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BY BECK

A Dog's Life



SIPS FOR SUPPER

The Long Equinox

By DON UPJOHN

It seems a new record is being set up, same being the longest equinox in history. Hedda Swart, the sage of Table Rock who swears by that landmark as the one true local weather conditioner, vowed the day that autumn came in and the equinox started on its annual fall job that the signs on Table Rock told him as soon as the equinox had its say there would be a straight 30 days of as pretty weather as ever seen in any autumn, Indian summer, or whatever you care to call it. When he said that little did he reckon that this here equinox this year, once it got started, didn't know enough to quit. When we asked him about it today he sorta drooped his head a bit and said, "Just wait until the equinox is over and we'll see what we'll see." So there's nothing much left to do now but to go back and sit down, fold one's hands and wait. But right now it looks like a long wait for that bright and cheery 30 days.



Don Upjohn

stand why: The sidewalk on the Court street side of the post office building remains cracked and broken and a menace to humanity while private property owners get a notice from the city to repair the slightest irregularity in their sidewalks? Signed: John Q. Public.

Courthouse Pome North, south, east and west, Which way do you like the courthouse best? Or south, north, west or east, Which way would you like it facing least? They can do their worst, and what care we, As long as they leave the Christmas tree.

We Can't Nuther Dear Sips: I never can under-

Plenty of Huff But No Stuff

Shanghai (AP)—The municipal government today decreed a sweeping rationing system for Shanghai residents. Woolens, cottons, edible oils and a score or more of other items were listed on the "restricted purchase" list. Meatless, porkless and chickenless days for each week were decreed. One thing was overlooked. No administrative or enforcement machinery was provided.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

'Boxers Are Human Beings'

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The neat, middle-aged little man had sad, bloodshot eyes, and he rapped his heart with the force of a blow. "I don't know how you say it," he said to Ted Smits, Associated Press sports editor, "but I have things in here I want to say. It is on my conscience like..." And the rest was hard to understand, because his Puerto Rican emotion filtered through a veil of broken English. The little man said he was Tony Rojas, fight manager and Latin American sports promoter. Wordlessly, he held out a letterhead.



Hal Boyle

It was printed in purple ink and it showed the picture of a clean-cut, tawny-skinned boy in boxing trunks, fists poised wide apart. That was Kid Dinamita, 147, and the purple sheet of stationery said he was "The Sensational Welt er w e i c h t Champion of Central America, Autentic." But Rojas doesn't manage him any more. The kid died last Wednesday night in Chicago after a fight. Rojas looked silently at the letterhead. Then slowly he began to find the words he had walked into the office to say: "What I want to say is... boxers... they should be treated like human beings. There should be padding in the ring... more padding... not enough now. Not enough for the cushion when the fighter he fall over backward... that sometime do more than the punch." That was what happened, said the little man, when the kid was fatally hurt in his fight with Bobby McQuillan of Port Huron, Mich. A Chicago coroner's jury found Dinamita's death

PEARSON'S MICHIGAN CHICKENS Last week in Michigan a federal grand jury indicted four auto agencies on charges of making illegal campaign contributions to the republican party. This came just two weeks after Drew Pearson's sensational column of Sept. 13, revealing how the big political money was raised in Michigan. Pearson stuck his neck out by naming names and calling a spade a spade. Several of those indicted last week were named by him, including Otto P. Graft, a Ford and Lincoln dealer in Flint, and Roy H. Burgess, also of Flint, a General Motors dealer.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

J. Parnell Thomas Irked By Trooper's Actions

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Congressman J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, chairman of the un-American activities committee, is a most suspicious person. Not only has he investigated all sorts of alleged communists, but he also sought to investigate a policeman who arrested him.



J. Parnell Thomas

Thomas is not, however, at all happy over the current FBI investigation of himself and the kickbacks he received from four women who returned all or part of their government salaries to him. Nor does the congressman relish the investigation of the way in which he kept two soldiers out of combat and then later collected several hundred dollars from their families. The policeman Thomas wanted investigated was Maryland State Trooper Kaplow who arrested the congressman near Port Deposit, Md., some time ago, for violating a 50-mile speed limit and passing other cars on a curve.

Complaining about the incident in a letter to W. Lee Elgin, Maryland commissioner of motor vehicles, Rep Thomas wrote: "I signaled to the trooper to stop and then told him who I was." The trooper phoned headquarters for instructions, and was told that since congress was not in session, Thomas had no congressional immunity.

The congressman was then taken before Magistrate J. Howard Pugh at Port Deposit where, despite his plea that he was in a hurry to keep important engagements in Washington, he was fined \$17.50.

Apparently, Thomas's behavior was such that State Trooper Kaplow was suspicious. He didn't really think the congressman was an un-American communist, but he did think he might be un-American in jeopardizing the safety of other vehicles. So Trooper Kaplow decided to keep a friendly eye on the gentleman from New Jersey.

The congressman's own description of the matter is much more graphic than anything that could be written by a columnist. So we will quote from his own indignant letter to Commissioner Elgin.

After going about two miles, Thomas said, "I noticed that Trooper Kaplow was following me. At the time I was driving about 30 miles per hour. We were traveling on a road where there were signs showing the speed limit was 50 miles per hour. "I lowered my speed, Kaplow lowered his. Then I raised my speed to see what he would do, and he still followed me."

The chairman of the un-American activities committee has tapped the telephones of a great many people. He has employed a young army of investigators to shadow suspects and dig through their past.

But he became highly indignant when the Maryland state trooper trailed behind his automobile. In fact, he became so indignant that he stopped and demanded that Kaplow stop following him. "To which Kaplow replied," as Thomas later reported to the Maryland commissioner of vehicles, "that he was going to follow me. And for 10 miles Kaplow trailed my car. As far as I could find out, he did it for just one reason, and that was to annoy me."

All of this touched off the congressman's suspicions. A suspicious soul anyway, Thomas decided that there was something dire and foreboding in the action of this policeman. Probably he was un-American. So he asked the Maryland commissioner for an official investigation. "I appeal to you for an investigation of this case," he wrote Elgin. "I do not want any favors. I am perfectly willing to take my medicine along with everyone else, but I am convinced that there were aspects to the case that were not only unduly annoying, but which lead to suspicion."

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Red Acrobatics to Avoid Being Branded Aggressor

By DeWitt MacKENZIE

The long-suffering United Nations security council Monday heard an argument in Paris to end all arguments. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky took the floor and, with a perfectly straight face, declared that there is no Soviet blockade of Berlin.



DeWitt MacKenzie

A few members of the council smiled wryly at the audacity of this claim. Mr. Vishinsky has a very agile mind, as benefits the noted lawyer who formerly was Soviet public prosecutor, but this is the first time so far as your correspondent recalls that he has ventured such an acrobatic stunt. However, he was pursuing typical communist tactics. The existence of the blockade has been a recognized fact by both sides for months, until the other day when Marshal Sokolov, Russian commander in Germany, made the same crack about there being no blockade.

Vishinsky was, of course, fighting to keep the security council from consideration of the charges by the western powers that the blockade is a menace to world peace. He declared the demand for UN consideration of the dispute was groundless, "as it does not fall within the scope of the security council."

'YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT'

Fire and Police Departments Reported on by the Mayor

ARTICLE V

By ROBERT L. ELFSTROM

Because progress is slowly cumulative, it is almost never fully appreciated or recognized by the average citizen. Changes and improvements must necessarily be made slowly. Even the tremendous growth of Salem during the past few years has been so gradual that general appreciation of the many changes.

Improvements in the conduct of your city government, its increased efficiency and its progress, have had to follow that same slow trend. To the average busy citizen, it is scarcely noticeable. In the improved efficiency of its government, Salem has made the greatest progress in the past two years.

As an example, you now have the most efficient fire department Salem has ever had. Under a new chief, your firemen have been trained. A fireman today is required by examination to know his job, and he does.

Your city also has more and better fire-fighting equipment, and it renders a better brand of emergency service to the public. As one example of what has been added, you may have noticed the little red truck with the high-frequency siren that trails the other apparatus to all fires. If you have had a fire at your home, you know the crew on that truck does a job that you like.

It is the clean-up crew. After a fire has been put out, these men stay behind and clean up the mess in your home. And without charge to you. Salem has four fire stations, all well located, and in the event of a fire in any particular section, the program of efficiency includes the shifting of apparatus from one station to another if necessary, thus

These changes are minor ones, and there are others, but collectively they nevertheless represent the over-all improved efficiency of the department. We have made similar improvements in the operation of your police department. We do not claim to be unique in that respect, for police methods have been raised and we are getting a new, more intelligent type of officer, the type of man who can quickly recognize the difference between a normally good citizen who has merely made a mistake and the tough or ignorant violator who makes deliberate trouble.

We recognize that there is still room for improvement and we are going about the job in an orderly, well-conceived plan. As we said before Salem is a good place to live and we want to make it even better. The job cannot be done overnight, but it can be done by persistent effort to follow a program of cooperation between your city officials and you, the citizens. Tomorrow we want to report to you on the functions of your city engineer.

He Should Have Known Better

Portland (AP)—The traffic bureau was apologetic—but, well, police figured at least one of six motorists whose cars were towed from a restricted parking area to the police lot should have known better. He was State Police Sgt. Jack Bears.

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