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Every Mother Goes Through This Worry Period



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

KANSAS CITY—Navy insiders are hoping for a new deal regarding discharges, recognition of reserves and other navy injustices, following the shake-up in the navy's bureau of personnel and the impending exit of Adm. Ernie King. In fact, some fresh air already has blown into the department.

To get the full picture, it's necessary to realize puppet of hard-boiled, high-handed Admiral King. The late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox was at sword's points with King most of the time. The admirals would meet in formal session with him, show him a few routine cables and adjourn.

Later, King and his close associates would handle the really important cables, which neither Knox nor Undersecretary James Forrestal knew existed.

Admiral King pulled his own Annapolis classmates all around him. He formed the most powerful clique the navy has ever seen, with no one able to penetrate it, least of all the secretary. The older men of King's time at Annapolis (he is 65) got the chief plums, and the others bore the brunt of the fighting. Antagonism against King was especially bitter among Annapolis men between the classes of 1917 to 1933.

Navy Storm Breaks

With the end of the war, however, the storm broke. Reserve officers and regular navy officers found censorship lifted.

Long before this, however, some of the younger officers on Secretary Forrestal's staff had tipped him off as to what was going on. They told him the important telegrams were not being shown him. They suggested that he go up to the communications room himself and look them over. Forrestal did, and, from that time on, he has had more to say about running the navy.

The man who handled promotions, transfers and discharges for King was Adm. Randall Jacobs, chief of the bureau of naval personnel or "Bupers." If you control "Bupers," you can pretty much dominate the navy.

But the end of the war caught both King and Jacobs completely off guard. In fact they were making all preparations for a full-scale invasion of Japan this fall. Furthermore, King did not want to see the navy reduced to anywhere near its peacetime size.

Forrestal Gets Tough

It was at about this point that Jim Forrestal began to get tough. Though he had been wise to King for a long time, he had been handicapped by the fact King was the special pet of FDR, and the late president considered it his job to run the navy. Forrestal was helpless.

With Truman, however, it was different. Truman not only believes in each cabinet member being responsible for his own department, but he also knew something about

the way Admiral King had ridden roughshod over the civilian secretaries of the navy. So the first move made by Secretary Forrestal was to remove Admiral Jacobs, the man with the key to promotions, transfers and discharges. Jacobs didn't want to go. He had a fine house at naval hospital supplied him by the government, with a couple of Filipino servants.

At first a special job was created for Jacobs. He was to be a full admiral with the magnificent title of "instructor general of the Pacific."

By this time, however, Forrestal was really feeling his oats. He was determined to run the navy himself. And public criticism against Jacobs' slow discharge system strengthened Forrestal's hand. He took away the glittering job in the Pacific and reduced Jacobs to the humdrum chore of running the Bremerton naval base near Seattle.

Furthermore, Forrestal brought into the navy a man who does not play on Admiral King's team, Adm. Lou Denfeld, and made him chief of personnel.

The Navy's Eisenhower

Then, to make matters worse, Forrestal brought in as Denfeld's assistant, Capt. John Gingrich.

Gingrich's career, in a way, might be compared to that of General Eisenhower. Like Eisenhower, he is the product of the Kansas prairies. Born in Dodge City, Kan., he graduated from Annapolis and did a great job in the war as commander of the cruiser Pittsburgh. It was Gingrich who towed the flaming carrier Franklin out of danger, covering up some glaring mistakes by other commanders.

It was Gingrich who nursed the Pittsburgh all the way across the Pacific when 100 feet of her bow was torn off by a typhoon—once again covering up some faulty construction.

But, somewhat like Eisenhower, who was fired by General MacArthur when they served together in Manila in 1938, Gingrich was "fired" by Admiral King. As a reward for his heroism, he was relegated to the sidelines, removed from command of the Pittsburgh, and given the innocuous job of chief of personnel at Miami, Fla. Gingrich had been offered several important jobs by admirals in the Pacific, but King "sent him to Liberia" instead.

At this point, however, Secretary Forrestal stepped in. He ordered young Captain Gingrich back to Washington as deputy chief of the powerful bureau of personnel.

The mothers, wives and sweethearts of navy men have a lot to be thankful for as a result. Both Denfeld and Gingrich, though Annapolis graduates, believe in recognizing the reserves, believe in speeding discharges, and understanding the problems of navy men.

Side Glances



"You bet I'm mad! He didn't know I baked the cake I served him at the bazaar, but he didn't have to say it tasted like goo he had once in Kyushu!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

GOOD BRIDGE STUDY IS DUMMY ENTRY

The bridge players of the nation can feel justified in celebrating at their forthcoming victory national championships tournament to be held at the Hotel Chelsea in Atlantic City, Dec. 1-9. Members of the American Contract Bridge League did a great job selling war bonds, raising funds for war causes, and creat-

for the orphans of our servicemen.

The whole point involved in this hand is entries into dummy. When a declarer finds all four trumps in the East hand, he must take what may prove a losing finesse in clubs to provide an entry to finesse East out of the king of hearts. When the club finesse works, the king of clubs can be overtaken with the ace and the contract made.

IN FORMER YEARS

Thirty Years Ago

La Grande's streets were today marched upon by more than 2,000 children—a parade long to be remembered as the most inspiring sight Union county has ever witnessed. It was the biggest event of fair week.

Last night the big "Forty-Nine" show of the La Grande lodge of Elks attracted a crowded house and the attendance was conspicuous in the respect that a large number of ladies caught the spirit of the great fun-making proposition.

The reports of dollar wheat at coast delivery points will undoubtedly stimulate sales of local crops. The jump came so suddenly there has hardly been time to announce the present wheat market status at home. The tendency has been that of an anticipated strengthening of prices. There have been a few sales the past week at figures around 80 cents.

Fifteen Years Ago

George Holcomb, of Portland, a member of the Julius L. Meier party now in La Grande, was the main speaker at today's Rotary club luncheon.

Between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. yesterday, the city hall was entered by some hoodlum who, noticing the janitor's coat and vest not in use, traded with said janitor, Al Harvey.

Ten Years Ago

The most pronounced changes during the last five years in Union county have been a 29 percent decrease in wheat, and a gain of 15 percent in hay and 44 percent in cattle, according to the 1935 federal farm census preliminary report.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Dear Anonymous U. S. army nurse who thinks that Yanks are lousy lovers:

You complain that American men have been spoiled by their successes in Europe—"Where chewing gum has supplanted conversation and chocolate bars superseded a build-up." You say they are due for an awakening when they get home.

Perhaps we women here at home had better warn you that the American men who stayed home are spoiled too.

True, they haven't found chocolate bars and chewing gum more persuasive than a build-up.

But they've been getting by with murder. Old boys who had been overlooked for years found they were being fought over during war years, when lonely girls were

plentiful and men were scarce.

Foreign women didn't spoil the men who stayed home. But the gals the Yanks left behind them did the spoiling.

So don't be too sure the Yanks will get their come-uppance when they get back home. They're going to look good to the girls after the men they have had to put up with. And likely as not, those unconvictional Yanks will find they don't have to talk much at home, either.

It is painful to have to send you such bad tidings. But it's the straight dope. If you were dreaming of America as a place where women are still fought for and cherished—you have just been dreaming.

So, hurry home. But don't expect much. Not if you don't want to be disappointed.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Well, the Arabs have come to town and pitched their tent in the high class Wardman Park hotel. That is to say, an "Arab office" has been opened there.

You won't find them camped out on the lawn or in the lobby but in a modern, hot and cold running water suite of their own—after it gets redecorated. They threw a cocktail party and press conference on Thursday afternoon to celebrate the grand opening, or as the man said, "this little housewarming party of ours, as you Americans would call it here."

The man was Ahmad Shukairy, of Acre and Jerusalem. Anybody expecting to see the head of the Arab office dressed up like those Saudi Arabian princes were at San Francisco—all ready to hop a camel and hump it across the desert—would have been disappointed. Mr. S turned out to be a smart young lawyer, dressed in a natty blue suit and a little moustache, with his black hair slicked back over a high forehead. He spoke English better than most Americans—only one split infinitive—and he is a smoothie. He read his statement with feeling but without gestures, and then got down to the business of answering some very tough questions as to why he was here and what he was up to.

Before Mr. S. got through, in nice polite way, he had practically declared war on anybody that had any ideas for sending any more refugee-immigrants to Palestine and on everybody that proposed interfering with Palestine's becoming an independent, sovereign Arab state. As he put it, Palestine was a link between the other Arab states and a sacred, living museum of Arab history.

Frankly and without fuss, Shukairy let it be known he was here as a registered

propagandist whose job is to put out information to counteract the propaganda of the Zionists. In short, the battle over whether Palestine ends up as a Zionist or an Arabian, or a British protectorate or some other kind of state is going to be fought right here in America as well as in Palestine.

Asked what the Arab nations would do to make Palestine a sovereign Arab state, Shukairy quoted Winston Churchill to the effect that when a nation feels its interest is at stake, it will take any step necessary. Asked if that means revolution, he ducked; he couldn't, he said, disclose the strategy of the Arab League.

It is the Arab league of seven nations—Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Transjordan—which is financing this new Arab office in Washington. The Arab League was formed last March. It has become an increasingly irritating thorn in the side of the European powers with holdings or ambitions in the Mediterranean area.

Present headquarters of the league are in Jerusalem, but may be moved to Cairo. There will be a second regional conference of the Arab governments later this month. These nations have a combined population of 70 million people in the Middle East and their lands are at the crossroads of the three old world continents. They have money and other assets. As Shukairy put it, the Arab territories are now looming as one of the world's largest producers of petroleum.

Four of the Arabian states have diplomatic missions in Washington, but they are limited by protocol as to what they can do or say. This new Arab office, however, representing the Arab league, is free to speak out and tell its side of the Palestine story, which is at least entitled to an even break

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EVENING OBSERVER - PROGRESS PROGRAM
IRRIGATION—Complete the Grand-Ronde Valley irrigation project
LA GRANDE — A city of 10,000 — Extend the city limits.

TODAY'S TEXT

Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.—Judges 10:14.

Unrepresentative Government

One sharp point of difference that stalled the council of foreign ministers in London concerned the makeup of Russian-influenced governments in certain countries of eastern Europe. Byrnes contended, with apparent justice, that these governments were not adequately representative of their peoples' wishes.

Here in the western hemisphere there also exists an unrepresentative government, perhaps the most unrepresentative on the face of the earth. And Byrnes can probably support his stand for a broader and more inclusive governmental structure in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary if, before the foreign ministers' next meeting, he takes more vigorous action to assist the freedom-loving people of Argentina.

Everyone knows the situation there is growing increasingly intolerable. The government of colonels, having been forced to put up a front of democracy to gain a seat at the San Francisco conference, has seized on the excuse of a threatened military revolt to begin an-

other general wave of repression.

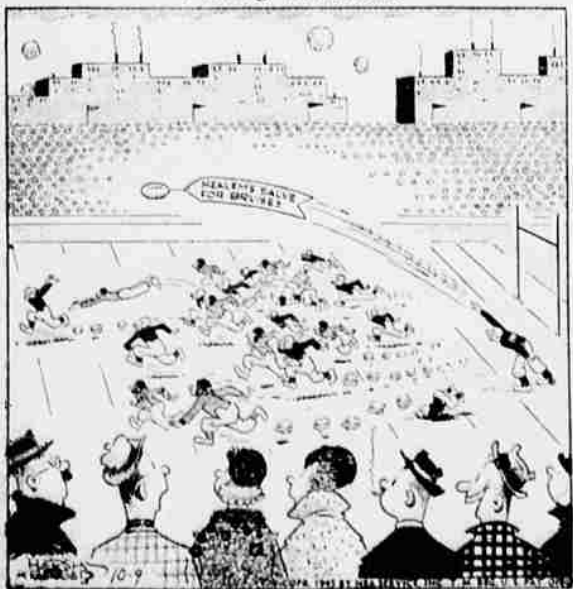
Byrnes is fortunate in having as adviser in Washington a brave and outspoken champion of Argentine liberty. Spruille Braden brings to his new job of assistant secretary of state in charge of Latin-American affairs an intimate knowledge of Argentina and its government, gained through his ambassadorship there; the obvious affection of most anti-Peron Argentines, and the oft-expressed feeling that we should not sit idly by while this fascist dictatorship flourishes.

A growing congressional sentiment for ending diplomatic relations with the Farrell-Peron government and imposing economic sanctions has been reported. If the United States should take such action, other American governments certainly would follow suit. The result might be the end of the military dictatorship.

The heads of that dictatorship have reason to be frightened. The roster of their latest batch of political prisoners indicate that all classes of civilian society are arrayed against them. And now the army's loyalty seems in doubt. The colonels' hold is growing shaky, and it shouldn't take too much of a blow to dislodge them.

Braden reports that the Argentine people's only wish is to restore constitutional government. Surely we have the duty to assist them by peaceful means. And, with that restoration accomplished, we should have a stronger selling point in our efforts to bring more democratic privileges to the peoples of the Balkans.

Funny Business



"He's advertising his father's business again!"

SO THEY SAY

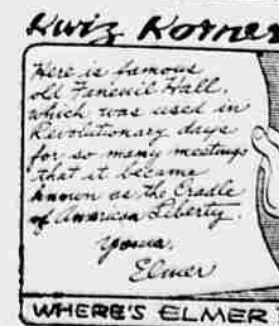
In the present state of world affairs, a strong military establishment is essential.
—Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War.

America's chief concern must be to keep enough of its new synthetic rubber plants in operation so that we will never again be caught short of a rubber supply as we were at Pearl Harbor.
—Akron, O., Beacon Journal.

The army has given us the best possible surgical and medical care, but the artificial limbs which are given us are crude and outmoded.
—Lt. Sol Rael, Brooklyn, N. Y., a disabled veteran.

Competition in the postwar world will be the most intense in our history. For nearly every need or use, there will be many materials. This means the buyer will again be king.
—John D. Diggers, president, Libbey-Owens-Ford company.

This Curious World



ESKIMO MEN, DURING A SINGLE MEAL, HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CONSUME MEAT EQUAL TO FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL WEIGHT!

ANSWER: Boston, Mass.

NEXT: The bat isn't so batty.