

The Nips' Dilemma



TO CALL OUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW—

OR LATER.



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Thronging the marble halls of congress these days is one of the most effective lobbying groups in Washington. Their goal is oil—but you won't hear them mention the word.

Their aims are much more lofty—namely "quieting titles of states to lands beneath tidewaters and navigable waters." Expressed with less adornment, this means that beneath the Pacific ocean and the gulf of Mexico are rich oil lands—some people think potentially the richest in the country.

The oil companies want these submerged oil lands to be leased by the states, not by the federal government. They know they can handle the state house boys much more easily than the interior department in Washington; so they now demand that congress pass a law giving these tidewater lands to the states. The attorneys general of 46 states are backing them.

Wrapped up in the whole thing is the future of one cabinet officer, plus the prosperity of the Democratic national treasury, plus a lot of internal Democratic politics.

Two men have waged the toughest fight to keep these oil lands in federal hands—Attorney General Biddle and Secretary of the Interior Ickes. Biddle has already lost his job. Now the boys are ganging up to throw out Ickes.

Truman Didn't Hesitate

For some years, Biddle and Ickes had argued that the U. S. courts should decide this question. Several times they put it up to Roosevelt, but he postponed a decision.

So when Truman came in, Biddle put the matter up to him. Truman didn't hesitate, immediately agreed that the courts should decide who owned these tidewater lands.

Now the politicians are sore as blazes. They claim Ickes and Biddle should not have put Truman on the spot. The question should have been allowed to simmer on the back of the stove, they claim.

Ickes' Death Battle

And while Biddle will be out of the cabinet next week, Ickes is fighting mad and determined to battle things out—even if it is the last thing he does.

Meanwhile, the politicians are out to get Ickes. They have nominated almost everyone in Washington to take his place. Hannegan, who isn't mixed up in oil, wants him out for other reasons.

"His whole interior department contributed only \$800 to the last campaign," Hannegan complains. "And when I send anyone over to Ickes for a job, you might think they had a recommendation from Hitler."

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

When Rep. Hubert S. Ellis heard a report that the state department was trying to make it easier for girls engaged to American servicemen to enter the United States, he stood up on the floor of the house and championed American girls.

He said that since Europe has four or five women to every three men all the girls would be clamoring to come to America, if it were easy to do. He didn't see much sense in that since there are plenty of beautiful and healthful American girls waiting for soldiers and sailors to come home so that they can find husbands.

The congressman will have the young women of the country with him on that stand.

And here is why. Let's take the case of Joe. Joe had a best girl before he went into the army. If the war hadn't come along

Lovely Lady Lobbies

Vivacious, beautiful Madame Maria Martins, wife of the Brazilian ambassador, is very popular with social Washington, but even so, officials don't appreciate her trying to tell the Truman administration what persons should be retained—or fired—as assistant secretaries of state.

The lovely lady has been much concerned lately over Nelson Rockefeller, assistant secretary in charge of Pan American relations. At first Madame Martins was down on Rockefeller. She came back from the San Francisco conference telling friends how the young oil millionaire had let Brazil down.

Madame Martins, who gets around to a great many parties, talked so much that eventually Rockefeller's friends warned her that she went too far. So at a cocktail party given by Bill Stanley, formerly of the justice department, the lady spied sedate Speaker Sam Rayburn. Rushing over, and being introduced by a friend, the beautiful Brazilian said:

"Ah, you are the speaker. I have always wanted to meet you. I hear so much about you. You are such a great man. I kiss you on both cheeks." And she did.

Then, after more conversation along this line, Madame Martins continued:

"Now you must do something for me. You must help poor Nelson Rockefeller. He is such a nice boy. He is so good friend of Latin America. You must not let President Truman get rid of him. You will speak to President Truman and you will tell him he must keep Nelson Rockefeller, and then you must telephone me. Yes?"

The blushing speaker, one of the most confirmed bachelors in Washington, finally said he would. Whether he did talk to Truman is doubtful, because Sam does not believe in interfering in problems outside of congress. Anyway, he finally called Madame Martins and told her to "keep her feathers down."

Merry-Go-Round

Following this column's disclosure that the army was burning millions of feet of surplus films which educational institutions wanted to buy, the army has decided to turn over all surplus films to the surplus property board. . . . Many tons of powdered soybean soup with cheese are now being offered for sale as animal food by the war food administration. Because of a surplus of soybeans, WFA got the idea that a mixture of the beans with cheese would make an excellent soup for Russians. Huge quantities were prepared. But the Russians tried a few samples, turned thumbs down.

Side Glances



"The sooner we knock off the Japs the better, I suppose, but if the war ends this summer we'll get gypped out of a holiday!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

BOLDNESS IN BID DESERVES 7 SPADES

It is quite an accomplishment to break through the array of talent competing from New York and Philadelphia in an eastern championship. Therefore, Mrs. Stanley Kreps had a right to feel proud when she and her husband, together with Miss Constance Little and Lee Sager, tied for the eastern mixed team-of-four cham-

ruffed high. Therefore, she finished the 9 and now led another club and ruffed in dummy with the ace. She returned to her hand with the heart ace and took out the outstanding trumps. West was squeezed. He could not protect the jack of hearts and the diamonds.

IN FORMER YEARS

10 Years Ago

Miss Hulda Anderson left for a summer vacation visit with relatives in Minnesota.

D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon experiment station near Union, and Lloyd Pierce of Hat Loke attended a committee meeting of the Oregon woolgrowers at Pendleton to make plans for the annual ram sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speshart and daughter, Helen Jean, of the Iowa district, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wagner, Betty, Billie, Mary Ellen and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Whealy, Lois and Junior, formed a picnic party up Catherine creek.

15 Years Ago

Albert Hopkins a student of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and letterman in baseball at the normal school and major sports at the Norman, Okla., high school, was appointed principal of the Oregon Trail school, four miles south of Nyssa.

Mrs. Richard Shanks of this city, who is a second cousin to executive Calvin Coolidge, received an invitation to attend the Coolidge family reunion in Wiertown, Mass., on June 28 in honor of John and Mary Coolidge, who came to America 300 years ago.

30 Years Ago

H. L. Andrews went to Harvey, N. D.

Alice Hill arrived in La Grande from coast points where she has been visiting since the close of the University of Oregon where she was a student.

Rr. R. E. L. Holt has returned from Ft. Snodgrass where he was called on business.

Mrs. Walter Cleaver and son, Walter, left on a trip to California.

♠ A 7 3	♥ Q 7 4	♦ A K 10 8 5 2	♣ 5
♠ 6 4	♥ J 10 8 5	♦ 3	♣ J 9 6 4
♠ 3	♥ 2	♦ Q J 9 6 4	♣ A
♠ 2	♥ A	♦ A 7 3	♣ A 7 2

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Mrs. Kreps
♠ K Q J 9
♥ A K 9 2
♦ 7 3
♣ A 7 2

Duplicate—E-W vul.

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

Opening—♠ 4. 27

pinship this year. Mrs. Kreps bid today's hand very boldly, and I can't blame her husband for going to seven, holding the ace of trumps. The play of the hand is very interesting. The opening lead was won with the ace of clubs, and a small club returned, which West overruffed with the spade 6 and Mrs. Kreps overruffed with the 7 in dummy. She now made a very nice play—she returned a small trump and reasoned that West did not hold the ten-spot, or he would have

Questions & Answers

Q—Will Germans be permitted to live in the Sudetenland if it should be returned to Czechoslovakia?

A—Sudeten Germans gave Hitler his excuse for swallowing the Czech republic. Czech papers now say all Germans must go.

Q—What is the monetary unit used in Honduras?

A—Lempira (50 cents in U. S.), Caraboba (17 cents in U. S.), Babitoa (\$1 in U. S.).

This Curious World



NEXT: A short-lived speed record.

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 ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.—Matthew 24:6.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving the peace.—George Washington.

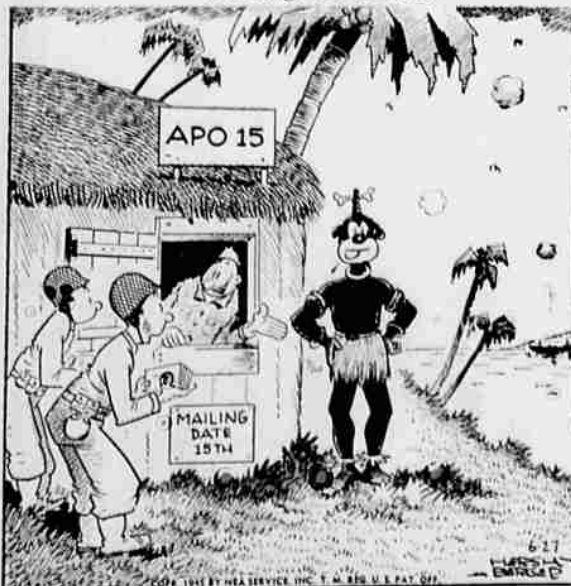
A Start Toward Industrial Peace

On the day that Senators Ball, Burton and Hatch announced their proposed new labor relations code, the wartime no-strike pledge was in effect. Yet some 20,000 workers were on strike in war or war-related industries. Production was stopped or curtailed on a variety of needed items, including steel, armaments, tires and farm machinery.

The army was operating a chemical plant and truck lines. Jurisdictional trouble had broken out between the AFL and CIO in Detroit auto factories as first steps were being taken toward the resumption of civilian production.

The day's news added up to a disquieting reminder that the critical period of reconversion might be rendered more critical by a sudden flaring up of long-suppressed grievances between management and workers and within the ranks of labor.

Funny Business



SO THEY SAY

We dare not say that there will be no more wars. Failure to provide universal training has always constituted an open invitation for aggression on the part of militarists.
—Dunlap C. Clark, U. S. chamber of commerce.

I favor the Bretton Woods proposals. The export of American capital will be highly desirable in the postwar period, for the economy of the world as a whole and for our own country.
—Edward E. Brown, chairman First National bank, Chicago.

The German prisoner of war in this country is learning how America, described to him as a decadent democracy, lives and works and how it fought a war much better than his country was able to fight it. He is being thoroughly re-educated.
—Brig. Gen. B. M. Bryan, Jr., asst. provost marshal general.