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N'Awlins Has A Word for It—Lagniappe

NEW ORLEANS (May 9) —This is the city which boasts that "care has always been forgotten here." and it seems to be true (at least on the surface). New Orleans concentrates on play just a little bit more than San Francisco, which is saying a great deal.

Near as we can figure, the casual visitor is expected to eat and drink his way through the town. Nobody seems to give a damn whether you are for Russell or Kefauver. They'll go for Eisenhower and they won't even kick about Taft. The question is:

"Have you had a Saverac or a Ramos Fizz and have you been to Antoine's or Galatoire's or the Morning Call Coffee Shop (any one of a score of personal favorites) yet? Well, sub, you better get right ovah."

"Ovah" apparently means across Canal street. Downtown N'Awlins seems to be divided neatly into two parts — the completely modernized business district south of Canal, and the "Vieux Carre" or French Quarter which begins with Iberville street one block north of Canal.

(And since Canal is considerably wider than even SF's Market, getting "ovah" can be quite a feat.)

Somehow, having got "ovah" in one piece, the research into how the Deep South feels about FEPC has been sadly neglected. Not our fault, entirely. Just too darn much of this here "lagniappe."

(If your French is as rusty as ours, by the way, you'll have to ask just what they mean by this eternal talk of "lagniappe.")

It's that thimbleful of jelly beans the grocer used to give you to take home to the kids when you finally paid your bill. You know, that little bit of extra for your dough.

(Incidentally you won't notice any lagniappe in the size of your check at any of these joints.)

But it's there, if you know how to look for it. Breakfast is likely to consist of feathery "doughnuts" without the hole, dipped in gobs of powdered sugar, and a jar of that black Louisiana coffee which probably could be used for anti-freeze in a colder climate.

By 9 o'clock all the ambition has gone out of those energetic Oregon feet and you just naturally fall into that languid N'Awlins pace. By 10 you discover one of those old fashioned Oyster Bars. It seems like a good idea to have half a dozen. The oyster man turns out to be a wonderful Joe, so you end up by absorbing a dozen.

That's lagniappe. The waiters, the bar tenders, the cab drivers, the shop keepers seem to take a personal pleasure in luring you on. That's lagniappe.)

In the Vieux Carre are innumerable "antique shops," as well as Creole restaurants and other places of entertainment, but you can get in awfully wrong by saying, as we did:

"New Orleans is the most gigantic clip joint this side of San Francisco."

You just don't say things like that. N'Awlins, if you please, is the world's leading antique center, and all the leading dealers are now in Europe hunting up more treasures. (They do have much fine stuff.)

Now you wander into the bookshop of JSW Harmonson on the Rue Royale and the first thing you know you are

sitting in a comfortable chair and he's telling you about the new book he's bringing out on the pirate Jean Lafitte, and after that you poke your head in "La Pharmacie Francaise" (an historic drugstore restored and turned into a museum). A gentle, gray haired lady says:

"I'm Flo Field. Everybody in N'Awlins knows me. You aren't an actor by chance. No? Well, nobody less than Jane Russell and Robert Mitchum were in here not ten minutes ago. You can look at their names in the book. And I MISSED THEM! Missed my chance to tell them about the play I wrote, 'A La Creole'. It was produced by 'Le Petit Theatre' and it was a big hit. Pasadena Playhouse has it now, and we had to move fast to keep 'em from putting it into public performance where Hollywood could grab it. Oh, so you're an editor. And you are interested in theatre. Well, that's all right too."

Mrs. Field explained all about the ancient pharmacy, showed the display of Voodoo drugs brought over from Haiti in the slave days (and still in big demand among the Negroes of the South, she says, and maybe more efficient than a lot of these modern drugs). What with history and play talk, it was too late to make the 2:30 boat trip on New Orleans great harbor.

(Who wants to see a lot of shipping and industries anyhow? Leave that to Chamber of Commerce delegations, says Mrs. Field. Meet the people. Go over to Le Petit Theatre. If they don't answer the bell, knock till somebody comes. And don't forget to visit Mr. Liesure's bookshop over in Toulouse Street. What a fine name for a book seller; he's bringing out her play, And the Cabildo, which was the city hall in French and Spanish days, a museum now. And . . . Learn to enjoy our food and drink, but watch out for some of these places.)

Evening comes. Moving at the N'Awlins crawl it isn't too wearing, nothing that a quick bath won't fix. After dinner, there's still time to go down to the docks and watch the great Mississippi churning by under a full moon:

"Look at that there Algiers ferry driftin' in that current."

It's quite a sight. You've seen the mask of Napoleon, the relics of Andrew Jackson, battle flags and other sad reminders of the War between the States and the great wars since. And bus loads of high schoolers from Illinois and Ohio viewing the sights. A great deal of French spoken. A fat woman from Chicago having a terrible time trying to order lunch from the French menu at Antoine's. You have noticed that in New Orleans the brunettes have it. Now and then you see a blonde giving healthy competition but this is a city of sparkling brunettes.

Not much has been accomplished in the way of political research but you've heard a roughneck from Baton Rouge arguing with a taxi driver that "Negroes don't have any more crime among 'em than us white folks, if you give 'em a chance." You've heard a business man say that FEPC "will have to come but it might be a heap better if you Northerners would give the South a chance to work these things out for itself."

New Orleans is of the Deep South, but it looks out across the Gulf of Mexico to many lands. It is not troubling too much about the future. It is treasuring its great past and enjoying the lush present — to the utmost. It has that quality they call Lagniappe.

Aid to Unification

Lane County citizens Saturday will have an opportunity to see the other side of the Veteran, with a capital "V". Armed Forces day ceremonies Saturday will bring out the serious, sober veteran — the man interested in preparedness and in citizenship.

Perhaps the most significant thing which will eventually come from demonstrations like that planned for Saturday will be "grass roots demand" for true unification of the services. Armed Forces Day is replacing the old "Army

Day" and "Navy -Day" ceremonies, which served to keep alive the petty jealousies and the suicidal rivalries between the services.

As long as men fight wars, there will be groups of men who band together afterward to talk about it. If they talk about it, not in terms of branch of service, but in terms of united effort, there is a chance that someday, somehow, true unification may be achieved. (By R.B.F.)

We read more and more about people being peevish about more and more things. Our pique year.

Kind acts may speak for themselves, but too often they talk in a whisper.

Ecology and neckology are both appropriate terms for use in reference to the study of park wild life.

Regarding our boys in Korea, to keep on their right side, WRITE!

Marquis Childs

Tension Is High In Both Camps

WASHINGTON — The nearer the climax in the presidential race, the greater is the tension in the Eisenhower and Taft camps on each side of the Republican divide. In the belief of seasoned observers within the Republican National Committee, delegates in a half-dozen states who line up behind one candidate or the other between now and July 1 will determine the outcome before the convention assembles in Chicago.

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While the tension is growing here, a recent visitor who conferred at some length with Gen. Eisenhower at SHAPE headquarters found him quite untouched by the clamor of politics 3,000 miles away. This visitor was startled and somewhat dismayed at the general's detached attitude about the whole business. As he has so often done before, Eisenhower repeated that he had not wanted the nomination. His desire had been to return to the peace and quiet of his farm near Gettysburg, Pa. The procession of politicians who have come to see him tell him it is his duty to be president, and he accepts that duty.

BUT, AS HE WAS to say in an interview in Norway a day or two later, he will not work for the nomination. That is in line with the original Eisenhower statement of last January in which he said he would do no campaigning in the pre-convention period. On this point the difference between Ike and his principal backers is sharp.

It points up the abrupt transition that is ahead of the general at the end of this month. The atmosphere at SHAPE is in the very nature of a military headquarters specialized and even rarefied. While the supreme commander is farthest from a martinet, nevertheless he gives orders which are carried out unquestioningly.

His own qualities of character, intelligence and capacity have created a deep loyalty that to an outsider sometimes looks like adulation. In this inevitably isolated world Eisenhower's path is smoothed by professional path-smoothers who make a career of doing just that. All this apparatus will be left behind when Ike steps into the plane on June 1 to move within a comparatively few hours into the rough and tumble of American politics in the critical phase of a bitter struggle.

IF IT WERE NOT for modern technology and the airplane, an ocean voyage would serve as a merciful pause between the two so different worlds. But the trans-ocean plane has done away with the luxury of that kind of interval. Ike has no choice but to take this jump between one day and the next.

The pressure on Ike to make two or perhaps even three pre-convention speeches after this initial talk at Abilene, Kan., may be greater than even his firm determination can resist. First is the argument that his appearance in certain key states—above all, Michigan and Pennsylvania—will do more than anything else to bring delegates into line.

Fully important, however, is the argument that he must put himself on record on the broad issues before the country. It will not be enough, so Ike's managers argue, to speak in noble generalities. They want him to talk on farm prices and subsidies, on labor-management relations with government and perhaps on Far Eastern policy.

THESE ARE ALL complex and difficult subjects. To try to make his position clear on them—and a score of other topics—at a press conference will be bound to lead to confusion and uncertainty. The first press conference in Washington will be limited to NATO and Western security since Eisenhower will be on his way to make a final report to the President and the secretary of defense.

At Abilene for the first time several hundred reporters will open up on the general, among them some who will not be sorry to see him forced to evade or equivocate. If he could say that he intended to treat this or that subject in a full-length speech shortly and therefore would refrain from a snap judgment, it would be a distinct advantage.

In the Taft camp they refer with heavily underlined sarcasm to the "Return of the Grand Lama" from the Tibetan fastness of SHAPE. This attitude may be colored with a certain envy of the big publicity splash Eisenhower's homecoming as a candidate is bound to cause.

TAFT HIMSELF is going right ahead with his own type of drive. He will campaign for four days on the crossroads, small-town circuit in South Dakota before the primary there on June 3. In the South Dakota primary Taft and Ike are pitted against each other without any detractions from also-rans. That gives it a special importance. But there is also the fact that the results will be known on the very day that Eisenhower is making his speech at Abilene. In their all-out effort to win that contest the Taft managers are thoroughly aware of this timing.

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So They Say—

It happened on the Republican side and I guess I had no business being over there.—Congressman Brent Spence (D-Ky.) after tripping on a step in the House chamber.

The Americans, as far I know, are the only people who have ever taxed themselves for foreigners in peace time.—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

I am certain that so long as this nation remains prepared, war is not imminent. Let down our guard and the lightning will strike.—Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

"If the steel industry can be seized in this case, then any industry can be seized and anyone's property can be taken in event of disagreement with government."—Ernest T. Weir, chairman of National Steel Corporation.

We now have on our carriers an attack plane capable of carrying "the big bomb."—Vice Admiral John H. Cassady, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

Judgment Day



War Cost Bill Sent to House

WASHINGTON — (P) — A \$1,413,820,000 deficiency appropriation bill, most of it to foot Korean war costs, was sent to the House Thursday by its Appropriations Committee.

The total is \$61,600,000 less than President Truman had requested. Except for \$12,820,000 for the Labor, Commerce and Agriculture Departments and the judiciary, the entire amount recommended is for the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

It is called a deficiency appropriation because the money would replenish regular funds for this fiscal year, ending June 30, which are near exhaustion.

The Army's share is \$1,128,000,000, a cut of 40 million dollars from what it asked. The Army total includes 335 million for pay of military personnel, 618 million for maintenance and operation, and 150 million for civilian relief in Korea.

The Navy was allotted 39 million dollars, a cut of \$6,100,000. All of the new funds are for financing of the expanded Marine Corps.

For the Air Force, the committee recommended 235 million, a reduction of 10 million. Almost the entire Air Force allotment is for maintenance and operation programs directly due to Korean action.



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Serviceman's Pastime Leads to His Arrest

Eugene police at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday arrested George Elwood Ballard, 23, of Camp Pendleton, Calif., as he allegedly attempted to pass a bad check at Penney's Store in Eugene.

Officers charged Ballard, who told them he was an absent-without-leave marine, with knowingly uttering and publishing a false bank check.

Police reports indicated Ballard had frequented taverns named "The Pastime." On the list of his previous check victims were Pastime taverns in Eugene, Canyonville and Sutherlin. Other recipients of his checks were The Mans Shop, Eugene, and The Outdoor Stor, Roseburg.

Hubby Hopes To Get Sleep

DETROIT — (P) — Arthur J. Knighton, Jr., a factory worker here, plans to catch up on some sleep—thanks to a ruling by Circuit Judge Chester P. O'Hara.

Judge O'Hara Wednesday issued an injunction restraining Knighton's wife, Nettie Mae, from dousing him with scalding water.

Knighton complained that his wife dumped the hot water on him while he slept.

The factory worker filed suit for divorce last Dec. 19. Although legally separated, the pair has continued to live in the same house.

Judge O'Hara said the injunction would be effective until Knighton's divorce suit is heard.

Next Few Years Seen as Critical

NATO Secretary Talks to Newsmen

PARIS — (P) — Lord Ismay, secretary general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, said Thursday that the danger to world affairs will have passed if "we can . . . get over the next two or three years without collision."

Ismay, a key figure in the wartime government, addressed a luncheon session of the formal assembly of the International Press Institute.

He told the 117 editors attending the assembly that the danger adopted by the NATO was "bare minimum" for the 1950s must be done.

Eduardo Santos, publisher of the newspaper "El Tiempo" in Bogota, Colombia, said at a session of the assembly that the spread of dictatorship has many Spanish-speaking "war correspondents" in home offices.

Santos said that in many American cities editors fear or ruin by acts of dictatorship.

"You know what happened in Buenos Aires to La Prensa (closed by the Peron government)," he said. "In Spain, same thing happened 13 years ago. Now there is a great deal in the Iberian (Spanish) Peninsula."

Ismay said many friends asked him how long the West defense buildup must continue and just what will happen when the West has accumulated a sufficient arms and troops.

"I have no idea of what time limit will be," he said. "It is my hope, as it is my belief, that provided we can, by negotiation, unity and some self-reliance, get over the next three years without a collision, day will come when our need no longer be constant on defense, but on those fields of common endeavor we can bring happiness and prosperity to the peoples of the world."

SQUAWK UPHELD
CHICAGO — (P) — A fired because she told others she was expected to do work of five employees, has been ordered reinstated by the National Labor Relations Board. The ruling was reported in the labor reports of the Commerce Department.

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