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Graft and Corruption, Then and Now

"Personally honest, he trusted too much in friends who were not, while his own failure as a farmer and businessman gave him an exages. He saw no harm in accepting costly m friends who used their positions to gifts fre espoil the public treasury. With men who loved good whiskey, fine cigars, and blooded horses, the luxuries of the day, he was perfeetly at home, but he never understood the milieu in which he found himself or appreciated the fact that he was the innocent tool of the worst elements of the political and business world of his time. An unostentatious and silent man who took his own counsel, (the President), when he took advice at all, generally followed that of second-rate men."

-A description of Ulysses S. Grant from "American Political and Social History" by Harold U. Faulkner.

The viewers-with-dismay love to fling generalities around. Right now they are saying that government was never so corrupt as now, that morals, political and otherwise, were never so low as now, that sin was never so rampant, etc. They ought to read their history books more.

The Civil War and World War I were followed by moral debacles, and in both cases political corruption mushroomed in local and national governments. The national administrations then happened to be republican, and republicans pointing their fingers at Washington today tend to forget that no party has a monopoly on virtue.

The Gould-Fisk gold conspiracy which threw the nation into financial panic in 1869 is the classic example of the low business morality and administrative ineptness during Grant's regime. There was also the Credit Mobilizer affair, in which members of the federal government were implicated in current speculation. There was the "Whiskey ring" scandal, and the Tweed Ring. There were the railroad land grabs. There were the carpetbaggers and scalawags in the South, the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, the whole Radical republican reconstruction fiasco, the disputed Hayes-Tilden election.

Things had got to such a pretty pass by the turn of the century that it took a whole era of reform, a legion of muckrakers, a lot of preachers, the press, and Teddy Roosevelt, to pull the country out of the morass.

Then public and private morals sank to the depths again after World War I. Remember Tammany? Investigations showed city governments permeated with carelessness and corruption from top to bottom. New York's Mayor Walker resigned rather than face public hearings. Millions of dollars appropriated by conas for WW I veterans were wasted or stolen while Forbes was director of the Veterans Bureau in the 20s. The Prohibition Enforcement Bureau was the most corrupt organization in Washington, Remember Teapot Dome? And all this under Harding, another well-meaning man with neither the understanding nor the quality of leadership necessary to guide the nation through a critical period. Now the U. S. appears to be going through another period of lax morality on the part of individuals in and out of government. Dragging out the old dirty linen of past republican administrations does not excuse corruption in the present democratic administration, but it does help keep the present in perspective. And a glance at the record is encouraging in that it shows that periods of less than exemplary behavior have been followed by eras of reform and progress. Judging from the investigations now

going on, the country is going to take the cure

Divided Loyalties

With Sunday morning's story on the All-Star Shrine Football game in Portland began the annual fall battle for headline space between football and baseball.

Everyone knows who is going to win in the end, just as everyone knows fall will replace summer, but what a great wad of ammunition baseball has left.

It strides into the fray a muscular giant at the peak of condition. Nationally, the American league race finds Cleveland and New York practically neck and neck as they enter a long 5-week home stretch with the Red Sox panting along not too far behind.

In Salem, our valiant Senators seem destined to climax their first home-owned season with a spot in the league playoffs. With Salem's farbetter-than-usual pitching staff, there seems reason to hope the Senators can whip 'em in the extra week's play.

Then comes the mighty world series - and perhaps Bobby Feller's big chance to win a world series game.

Yes, there's no question about it, baseball will be holding the headlines for some time to come. But, did you hear about that 60-yard run by Eugene's Merritt Barber in the Shrine game last Saturday-and what chance do you think Oregon State has against Michigan State in the opener?

Remember, they play at Lansing.

Wouldn't it be nice this year if there was a slight pause between the time the water bill eases off and the fuel bill starts to rise.

Editorial Comment A VERY POOR PROTEST

Officials of Willamette university have filed a protest against impending action of the Salem city council which would require permits for solicitors seeking funds for educational, religious or benevolent purposes.

It is a very prosper protest, not only on the established merit of some of these solications and the it is a municipal invasion of personal liberty and private initiative that should not be countenanced notwithstanding some cities have adopted such ordinances through apathy of their citizens or through an ordinance being slipped over without due publicity in the newspapers.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, is on solid ground in protesting the impending action of the Salem city council.



Measures Aim at **Gambling Czars**

By G. Milton Kelly WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(A)-Senators working on different fronts are aiming heavy blows at overlords and their subjects in the big time gambling world.

The senate crime investigating committee already has charged that organized gambling is the source of vicious interstate and inter-

that organized gambling is the source of vicious interstate and inter-national crime, including the illegal narcotics traffic. The committee, headed by Sen-stor O'Conor (D-Md), is writing another blistering report—its fin-al one—calling for a federal crack-down on underworld figures. The report is expected to contain some pointed comment on certain lo-cal law enforcement. It has until midnight Friday to complete it. midnight Friday to complete it. On another front, the senate finance committee, using a double-barreled section of the huge new tax bill, is taking careful aim at

Polish Women

By Gustav Svensson STOCKHOLM, Sweden,

"A woman in Poland today is

She told a story of women being

forced to do heavy labor and being sent to special labor camps

"from which no one ever returns

Miss Korczynska was the wom-

and which are entirely isolated

from the outer world."

Require Tax Forms This is a section to (a) levy 26-(AP)-A 21-year-old blonde who heavy new taxes on the gamblers' rich harvest and (b) require him fled Poland in a rattletran plane said today women - as well as to file detailed tax forms. men - are liable to end up on

The finance committee, headed by Senator George (D-Ga), has held quiet closed door huddles guilty of even slight offenses with federal authorities concern- against the red Warsaw regime. ing fine points of the section, but is silent on whether it plans even no longer treated as a woman, tougher language than the house Krystyna Korczynska said in an

gamblers' pocketbooks.

proposed. The section is a touchy one. The house ways and means committee itself pointed out in an official report that federal taxes on wagering sometimes come under fire on grounds that congress "is in effect sanctioning" an underworld activity.

The house committee rejected an in a quartet which landed at Bulltofta airport in south Sweden that argument, however. It de-Aug. 3 after a flight across the clared in a report to the house Baltic. The refugees said they enthat "since its inception the federal income tax has applied with- gaged in a gunfight before taking off from Poznan airport. Their out distinction to income from illegal as well as legal activities." plane contained several parts The crime committee had urged taken from other craft.

such legislation. **Estimate Made**

Admitting that it was shooting sudents, all members of the Pozin the dark, with no real basis for nan Amateur Flying club. Sweden the estimate, the ways and means has granted them asylum, along committee guessed that a \$50 oc- with 12 Polish navy mutineers who cupational tax and a 10 per cent docked here a day before the plane excise tax on the gross business landed. of professional gamblers would

year.

operated gaming devices, estimat- pay. ing the revenue at \$7,000,000 a

000,000 in the \$7,535,000 foreign get in on the ground floor and col- simple frock about 600 zloty, it ings through monthly returns, in- salary cuts. stead of annual reports.

George (D-Ga) told reporters he for penalties up to five years in political enemy, she said. is not satisfied with the \$964 .- prison and a \$10,000 fine for at-

amendment himself when the bill comes before the senate early this week, but said he hadn't yet determined the amount. Ferguson told a reporter he thinks the military and economic aid program "won't be hurt" if it is reduced sharply below the figures approved by the commit-

tempts to avoid or defeat the lucky if you get away with being

Truman's diplomatic troubleshoot-

Marshal Tito had agreed the sures

Homeward bound after his un-

man expressed his views at a

news conference. He had a five-

hour talk yesterday with Tito and

top-ranking members of the Yugo-

He flew on to Paris tonight.

Harriman said that he and Tito

were agreed also upon another

principal dangers of war lies in

miscalculation by the Kremlin of

reaction of western countries, es-

pecially the United States, to local

that the events in Korea may fur-

nish a lesson to - Moscow

He expressed hope and belief

"that

slav politburo.

Danger of War

aggression."

Views Similar

supplying.

of our views," he said.

dispute the statement."

Tito and his top lieutenants Yugo-

slavia's various needs, both eco-

nomic and military. He was asked

whether Yugoslav officials are sat-

isfied with the amount of military

equipment the United States is

Yugoslavia to need additional aid

this year-"a substantial amount."

Wheat Grown

He declined an invitation to go

Look to Example of Solon Suggests Walcott Prayer BIELEFELD, Germany, Aug. 26 (P)-A German bishop called on his flock tonight to take a Christian lesson from Americans "espe-

cially from the colored ones, once considered so inferior." Speaking before a mass meeting

body was stuffed into a sleeping of 60,000 Bishop Otto Dibelius of bag, taken out into Lake Orta Berlin, chairman of the council of and dumped overboard. To give color to their story that he had been killed in a raid from the fascists the party discharged shots which were heard across Walcott.

To Italian police and the during his big fight (with Ezzard army's criminal investigation di- Charles)," the Bishop said. "Where vision goes credit for solving the can we find something like this in

\$1 Billion Cut

the German Evangelical church, cited as a prime example of Christian practice the case of the world heavyweight champion, Jersey Joe

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 26

Walcott "prayed before and Germany and Europe today

(R-Mich).

At the same time, Senator 000,000 the senate foreign rela-

tions and armed services com- proposed new law, and requires put to inferior heavy work for mittees slashed out of President minute statement of the details of which women are physically un-Truman's \$8,500,000,000 request. George said he may offer an gambler would relish. "If the offer

In Foreign Aid WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 -(AP)year. An across-the-board cut of \$1,000,+ aid authorization bill was proposed today by Senator Ferguson

The men were her fiance, a 23year-old photographer, and two

interview.

"Working discipline is frightnet the treasury \$400,000,000 a fully strict in Poland," she said. "The slightest offense is being

The house bill also would boost punished-if you are lucky, you from \$150 a year to \$250 the oc- get off only with a cut in salary. cupational tax on the operators of If you are late three times in a slot' machines and other coin- month, the take away half your

"With an average monthly salary for a girl of only 300-350 zloty The house wants Uncle Sam to (about \$80-90) and the price of a lect the tax on each month's earn- is extremely hard to stand any

A refusal to work overtime puts As now proposed, the bill calls you on a record as a saboteur and

"You are fired and you are

"It the offense is repeated, you are transferred at once to fo Strength Key labor camps for women. These camps are among the most dreaded institutions in Poland today. "There existence is a strictly **Fo Peace**,' Tito kept secret but women who disappeared after controversies with the police have managed to smuggle out letters telling of them. "These women say they are being **Tells Harriman** guarded by Russians and 100 per cent reliable Polish communists. and have to work in mines, stone By, Alex Singleton quarries or on road construction BLED, Yugoslavia, Aug. 26-(AP)until they perish." W. Averell Harriman, President



the lake.

But for these privately raised funds for educational, benevolent and religious purposes, some cities would be sorry places in which to live. City officials do not encompass in their official work the work that is done through these funds in many instances. The institutions these funds support undergird many communities, and to pass a city law that none may do good in that way without a permit is the height of organized government nonesense and should be

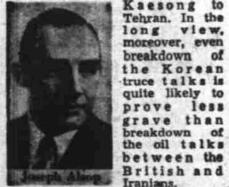
nipped in the bud. If some short-sighted city officials should ever get elected, and that is possible, soliciting even for Community Chest could be put under license.

The right to raise money for good causes is a personal liberty that need not be curbed by ordinance. There may be an occasion now and then, but only now and then, when the cause is a racket, but the public sooner or later is put on notice about rackets if the newspapers in their communities are any good. More power to President Smith in his protest. May he prevail. His institution in protest-ing is serving a good purpose.

-(Oregon City Enterprise-Courler)

Breakdown of Kore@Talks May Prove Less Important than Collapse of Iran Negotiations

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-The storm signals are out again all the way around the world, from Kaesong to



Iranians. The British government is reorted to hope that W. Averell Harriman may still manage to

patch up some sort of solution of the oil probm. The American policy-makers' feelings about Harriman are the feelingsofa sted horseplayer about an extreme long shot that may just possibly

save the day by Stewart Alsop ating the favorite in the eighth race. But since miracles cannot be relied on to occur with any larity, the coarse facts of the sian situation had better be

Einst, if the government of Dr. Sohammed Mossadegh cannot be prounded to accept a sensible oll ment, the next step will bly he an effort to make a controly be an effort to make a ore initianil government is dirar. Delay, self-delusion and her follies have caused the selfion in Tehran to deteriorate much that this effort numb ow be made under the worst finable auspices. The British no longer usefully partici-. Thus the whole onus of that necessarily seem a rather intervention in Iranian

politics will have to be borne by the Americans. There will be serious disorders, perhaps blood-shed. And the effort may well to our necks.

Tehran. In the Second, if it proves impossible long view, to get an oil settlement by replacing Dr. Mossadegh, the Brit-ish decision to move troops to moreover, even breakdown of the Korean occupy Abadan island (the site truce talks is of the vital oil refinery) will come into operation. One of these reporters predicted long since prove less grave than that the British would be forced breakdown of to this decision, if only as an object lesson to the Egyptians the oil talks between the and others who are longing to imitate the Iranian experiments with twisting the lion's tail. In the lull secured by Averell Har-riman's efforts, it leaked out in London that the decision to move

troops if need be had actually been taken by Prime Minister Attlee and Winston Churchill in bi-partisan consultation.

Third, if the British move their parachute brigade from Cyprus to Abadan, there will certainly be hard fighting, at least for a while, although the fact that Abadan is an island should prevent a recurrence of the Korean pattern.

Fourth, the Soviets are quite likely to take a British troop movement into south Iran as a pretext for sending Rus troops into north Iran under the vague clauses of the 1921 treaty.

Or if the Soviets hold their hands, the Iranian nationalists are even more likely to be re-placed at Tehran by the communist Tudeh party - for the shaky existing structure of the Iranian government can hardly hold together after the shock of a British landing in the south. Meanwhile, the rest of the middle east will be plunged into sympa-thetic convulsions. hetic convul

Fifth, and finally, whether we like it or not, America is going to have to stick by Britain in this hideous business in the U.N. and business in the U.N. and

political interests in the middle east are quite as important as British economic interests. In short, we are in the mess too, up

> Under the circumstances, prayers for Averell Harriman's success seem to be in order. So are bouquets for what he has accomplished already, for it must be understood that when the Harriman mission to Iran was first despairingly proposed by Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee, the position seemed even more hopeless than it does today. Most of the American policy makers actually opposed the project at that time, on the ground, so to speak, that there was no use throwing a good Harriman after bad diplomacy.

For years the British had done everything possible to produce an Iranian crisis, Then when the crisis began with the assassination of Gen. Razmara, we on the one hand did everything possible to make the British neurotic and irritable, from indulging in "I told you so" to talking behind their backs. And on the other hand, we also did everything possible to make the Iranians irrational and intractable, from giving the impression that we would prevent the British from sending troops, to beseeching Dr. Mossadegh to accept American economic aid as a great favor

In the resulting circumstances, it was no wonder that Harriman was checked, as he now has been, in his effort to bring the British and Iranians together. The won-der is, rather, that he managed to achieve even a short interlude of reasonable discussion of the oil problem. It was a little short of problem. It was a note short of miraculous for Harriman to accomplish anything at all. Per-haps, therefore, we may hope that he will now accomplish the larger miracle of finding a way

to avoid the chain of conse-quences outlined above. (Copyright, 1851, few York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

mystery. They first got confessions of the Italian partisans, then found the body, at the bot-**Police Swing** tom of the lake, well preserved, with bulletholes in the head. Lo-Dolce was found in America and after questioning confesed his part. Icardi, who attended law Sabers to End school on his return from the war, protests his innocence.

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Stockholm Riot The singular quirk of law is that neither LoDolce or Icardi can be tried in this country, and there is some doubt if they can be extradited for trial in Italy. Our civil courts cannot try them because the crime was not committed in this country. Since the men are out of the army they cannot be court-martialed. The ones who will stand trial are the two Italian partisans.

In mystery stories and in real crimes the "corpus delicti" is prime evidence. Here authorities have the body of Major Holohan. They have confessions (LoDolce is said to have repudiated his confession later). But for once laws intervene to prevent bringing the accused Americans to trial. The issue might be brought before the bar however, if Icardi would sue "True" for libel. ends.

ater.

How many more such cases are locked in the files, in documentary form or merely in the files of human memory? Life is cheap in wartime, passions run high, the spirit of mutiny stirs under the strains and stresses among fighting men. Hates are not always channeled against the enemy. Sometimes one becomes the victim of others wearing the same uniform as himself. An episode like the one related is exceedingly rare. Vastly overweighing it and others which may be like it are the stories of sacrifices made by service men in behalf of their comrades. We should not let this tale of hatred blur those of heroism which always have distinguished Americans in arms.

> **Better English** By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We shall be happy to accept of your invitation."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "roquefort" (cheese)? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Pastoral, pastime,

pasport, pasteurize. 4. What does the word "grada-

tion" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with ret that means "a review of the past"?

ANSWERS

1. Since you are accepting the invitation now, say, "We are happy to accept (omit of) your invitation." 2. Pronounce rokfor, both o's as in no, accent on first syllable preferred. 3. Passport. 4. Any degree or relative position in an order or series. "We are studying the gradations of business." 5. Retrospect.

Quote for the Day

Only people who do things are critized. --Wesley News

"A great deal of the military expenditures which are projected under this program can't possibly be made this year," the Michigan senator said. "It won't be possible

-(AP)- Police swung sabers and to get all of the equipment made in the heart of normally and delivered so that is no reason why the military fund can't be er, said today that he and Premier calm Stockholm early today to break up park hangers-on appar-ently rioting just for the fun of cut some.' Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of way to avoid war is to develop

the foreign relations committee al- military strength in their counready has said he would support tries. Police reported several persons a further cut of \$300,000,000 in injured in the large-scale fighting economic aid, even if the senate and arrested 16 men and three

refuses to restore that amount to British-Iranjan oil dispute, Harrimilitary funds as he proposes.

Junior Won't Eat

NEW YORK -(AP)- A baby usually triples its weight in the first year. If it kept on eating like it major point - that "one of the did in the first year, it would weigh 70 pounds by two years, and

700 pounds at four years. Dr. Lyon Steine of Valley Stream, N. Y., gives the estimates in an article in GP, journal of the Academy of General Practitioners. The point, he says, is that it's normal for the baby's appetite to decline after the first year, and on

are opposed to aggression." urally discussed the Kremlin and its tactics, and Stalin."



Stop screaming about Government inefficiency, Fignewion! . . . dging from your pay check, they have a pretty smooth way of getting their taxes"

Armed Forces Spending Bills Ready to Roll successful effort to settle the

> WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-(AP) Two bills carrying more than \$60,000,000,000 for the nation's fighting forces may make considerable progress in senate committees this week.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga) called for a billion-dollar-a-day pace from his armed services committee in its consideration of a \$5,780,000,000 military construction bill. He hoped to complete testimony this week and have the measure ready for senate action. It is an authorization for hundreds of projects-many of them super secret-asked by the army, navy and air force as they expand

practically all the United Nations to a permanent basis of 3,500,000 persons on active duty. Harriman said he and Tito "nat-Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) expects to wind up closed-door hearings on a record-breaking peacetime appropriation bill for "I was struck by the similarity the defense agencies during the

week. He heads an appropriations He quoted Tito as saying-as he subcommittee handling military has in several speeches-that an funds attack upon Yugoslavia could not The bill contained \$56,500,000,-

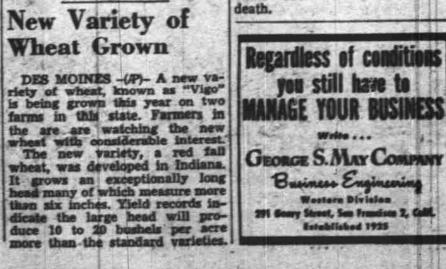
be localized. Asked whether he 000 as it passed the house. agreed, Harriman said: "I did not Both bills are on the "must list" He said he had talked over with

for action before the congress can hope to wind up the present long session

The construction bill provides for a ring of air bases in this country and other parts of the world intended to match the expanding air power of Soviet Russi. and her satellites.

Harriman made it plain that, on the basis of his talks, he expected

CHICKEN HOUSE PANIC NORTH BAY, Ont .- (AP)-A chicken hawk which swooped down on hunting with Tito because he had a farm near here killed 29 chickens without touching them. The to leave tonight by plane for Lon-don, where he will confer with Prime Minister Clement Attlee. chickens crowded into a corner of their coop trying to escape the in-vader and were smothered to



The weekend battles started when police raided Berzeli park, a favorite spot for prostitutes and their men friends. The park lies opposite the Royal Dramatic the-

Ever since, thousands of people have milled around the park every weekend night to watch the rioters take their "revenge" mothers shouldn't worry about it. the police.

women. One person had ribs splintered from a saber jab. About 50 policemen charged re-Don't Worry if peatedly into a crowd of several thousand and finally broke up the battle after several hours. The fights started soon after midnight. Crowds have rioted on a smaller scale and without any political motivation for the past six week-

State and and design and the second