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## Remove Taxes on Margarine

For sixty years the dairy industry has fought margarine through punitive legislation. Federal law imposes heavy license fees on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of uncolored margarine with lighter fees charged wholesalers and retailers on uncolored. In addition 10 cents a pound is levied on each retail sale of colored margarine and 1/4 of a cent on uncolored. Some states have additional taxes or bar margarine altogether. Oregon has defeated attempts to levy such taxes.

Various arguments were used originally against margarine: It was manufactured in unsanitary conditions. It used foreign oils. Coloring it like butter was an attempt to deceive the consumer.

Margarine was deficient in food values. Time has pretty well removed these objections. Margarine now is manufactured from domestic vegetable oils, from soybean or cottonseed, in modern sanitary plants. Through addition of vitamins it has been made fully equal to butter in food value. Both butter and margarine are sold now in carefully labeled cartons; the public is quite familiar with each; so the chance of deception is pretty well erased. As for coloring, butter itself is artificially colored most of the year. We cannot follow the reasoning which gives butter an exclusive claim to yellow as a color.

In view of these facts it is difficult any longer to defend the legislation against margarine. It seems like putting an unfair hobble on a competitive product. The dairy industry is honestly fearful that taking off the taxes and permitting the sale of colored margarine will "jeopardize the whole dairy industry," as Congressman Murray of Wisconsin says. But that is taking far too gloomy a view. Butter has an important place in the diet and will retain it. It may be that the ratio of margarine consumed will increase, but that need not sound the doom of the dairy industry.

Butter has long been the backbone of dairying, but its relative importance within the industry is shrinking. Fluid milk for consumption, ice cream, cheese, evaporated and powdered milk offer presently huge markets which will permit great expansion. Over the years it should be possible to lower production costs of butter and thus prevent losses of sales.

This is a great dairy country and a great butter-producing state, and our personal sympathies are all with the dairy industry. But we can't justify now the artificial protection afforded by government under pressure of the dairy farmers and butter-makers. And we have full confidence that the dairy industry, shorn of this prop, will be fully able to stand alone in competition with colored oleo.

The issue comes to a head in congress with hearings on 18 bills to repeal the discriminatory taxes.

The Man from Waukegan  
Name-it-and-you-can-have-it lotteries have become part of the American scene, like double-features and singing commercials. The "Walking Man" contest was the epitome—it was, in the vernacular, "real gone".

How America loves a Cinderella story! Little, old, gray-haired Mrs. Florence Hubbard—nothing ever happened to her. But she had a good reason why people should support the American Heart association; her husband died of heart disease. Now, with \$22,500 worth of prizes, she can cast off her humdrum existence with Chicago's proletariat and take off for romance and high adventure. Just like millions of housewives and shop girls dream of doing.

How America loves a worthy cause! Contributions to the heart association fund for research in heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer, came to \$1,500,000. Contestants who didn't place can feel like good cooks. Donors of the prizes got their share of publicity, and MC Ralph Edwards has it made as an all-time promoter.

And how America loves a good gag! Comedian Jack Benny, his fiddle and his "hmmmmmm" quartet, are welcome Sunday afternoon visitors in millions of homes, as sure of a laugh as Junior's first bright saying. The contest will give Jackson's jokes-must material for weeks, i.e. Rochester: "Hello, master, this is metropolitan." And, hence, Benny can begin with, "LS/MFT—Let's Sit, My Feet're Tired." Etc.

But if these shenanigans continue indefinitely, the listening public, brain-weary from trying to decipher obscure riddles and ear-sore from straining for that phone to ring, will react to contests like they once did to auctions at war bond drives—they'll start walking... the other way. Then the "guess who" games will be real gone—for good.

Trade in China  
An AP writer from Shanghai reports that extensive private trading is carried on in China between areas controlled by the government and those dominated by the communists. The latter control mostly the rural areas. They bring in their products to the cities and take back with them kerosene, farm tools, sometimes American-made weapons or jeeps.

This should not be surprising. The Chinese have operated like that for centuries. Generally they have had some war lord or bandits on their backs. They have learned to carry on their occupations and trade regardless of what general was boss of the countryside. They had to do this to survive.

China will somehow manage to go on no matter which side wins in the current civil war, and even if neither wins and the strife goes on and on as it has, in some form or other, for centuries.

Minister of the Interior  
In this country the secretary of the interior is administrator of public lands, of reclamation, of unorganized areas (Alaska, Puerto Rico) and a medley of other bureaus such as mines, fish and wildlife service, etc. In continental countries of Europe the minister of the interior has a different function. He is chief of the internal police system. The countries being smaller the police system is usually nationalized with the minister of the interior at its head.

That is why the communists make a grab for this office at first opportunity. Once in control of the police they have the grip for the final coup to gain control of the government. The only competent opposing force would be the army. In Czechoslovakia they put their man in as minister of the interior and a stooge in as head of the army. The pushover under such a deal was easy.

The base of communist control is control of the police. With 101 inches of snow reported at Santiam pass the fish will not have to swim on their sides this summer to keep submerged.

Highway Department  
To Consider Road Bids  
Bids for highway department projects aggregating expenditures in excess of \$1,000,000 will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday and Friday.

This will be one of the largest contract lettings in the history of the commission. Included in the proposals is construction of the new highway from New Era to Oregon City.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

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religious movements as the Reformation; or art without reference to sacred art; or literature without reference to some of the great sacred writings; or biological science without getting into conflict with fundamentalists groups that deny Darwin's theory of evolution. Surely the schools should not be required to tear out all such pages from textbooks.

As far as church groups are concerned they will have to reorganize their programs. Fundamentally they will have to stand on their own strength. Children do need instruction in religion; but the responsibility falls back on the home and the church. The school can no longer be used as a prop to lean on.

A somewhat different clash arose recently in Newark, N. J. There a Catholic school, of the schools, a Catholic, banned the magazine The Nation from the schools because it published a series of articles which offended many Catholics. That seems an arbitrary exercise of authority. While the church may ban the magazine for reading by its communicants it does not seem just that non-Catholic students should be denied access to the magazine.

The basis of the success of the American system is tolerance. Our constitution guarantees freedom of religion. The public schools which are open to children of all sects have to delete anything which might carry religious bias. Without doubt this leaves a great void in youth education; but the court has made it clear that instruction in religion must be carried on outside the public schools.

## Scout Circus Plan Aired by Committeemen

Rough plans for the Cascade area Boy Scout council's fourth constitution scout circus on May 8 at the state fairgrounds were outlined at a meeting here this week by circus committeemen.

Floyd Bowers and Floyd Seamster, co-chairmen of the major activities committee of the Salem Lions club, which is helping sponsor the circus, appointed a circus executive committee.

The committee consists of Lions Roy Stewart, Julian Burroughs, and Seamster and Jerry Scott, assistant scout executive, and Gardner Knapp, scout council camping chairman. Advisers are Bowers and R. W. Land of the Lions club and Gordon Gilmore, council scout executive, and Harry Michelsen, assistant executive.

The circus will be held in fairgrounds horse show pavilion as it was last year when 2,500 scouts performed scout skills and contests for 4,000 spectators. A parade through Salem streets beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the 8th will precede the circus proper which is to start at 8 p.m.

## Apartments on Permit List

A four-court apartment construction project and two moving projects were among building activities approved by city permits issued Tuesday by the building inspection department.

Emm Blixgrath received a permit for the apartment construction, estimated to cost \$7,000, at 1642-48 S. 13th st.

Vernon Wiscarsen was authorized to move a house from 1130 Marion st. at the site of the proposed retail trade center, to 1890 N. Cottage st., at an estimated cost of \$2,900. Chandler Brown was permitted to move the small restaurant building just east of Capitol theatre, around the corner to 128 S. Church st., at a cost of \$1,500.

Repairs ranging in value from \$50 to \$250 were approved for the Salem YMCA garage, 141 S. Winter st.; George Grabenhorst, for an office at 360 1/2 State st.; and Catherine Shand for a house at 845 S. Commercial st.

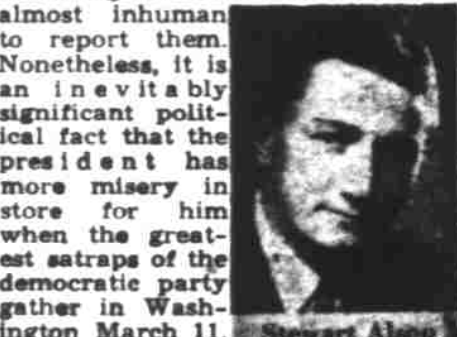


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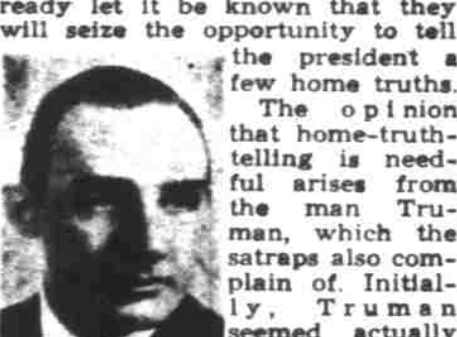
## MATTER OF FACT

### Even More Misery in Store for Truman as Political Meet Nears

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop  
WASHINGTON, March 9—The miseries of Harry S. Truman are becoming so numerous that it is almost inhuman to report them. Nonetheless, it is an inevitable political fact that the president has more misery in store for him when the greatest straps of the democratic party gather in Washington March 11.



This is the date of the executive committee of the democratic national committee. Several of its members have already let it be known that they will seize the opportunity to tell the president a few home truths.



The opinion that home-truth-telling is needed arises from the man Truman, which the straps also complain of. Initially, Truman seemed actually to dislike the change in immense burden that had been laid upon him.

These followed a period when he simply and rather admirably resolved to bear the burden as best he could, letting the chips fall where they might. The results of this approach to his duties were good. These good results were in turn gratifying, and now the straps complain that the president is suffering from a bad case of presidentialitis.

Nothing is more difficult to penetrate than the obscurity which inevitably surround the personality and state of mind of a president. It does seem to be true, however, that the president has met his recent misfortunes,

his run of bad luck and his chickens coming home to roost with a curious mixture of complacency and sense of being unjustly persecuted. He is no longer so eager to be advised as in the past. He is not even aware how desperate his political situation is. Indeed he has no one to tell him how bad things are, for the voices of the few really competent men with continuing access to the White House are daily drowned by the smoking-gun jollity of Brigadier General Vaughan and the smooth reassurances of the purdy Dr. Steelman.

Hit the President with Facts  
The first stage of the straps' reaction to this situation will be to beat the president over the head with the grim facts. It may be expected they will tell him he has almost irretrievably lost the south. (There is a faint hope that the southerners may be wooed back by naming a southern vice president and re-using the 1944 civil rights plank in the 1948 convention platform. But even this hope is too dim to be voiced with real enthusiasm.)

What is almost worse, the straps will also tell the president that he is losing the mass vote in the north and that nothing can win this vote back except strong leadership.

The difficulty is that telling the president large numbers of home truths like these, even in the loudest and most menacing possible voice, will neither alter the man nor simplify his problem. At this juncture, in the opinion of the most competent democratic strategists, there is really nothing much that the president can do to restore himself. The real price of the southerners is the removal of Truman from the head of the ticket. The only real means of regaining northern mass support in present circumstances, is actually to put through the social and other measures which the president has advocated. And he would have to jail most of the congress to pass these measures.

The strategists close to the White House count on the inevitable worsening of the foreign situation to bring their man back. But the more impartial democrats are even unable to see hope in this grim remedy. "Truman isn't the kind of man," one of them admitted bitterly the other day "that people think they've got to keep in office just because there's a crisis."

Political Bigwigs Uneasy  
If all this is so, moreover, it is necessary to look forward to still another stage in the reaction of the great democratic straps. They made Truman, and he has not used the presidency in such a way as to prevent them from un-making him. On a recent trip around the country, one of the president's closest political advisers was shocked to discover how many party leaders wistfully speculated on whether Truman might not be induced to step aside in favor of General Eisenhower. For the present, of course, this is a mirage. But for the future it will certainly have meaning.

It does not mean, of course, that General Eisenhower, is any more likely to want to run as a democrat than as a republican. Nor does it mean that the president will actually be replaced at the head of his party's ticket in the election. It is simply a sign of very bad further trouble ahead. The southern governors are meeting immediately after the Ed Kellys, Frank McHales, Ed Flynn et al gather in Washington for the straps' rally. It is almost inevitable that the straps'

best efforts will not disclose a formula short sidetracking Truman for bringing the south into line again. The real trouble will start at the governors' meeting, when the southern rebellion is quite likely to become formal and official.

Then, if the deterioration continues, at least a few of the northern straps are quite likely to join in a putch, sometime in the spring, to make the president request a successor. The betting is still ten-to-one that the democrats at Philadelphia will nominate Truman. But after these preliminaries, the convention should be a somewhat melancholy gathering.

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## Lincoln Woman Told of Death Of Husband

LINCOLN, March 9 — Mrs. George (Aunt) Walling received a message Monday of the death by accidental drowning of her husband, George Leland Walling, 42, at Richmond, Calif.

Walling was fireman on the S. S. Bryant at the time of his death. He had been around the world several times on voyages. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Walling, he had moved to Lincoln from Portland when 19 months old and received his education at Lincoln school and attended Salem high school.

Surviving are his widow; small daughter, Marion Ruth; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Walling; a brother, Mrs. Juanita Upham, Mrs. Thelma Fisher, Mrs. Genevieve Camillo, Dorothy Walling, Marion Walling, and sons, nephews and nieces.

The body will be shipped to Salem for burial. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Clough-Barriek company.

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"I guess I got a bit careless, officer—I'm used to people avoiding me!"

## Comedians 'Mug' in WU Play



Ray Loter (left) and Ray Yocum, Willamette university seniors, champ cigars and sport straw hats in a scene being rehearsed for "Toujours Gaie," comedy to be presented by campus students Friday, March 12, to benefit the local campaign for the world student service fund.

## Glee Pay-offs To Be Part of Friday Play

"Toujours Gaie," musical comedy to be presented at Salem high school auditorium Friday, March 12 by the world students service fund group of Willamette university, will feature payoffs on Freshman Glee bets between the acts, Bill Smith, WSSF publicity director, announced yesterday.

Ray Yocum, Riverside, Ill., and Ray Loter, Portland, who play leads in the musical, have offered to pay off their losing Glee bets on the stage, as neither is a member of the Glee-winning freshman class.

Yocum, senior class president, and Loter, who heads the campus Sigma Chi, wrote the script, and Bob Johnson, Kodiak, Alaska, and

Glen Williams, Salem, arranged the music. Williams' band will accompany. Tickets will be on sale on the first floor in Eaton hall daily until Friday.

## 1,000th Vet Receives Loan

The 1,000th Oregon war veteran to obtain a state farm or home loan is Pete Herman, Sheridan route 2, it was reported Tuesday by W. F. Gaaranstrom, director of the state veterans affairs department.

Herman received a 12-year loan of \$4,500 for the purchase of a six-room frame house property, including garage, chicken house, barn and four-acres a mile west of Sheridan. The state department appraised the property at \$5,000 and gave Herman the full 75 per cent allowed.

## Your Doctor Backs Every Decision with Facts

There is a well-established scientific reason for every decision your doctor makes. He is guided in his opinions by the conclusions of authorities in the field of medicine. Even though you have had no recent occasion to consult a physician, it is well to have one in mind. Pay him a visit. Then when you need him he will be better prepared to care for you properly. When your doctor gives you a prescription, bring it to us to be filled. We are prescription specialists.

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