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The Omnipresent Suitor



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—One complaint President Truman constantly makes to old friends in the senate is: "You don't know how lonely I am."

But the president was not lonely on his last night in Independence. It was one of his most enjoyable evenings since he entered the White House. Truman spent it playing poker with old friends, all members of the "Harpy club," an organization of Independence business men, founded in 1925. The game was at the home of Louis L. Compton, owner and manager of an Independence bottling works.

Truman, as the home-town boy who made good, was given the honor of dealing the first hand. It was dealer's choice and he chose seven-card stud.

All players, nine of them, dropped out except the president and John Hutchinson, an Independence coal dealer. Six cards were dealt. Hutchinson had two jacks showing and another jack down.

The president, who had bluffed Hutchinson into two raises, had two queens showing and nothin' down except a nine-spot and a seven-spot.

Came the last card. Hutchinson drew a tray, Truman a queen. That gave the president three queens to Hutchinson's three jacks, and he raked in the pot.

It amounted to \$1.65.

Note—Missouri friends are hoping Truman will be just as good a poker player when he sits down with the best of all diplomatic card sharks—Joe Stalin.

Army Discharge Snafu

When the war department announced its demobilization plan on May 12, it set up the 85 point requirement for discharge and also announced that a revised figure would be given within 45 days, or by June 27. It is now July 14, and millions of men are still waiting for that announcement.

Meanwhile more headaches, heartaches and resentment have developed over discharges than almost anything in the army. Some of this is unavoidable. Some, on the other hand, seems due to army inefficiency, including the amount of discretion allowed individual officers and units.

For instance, the air forces set up a separate demobilization program in some areas, and at Las Vegas, Nev., began releasing

young officers by the hundreds. There was such a surplus of second lieutenants that those with only 42 points were let out. First lieutenants with only 58 points were discharged, and captains with only 70 points were permitted to leave the service.

Meanwhile enlisted men who still need 85 points to get out are burning up.

Part of the irregularity in administering the point system result from the fact each commanding officer has the right to reject a man's application for discharge—no matter how many points he has—by declaring him "essential." Obviously certain key technical men fall into the category and cannot be spared. Also it is much more practical to use trained veterans than to break in new men. However, there is increasing resentment from battle-scarred veterans with points galore, some of whom feel they are kept in the service because of some gripe or prejudice on the part of commanding officers.

Too Many Generals

An unfortunate attitude also is growing among enlisted men that the generals don't want the army scaled down. There are 1,600 generals in the army today, many of them lieutenant colonels or even captains before the war. And enlisted men are wondering whether "essential" and "military necessity" aren't sometimes convenient excuses for keeping army manpower padded. For, if the army is cut too sharply, a large number of general officers will be retired. This view does not make for morale, but unfortunately exists among enlisted men.

One thing which GIs can't understand is why the army, when fighting a two-front war, was willing to release a man over 38 if he had a war job; whereas today, with only a one-front war, the army has upped the age limit to 40.

Another thing the army can't adequately explain is why they've established so few separation centers to handle discharges, and why one of them, Camp Dix, N. J., is so poorly run it was recently subjected to a complete investigation by the inspector general's office.

One group especially restless are the limited service men—men with physical infirmities, who were drafted for non-combat service and hence can never go abroad to roll up discharge points.

Side Glances



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"Don't fail to mail your mother and sister this item about civilian travel being stopped, well before the time they usually pay us their annual visit!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

IT'S A SURE BID WHEN PLAYED SAFE

Detroit players shared in two of the championship events of its recent tournament. The mixed pair event was won by Mrs. Baum of Detroit and Harry Feinberg of Cleveland, while the women's pairs were won by Mrs. C. W. Schaff of Chicago and

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

Bridge—N-S. vul.
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
 Pass Pass
 Opening—♠ 10. 16

Questions & Answers

- Q—What is the Royal Order of Whale Bangers?
 A—U. S. navy anti-sub patrol pilots who, in answering "sub sighted" report, have scored a direct hit on a whale.
- Q—What English king was put to death in the Tower of London?
 A—Edward V was murdered in the tower in 1483, with his brother, the Duke of York, by order of his uncle, the Duke of Gloucester (Richard III).
- Q—One of the most popular trout flies is named for an English fisherman. What is the fly and who was the fisherman?
 A—Royal Coachman, named after Tom Bosworth, who was a driver for British royalty in the days of George IV and Queen Victoria.

mond to the dummy, and ruffed the diamond return. A trump was returned to dummy's king, and another low diamond was ruffed by declarer. When both opponents followed suit, the trumps were drawn, and dummy entered with the ace of clubs. Two clubs were discarded on the two diamonds in dummy, and when the club distribution was later revealed, it was disclosed that the other plan would have failed.

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago
 Mrs. George Huntington Currey came in from Palmer Junction to attend the Bolton-Stanchfield wedding yesterday evening. DeLile Green, P. S. Robinson of this city, and a company of Summerville and Palmer Junction people left yesterday for the Little Salmon on a fishing expedition. Mr. Robinson's two sons, Frank and John, accompanied the party.

15 Years Ago
 Miss La Grande, 16-year-old Florence Houston, winner of the beauty contest for that title, sponsored by the La Grande Lions club, left for Portland, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rosenbaum. There she will participate in the contest for the title of Miss Oregon. Miss Houston won over 20 other participants.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Tribe have returned from a 10 days vacation trip to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. Their son Bobby accompanied them.

10 Years Ago
 Eighty-two babies were born in Union county during the first six months of this year according to reports available from Dr. W. K. Ross, city-county physician. The births for the corresponding period in 1934 were higher, 102.
 A deer pacing a car on a Grande Ronde valley country road is a bit unusual, but it happened. Mrs. A. Hug had this experience when she was driving to her home on Pumpkin Ridge. A deer darted onto the road and ran ahead of her car quite a distance before leaving the highway.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

There are those who predict that following the war the divorce rate will rise so fast that between a third and a half of all marriages will end in the courts. There are those who predict that divorce will become the vogue—just as hasty war marriages have been the vogue for the past few years.

This expected acceleration in the number of divorces might be slowed down considerably if a paper-bound volume, published by the School of Law at Duke university, were to become a best seller—especially among men overseas and their wives back home.

The technical-looking volume is "Children of Divorced Parents" and is a collection of articles written by experts. Its concern is with what is being done about the children of divorce—"orphans of living parents"—by the law and by interested professions and groups.

But its discussion of the problems that face children of divorce and its acceptance of the fact that it is worse for a child to lose a parent through divorce than through death is deep enough and reasonable enough to knock the idea that divorce can be a quick cure (where there are children involved) out of the heads of parents with any sense at all.

Even in cases where divorce may come to seem the only way out, parents would know better how to hurt their children as little as possible in the provisions made for their care after reading this symposium on "Children of Divorced Parents."

For while the authors of "Children of Divorced Parents" are quick to point out that there are no good divorces so far as children are concerned, it makes clear the kind of arrangements that hurt children most, and points out why.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 14—Whenever anyone has a question which no one else can answer about the new united nations organization, the call goes out for Leo.

That happened the very first day of the senate foreign relations committee hearings, prior to ratification of the UNO charter. The show opened with ex-secretary of state, Edward R. Stettinius, jr., reading a 20-page statement which took an hour and told no one present anything he shouldn't have known two weeks ago. That was the kick-off, but then it was Leo's turn. Leo had to carry the ball and do a lot of open-field running through all those senate tackles, but Leo is an old hand at this. He has, in fact, been state department quarterback for four long years, all through this international football game to win the peace.

Leo, in case you don't know, is Dr. Leo Pasvolosky, net.

His title is only "special assistant," though he ranks as an assistant secretary of state. The reason he doesn't hold that title is probably because he was born in Russia. Even though he has lived in the United States for 40 of his 52 years, and been an American citizen for 34 years, there was some doubt about getting the senate to ratify the appointment of a Russian-born gent to the little cabinet.

No one doubts Leo's loyalty to the United States, and everyone recognizes his ability. Respect for Leo's technical knowledge as historian and economist is tremendous and growing all the time. He will probably go with Stettinius to wherever the united nations organization sets up shop. He has a great future ahead of him in international relations. He knows the answers.

He will never win any prizes in a handsome man contest, but once you see him, you never forget him. He stands about five and a half feet high and he weighs around 150 pounds. He used to weigh nearly 200. He is still round. His head is made to seem rounder by his lack of hair, and by the two big, round lenses of his thick, horn-rimmed glasses. About his mouth is a narrow mou-lache. He smokes a pipe, a lot of pipes, almost incessantly. About the corners of his

mouth and in his eyes there is a merry twinkle that makes him look as though he had just put a thumb-tack upside-down on the seat of the secretary of state's chair, then walked off and left it. He is that puckish in appearance, but really the soul of dignity and oh so very, very shy.

Pasvolosky has been in on every play of the world peace organization game since early in 1941, when Cordell Hull set him up "Chief of Division of Special Research to Begin Planning How to Prevent Another World War." This was months before Pearl Harbor. But already it was apparent the United States would be drawn in eventually and at considerable cost. So, while everyone else in the country was planning for war, Dr. Pasvolosky and the staff of some 50 scholars and experts he assembled began planning for peace.

By July of 1944, an American plan for world security organization had been drawn up. With similar British, Chinese and Russian plans. It became the basis for Dumbarton Oaks discussions last fall. They, in turn, became the basis for the San Francisco charter.

Pasvolosky was at Dumbarton Oaks as the U. S. technical expert. Speaking Russian fluently, knowing the Russian ways of thinking, he was able to reconcile many differences. At San Francisco, he was chairman of the coordinating committee, made up of the top technical expert from each of the 50-nation delegations. This coordinating committee had to review the work of all the drafting committees and commissions, take out the inconsistencies and then put the whole business into a workable document. No wonder he knows the answers and no wonder the senators turn to Leo for the detailed explanation of how this thing is going to work.

In addition to this expert's knowledge of the UNO charter, Dr. Pasvolosky is generally credited with having played a leading part in the creation of the economic and social council. At any rate, that is one of his pets. If the world is really to maintain peace and security, he believes it must be done through the establishment of friendly and profitable trade relationships between all nations.

why the army did not make sure, in advance, that men bound from one theater of war to another would, at least, ride in comfort.

But, without attempting to say who it might be, certainly someone was to blame. And it is proper that the responsibility should be fixed. It is not enough to do everything possible to insure that such things do not happen again.

True enough, the shortage of railroad equipment is serious. But no American will be easily persuaded that the shortage is so acute that any soldier should be required to share a seat with two others, and to sleep in the aisle, during a trip across the United States. That sort of business cannot be justified so long as there is one Pullman car being used for civilian travel, or for any purpose except, perhaps, the movement of sick or wounded veterans. If this means discomfort for civilians, or that many of them are to be crowded off trains entirely, what of it? How many civilians would be willing to trade places with Pacific-bound fighters, even if they could travel like royalty?

Doubtless it is the official job of ODT and the railroads to provide the equipment on which soldiers are transported. But, unofficially, it is the job of every American, including everyone connected the war department and the armed forces, to make sure that the accommodations are the very best available. And it will be difficult to persuade any American citizen that the best available should be anything worse than equipment in which the nation's fighting men can travel and sleep in comfort.

SO THEY SAY

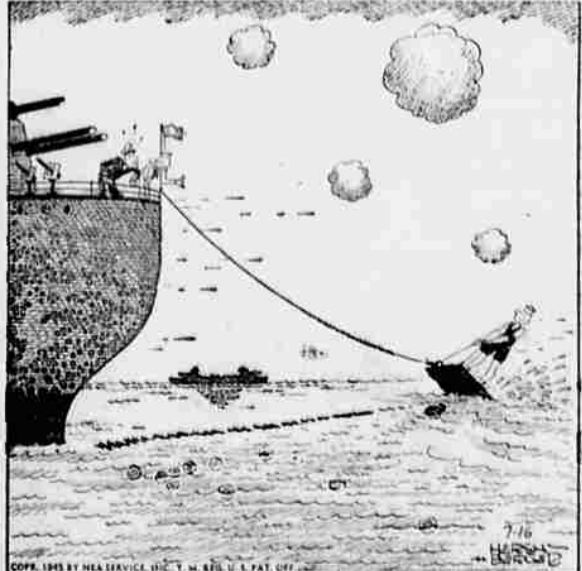
Despite its infirmities, the San Francisco charter is a sound basis for seeking organized peace.
 —Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan.

The Russians are great guys, happy and have a lot of fun. They never worry about getting hurt or killed. They live for the minute, but they're good soldiers.
 —Sgt. Harry Middleton, Detroit.

While we plan and produce for the destruction of Japan, we must work toward the kind of well-timed transition that will prevent depression from coming to us as the guest of peace.
 —War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson.

If Christ came to earth today he wouldn't give the parable of the tares and wheat, but a parable of a man who threw a spanner (monkey wrench) into the works.
 —Dr. Christopher, bishop of Rochester of the Church of England.

Funny Business



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"He couldn't get home to spend his leave at a seashore!"

This Curious World

THE ANDEAN CONDOR RANGES FROM 20,000-FOOT ALTITUDES TO SEA LEVEL.

Quoting Odds
 "TO DO CURTAINS UP, YOU TAKE THEM DOWN," SAID ALICE RAGLAND, LEVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

COCHINEAL, A POWDER MADE FROM MEXICAN PLANTS, WAS ONCE USED TO GIVE THE PRETTY PINK COLOR TO CANDY.

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NEXT: Was the robot bomb a new idea?