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My, My! What Beautiful Teeth It Has!



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—President Truman got some unexpected but welcome words from an old political enemy when GOP congressman Everett Dirksen of Illinois dropped in to see him following Dirksen's recent inspection trip around the world.

The big Illinois congressman himself a candidate for the Republican nomination, had received several thousand dollars of campaign contributions from his home constituents, which he proposed returning to them. But he proposed that he use it to study U. S. foreign relations abroad.

Returning from that trip Dirksen concluded that the biggest problem we face is winning the peace after the war and hiring the right kind of diplomats (with enough pay) to do it. Dropping in to see President Truman, Dirksen said:

"You were a wagon soldier in the last war, Mr. President. So was I. (Both were in horse-drawn field artillery). We don't have much conception of how modern warfare operates. But we do know something of what our boys have gone through, and we've got to make sure that these who have taken it on the chin have not done it in vain."

"You speak my language," replied Truman, listening intently.

"Why don't you get a \$100,000,000 appropriation for the state department," Dirksen continued, "and build up a system of American diplomacy strong enough to represent this country? That's the first step in winning the peace after the war. We've got to hire good diplomats and give them the means of support."

"I am for economy," Dirksen went on. "In fact, I have opposed a lot of spending on the part of the Roosevelt administration. But I consider a strong state department to be one of the best investments this nation can make."

President Truman replied that there was a great deal in what the Illinois congressman said. Foreign affairs, he continued, was one thing he was working on hardest; and he hinted, without exactly saying so, that he was giving state department reorganization a lot of consideration.

Canol Pipe Line

One thing Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan likes to remind certain army officers about is Canol—the fabulously expensive oil and refinery project the army put up in Canada but never operated. This was the pet project of Gen. Brehm Somervell, head of army service forces.

Just before he left for Europe last month, Senator Ferguson bumped into General Somervell in Washington. The senator wined a bit from the general's handshake, and Somervell began to kill him about not being tough enough to stand the various shots in the arm which all travelers bound for Europe or the Pacific must take.

"How much blood did you lose, senator?"

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

The soldier from Kentucky was home on leave. A neighbor with no men in her family in service, realizing how much the use of a car would mean to him, turned her car over to him for the length of his leave, while she did her marketing and errands on foot.

That is the kind of real neighborliness and friendliness that the men from Europe spending leaves in this country before going on to the Pacific, are bound to appreciate.

It is more to the point than pretty speeches or evenings of being lionized by local citizens.

It is better than giving parties for servicemen or asking them to speak at luncheons.

The use of a car is, of course, just one of the many ways in which outsiders could help to make the servicemen's leaves in this

Somervell asked.

"Hardly any," Ferguson replied. "And those shots really don't bother me too much. You see, they didn't give me very large shots. They just put into my arm all the oil the army's been able to get from Canol." The general changed the subject."

OWI Sabotage

While Republican diehards in congress are doing their best to axe funds for the office of war information, Gen. Robert McClure of the psychological warfare board was assigned OWI additional work in the post-war setup for Germany. A recent cable from General McClure reads:

"OWI will be expected to continue to furnish the following:

"1. Special newsreel compilations and documentary films, including weekly newsreels or newsreel material.

"2. Magazines and booklets especially prepared for distribution in Germany as approved by U. S. or requested by U. S. (the atrocities pamphlets is an example.)

"3. Radio programs from the Voice of America and from such large continental transmitters outside of Germany which come under U. S. control. The stations in the U. S. zone will carry these as relays.

"4. To make available world news for the newspapers which are published in Germany by us. Sometime later, when German papers are licensed, a source of world news will be needed until a German news agency is organized to service them.

"5. Photographic exhibits and other services as may be needed.

"The information control section, U. S. group control council, the PWB SHAEF are depending on OWI for these U. S. services, and hope that OWI will be able to continue to supply them."

Despite all this, GOP diehards are determined to cut the heart out of OWI.

Capitol Chaff

Senator Tydings' friends say he has various explanations for his unexpected quick return from the Philippines after he expected to stay five weeks. Only trouble is the explanations conflict. One explanation is that Tydings had to bring back a peace offer from the Japs. Another is that he was acting as special emissary to Washington from MacArthur. Another is that he had immediate work to do in Washington on the question of Philippine independence. . . . Diplomats lifted their eyebrows when U. S. Ambassador Adolf Berle flew up from his post in Brazil at the exact time Secretary Stettinius was in San Francisco.

Most diplomats report when the secretary of state is present, not absent. However, Berle has never forgiven Stettinius for firing him as assistant secretary when he was in the middle of the Chicago aviation conference.



"I'm making money but I feel like a war profiteer—I tell 'em if they hire me to wash their windows those service stars will show up better!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

DUMMY GETS NAME FROM OUR SYLVIA

Have you met Sylvia in my column? You know, Sylvia is the girl who always makes the wrong play according to rule, but it always works out best for her.

The bidding was a little optimistic on today's hand, but South figured he needed a slam to break even for the rubber.

Well, he won the opening club lead with the ace, took two rounds of diamonds which picked up the trump and then cashed his ace of spades. The four of spades was next led and, of course, the natural thing to do

is for West to split the honors. Otherwise, the declarer will finesse the ten spot and discard the losing five of clubs on the good king of spades. But not Sylvia. She plays low. The ten spot was finessed, the king of spades then led and the club discarded. But how was the declarer going to get rid of her two hearts? If Sylvia had split her honors, the declarer would have won with the king, led to ten of spades and simply discarded the losing five of clubs. Now he had two good spades in dummy on which to discard the two losing hearts.

IN FORMER YEARS

15 Years Ago

Summer school activities at Eastern Oregon college got underway with the enrollment in the summer session already exceeding the total for the first six weeks of the 1929 summer session.

Rain, falling in La Grande to the extent of 4 inch during the night brought mingled comments from valley residents. Farmers with hay cut were displeased, while grain men and others with growing crops beginning to suffer from a lack of moisture welcomed the downpour.

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TODAY'S TEXT
And whose felleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.—Daniel 3:6.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
There's no art to find the mind's construction in the face.—Shakespeare.

Come Forth
Union county war finance committee members, appraising the bond purchasing situation, are convinced that unless Union county E bond buyers, large and small, put forth an unusual effort at cooperation the seventh war loan quota will not be reached.

This is the first time in the entire history of the six previous war loan campaigns that the situation has appeared so urgent. In advertising and publicity the committee is frankly stating its position and appealing to the citizens of this county for help.

That help must be forthcoming from all bond buyers, large and small; those who have purchased bonds up to their quota and particularly those who have not yet taken action.

However, 134 buyers must come forth who will buy at least one \$1,000 E bond at a issue price of \$750.

Probably everyone of these buyers will have already purchased bonds to what they consider their limit. This is a critical time, however, a time for re-appraisal of the situation. At least 134 such persons must come forth to buy that additional bond they felt they couldn't buy.

There is one surety in the situation. This county, which has won praise in campaign after campaign for splendid effort must not fail now. If it does, the responsibility will fall on its citizens and it will be they who will bear the stigma of failure. In every campaign, citizens have been exhorted not to let down boys in military service.

Such an appeal may not carry the weight it once did. We shall hate, however, to have to explain to the boys mopping up on Okinawa and gathering in the Pacific for the final push that when the big test came, Union county couldn't meet it.

Vote For School Bonds

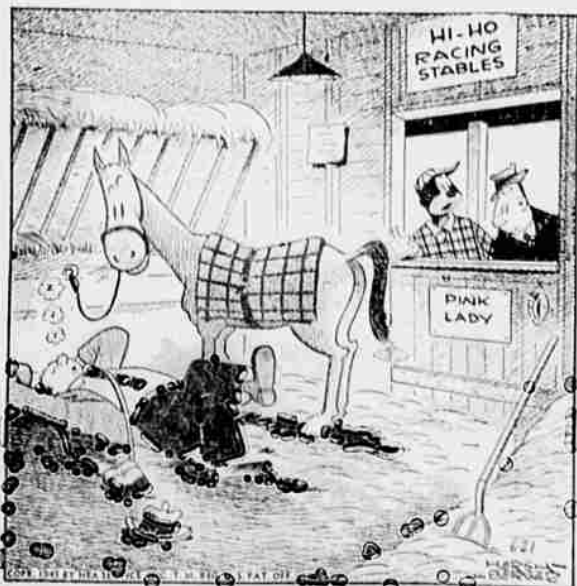
Northeast Oregon is reminded that the proposition to be balloted on this coming Friday, June 22, is an important one.

To vote \$10,000,000 of surplus income tax monies already in hand for the construction of necessary college buildings and state institution buildings vote YES on 300X.

If this money is not now expended for this highly necessary purpose, it may be dissipated for less necessary purposes. Vote Friday and Vote YES on 300X.

The future of Eastern Oregon college depends on it.

Funny Business



"I dunno! He plunked himself down on an eye, but I bet my room re-opens on the clouds!"

SO THEY SAY

If you're a hay fever victim don't roam about looking for a haven, because there is no such place as long as you are allergic.—Dr. Benaventura Jimenez, University of Michigan.

The average American knows that peacetime conscription can only mean preparation for war with Russia.—Lt. Col. Roscoe S. Conklin, New York City.

If the war keeps going in our favor the army should be able to return 10 to 12 billion dollars to the treasury next year.—Rep. J. Buell Snyder, Pennsylvania.

It is not easy for anyone to get into Stalin's mind, but as far as anyone can make out, Stalin thinks that the prime minister (Winston Churchill) is a broth of a boy. Stalin doesn't like a man who lives on nuts and soda water.—Lord Baverbrook's London Daily Express.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said that his weekly press conference review was exceedingly dull but he might as well go through with it. It was and he did.

But then he introduced his guest star, General George S. Patton himself and things picked up.

The general had sat all through the reading of the war review with the corners of his mouth turned way down, staring sourly over his four stars and five rows of ribbons. But when he took the chair, up went the corners of his mouth, magnificent crowfoot wrinkles dotted the big grin, and his brown berry eyes sparkled in the middle of his pink face and white-fringed balding head. He wore three rings, two on his left hand, one on his right. His voice was surprisingly soft. He started to talk about tanks.

Tanks, he said, were nothing but armored and armed infantry. In the infantry you had the squad and in the tanks you had the crew. The tanks enabled the soldiers to arrive at the scene of battle less fatigued, and they enabled the soldiers to carry two blankets instead of one. Also, if the soldier got his feet wet, he could dry his shoes over the exhaust pipe.

The general said he thought there was a sort of race instinct that made people afraid of tanks. They used to be afraid of sabre-toothed tigers and dinosaurs and things like that, and so now when they saw a tank coming they thought, "my goodness, here comes a sabre-toothed tiger," and they ran frantically.

But tanks, he said, enabled armies to break through enemy lines to get an advantage and keep the enemy from winning. If you're a

country more pleasant.

The wife or mother—cooking for a serviceman who has dreamed of home-cooked meals—harried by a lack of red points would certainly appreciate the gift of points for a pound of bacon or a roast from some family without a returned serviceman to cook for.

The serviceman with a baby or several small children at home would certainly enjoy his leave more if his wife weren't completely tied down. Offering to keep the kids, while the husband and wife go out at night or have a day away from home, would be about the most thoughtful way of making a young father welcome home.

There are lots of ways the neighbors could help the returning servicemen have happier leaves—if they really put their minds to it.