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BY BECK

A Dog's Life



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Friendly Bee Wanted

By DON UPJOHN

Does any customer have a nice docile and amicable bee he doesn't need for a few days? If so, he could be of great help to one of our honest, industrious and dependable citizens by loaning same with assurances of getting it back in good shape. Yea, our old friend, Dominic Swift, whose cucumber patch has so far put forth one little cucumber about three-quarters of an inch long, thinks that a bee is what is needed. The patch shows a wonderful growth of vines, no end of healthy looking blossoms, but he thinks the one tiny cucumber isn't bringing out of the vine all of its potentialities. What he figures is the matter is a lack of bees to pollinate those blossoms and bees as a rule don't hang around the center of town when they can find lots more interesting things elsewhere. So if anybody has a bee he can get in touch with the good reverend and maybe they can make a dicker. It might even be better if somebody was willing to part with two bees for a little while. One bee might get lonesome, even in such interesting and instructive company as the dominie. We doubt, however, if George would go far enough to invite the bees in to play chess with him after they'd put in their day's work.



Don Upjohn

Our column last evening inadvertently, with gross negligence and accidental mistake as the lawyers are wont to say, referred to Ed Booth, court-house custodian, as Ed Snook, a very sloppy error indeed. But having this called to our attention gives us pause as we wonder where we ever heard that name Ed Booth before? O yes, didn't a chap named Ed Booth have something to do with Abraham Lincoln and is still supposed by some to be alive and hiding out? Doggone, maybe we're on our way to a great historic discovery.

Also, we'd like to call the attention of the FBI to the fact that some of our public officials are using pink soap in their powdered soap dispensers. That'll sure raise an eyebrow.

It's Daytime Savings, Doug
From next-governor Doug McKay resting up at Neskovin comes an appealing note marked "date unknown" which speaks for itself: "I'm terribly confused! This morning at 11:30 I picked up my Capital Journal at the post office. On the front

Broken Leg Benefits Kitten

Columbus, O. (AP)—A six-week-old kitten took an airplane ride to Kansas City mainly because it had a broken leg a couple of weeks back.
Miss Ruth Ellen Gosnell found it down near Chillicothe and nursed it back to health. Her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gosnell of Kansas City, visited and fell in love with it.
So, Ruth Ellen put it in a box with a toy dog and sent it off, air express.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Immigrant's Grandson Becomes Henry Ford of Night Club Biz

BY HAL BOYLE

Philadelphia (AP)—The 39-year-old grandson of an Italian immigrant has become a Henry Ford of the night club business in America.



Hal Boyle

And Frank Palumbo built his after-dark empire here in the city of brotherly love, which is popularly supposed to stay up after sunset only on the day when an evening baseball game is being played.
But Palumbo created a multi-million dollar yearly business on the basis that the masses have more money to spend at night clubs than the classes.
"The whole secret of this business is giving the people the kind of entertainment they want," said Palumbo, who owns six night clubs and restaurants in Philadelphia.
Right now he thinks the people are shopping for night club entertainment every bit as sharply as they do for their dollar's value in food or clothing.
"They no longer are just satisfied to go and pay their money and listen to a band," he said. "They want more than a voice or a tune. These guys who just play their saxophones and clarinets and turn their back to the audience are finished."
Palumbo thinks the night club business, now off 100 per cent in many cities, never will enjoy again such a lucrative period as the war years.
"Night clubs have to get back

to real merchandising. The fast dollar is gone."
Palumbo, a stocky, dark-haired cheerful bachelor, has made himself a civic institution here by his pleasure in giving. Friends estimate he gives away \$100,000 a year.
His pattern of philanthropy is based, probably, more on what gives him pleasure than on how his gifts will bring him more business.
He likes sports—he owns a chunk of Ike Williams, the lightweight boxing champion—and gives a number of cups and trophies each year to winners of sporting events. He also takes some 45,000 children a year to the zoo, circus or a major league ball game.
By giving the zoo a leopard, four alligators, some South American birds and two rhinos he also endeared himself to the animal loving hearts of the main line aristocracy here. And it is a crusty society you just don't crash with a new bank roll.
Palumbo has given blood transfusions as well as dollars. He is easier to hit than a radio give-away program. As when he seizes him, he passes out watches, pen and pencil sets, cases of liquor, perfume, gold rings, bracelets, and television sets for orphanages.
"I get my chief pleasure out of life in seeing people enjoy themselves," he says. His favorite beverage is a soft drink.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Berlin Withdrawal Would Kill Germany Rebuilding

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington—When Gen. Lucius Clay testified before a closed door session of the house foreign affairs committee regarding Berlin, he was asked a question about the reconstruction of Germany.

Before Clay could reply, Ambassador Robert Murphy, state department representative in Germany, interrupted to answer for him.
Unfortunatly, Murphy said, it was impossible to get private capital interested in Germany. Though the banks are full of money, everyone in Europe fears that when the United States moves out of western Germany the Russians will move in, Murphy said. That would mean the confiscation of all private property.



Drew Pearson

those swell firms that offered them, load those planes and do exactly as you described.
Robert B. Flanders, North Attleboro, Mass.—Very rarely do I feel as much moved as I was by your recent column in the form of an open letter to Secretary Symington. You might just possibly be interested in the fact that I read it in Joe Martin's own newspaper—the North Attleboro Chronicle. It is most heartwarming to have it publicized that the so-called "war-monger industrialists" are willing to be so generous for the cause of peace. Keep pounding on that theme.
Arnold J. Nelson, Washington, D. C.—I have been reading newspaper columns for years, but yours today, suggesting using our B-29's to carry leaflets to the Russian people so impressed me that I am writing my first letter to a columnist.
L. R. Dillingham, Portland, Ore.—Your suggestion relative to the friendship balloons is a grand idea, especially if they were carrying such articles as you mention. It's these simple, convincing things that reach the hearts of most people. The general tendency of all peoples is friendliness.
M. S. Rackett, Richmond, Va.—This letter is being written simply to say that I approve most heartily of the line you are taking. Far from thinking you are "a terrible bore on the subject," I for one thrill with enthusiasm when you come out with these admirably constructive ideas.

Ambassador Murphy gave this as one of the chief reasons why the United States could not leave Berlin now.
"If we pull out of Berlin," Murphy told the congressmen, "people will say 'that is exactly what will happen in western Germany later.' It would undermine all confidence in us."

When a German sets up a business enterprise in the American zone of Germany even today, Murphy told the congressmen, a Russian agent is certain to come around and discreetly warn that if he continues his operation he will be put down in the Soviet black book. And when American troops move out and Russia moves in, he is told that he will be liquidated.

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PENETRATE IRON CURTAIN

General public reaction to the idea of going over the head of the Kremlin by floating weather balloons from France and Germany over Russia with messages and gifts to the Russian people has been favorable.
Government reaction has been reasonably favorable—though slow.

Both government and private meteorological experts agree that the wind currents make the floating of such balloons entirely feasible.

In fact, the Japs floated them all the way across the Pacific to Washington and Oregon. Their balloons, however, carried missiles of death, these would carry messages of friendship.

This columnist holds no brief for any particular means of reaching the Russian people. If any other way is better than balloons, fine. But I do maintain that as a nation we are doing almost nothing to get behind the Iron Curtain and show the Russian people that we are not what the Moscow propagandists say we are.

Until we have some brake on the Kremlin to prevent it from declaring war overnight, there will always be danger of war. That brake must be the Russian people.

Anyway here is a cross section of mail showing how the American people feel about it.
Arthur B. Borden, Borden Mills, Inc., New York—Thanks for your open letter to Secretary for Air Symington re information to Russian people. Having had the honor of serving under General LeMay both in India and Guam believe his boys could really do the job you suggest. The Borden Mills, Inc., of 90 Worth street, New York City, would like to make a cloth contribution.

Mrs. Herman H. Hardison, Bat Cave, N.C.—At last here is a powerful suggestion of how we may perhaps prevent another war. Showing our strength, but, with that strength getting to the Russian people with messages containing facts about our country, and letting them know of our latent friendship.

Emerson Rupert, consultant, Bradenton, Fla.—I agree heartily with your ideas on reaching the Russian people directly. Your current suggestion can be followed up with a dynamic program to sell peace, democracy and freedom to all men. We've got to exert every possible effort to avoid war.
Edward Nielsen, Cozad, Neb.—Your letter to Stuart Symington is best suggestion for peace I have yet heard. I am sure if the Russian people understand us, they would not fight us. If I can help you in any way, I will!

H. A. Smith, 226 S.W. 5th Ave., Miami, Fla.—A good big crowd of us have just finished reading your piece in Tuesday night's "Miami Herald" and it's a corker. If our fellows have got enough guts, they will pronto supply those "free" gifts from

THIS FUNNY WORLD



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

The U.N. Can't Function Until Cold War Is Settled

By DeWitt MacKENZIE

(A FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANALYST)

The working committee of the United Nations commission for conventional armaments (those apart from atomic weapons) finally has decided that armaments can't be reduced and controlled until the big powers agree on a U. N. police force, atomic energy is leashed and peace treaties are made with Germany and Japan.



DeWitt MacKenzie

In short, this momentous question, which is the crux of the effort to enforce world peace, is being temporarily shelved.
The committee's explanation strikes us as being a bit of diplomatic shadow boxing because the blunt fact is that the United Nations can't function as a peace controlling agency until the cold war between Russia and the democracies has been settled.

Presumably, this problem of enforcing peace will come up in the U. N. again—and then again and again.

But it never can be solved until the issue of world revolution for the spread of communism has been dealt with.

A British viewpoint of the fundamental difference between Russia and the west is summed up by the weekly publication "Time and Tide," and I quote it because it represents the consensus of many objective observers:
"The issue is whether Russia means to carry on with or abandon her plans for the destruction of the democracies. If she will abandon them, there is no issue between Russia and the west which cannot be peacefully solved.

"The argument as to whether Russia wants war is beside the point.
"In all probability she does not want it now. From Russia's point of view a 'shooting war' is not to be undertaken until the process of internal erosion in the democracies has reached the point where only the very slightest push from without would be necessary to topple over the whole structure."

That's the story.
The battle of Berlin, and the innumerable other cold hostilities, all hinge on Bolshevism's efforts to communize the world.
We shall get an easement of the German imbroglio, and the hundred and one other difficulties encircling the globe, if and when the Russians decide that they have carried their aggression about as far as they can for the present.

Let us not fool ourselves into thinking that we can have peace while communism is reaching for power in all countries—not least in America.

Irish Colleen—or Hound Dogs

San Fernando, Cal. (AP)—Bert Stone, a powerhouse foreman who admits only to a coy "past 40," said today that the mayor of Dublin is helping him find a "well-built Irish girl" to wed.
Stone, who has been married and divorced, said he wrote the mayor more as a joke than anything else.
"But I didn't know he would put an ad in the paper," Stone said.

The letter outlined Stone's ideal as "up to 30 years of age, short, well-built, but not too slender."
Of his own qualifications, Stone said he had a "little money in the bank, a car and a good house," but he added: "I'm not a wealthy man."
The letter didn't mention Stone's other tangible assets—a pack of hound dogs which he's counting on for company if he doesn't get the Irish colleen.

Proposed Change for the Worse

The mass meeting called by the labor leaders to start a movement to abolish the city manager form of government and restore the old councilmanic form attended by 40 people, decided instead to launch a referendum move to substitute a commission form of government by charter amendment. The commission proposal would substitute an elected mayor and two commissioners to serve full time on a paid basis to replace seven elected aldermen and mayor who serve on an unpaid basis as executives, and employ a salaried city manager as administrator.

The commission form is preferable to the old councilmanic form but it creates a division of authority that always spells inefficiency and discord. It combines the executive and administrative branches, which also spells inefficiency, confusion and extravagance—a system that has long been discarded by large corporations and is a greater concentration of power than exists under the city management and substitutes three paid city managers instead of one. It would therefore be a step backward in the city's progress besides being more costly and eliminating supervision.

There are a large number of cities that have abandoned the city commission form of government and substituted the business manager form which has proved more satisfactory. Where there has been no check on the city manager when appointed by a political boss, it has in some instances proved unsatisfactory, but in the form utilized in Salem it has proved the most satisfactory of any system yet utilized.

Portland, one of the worst governed cities, is a fair example of the commission form of government. There is perpetual discord in city affairs, failure to enforce the law and crime and gambling of all kinds flourish, broken only by sporadic raids on the Chinese who have no political power and cannot vote. Those gamblers and night club joints that have influence grow wealthy on law violations. The election of Dorothy Lee as mayor emphasized the popular attitude toward commission ruled conditions in Oregon's metropolis.

Salem's city manager plan should be given a fair trial with its record of efficiency, economy and law enforcement before a change is proposed.

Women Neglect Cancer

Interest in cancer is at an all time high, yet a nationwide survey published in a current issue of "The Woman's Home Companion" under the title, "What Do You Do About Cancer?" shows that women (and one out of four between the ages of 35 and 50 die from cancer) do not use the information and treatment available to them.

The magazine polled a national cross-section of its millions of women readers and 87 percent confessed that they never have been examined by a competent cancer specialist. Thousands of them, says the article, might have been saved if they had such periodic examination.

Cancer in women, according to medical experience, is more likely than not to start in the breast or genital system and "so long as we don't go to a good doctor for a breast and pelvic examination every year we are in effect driving in the dark down a hazardous road. Neither prudery nor dread of verdict," the article adds, "should deter us in personally having periodic breast and pelvic examinations." In some cases the women complained that their doctors were too busy or negligent to give satisfactory examinations.

The article suggests that women in various communities—to combat these negative attitudes—might interest two or three physicians trained in gynecology to organize a co-operative cancer control center. However complete the medical knowledge about cancer is real progress will be made only when each woman assumes full responsibility for the dissemination and use of this knowledge.

Just Plain Common Sense

Reports from travelers into Washington indicate that extra attention is given toward showing special courtesy to visitors from out-of-state.

It is the aim of our northern neighbor to make the traveler feel at home. If shown every consideration, that traveler will probably want to stay awhile—or at least, come again. So goes the reasoning behind the drive that could be considered as a statewide application of the good neighbor policy.

When Oregon was a territory and later during its early statehood, common courtesy called for open hospitality to visitors and the offering of a place at the dinner table. That was nothing but common courtesy. To have ignored these simple bits of politeness would have been to insult the passerby.

Today milling masses of population seem to have forgotten the ways of the past. Washington, however, is trying to get its people to relive those days of early western hospitality to the traveler by encouraging the expression of common courtesy to the visitor.

A cold analysis of such special attention to this matter finds that the pushing aside of selfish indifference pays off in bolstering an inner satisfaction—and in building the lucrative tourist business.

A friendly state is a pleasant state to visit. Washington has an idea that is certainly not new nor is it unusual. It is just good common sense. It really shouldn't take any statewide drive to bring about.

WANTED: AN ARMY SONG

Like the Marine's Hymn

New York (AP)—The army wants a song.
It can't draft one. It can't requisition one. So it's using another system—a contest.

First Army headquarters said either soldiers or civilians may submit entries.
What is wanted is a song "worthy of becoming an over-all army song."

All kinds of musical ditties, both published and unpublished, have been kicking around in the army for a long time now, but none of them meets the requirements.

The new over-all soldiers' melody, said the army, must be of military character, written in a rhythm and range which can easily be used for marching and singing.

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