

# EDITORIAL PAGE

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### The Teething Period



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

### End of the Honeymoon?

There is some reason to fear that our ideological honeymoon with Russia may be over, now that the war in Europe is won. And the reason for that fear comes not directly from Moscow, but from a one-sided literary spat between Jacques Duclos, editor of the French magazine *Cahiers du Communisme*, and Earl Browder, head of the American Communist Political Association and editor of the *Daily Worker*.

M. Duclos recently wrote a lengthy attack on Mr. Browder's policy of co-operation with this government, his wartime toleration of private enterprise, his condemnation of wartime strikes, espousal of national unity, and other backslidings from Marxism which the Duclos article labeled "false concepts" and "erroneous conclusions."

The *Daily Worker* printed the Duclos text, together with an introduction by Mr. Browder.

It was this introduction that was disturbing. Mr. Browder didn't even put on the gloves, let alone fight back. Rather he was meek as Moses.

He said the article demands "our respectful consideration. He spoke of formulating "a clear perspective for the coming period of new storms" along

lines laid down by M. Duclos. He stated, "It has been clear at all time that the end of the war in Europe would require a fundamental review of all problems of American Marxists."

All of which seems rather ominous. It wouldn't seem so if this were just a dispute between two non-Russian communist leaders. But if past history is a criterion, M. Duclos's attack and Mr. Browder's swift retreat are part of a policy originating in Moscow.

We devoutly hope that this assumption is wrong. American-Soviet friendship is indispensable to world peace. And that friendship has been subjected to enough strain in the last month without the American communists opening a real breach with a return to the revolutionary and obstructionist tactics which they used before Germany's attack.

It seems indisputable that the Moscow government has more to win by maintaining friendship with this country on a political live-and-let-live basis than it has in permitting Mr. Browder to resume the program which, before the war, was clearly Moscow-inspired and which was the chief reason for Russia's unpopularity with the American people.

The majority of Americans want to understand Russia and be friends with her. But we think that the majority of Americans are also coming to feel that a little more show of understanding and friendliness on Moscow's part would be welcome and exceedingly helpful.

## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Major job facing Congressman Clinton Anderson of New Mexico as he takes over the war food administration (he will also be secretary of agriculture) is to weed out the key men who kept food production down to minimum levels. Some of these men wanted to aid the big food firms, others couldn't forget the days when federal policy was to kill off little pigs.

Last year, for instance, war food administration concentrated on trying to clear off all surplus fats—even permitting the use of edible fat for soap and paint. This year there is a shortage. Last year WFA held out to the bitter end against bringing all meats back under rationing; it actually discouraged hog production and permitted meat canning facilities to work at less than capacity. Everyone knows the result this year.

Last year, when the war production board proposed facilities to provide an additional 300,000-400,000 tons of cattle feed from the mash left over from distilleries, WFA killed the project and permitted thousands of tons of potential feed to go to waste. Only last month WFA reversed itself and okayed the program.

Last year Tom Stitts and Dewey Termohlen, heads of the dairy and poultry branch of WFA, were worried about too many chickens and eggs. Termohlen wanted the national goal for 1945 set 25 per cent below 1944; but the figure was finally set at 16 per cent less—later raised to only 8 per cent less. Early in April, the masterminds suddenly awakened to the fact that the country faced a serious shortage of eggs and poultry. Suddenly they urged farmers to increase their flocks by 20 per cent—too late to do much good before midsummer.

**Poultry Stamps**  
 Termohlen's prize scheme last year was for a poultry subsidy program awarding one dollar per hen if 70 million hens were marketed at once. At that time, of course, eggs were plentiful and poultry was not. Fortunately, the plan was never adopted.

WFA never enthused over OPA efforts to crack down on the poultry black market. Today, with the army unable to lay up any stockpile of poultry despite a complete set-aside in four major poultry areas, the black market is such a sizeable racket that trucks are being hi-jacked in the midwest just as in prohibition days.

Present plan is to order a set-aside for the army of all poultry in the entire midwest—including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. In addition OPA may soon announce a system for licensing all poultry handlers.

On the bright side is the fact that farmers responded so well to the April call for

increased poultry production that hatchery production in the latter part of April was greater than in any corresponding period in the past.

**McKellar Tactics**  
 Freshmen senators Wayne Morse of Oregon and Forrest Donnell of Missouri, both Republicans, had senate president Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee spluttering the other day when they forced him to call a meeting of his post office committee to consider the nomination of Joseph J. Lawlor as third assistant postmaster general. They had nothing against Lawlor, whose confirmation subsequently went unopposed, but they were opposed to McKellar's reporting the nomination to the senate without a meeting of the committee.

Earlier in the month, Republicans had tried to force a post office committee meeting when Democratic chief Bob Hannegan was named postmaster general. But they lost out in a fairly close vote on the senate floor.

The venerable McKellar (he once threw a reporter out of his office because the reporter asked him his age) let loose a flood of oratory which finally ended in a vote permitting the committee to report Hannegan's nomination favorably without a meeting. Instead, a committee clerk brought a sheet around with the nomination and had committee members sign it.

Later McKellar sent the same clerk out with the nomination of Joe Lawlor as third assistant postmaster. But this time, Senators Donnell and Morse told him to keep his clerks out of their offices and call a post office committee meeting instead. They threatened to go to the senate floor again.

Finally McKellar yielded, called the meeting. Pennsylvania Senators Joe Guffey and Francis Myers appeared for Lawlor, who was quite acceptable to all.

At the conclusion of the meeting, McKellar couldn't resist smirking at Morse and Donnell. He reminded them that the senate had, on the Hannegan nomination, approved his practice of circulating nomination sheets for the approval of individual members instead of calling a meeting.

"The senate wouldn't have approved the practice," shot back Oregon's Morse, "if all the Democrats who stopped me in the halls or called me up to say they thought I was perfectly right had had the guts to vote the way they believed on the floor."

McKellar replied heatedly—but so heatedly that no one could quite tell what he was saying.

Note—while Donnell had opposed the Hannegan nomination because of an old Missouri feud, Morse—formerly of the war labor board—had not objected to it, and subsequently voted for Hannegan's confirmation.

## WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

She added up her soldier husband's points, found he had enough to bring him home, and immediately started on a reducing diet.

Men meet the big moments of life without a lot of preparation, fuss or bother.

But women pitch in and work to make "everything perfect."

So while the men soon to be released from the army are awaiting their orders and passage home, their wives are probably working like mad.

They reduce if they are overweight, get appointments for permanent waves, and run around town trying to find clothes that do the most for them.

And after they get themselves fixed up,

there'll be the houses to set in order. They buy new curtains for the living room, give the kitchen table and chairs a fresh coat of paint, clean the basement and garage, and plan the kind of meals they'll feed their men.

They'll probably be tired out when their men finally arrive—but that won't stop them from all their elaborate preparations. Throwing themselves into an orgy of hard work is the way women meet the big moments of life.

They lose part of the thrill of big moments if they don't have time to worry and fuss about them in advance, and get their stage settings exactly right for the role they are about to play.

## Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The barrage of publicity, the almost daily press conferences and the trick questions on the subject of Palestine at this United Nations conference have been so completely bewildering that a little attempted clarification may be in order.

To the casual observer, it would appear that the ranks of the Jews are hopelessly divided on what should be done about Jewish war refugees and Palestine. Actually the trouble seems to stem from a minority of influential individuals in half a dozen small groups.

There are approximately 5,000,000 Jews in the United States. About 2,000,000 are adults and of these over 1,500,000 are members of some 60 Jewish religious and fraternal societies banded in an organization known as the American Jewish conference.

This conference was first convened in New York in August 1943, for the express purpose of uniting all Jewish elements in the United States, presenting a united front with a single spokesman to stop bickering and working at cross purposes. It speaks in the name of a vast majority of American Jews.

It favors an international bill of rights in the charter, to give assurance that Jewish people may have peace and security in whatever country they reside. Also it supports legal and orderly reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth, as originally established in the league of nations British mandate for Palestine.

A handful of disunited organizations don't like the conference program or its methods and that's where the trouble begins. Jewish opposition comes principally from three sources.

First, wealthy American Jews whose families have been in the United States for four or five generations and therefore have few direct ties with the millions of Jewish war refugees and victims in Europe.

Second, the extremely sincere and devout Jews who do not want their religion confused with political ambitions to establish a Jewish commonwealth.

Third, the militant Jews who favor direct action to force the creation of a strong Jewish state.

Organizationally, this opposition is said to be composed of these principal elements:

The American Jewish committee, headed by Joseph H. Proskauer of New York, who is also a consultant at San Francisco. It is small—393 corporate members—but powerful. It works with the Jewish conference on everything except the establishment of a purely Jewish commonwealth in Palestine at this time.

Agudas Israel, a religious group of less than 30,000 members.

American Consul for Judaism, 6,000 members, headed by Rabbi Elmer Berger who is in San Francisco "to conduct research."

Jewish labor committee of New York, the right wing, David Dubinsky branch of the garment workers' union.

The New Zionist organization, a small direct action group which agitates for restoration of Trans-Jordan to Palestine.

Finally the outfit which after four changes of name is now known as the Hebrew committee of national liberation. It supports the self styled "Hebrew embassy" in Washington and doesn't represent anyone except a handful of young Jews born in Palestine, who came to the United States in 1941 and have been operating high, wide and handsome ever since under the chairmanship of one Peter H. Borgson.

### Side Glances



"Screens? Painting chairs? But, dear, with food so expensive, wouldn't it be more economical to try and hire that done while I catch some fish?"

### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

#### CAN'T RUFFLE MRS. SOBEL BY RUFFING

The team of Helen Sobel, B. Jay Becker of New York City, Charles Goren and Sidney Silodor of Philadelphia successfully defended their national knock-team of four title for the Vanderbilt cup recently. They met

Unfortunately he ruffled with the six spot, Mrs. Sobel ruffed with the eight, led a trump and the contract went down.

### IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago

Union county stock show opened today with good weather beaming on the splendid procession two miles long which opened the annual function. Genial Gov. James Withycombe, escorted by a dozen mounted girls, among them Ruth Russell of La Grande, headed the parade on his favorite charger, with the Cove band playing lively airs. Conservative estimates place the cash valuation of the horses alone in the parade at \$300,000. An added feature of the afternoon show was the appearance of Billie Clifford, a clever girl hippodrome rider. Umatilla Indians also took prominent parts in the program. The stock show will continue through three days.

15 Years Ago

L. B. Yentzer of Fruitdale brought the first crate of Grande Ronde valley strawberries into La Grande yesterday. He expects to have several more crates ready soon.

Gene Faus and Virgil Conley are visiting this week in southern Oregon.

L. L. McKenney left for Portland accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Charles Wright of Baker, and Mrs. Will Ledbetter of Alicol, and his two grandchildren, Nana and Patricia Wright. They will be in the coast city two or three weeks.

10 Years Ago

Paul Finlay, brother of Harold M. Finlay, publisher of the Observer, has arrived here to take a position with this newspaper.

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♦ 109743	♦ 853	♦ Q 32	♦ A 8
♦ A J 65	♦ A J 9762	♦ 85	♦ 6
Duplicate—Both vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Opening—A. A.			

the team of Waldemar von Zedwitz, Ted Lightner, Howard Schenken, Edwin Hymes and Sam Stayman in the final round.

Mrs. Sobel's team was behind 60 points at the quarter, and 490 at the half. They took the lead in the third quarter and won the match by 1020 points. Here is an example of the type of bridge Mrs. Sobel played to win the championship.

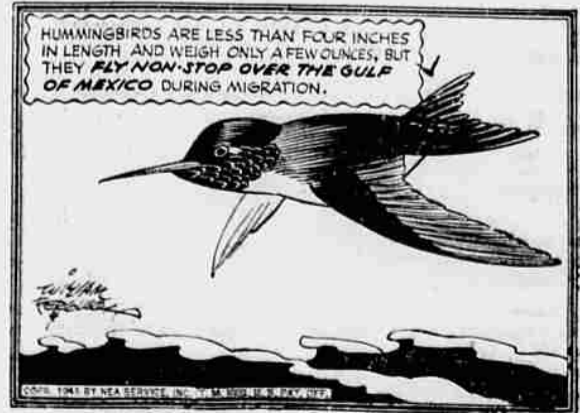
She opened the ace of clubs and continued with a small club. Schenken went up with the king and discarded a spade. He now led a spade and ruffed a spade. At this point he cashed the ace and king of diamonds and, on the second diamond play, Mrs. Sobel threw the queen. Schenken now decided that Mrs. Sobel had no more diamonds but had another club so he led a small club and ruffed hoping to get in his hand to ruff another spade.

### Questions & Answers

Q—What South American woman golfer is being hailed as the world's best?

A—Fay Crocker, of Montevideo, Uruguay. Members of the Montevideo club are ready to wager \$20,000 she can beat any woman in the world.

### This Curious World



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**Quiring Odds**  
 A CARPET, WHILE HAVING A LONG NAP, MAY BE RUNNING UP AND DOWN STAIRS. Says ANNA BRADLEY CARTER, Rossmore, Ohio.

**THE HOME ISLANDS OF JAPAN**  
 HAVE A TOTAL AREA EQUAL TO THAT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

NEXT: Why the Japs enjoy earthquakes.



"He didn't quite make it and was too sleepy to try again!"

### SO THEY SAY

My greatest aim is to inculcate a new Christian spirit in our youth.

—Dr. Hans Fuchs, Oberpresident of Rhine province military district.

There just is not enough food in the whole world to give these people (Europeans) enough to eat.

—Maj. Gen. Warren Draper, deputy U. S. surgeon general.

I know of no secret weapon whose overall effectiveness can approach that of the humble Liberty ship.

—Commodore Frederick G. Reincke, port director, Third naval district.

I think I can pitch winning baseball for the next three years, and I don't want to have to go through a money wrangle every spring.

—Morton Cooper, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, sold to Boston Braves.