

He Just Doesn't Know His Own Strength



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—The black market in eggs and poultry is so bad that the war food administration is seriously considering the freezing of all eggs in storage. Meanwhile J. probing the poultry black market in the Delaware-Maryland area with startling results. Their findings will reach high into Delaware state politics and perhaps into the Washington headquarters of the war food administration and OPA.

Already Clifford Shedd, Delaware WFA official, has lost the authority to release poultry for civilian consumption from the army's set-aside, but his chief in Washington, Gordon Sprague, says he is taking full authority for anything that might be found wrong with Shedd's administration. Sprague has taken over direct charge of all poultry releases, but claims that he knows of no irregular action by Shedd.

Meanwhile, black market operations along both the west and east coast are so serious that legitimate poultry and egg dealers are being forced out of business. The situation in New England, New Jersey and North Carolina is especially bad.

To Boost Ceilings

Last week Tim Stitts of the war food administration told Congressmen Anderson's food committee that OPA should suspend all price ceilings on eggs in an effort to channel eggs back into the legitimate market. This immediately caused dealers to hold on to their eggs for a price rise.

But what they did not know is that Stitts has not requested OPA to suspend or ever raise the price ceiling on eggs. OPA, under the price control act, cannot raise these ceilings without formal request from the war food administration, and this request has never been made.

Finally, the WFA may be forced to freeze all eggs in storage, permitting the army to take what it wants and release the rest for the civilian market. Hundreds of thousands of cases are in private storage while their owners play for an eventual price rise. The black market on those eggs which do not go into storage is so bad that while creameries in Minnesota cannot get eggs, eggs from Minnesota farms are going into illegal channels as far as New York city.

Oh So Secret

Arrest of two state department and one navy official for allegedly giving out secret documents has brought to a head long-smouldering backstage discussion regarding the question, "When is a document secret?"

The commerce department and the foreign economic administration long have disliked the state department's policy of marking everything "secret." Even enemy radio broadcasts, which can be picked up by any radio station, are stamped "secret." Com-

mon wisecrack is that one diplomat even stamped his interoffice telephone directory "confidential."

Just as bad as the state department is the office of strategic services, nicknamed the "Oh so secret." The young military men working in Europe and Asia for the OSS have done one of the truly great jobs of the war and some day their whole story can be written. No praise is too great for them.

But seated in Washington swivel chairs or balancing teacups in capital drawing rooms are a group of ex-diplomats and Wall street brokers who get a great kick out of playing amateur detective. The efficient FBI could have done their job with half their operators.

These Hairbreadth Harrys delight in sending telegrams at the taxpayers' expense frequently about nothing more important than hotel reservations and dinner parties—all marked "secret." For instance, here is a telegram from one of the OSS amateur dicks at the San Francisco conference, relating whom he dined with, what his travel reservations were and how he hoped to get the files of a retired Spanish-American war veteran, General Ralph Van Deeman; yet the telegram, sent to a member of the OSS here, has "secret" stamped all over it.

Capital Chaff

After Ambassador Pat Hurley had a swank Cadillac car dismantled and flown in two planes from India to Chungking, he isn't using it. At first an army sergeant drove it. That was all right. But later, when a Chinese chauffeur took over, something went wrong and Hurley recently wired the state department that he has no transportation. Previous ambassadors have used a Ford or a ricksha. Directors of the Associated Press were invited to dine with the Chicago Tribune's Colonel Bertie McCormick in honor of AP chief Kent Cooper. When they arrived at the dinner they were startled to find that the isolationist publisher had also invited a prize array of fellow isolationist guests, including: Charles A. Lindbergh, ex-congressman Hamilton Fish, Eddie Rickenbacker and Frank Gannett.

Continued Censorship

Not only are newspapers barred from even speculating regarding certain international phases of the Pacific war, but the navy for some weird reason hushed up the bombing of the airplane carrier Franklin from April 26, when she got to New York, to May 17, when the disaster finally was announced. There were obvious reasons for keeping the news quiet while the ship was en route through the Panama canal. But once it passed the canal and was safely tied up in New York, all danger was past, however, the navy still invoked censorship.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

The average wife has been given so much conflicting and frightening advice on how to handle her man when he comes home from war that she has begun to feel that it isn't Joe who is coming back where he belongs, but some erratic stranger.

But she can take the word of a leading psychiatrist, Dr. Wilbur R. Miller, that she can relax — it really will be Joe.

Dr. Miller, head of the department of psychiatry in the college of medicine at the University of Iowa, says: "Wives should realize that the men who made a good adjustment to army life and managed to become good soldiers are pliable enough in their personalities to adjust themselves without too much difficulty to the demands of civilian life here at home."

As for the men coming back fundamentally changed, he thinks their number will be comparatively few, since the personality even of an 18-year-old is a "pretty rugged

set of responses."

He does point out that one type of "normal" individual will find the adjustment to civilian life no easy matter.

He is the one who led an ordered, routine existence before he entered the service, and reacted to every experience in life according to a set group of responses. Army life was in the beginning hard on such a man. But once he adjusted himself to its demands and routine, he traded his old set of responses for a new set — which he has probably come to lean on heavily and to depend on. His very dependence on such an ordered existence will make it extremely hard for him to start making decisions and to assume the responsibility for making his way in competitive civilian life.

But since he did manage one satisfactory adjustment — the one from civilian to army life — given time, he will be able to make the adjustment in reverse.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — All the problems of the United Nations conference, reduced to their simplest terms and to situations which anyone can understand, are to be found in San Francisco's Raphael Weill public school, giving primary education to children of its district.

Here, under Principal Ellie Fifer, are progeny from four of the five races. There are no American Indians. But sitting side by side in the same class rooms are youngsters of every complexion and many nationalities. Tow headed Nordic whites and swarthy Latin whites, Mexicans, Filipinos, Chinese. There used to be Japanese, before they were all moved into relocation centers after Pearl Harbor. Americans from the south and southwest moved in where the Japs moved out, but soon some of Japanese families may be coming back.

The question posed by this minute cross-section of humanity is why the people of the world — keeping their respectful distances from one another — can't get along with or without trusteeship systems, mandates and voting formulas if the children of the Raphael Weill school can absorb their three R's in the same classroom.

It is possible to talk about the school and its problems with considerable detachment and tolerance and without upsetting any individual's pet racial or religious prejudices because the situation is universal and at the time so representative of one of the things that ails the world today. It is typically a California problem child, though it has application in any number of other states where there has been heavy immigration of minority groups to meet war-time

labor needs. The first Chinese man and his wife came into California less than 100 years ago. Then ship captains brought increasing numbers to supply demand for cheap labor and to build the first transcontinental railroad.

When they became too numerous the exclusion act was passed in 1882. For 25 years after that came the Japanese to supply farm labor. World war I brought a wave of Mexicans and Filipinos, again to meet a labor shortage. World war II has brought the Negroes — perhaps 150,000 of them as against the 130,000 Japanese who were moved out. Negroes like it there. They are no Jim Crow laws. They want to stay.

But that gives California a new racial problem which broad gauge people hope can be solved without any of the lynchings and riots that characterized reactions against successive waves of Chinese, Japanese, Mexicans and Filipinos when they became social and economic competition. In recent months there have been several movements to meet this new crisis before it happens.

San Francisco civic groups have begun educational campaigns—the Commonwealth club, a new formed council for civic unity, a mayor's committee. Back of them all is the realization that better housing for minority groups is essential and that segregation in Chinatown or similar racial concentrations where there are property ownership and residence restrictions, merely increase the problem.

There is a long process of education before anything like racial tolerance can be achieved—that probably goes for the United Nations organization, too.

Side Glances



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

NORWEGIAN'S HAND GOOD FOR 7 HEARTS

Remember, I gave you a couple of hands played by "501" Now that V-E day is past, we can identify "501" as Arnfinn Broderson of Norway. He wrote his experiences for a California paper under the pen name of Fritjof Jensen. He is with the Active

it to me in his letter. After trumping the opening lead, he went over to the dummy with a club, and led the six of hearts, finessing the ten. Now, he knew that his only chance, he said, was to bluff East, so he trumped a small diamond in dummy and led the queen of hearts and East made the mistake of covering an honor with an honor. Broderson won the king with a singleton ace, and had clear sailing from then on.

▲ 10643	▲ J
▲ QJ876	▲ K95
◆ None	◆ J6532
◆ AKQJ	◆ 9875

▲ AKQ9	W	▲ J
8752	N	▲ K95
♥ 43	E	◆ J6532
♦ 84	S	◆ 9875
♠ 6	Dealer	

Brodersen
 ▲ None
 ♥ A 102
 ♦ AKQ 1097
 ♠ 10432

Duplicate—E-W vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♣	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 N.T.	Pass	6 ♣	Double
Pass	Pass	7 ♣	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—▲ A. 14

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago

George R. Vehers is among the many college students arriving home this week for the summer vacation. He is a student at Jefferson medical college, Philadelphia and has had several high honors bestowed on him the past year.

Homer Lefel and Henry Proctor, students at Oregon university, returned home for their summer vacation.

15 Years Ago

Ken Siegrist and Larry Bay have returned home from Eugene where they attended the University of Oregon the past year. They are both members of the Phi Delta Theta, national fraternity, and are prominent in campus activities. Bay has been president of the freshman class during the past year.

Mrs. Howard C. Glenn and son, Avery Lee, and her sister, Miss Ruth Harrison, are at Seaside to spend several weeks there, while Mr. Glenn is at national guard camp.

10 Years Ago

Eva Ledbetter, who has been teaching at Lewiston, Ida., and her sister, Marie, both daughters of W. R. Ledbetter of Alice, left by train for Bronxville, N. Y., where they will visit an aunt, Mrs. Sol Keltner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks returned from Salt Lake City where they attended the University of Utah graduation exercises. Their son, Ilo, graduated, receiving his B. S. degree. They also visited their old home at Paragonah, Utah.

Questions & Answers

Q—Who is known as the "Father of contract bridge?"
 A—Harold Sterling Vanderbilt, eastern financier and yachtsman, who is generally credited with starting the contract craze.

Q—What is the world record for muskellunge caught by rod and reel?
 A—A 62 lb.-8 oz. fish caught by Percy Haver in Lake Itasca, near Detroit, June 20, 1947.

Q—How much food do Australia supply the allied forces in the Pacific in 1947?
 A—More than 500,000 tons. Shortly after Corregidor, Australia supplied 95 per cent of the provisions.

This Curious World



Quiz Corner

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING FIGURES REPRESENT IN ARMY-NAVY TIME?
 0100, 0945, 1730, 2400



ANSWER: 1 a. m., 9:45 a. m., 5:30 p. m., 12 midnight
 NEXT: Where does ivory come from?

Funny Business



SO THEY SAY

When they (Russia) bang on the table and say they've got to have something, the thing for us to do is bang right back and see if we can't work out a trade with them.
 —Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado.

Russian industry now is being switched over to peace production and, in many respects, the capacity already has surpassed that of the last few years before the war.
 —Martin Anderson Nexoe, Danish communist writer.

I'll still try to make civilization accessible to people who live on the same planet with me.
 —Frances Perkins, retiring secretary of labor.

The only opinion I ever formed of the Japanese is that I would not trust them anywhere.
 —Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley.