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Talking Ourselves to Poorhouse

According to Sumner Schlichter, the eminent Harvard economist who gives advice occasionally to Washington, the worst is already over in the painful process of "disinflation". There are still plenty of trouble spots in business, but Schlichter thinks that by fall most of the whispers about impending "collapse" will have been silenced. Schlichter's views have been echoed by Charles Luckman, president of Lever Bros. (makers of Lux and many other products). In a recent talk at Los Angeles, Luckman challenged business men to throw away their crying towels and get out and sell their goods. Among other things he said:

"As a nation, we cannot afford to become economic hypochondriacs because a country, like an individual can worry itself sick."

Then we have Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder sounding off in Colliers against the prophets of doom. With 59,000,000 workers on the job, \$200,000,000,000 in liquid savings and personal income in 1949 estimated at \$215,000,000,000, with production still lagging behind demand in many lines (notably buildings), Mr. Snyder argues that the Kremlin is going to be mighty disappointed by the strength of capitalistic democracy for a long time to come.

Because we are always inclined to discount somewhat the optimism of politicians, we prefer to pass on down the line to humbler men. Our friend Irv Henning came in the other day with a quote from one G. N. Kaye, head of a large clothing manufacturing concern in the Mid-west. Kaye is urging his retailers to hit back at "buyers' strikes" by reminding their customers:

"If you don't buy what you need when you need it, just to wait for lower prices, you may be undermining your own job and your family's security."

Henning points out, for instance, that the recent cut of 22 to 74 cents a yard in the manufacturer's price of woollens means only about \$2.50 off the actual retail price of a man's suit, not the \$15 or \$20 drop many hope for.

"How far is this nation in danger of worrying itself sick? How far will these arguments for SPEND AS USUAL prevail with people who are harassed by a sense of insecurity?"

Living in a town which has a full quota of professional economists, we have always hesitated to pontificate on economic problems being inhibited by what Jim Gilbert, Crumbaker and others might say. As to waiting it out for the \$35 and \$40 suits, the clothiers of Eugene have little to fear in this organization. We told Mr. Henning:

"Most of us have always been just one pair of pants ahead of the laws of decency, and we won't be holding back after the next test."

However, seriously, in the last few weeks we have had occasion to visit many business men in all sectors of this community, and we have found little cause for fear — even in the lumber industry. It's the same old story:

Some concerns which were badly planned, under-financed or poorly managed are going to turn up missing.

Many of the stronger concerns have actually been adding to plant, increasing production and broadening their sales outlets.

Everywhere the emphasis is on SELLING and on CUTTING COSTS of doing business (which in many cases have been badly swollen in the wrong places).

The average worker is getting less overtime, but there have been few pay cuts and in most lines employment is full and regular.

In spite of some increase in unemployment, we would say that this is a much healthier community now than it was two years ago when budding Big Shots did business from the Country Club and teen-agers snooted at \$1 per hour to cut a lawn as "coolie wages".

There may be trouble from people who are over-extended on home mortgages, and the gold plate is wearing off in real estate. The new \$20 bills are just as good as the old ones (which isn't saying much according to those whose minds run back to 1914) but we aren't headed back that way.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By Peter Edson
NEA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

FDR, Jr., Gets Most Unusual Mail Mrs. Mesta Is Going Third-Class

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — New York Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., can lay claim to the most unusual batch of mail received by any legislator on Capitol Hill. While it's usual for congressmen to be swamped by appeals to vote for this or that bill, young Roosevelt has been swamped by offers of marriage. The deluge began right after his divorce by Ethel Dupont, and it hasn't let up.

Luxembourg Gets a Rating
President Truman has designated the newly established American legation at Luxembourg as only a "class three" establishment. That means Mrs. Mesta Mesta, the new minister, will get a \$17,500 salary. Class one ambassadors get \$25,000, class two gets \$20,000.

Who's Gonna Pay the Bills
Add to the mystery over President Truman's secret conference on British participation in atomic bomb production this further question: Who will pay the bills? With the British government in admitted financial straits, it is difficult to see where the money can be raised to duplicate the billion-dollar Oak Ridge, Hanford or Los Alamos plants, and to buy the uranium ore for processing.

Via Government Taxi
Maj.-Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, is in the dog house again for sending government staff cars on long drives just to give him fancy taxi service benefiting his rank when he steps off his plane. Recently the general inspected a new dam at Onocenta, N. Y. He flew to the site with his staff in a special DC-3 transport. The party was met on arrival by three staff cars. They had been driven overland from Baltimore, Md.—roughly 200 miles. They carried the inspection party from the airport to the dam site, then back to the airport where the general boarded his plane for the return flight. The three Army staff cars were then driven back to Baltimore, empty. An Onocenta taxi company said it would have been glad to furnish this serv-

ice for \$10. Two years ago, when he was still district engineer in the Missouri Valley, the then Colonel Pick was similarly criticized for sending staff cars on long trips to meet him at airports.

The Best "Europeans"

Dr. Gunnar Myrdal of Sweden, secretary of the United Nations Economic Committee for Europe, was in Washington recently for his annual visit. Discussing European recovery before a World Affairs Center meeting, Myrdal told about the difficulties in promoting more trade between European countries because of their intense nationalism. Then he declared, "Really, the best 'Europeans' in Europe today are the Americans administering the Marshall Plan."

U. S. Is Still at War

Trying to figure the motives of congressmen opposed to European recovery, the North Atlantic Pact and the military assistance program has been difficult for officials in charge of those programs. Sincere advocates of economy, who believe that the United States can't afford to contribute all this foreign aid, are hard to answer. The isolationists who hold that the United States can exist without any international co-operation whatsoever, just can't be talked to, because they won't listen to any reasoning. Best argument presented against both these groups thus far is that the United States is still at war—the cold war. If the United States loses this cold war, it may become involved in a hot one. The cost of a shooting war will be vastly greater than any cold war. Whether or not the United States wins this cold war is said to be entirely dependent on the strength of economic and military forces built up in western Europe in the next few years.

Middle-Bracket Housing

There's still one more piece of housing legislation the Truman administration would like to get through. It's a bill to provide housing aids for the middle-income groups. The housing bill just passed is intended to improve housing conditions for some 810,000 low-income families, as well as to clear many slums. The next step is to do something for families in the \$2500-to-\$4000-a-year income group. Labor unions are particularly interested in the welfare of this group. What they want are direct loans for single family housing developments, organized as co-operatives and made eligible for 100 per cent government financing on 40 to 60-year terms at 2 1/2 per cent interest, where private financing is not available. No action is expected on such legislation at this session, although several such bills have been introduced. They will still be on the calendar for consideration by Congress next year.

For Better or for Worse?

Recent tragic air crashes in various parts of the world have pointed up the lack of official statistics on international air travel. I.A.T.A., the International Air Transport Association—which was headquarters in Montreal, is now trying to remedy this deficiency. It has asked all international air carriers to report facts and figures on all accidents. Best estimates are that in 1946 there was one passenger fatality for every 28,000,000 passenger miles flown. In 1947 the estimate is one killed for every 21,000,000 passenger miles flown. Estimates for 1948 have not been made, but it is believed the record will be better than in the two previous years. Crashes thus far in 1949 are at a rate that could make this year's record worse.

Now It Will Be Told

Big riddle of the thick "Chinese White Paper" which State Department will release next week is the contents of Lieut.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's secret report on China. There are two theories on what the Wedemeyer report will reveal. One is that it recommended a direct military assistance program to help Chiang Kai-shek fight the Communists. The other is that the report was so critical of the Chiang government that it had to be suppressed to avoid giving the appearance of pulling the American rug out from under the Chinese feet.

Reader Editorial

SPRINGFIELDER ON BARDEN BILL

SPRINGFIELD—(To the Editor)—One of the most difficult decisions that a practicing Christian must make is the recurrent question of what to "render unto Caesar." How much obedience does a moral man owe to civic government? The problem becomes still more complicated in a democracy, where the Christian finds that in his capacity as a voter and tax-payer he is Caesar.

The Barden bill is a case very much in point. It is designed to aid public schools and to withhold aid from parochial schools of all denominations. Is that unfair and discriminatory, or is it entirely just? There are good arguments on both sides.

The parents of parochial school children are tax-payers. As such they feel entitled to share in the benefits of any federal aid to schools. But those parents often overlook the fact that they can share in those benefits by sending their children to a public school. The choice is theirs; they must decide whether to let Caesar educate their children his way, or to pay twice for the privilege of having those children educated in a different and special way.

I believe in the right of churches to maintain parochial schools, so long as they meet minimum educational requirements. I believe that these separate schools relieve the burden on our public education system and are deserving of our gratitude and co-operation. I think it would be in the public interest to give these schools a share in federal aid. But I do not believe that churchmen have any strong legal or moral right to demand such funds. And there should be no talk of "discrimination" so long as public schools are open to children of any faith.

It would be well for religious leaders and other opponents of the Barden bill to remember that our government is concerned only with temporal matters, having promised to leave spiritual affairs to the clergy. It's a good system; let's not tamper with it.

DAVID J. DORAN.

ARGUMENT AGAINST AID FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

COTTAGE GROVE (To the Editor)—If Congress should pass a law compelling me to pay taxes to support parochial schools of my own religious denomination I should feel that my American rights had been trampled upon and that I was justified in fighting such a law through the courts. How much more bitter would be the resentment stirred up by a law forcing citizens to pay taxes to support church schools of denominations whose religious beliefs are in direct opposition to their own?

In this country the rights, especially the religious rights, of even the small minority are supposed to be protected. What then of that group of citizens (whose rights are usually ignored) who do not approve of Christianity in any form, should they be taxed to further the various forms of religious education to which they are sincerely opposed?

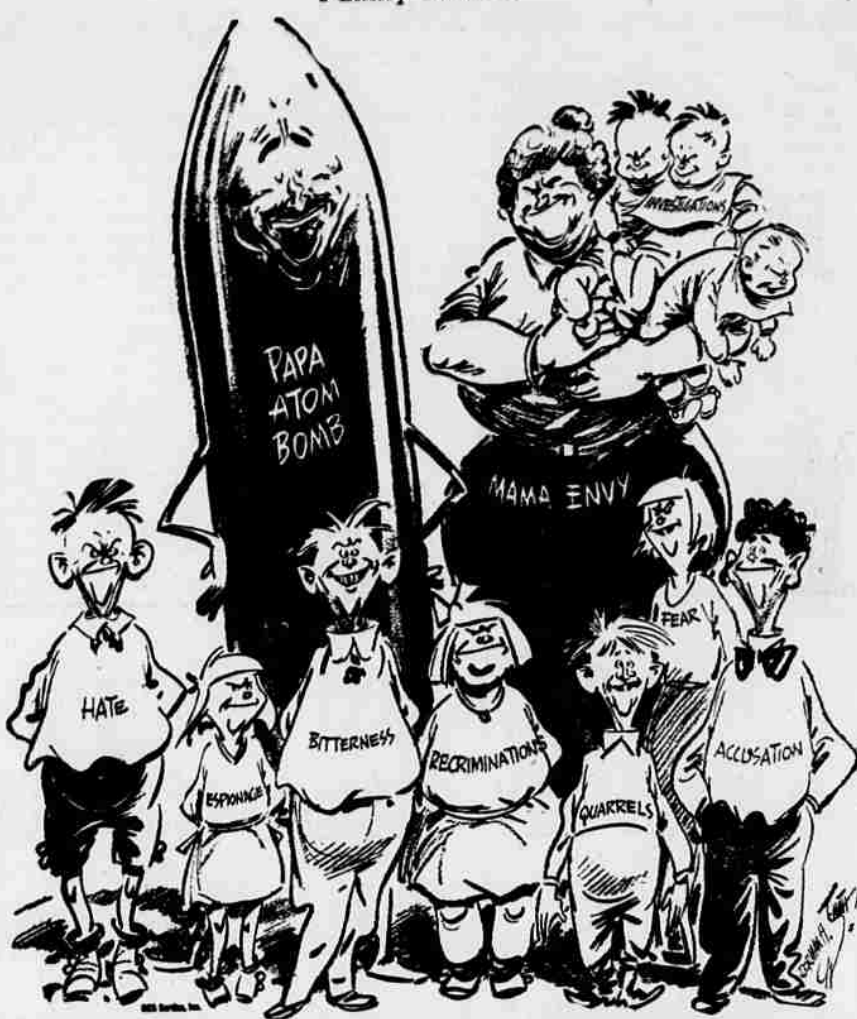
It is true that the majority of parochial schools in the U.S.A. today are Catholic while the majority of citizens are non-Catholic. But if the majority of church schools were non-Catholic and the majority of citizens were Catholic the situation would be identically the same. With federal aid to church schools, church lobbyists would be organized and special interests would fight for the lion's share of the funds. Jealousy and suspicion would soon be rampant, and a wave of religious intolerance would engulf the entire land.

Too many Americans still think that federal funds grow on bushes and it doesn't much matter how they are handed out. But whenever Americans as a whole realize that every federal appropriation for any purpose whatsoever must come out of the tax-payers' pockets, the people will quickly learn to judge the fairness or unfairness of proposed federal aid.

By all means let us preserve the complete separation of church and state in this nation. We have no greater heritage.

MRS. ETHEL GABRIO.

Family Portrait



Society, Women's Organizations

Iced Tea Weather Brings Out Recipe For New Way to Brew

Nothing fills the bill these blistering summer days like a tall, cool glass of iced tea. Served at meal-times or between, it's one of the most pleasant ways we know to beat the heat.

And tea experts tell us you can brew up all the iced tea you need without even lighting the stove. Here's how: Steep the tea in ordinary cold tap water overnight using 2 ounces of tea to a quart of water. You'll find this new, easier method of brewing tea will produce an unclouded beverage, too.

Actually, a refreshing glass of iced tea not only tastes good, but it's the cheapest beverage you can serve except water itself. Incidentally, it's a wonderful mixer for party punches or cocktails. So if you're planning a summer party, try this unusual and piquant punch:

Darjeeling Punch
3 ounces of strong tea
5 ounces of rum
1/2 ounce of sugar
1/2 ounce of lemon juice
3 ounces dry ginger.
Serve well iced.

This recipe can be enlarged to serve any amount of guests—and we know you'll be complimented on its wonderful flavor!

Friendly House Invites Friends To Potluck Affair

A potluck dinner for all persons interested in re-establishment of Friendly House in Eugene will be given Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Cornutt, 87 North Folk Street.

Each person attending is asked to bring his own table service and sandwiches, as well as a covered dish. Coffee will be furnished. There is available an open fireplace, for those who may wish to roast weiners.

MRS. PARKER GOES TO NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Virgil Parker Jr. will leave the first of the week by train for Greensboro, N. C., to visit the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Speer (Patricia Parker). The couple's first child is expected soon, and Mrs. Parker plans to be there for its arrival.

Mr. Speer is purchasing agent for Burlington Mills, for their foreign mills. Later in the fall, Mrs. Parker will go to New York City for a brief stay, and will return to Eugene about October 1.

SHOWERS GIVEN AT LOWELL

LOWELL—Miss Paula Marie Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lyons, who was to be married to Edwin Albert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lee of Long Beach, Calif., July 29 at the Lowell Open Bible Standard church, was honored the evening of July 22 by Mrs. Bert Fegles with a miscellaneous shower. On the afternoon of July 26, Miss Nellie May Kinyon and Miss Gertrude Kinyon gave her a kitchen shower.

PARTY HONORS TENTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

A party was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burchholz, 1847 Villard Street, honoring their granddaughter, Darlene Smith, on her tenth birthday. Those attending were Malcolm and David McEwen, Beverly and Judy Martin, Patricia Morrison, Gary Biles, Georgia Shoup, Robert Olsen, Mrs. Iona Smith, who is Darlene's mother, and Mrs. Burchholz.

Party Given For Birthday

MONROE—Mrs. Del Carpenter was given a surprise afternoon birthday party July 21, sponsored by her daughter, Virginia, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bud Carpenter.

Other guests included: Mrs. Bud Carpenter's mother Mrs. Baker of Junction City; Miss Rae Cramer of Corvallis; Mrs. Floyd Cramer, Mrs. Albert Braswell, Mrs. Ralph Castleberry, Mrs. Jean Thurber and son, Eddy, Mrs. Frank Neave, Mrs. Armas Kallas and daughter, Jane, Mrs. Doris Dugman, Mrs. Russell Stewart, and Mrs. Ed David.

Florence Personals

FLORENCE—Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hayes at Westlake include Jack Sheble and Robert Hawkins of Princeton University. Bill Watson, John N. Park and Irwin Park Jr. of Amherst College and Walter Rossmusler of Yale University. The boys are former eastern acquaintances of the Hayes, their homes being Philadelphia. They expressed their delight over the scenic attractiveness of this area.

Miss Catherine Holloway, who had not visited here for twenty years, is also visiting the Hayes family, and plans to make this her home.

Mrs. Harold Libby was hostess to the Dorcas Circle of the Christian Church at her Mercer Lake home Tuesday. The birthday of Mrs. Mary Libby was honored. The next meeting will be held at Woahink Lake, with Mrs. Annie McCaw, hostess.

Recently honored at Woahink Lake Park, were the Wades, who are leaving to make their home at Roseburg. Forty friends of the family attended, with the Dorcas Circle sponsoring the affair.

School Plans To Be Talked

Eugene Rebekah Lodge will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening, August 3, at eight o'clock. All members are urged to attend, as Lloyd Eppenbaugh of the Children's Hospital School will be present to tell of the plans for the school. He also will show slides.

OKARIDGE SHOWER FOR MRS. DARBY

OKARIDGE—A baby shower in honor of Mrs. Delbert Darby was given July 21, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Roberts in Oakridge, by Mrs. E. Belyea and Mrs. Roberts. The bassinets, in which gifts were presented to Mrs. Darby, was a gift from her mother, Mrs. Paul Heacock.

After the opening of the gifts, refreshments were served by Mrs. Harold Plank and Mrs. Floyd Nathan.

VISITOR LEAVES FOR NEW ZEALAND HOME

JUNCTION CITY—Mrs. C. C. Glenn, assisted by Mrs. T. R. Adams, entertained Thursday afternoon at a farewell party honoring Mrs. Camille Wright, who has been visiting the past six months with her son and family, the Harry Wrights. Mrs. Wright will leave August 5 for her home at North Island, Hastings, New Zealand, with a stopover in Honolulu.

SHOWER GIVEN YOUNG MOTHER

LOWELL—Mrs. Virgil Miller, Sr. (Shirley Sheasley) was honored with a baby shower recently at the home of Mrs. Frank Fallor. The couple's son has been named George Jay.

Whalebone is not truly the bone of a whale, but an elastic substance that grows on the roof of the mouth of the right whale and other species.

Lightning Kills 2 at Ball Game

BAKER, Fla.—Two baseball players were killed and 50 or more players and spectators shocked or burned when lightning lashed the ballfield here just as a game was starting Sunday.

The Baker team of the county semi-pro league was just taking the field against Munson when "there was a loud crack like a big whip" and players and spectators were stunned. The infielders were knocked flat—two of them dead—as the bolt plowed a 20-foot furrow down the third base line.

The audience broke from behind the baselines and fled over the field after a moment's shocked surprise. Many of them were burned or felt the shock.

Thrill of a Lifetime
ST. LOUIS—A. J. Baker got a bigger thrill than any of the "open house" at police headquarters. While looking at a play of stolen items recovered from him more than a year ago.

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