to the United organization to solve, once that organization gets going.

By far the loudest yellers at San Francisco

are the patriots for Palestine. You can't blame them. The Jews have taken an awful beating in this war and there ought to be some place they could go to get away from it all. Yet the places this Palestine question has been raised in San Francisco are utterly fantastic. Stettinius has been bothered with it, and Bidault and even T. V. Soong thought it is strictly none of the business of the governments of the United States, France or China and none of the business of this conference. But just try to get any Palestinian to understand.

Next to Palestine, the question that comes up oftenest is the well known Polish dispute. As if the Big Four weren't having enough trouble settling this one, a couple of rival factions of Polish Americans are on hand to aid in the gumming up. Rival British and Nationalist India delegations tangle whenever they get a chance and so do the Singman Rhee and Kiboo Hahn are here pro-Minshovich and pro-Tito Boris Soeb, Dr. Singman Rhee and Kiboo Hahn are here at the heads of rival Korean groups.

A made-in-America "Stop Franco" movement headed by William L. Shirer and Freda Kirchway is lobbying all over the lot to make sure Fascist Spain doesn't sneak in the back door.

Across the bay in Oakland, Phil Murray and Sidney Hillman of the C. I. O. are holding their international labor convention, issuing handbills to complain that nobody is paying any attention to them. Some place around is Bill Green of the A. F. of L. complaining to any nobody who will listen to him complain about what C. I. O. is doing.

All these self-appointed martyrs will use a bucket of propaganda or lighter goods (and sometimes tears) to get more harm than good by showing off their wounds and lawning in the wrong place and at the wrong times.

## Side Glances



"Every time I hint about how lovely the new spring outfits are, Dad starts reading the war news out loud!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

### SUIT DIRECTING CUE TO ENTRY OR SAFETY

(This is the fifth of six articles discussing the suit directing convention.)

Suit directing is used not only to show an immediate entry card, but it is equally effective in disclosing which of two suits may be led safely by a partner. The declarer played low from dummy on the opening spade

suit (the higher of the other two playing suits) will make the safest lead.

Well, as it happens, West has two heart tricks and without the suit directing convention might easily return a club, which would give the declarer his contract. You can see that the diamond return defeats the contract.

## IN FORMER YEARS

### 30 Years Ago

A calf with three legs was born on the S. A. Robertson ranch, R. F. D. No. 2. The hind legs were perfect in shape, but there is only one front leg. To make the freak all the more strange and feird, the animal had no scumblance of a tail.

Alfred N. Christensen was elected president of the Epworth league of the Methodist church. Other officers were: Tressie Castle, first vice-president; Louise Benham, second vice-president; Viola Benham, third vice-president; Paul Beck, secretary, and Dorothy Haworth, treasurer.

### 15 Years Ago

Mrs. W. D. Warner and daughter, Miss Doris Warner, and Charles Spaeth returned from a motor trip to Portland where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barron and her mother, Mrs. Clark, went to California where Mrs. Clark was to remain for a while. Mr. and Mrs. Barron planned to return in about two weeks.

Misses Helen Schilling and Rebha Hacker went to Portland to attend a play given by the Lutheran League.

### 10 Years Ago

The children of the second and third grade rooms at Central school entertained the second grade from Ackerman training school with a play entitled "Children of Other Lands Visit Holland." In the cast were Danie Vid Nelson, Marjorie Chandler, Hugh McNaughton, Barbara Bean, Nina Kopp, Frederick Burgess, Patricia Harland, Eljory Hetron, Doris Burieligh, Donald Enberg, David McLain, Gerald Sherwood, Richard Kalm, How-ll, Barbara Hasse, Wesley Ayars, Dick Murchison, Rita Odeimat and Dale Anderson, the play.

## Questions & Answers

Q—Where is Ratcheter's Gate?

A—At Hamelin, Germany. The Pied Piper city also has a Ratcheter's Fountain and Ratcheter's Inn.

Q—What is the present name of what used to be Holland's Zinder Zee?

A—Jssel Meer (Jssel Lake), formed by an 18-mile dam.

Q—Has war raised or lowered our population?

A—Raised it. The 30th anniversary in birth rate with a year after Pearl Harbor far outweighs military losses.

Q—How did Nob Hill in San Francisco get its name?

A—Palatial homes of old rush millionaires used to occupy the hill, and lesser folk called them nabobs, and for short, nob's. Hence, Nob Hill.

## This Curious World



## Conference Jitters

The first days of the San Francisco conference were marked by a good deal of factional bickering. The struggle between the London and Lublin Poles formed a major center of dispute, and there was a stormy press conference sideshow put on by Tito and Mikhalovitch champions of a Yugoslavian representation.

These and other flareups were probably unavoidable. There has been a lot of smoldering feeling which was bound to burn briskly once a rostrum was available from which the aggrieved parties could speak their pieces. And almost all of this feeling has involved Russia or communism or both.

Hence it would seem, from sub-surface rumblings traceable to the Golden Gate area, that distrust and dislike of Russia are present where all should be sweetness and light. For this Russia is as much to blame as the opponents of all things communistic, or so it appears from a distance. The Russians at San Francisco have been by turns aggressive, adamant and inscrutable.

But through all this it may be hoped that the delegates and their governments will bear two things in mind.

One is Russia's present position; the other is the consequence of Russophobia, as evidenced in Europe today.

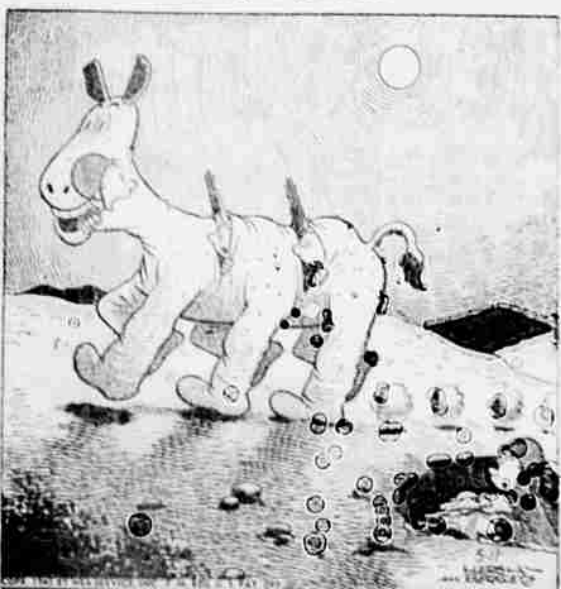
To take the second point first, it should be remembered that fear and hatred of communism gave the world Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Whatever grandiose devilment they may have dreamed up later, it was their promise of salvation from bolshevism which was largely responsible for their original toehold. And that promised salvation served as a cloak for their tyrannies and atrocities to the very end. In fact, Hitler's anti-communism was almost more ingrained and violent than his anti-semitism.

As for Russia herself, it is unthinkable that she wants anything but peace. Her land is devastated, her resources depleted, her people near exhaustion. Russia has done a magnificent job, but she could not have won the war single-handed, and she knows it. It is ridiculous to believe, as some people apparently do, that Russia would want to go to war over anything now, let alone embark upon an armed conquest of Europe.

Russia, a kicked-around stepchild after the last war, is insisting today upon her place as a great power and a major contributor to victory. Russian diplomacy is occasionally baffling and generally unpredictable. Americans—government, press and public—have sometimes been abashed by its devious realism, and their diffidence has seemed like weakness and retreat.

But there has been a different attitude at San Francisco. America has been realistic, too. Frankness and plain talk seem now to be the keynote. That's not going to create the atmosphere of a Wednesday evening prayer meeting at San Francisco, but it looks like the right prescription for settling not insoluble differences.

## Funny Business



What worries me most is, if we're captured we'll likely end up in a museum!

## SO THEY SAY

They (U.S. troops) removed the tires and batteries and then dumped the jeeps into the sea. On another occasion, United States surplus stores were burnt at Aitape when Australians sorely needed them. God knows why this was done, but the government must answer for it.—Australian Parliament Rep. Joseph Abbott.

I don't see any possibility of any tax reductions except of the most minor nature as long as the war with Japan continues.—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R) of Ohio, Finance Committee member.

From here on out we've got to step up production in textiles, lumber, forest products and similar things—all very important to our war-time economy.—WPA Chairman Julius A. Rosenberg.

I have yet to meet any one in Germany who was responsible for anything.—A U.S. Army lieutenant at Wurzburg, Germany.