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Changing Berths



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—The "secret document" situation is causing a lot of mirth inside the office of strategic services. OSS is the outfit, sometimes called "oh so secret," organized by Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan, assistant attorney general under Coolidge and who has done some fine work in both wars, but who also has succeeded in collecting one of the fanciest group of dilettante diplomats, Wall Street bankers, and amateur detectives ever seen in Washington.

While the youngsters in uniform recruited by Donovan have done some of the most heroic work of the war, such as parachuting behind enemy lines, his "cloak and dagger" boys in Washington have had a marvelous time playing detective.

Not long ago this column illustrated the ultra-secret social operations of the OSS by publishing a "secret" telegram which merely reported on the social doings of a Donovan representative at the San Francisco conference—with whom he dined, his efforts to rent an apartment, and his plans for visiting other cities on the west coast.

Since then, there has been a large-scale hunt in the OSS for leaks.

An extra person has been detailed to stand beside the mimeograph machine and tear up all extra, spool copies of messages. Copies of messages have been reduced to three, and are sent around with armed guards. Any extra copies above this are chopped up in a shredding machine. Meanwhile, security officers swarm all over the place like hawks, and mysterious holes have appeared in the ceiling.

Finally, the Paris office of OSS was thrown into consternation when a man suddenly appeared to inspect their operations. They couldn't stop him, however, because he had a permit to poke around the office from none other than the assistant secretary of war John J. McCloy.

A Colonel Rodriguez of the U. S. army was especially sent by President Truman to deliver to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia some of the emperor's jewels and documents recovered in Italy. Mussolini's boys carted them off to Italy when they looted the emperor's palace in Addis Ababa and so President Truman wanted to send them back by a personal messenger. But the OSS sent

Col. Rodriguez only part way. They said privately they didn't want him down in Ethiopia. So the jewels were relayed to the emperor by another man. . . . Thirty cases of OSS documents were captured by the Japs in Burma and China, which the Japs have turned over to the Russians. From a Russian viewpoint, the documents are most interesting because they show a consistent anti-Russian policy being followed by OSS operators, plus plans for future work against the Russians. . . . OSS top men are nearly all picked from the Red-baiters. . . . Marshal Tito has ordered all OSS men out of Yugoslavia. However, seven OSS men stayed on at the American embassy anyway. . . . The Russians have now barred all OSS men from Rumania. One OSS agent has been left inside the American legation, however, and the OSS has been scrambling round to find places for others in Bucharest.

The Fight Over Files

Senator Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, recently returned from Europe, is recommending to President Truman that the files of the famous Nazi cartel, I. G. Farben, which developed synthetic gasoline and rubber patents and cooperated with U. S. business, be microfilmed.

These files, which may hold among the most precious Nazi war secrets, have been klicked around Germany, and were even stored for a while in a warehouse with displaced persons who tore some of them up for bedding and toilet uses. Also the files have been the subject of a tug-of-war between jealous U. S. agencies, including the army, the OSS, the justice department and the FEA.

Some of the files were found buried in the basements and back gardens of high I. G. Farben officials, who took them home as the war neared its end. Some were carted off by the Germans to escape bombing. Two boxcars filled with files were shipped off to Weimar. Most of the files are under the army at Frankfurt, but some are under the OSS at Heidelberg.

Top-notch I. G. Farben officials are also considered important for establishing war built and ascertaining war secrets. They have been kept in prison ever since the armistice.

Side Glances



"Some of the women in the club like to boast—if they start comparing how many war bonds they have, just say we've got them stacked all over the house!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

ERROR IN COVERING HEART ALLOWS BID

There is no question about the overbidding on today's hand. South has a doubtful opening bid, let alone a bid of three clubs, so I could not criticize Harry Fishbein for jumping to four spades. However, right after the opening lead, I was called to the

which East won, and he then cashed the ace and king of diamonds and played the king of hearts, which was trumped. Two rounds of trumps were taken—a club was ruffed in dummy—and the ten of hearts was led. East made a serious mistake when he did not cover the heart, so the eight of diamonds was discarded. Had East covered the heart, the optimistic contract could have been defeated.

Fishbein			
♠ K Q 10 9 5	♥ 10 8 6 7	♦ 10 7 3	♣ 3
Dealer			
♠ A J 8 4	♥ A	♦ 8 4 2	♣ Q 10 9 7 4
Duplicate—E.-W. vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening—♥ 5. 10			

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago
Miss Etha Thomas returned this morning from two weeks in Spokane with her father's relatives.

Ralph Reynolds, connected with the extension department of OAC, is a guest in the city with his father, J. E. Reynolds, and his brothers.

J. S. Chandler left this morning for California to visit the fairs.

15 Years Ago
With a thousand or more in the audience, La Grande municipal band presented an outdoor concert last night at Riverside park, the final one to be given here before the organization leaves to participate in the northwest contest in Portland.

Lt. Col. Ralph Huron of the 186th infantry, and the officers of company E, La Grande, Capt. W. A. Bean, First Lt. Jesse V. Andrews, and Second Lt. Porter V. Webb, were guests at the Rotary club luncheon.

10 Years Ago
Eva Jane Irwin, charter member of Sock and Buskin at the local normal school, was chosen president of the newly organized Little Theater group. Elnora Hansen, also active in the college group, will assist as secretary-treasurer.

According to a check of marriage licenses issued the first six months of this year as compared to the same period last year, Dan Cupid didn't quite hold his own. The licenses issued this year numbered 53 while 54 was the number for the corresponding period.

Questions & Answers

Q—What is the capacity of the largest Clipper plane?
A—The Consolidated-Vultee, a six-engine Clipper, will carry a payload of almost 50,000 pounds made up of 204 passenger and 14,000 pounds of baggage, mail and express.

Q—What effective range do the blowguns used by natives of Borneo have?
A—They are accurate up to 50 yards. They are coated with poisonous sap of the upas tree.

Q—Who was the originator of the federal reserve banking system?
A—Former Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma claimed the distinction. It's a matter of record that he presented a reserve plan to the democratic convention in 1896, but it failed to obtain adoption.

This Curious World



ANSWER: In the Black Hills of South Dakota.
NEXT: How land animals got that way.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

After taking food tests the husband brought home to his wife a list of all the foods that didn't agree with him. Now he never gets the forbidden foods—and he feels fine.

It isn't easy for his wife to cook with one eye on the banned food list. But she does it—and not grudgingly either, because she knows her husband can't help the fact that he is allergic. Besides, she'd rather take a little more trouble with her meal planning than to put up with a man suffering from food allergies.

But she isn't near that tolerant about other things that don't agree with him.

For instance, an evening of bridge with the Joneses has almost as bad an effect on him as eating eggs—but she goes right on serving up the Joneses, week after week.

He hates to be nagged about the chores to be done about the house, but it never occurs to his wife to accept the fact she has married a man who is allergic to leaky water faucets and grass that needs to meet a lawn-

His day gets off to a wrong start if he is asked to clutter up his mind with household errands—but he is asked to do them all the same, and made to feel like a heel if he forgets.

His disposition proves that having plans made for him without his consent ("John will be glad to do so-and-so") doesn't agree with him—but he often finds himself in that maddening predicament.

If his wife—and all wives—could be as tolerant of a man's personality allergies as of food allergies and treat them with the same respect, marriage would be so much simpler.

But the woman who would recognize a man's allergy for potatoes or eggs won't accept his lack of tolerance for the Joneses in the same spirit.

She'll hunt around for a substitute for potatoes to do away with his headaches—but she won't hunt around for a substitute for the Joneses to do away with his complaining. "Do we have to spend another evening with THEM?"

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 9—Anyone wanting permanent work in Washington these days is smart if he signs up as a baby-sitter. It used to be that a career in a government agency was a good thing with a future in it, but no more.

All these firings and resignations of government people from cabinet members on down has given the capital one of the worst cases of reorganization jitters it ever had. Consequently, hiring out by the hour to watch the neighbors' kids on parents' nights off offers a lot better chance for advancement than passing a civil service examination. And if, in addition to minding the baby you can develop a little talent as a cook or a butler and yardman, old age and possible unemployment need offer no terrors. Why, even working as a Western Union messenger or as a cub reporter in a newspaper office, which used to be the most transitory jobs in the world, offer steadier employment than the government these days. When even Harry Hopkins resigns, then you know nothing is sure.

The man who gets the treasury berth, will no doubt want to move in and reorganize completely. That's what they all do, from President Truman on down. Truman has asked congress for authority to reorganize the whole government set-up, and though congress has shown no hurry about granting his request, there just couldn't be more reorganization than is going on all over town right now. The plane is like a circus grounds after the big show has struck its tents at midnight to move on to the next town. You don't see how they'll ever get it together again.

Advent of Justice James F. Byrnes as secretary of state has started a flock of rumors of forthcoming wholesale reorganization and modernization and many job holders are jumpy about their future. Generally forgotten is the fact the department of state has already been reorganized twice in the last 18 months, once in January 1944 and again in December when Secretary Edward Stettinius took over with his "team." Part of the big scramble in state department now is to try

to get along to London, when Stettinius goes there to work on the interim united nations organization. Any of the Stettinius team that get set out may try to tag along to UNO unless such action is vetoed by the president and Byrnes.

Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace, who has been toying with reorganization of his department since he took office last January, still isn't ready to announce his plans and won't be for a month or two. Shortly after Wallace took over, he asked every division chief for an outline of projects then being worked on. These are being studied as the basis for the Wallace reshuffle, but the job is so big it can't be done in a hurry.

Department of agriculture's absorption of war food administration under the new secretary Clinton B. Anderson is having no immediate effects. People who had been working for WFA will in general go on doing the same things they did before, only as employees of the department of agriculture. Not to be overlooked, however, is the fact that Secretary Anderson has brought back to Washington Milton Eisenhower, E. W. Gaumitz and Jerry Thorne, all former employees of the department, to work out a complete reorganization of that far flung bureaucracy.

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach has a similar group planning reorganization of the department of labor. Schwellenbach's passes at bringing other labor agencies under his wing has of course created a certain amount of uncertainty in national labor relations board, war labor board, war manpower commission and social security board. Incidentally, NLRB, itself has a new chairman in Paul M. Herzog.

All the war agencies are demobilizing. Army is discharging as fast as it can and navy will follow as soon as it gets Japan finished off.

Only Harold Ickes and his department of interior proceed in untroubled peace and quiet, the last vestige of the new deal, the only thing to cling to in a city of shifting sands where the one constant is eternal change.

top in per capita wealth.

It is, says Case, at the top in potential wealth.

Residents here have attained the highest living standard, have the most national parks and playgrounds, highest per capita farm incomes, and highest per capita college enrollment. Northwesterners do more hunting, fishing and golf playing. There are more electric ranges in Portland than in New York City and more automobiles there than in the whole of Soviet Russia.

Half the nation's standing timber is in the northwest—800 billions of board feet; the 10 billion feet harvested every year is a third of the nation's cut. It is a permanent resource because timber reproduces faster here than anywhere else on the globe and the sustained tree program is constantly reducing the spread between growth and depletion. New uses for timber are expanding daily.

Agriculture is a second great resource: Within the two states are being raised every vegetable, field and fruit crop native to the temperature zone. It is a fine dairy region. All world's records for milk and butterfat production in the Jersey breed have been held by dairymen in the two states.

Further underwriting the future of the northwest is the fact almost half the potential hydro-electric power is here. The cost is the cheapest in the nation from the Grand Coulee alone. What this vast reservoir of power will mean in the post-war picture can only be surmised, declares Case.

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EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM

IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project.
LA GRANDE—A city of 10,000—Extend the city limits.

The Pacific Northwest—A Place to Stay and Live

A mere recital, a factual inventory without any romantic buildup, of the resources of the northwest resulted in keeping thousands of Kaiser shipyard employes on their jobs, where many of them had decided, last August, the war was nearly over and it was time for them to return to the midwest or south or east, says the American Legion magazine in an article by Robert Ormond Case, popular novelist and adventure story writer.

This inventory, says Case, made no direct promises of post-war employment. This was made plain in the Henry Kaiser shipyard house organ; but the recital was so convincing to many workers they decided they had a better chance in the northwest after the war work was over than anywhere else.

Here are some of the reasons which Case listed:

There is plenty of room in Oregon and Washington as the area is greater than New York, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire and Ohio; and the population is less than in Chicago. It could support five times its present population with ease. This vast area is the most healthful on the continent, the most economically stable and near the

Funny Business



SO THEY SAY

Philanthropy is the responsibility of the man and must never be the burden of the few.
—Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, New York City.

We may be sure, I think, that when a commission is established, the United States government will urge that it should promptly study the means of promoting freedom of the press.
—Edward R. Stettinius, jr.

As a result of the war, women have taken an increasingly important place in the whole economic structure.

—M. P. Catherwood, New York state commissioner of commerce.

Letting every boy and girl feel he is doing his part for the military campaign abroad will help to keep waste paper collections at high levels during the summer.

—Salvage division, war production board.