

Re-Birth of a Nation



The Dangerous Little People

The polite little people of Japan are bending over (not backward, but far forward) to show the occupying forces their willingness to co-operate. They are saying that they think democracy is a fine, desirable thing. So sorry, please. Shake hands like after tennis match. No hard feelings.

The polite little people of Japan are being revealed as unspeakably barbarous by newly released allied prisoners who, day after day, tell new stories of brutality, burning, suffocation, torture and indignities which debase the word "civilized" — a word once applied to the Japs.

These polite little people are showing their conviction that their emperor's order, and not superior force, ended the war. One reporter in Tokyo says they feel embarrassed now, but that "next time they will do better." He describes their feeling of the present defeat as being a "breather between rounds."

The Sultan of Johore says the Jap commander of Singapore told him he hoped the peace would last for 20 years — "and then we will be back."

Japanese industrialists blame defeat on the Tokyo bureaucrats, and on the failure of the army and navy to co-operate. Next time they, too, hope that the difficulties will be ironed out.

In short, the polite little people of Japan are showing themselves to be a hypocritical, deceitful, vengeful tribe who don't know yet they've been licked.

Funny Business



"They've been doing it that way ever since the fullback came back from the army mortar squad!"

SO THEY SAY

If no outside imports (of coal) are forthcoming, (liberated) nations of Europe will be 80,000,000 tons short of their normal needs and some 30,000,000 tons below essential requirements for existence. —Report, Office of War Information.

Americans cannot afford the human misery nor the economic waste of large-scale protracted unemployment. —John W. Snyder, Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction.

If UNRRA fails in its mission, the name of the united nations will be a mockery in Europe. —Herbert Lehman, UNRRA director.

One sure way to learn the needs of foreign countries and how UNRRA is functioning is through free access to news from abroad. —Rep. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—State and local government purchasers are getting ready to make a long list of charges against Stuart Symington's surplus property board. They claim the board has completely ignored the legal preference states and cities are supposed to receive.

According to the surplus property act, agencies of the federal government are to have the first chance to buy surplus military goods, with state, county and municipal governments offered the next chance.

Actually, however, the purchasing agents for local and state governments complain they are being by-passed wherever possible. A senate committee investigator checked at Fort Meade last week to discover a fleet of used army trucks was being sold to dealers only—without state or local representatives being given an invitation to bid.

At Fort Bragg, N. C., the surplus property board okayed an army move to sell tire manufacturers several acres of used truck tires at \$30 a ton. The tires were declared class C-1 by the army.

However, North Carolina heard about the deal. Like many other states, North Carolina has had to delay considerable road work. So a tire specialist was sent over to examine the tires at Fort Bragg, and found they would be an excellent buy for state use.

He was not permitted to buy any of them, however. Instead, carloads have been going out at \$30 a ton to U. S. Rubber company and other rubber manufacturers, who are reselling the mat \$40 a ton to independent tire repair companies. Once repaired, these tires are put on the market at ceiling prices for used tires.

While North Carolina is unable to get any of these tires, a carload of them was delivered only last week to the Goodrich agency in Raleigh, the state capital, for repair and resale at ceiling prices.

State agents were told also by Fort Bragg's salvage officer, Capt. V. Y. Jones, that 2,000 class C tires (repairable for army use) recently have been declared surplus. So far, states and cities have not been permitted to bid.

Army Discharges

Rep. Lyndon Johnson of Texas is preparing to blast the army regarding the following point in the muddled discharge situation: The army's announcement men with 45 points or more will not be sent to the Pacific means more than 2,000,000 men will neither be sent overseas nor released. In other words, men with between 45 to 80

points will have to mark time in this country doing nothing.

Another blast congressmen plan to launch against the army is illustrated by the remark of Maj. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada, of air force counter-intelligence. General Quesada admitted to his staff of 28 officers it had been recommended they be cut to a peacetime force of five officers.

"But," he added, "I'm letting three of you be discharged and keeping 25. If I kept only five officers, I'd have to go back to my permanent rank of captain."

In other words, a general cannot be a general unless he has a large number of men to command. The more men discharged from the army, the less justification for generals. So with an all-time record of 1,600 generals, you can understand why discharges move slowly.

Picketing Bilbo

Edward Bykowski, discharged army veteran who picketed the Washington apartment of Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi for three weeks despite a game leg, has gone back to New York for hospital treatment.

With him he has taken over 500 letters of support from all parts of the country—including one which actually got to him despite the fact it was addressed "care of Senator Bilbo."

Bykowski also has the satisfaction of knowing that he forced the gentleman from Mississippi to get up earlier than usual in the morning.

Bilbo did not like being picketed, and when he found that Bykowski was always on hand at about nine in the morning, the senator started getting up earlier. By gradual stages, he finally found himself leaving the house as early as 7:15 in the morning—but Bykowski was always there.

Capitol Chaff

It was Senators George and Russel of Georgia who really did the backstage spade-work to have Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia invited to be solicitor general. Wanting to get him out of Georgia so he wouldn't run against either of them for the senate, the two senators hinted to Hannegan for the popular young governor to be brought to Washington. Note—The Georgia light and power company also was delighted... Hugh Wilson, whom FDR once made U. S. ambassador to Germany, is now working for the republican national committee. He is trying to recruit expert investigators from the office of strategic services to act as republican sleuths to investigate democratic foreign policy.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Parents who want cooperation instead of squawks from junior are told that "small fry" react more obligingly to pleasant requests than to scoldings, and to positive rather than negative suggestions. For instance, parents should say, "See if you can keep the water in the bathtub, Willy," instead of "Don't splash the water, Willy."

Well, how about—once pleasing the customer instead of insulting him is again the order of the day—giving sales people and others who deal with the public a list of "better ways to say things?"

For example, "Shoes are on the second floor," instead of "You'll have to go to the second floor."

"I'm sorry, but we haven't a purple suit in the store," instead of "But purple just isn't being worn this season."

"I'm sorry you didn't find just what you wanted," instead of a contemptuous shrug

of the shoulders or "I've showed you everything we have."

"The store manager, Mr. So-and-so on such and such a floor is the person to see about that," instead of "You'll have to see the manager. I don't know anything about it."

"I'm afraid there are several ahead of you—but I'll take care of you as quickly as I can," instead of "You'll have to get in line."

"Could I help you, please," instead of "What is it you want?"

"I'm sorry but we haven't a size 42 left," instead of "That isn't made in anything larger than an 18."

"I'm afraid this isn't your size," instead of "This is way too small for you."

The gracious, pleasant phrase isn't any more trouble to use than the one that irritates. And it certainly would pay off in the better humor of Mr. and Mrs. Public.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Slangy GIs in the China-Burma theater have given their own pet names to the Chinese national heroes, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and H. Sun Yat Sen. They are "Shanky Jack" and "Sun-set Sam."

Eugene H. Dooman, born in Japan of American parents, was recently removed from a top position as a Japanese expert in the state department. His retirement drew from one of the advisers on Japanese policy in the war department the comment, "in all the world there were only three people who believed in the divinity of the Japanese emperor. One was the emperor himself. The second was Admiral Yamamoto. The third was Eugene Dooman of the state department."

Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, who was in charge of the atomic bomb project for the war department, says all explosions are freaks. He should know. When he was a young officer, he happened to be in a room where a half pound of TNT was accidentally exploded on the floor. The man holding the TNT was killed and Groves himself was badly injured. One man lost the sight of an eye, another had his leg scratched. Another escaped uninjured. General Groves tells this story to explain the first eye-witness of the flash instinctively pulled a blanket over his head, rolled under the bed before the force of the blast reached him and so escaped uninjured.

At Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson's first press conference he was asked why Spruille Braden had been ordered back to Washington before completing a scheduled trip to South American capitals. Acheson confessed that with Secretary of State Byrnes and his staff in London and with three new assistant secretaries in the department, he simply had to have more help.

"If something doesn't happen around here to relieve me," the dignified Acheson said frankly, "They'll have to carry me out on a stretcher."

An aide dashed into Gen. Brehon Somervell's office the other day to warn him that some of the army brass was considering an order to require officers to wear full dress uniforms for formal ceremonies in Washington. "They better not," said the general quietly. "Those epaulets on a four star general's dress uniform cost \$60 a pair." The order was not issued.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson figures the two billion dollar atomic bomb saved the U. S. money. He figures it this way. The peak of U. S. war expenditures was 250 million dollars a day. "That means," says Vinson, "that if the atomic bomb shortened the war by nine days, we were more than repaid for its cost."

CIO political action committee recently started a drive to collect one dollar from each member to support a publicity campaign on its objective. Copy for a full page ad was prepared and sent to all the labor presses. Then it was hastily withdrawn. Reason was through a typographical error they had listed as one of their goals, passage of the full "unemployment" bill.

If Assistant Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman gets Paul V. McNutt's job as federal security administrator, he will be filling a post for which he was originally slated four and a half years ago when FSA was given to him at his request. To McNutt, it looked like a great political springboard and a chance to endear himself to millions of Americans through social security and welfare benefits. But it didn't develop that way and now McNutt has gone to the Philippines as its commissioner. That put Chapman in the running again.



"I know you're only being true to the navy, dear, by wearing those things—but after all, I've seen nothing but sailors for 14 months!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

America's Card Authority

PLENTY OF 'IFS' TWENTY BID GAME

Mrs. Doris Fuller of New York told me about an interesting hand in a duplicate game at the Meadow Club at Southampton, L. I. South, not vulnerable, made the terrific opening of five diamonds. The surprising thing about the hand is that not one West player took any action against the five-diamond bid. In every case East overcalled with five hearts.

South, having bid five, decided he might as well go to six diamonds, and East was stuck; he could not bid six spades.

A card game hand diagram showing a deal. The dealer is South. The cards are: South: 832, 976, 1065, AQ107. West: KQJ, 2, A, KJ986, 432. North: A 1097, 64, A Q J 10, 854. East: None, None. Duplicate—E-W. vul. South: 6 Pass, 6 Pass. West: 6 Pass, 6 Pass. North: 7 Pass, 7 Pass. East: ? Pass, ? Pass. Score: 19.

ly would have bid six. I doubt that it would be possible to get into seven spades unless South bid seven diamonds. Nevertheless, seven spades is ice-cold. A diamond opening is won with dummy's ace, while a club opening is ruffed. The heart finesse should not be taken. The second heart lead drops the king and the hand can be spread.

IN FORMER YEARS

Thirty Years Ago—

There are but two schools in Union county not in operation. These are rural and will be going by next week, according to the county school superintendent, who went out to Imbler and Allice to inspect nearby schools before her departure, that the schools of the county are rapidly striking their gait for the winter months.

La Grande municipal election is practically two months off, but the matter of candidacies for commissioner is being discussed with mild vim at this early date.

Fifteen Years Ago—

The ornamental street lighting system, consisting of three blocks—along Fourth from Adams to Washington and down Washington from Fourth to Elm—which was petitioned for in April, was favorably passed upon last night by the city commission.

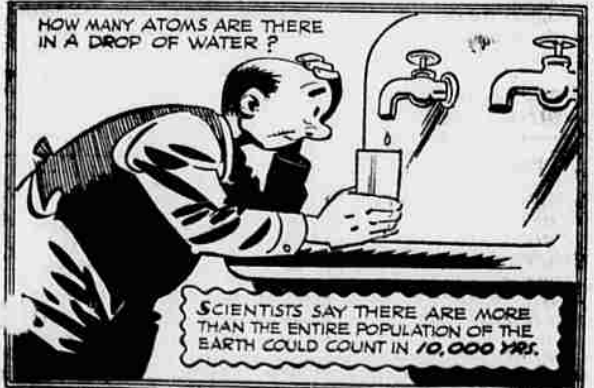
The solicitation being conducted by a chamber of commerce committee to secure \$500 for use with the government and county money in building the Mt. Emily scenic highway, was far enough along today to indicate success.

Ten Years Ago—

Prune growers of Union county, at least those whose orchards are bearing well, are looking forward to an excellent season. Picking is scheduled to begin Sept. 23, and will continue for the following two weeks.

Approximately 80 percent of the money needed to assure Union county of a first aid car to answer emergency calls, has been subscribed, and possibly half of the remaining 20 percent needed is regarded as sure to be raised within the next week or so.

This Curious World



Quoting Odds

WHEN A GOLFER CHIPS IN, HE HOLES OUT," SAYS MRS. DICK DAVIS, Asheville, North Carolina.



NEXT: High harvest in Arizona.