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Ordeal by Economic Planning

A timely book recently issued, timely because of the effort of President Truman to ape in the United States the British labor-socialist program of nationalizing industry and professions, is "Ordeal by Planning" by Dr. John Jewkes (MacMillan).

The author is professor of political economy in the University of Manchester, who contrasts from Britain's experience, a centrally planned economy with a free economy, contending that while every sensible economy is a "mixed" system there is a watershed where vague as the flow may momentarily seem, the difference between east and west, north and south, liberty and slavery is being irrevocably determined.

The author submits, and states the facts to prove it, that there is no doubt in which the current has started flow for Britain. He suggests two tests by which it can be proven.

The first is to ask: Are people entirely free here really to The first is to ask: Are people entirely free here really to choose and change their occupations? Are consumers free to distribute their income between different goods, as they wish? Are producers free to seek out and satisfy the expressed wishes of consumers? Are contracts for service a matter for individuals? Is the economy being allowed to knit naturally with the world economy? The answer is a categorical No.

The second test is to ask: Is the present economic organization accepted by anyone as a stable system which serves our purpose, or is it regarded as a kind of purgatory from which one or another means of escape must be chosen?

It is recognized by all that we cannot stay where we are, that either we go forward to more planning, with everything it implies, or we go back to the free price mechanism—the crucial choice must be made in the immediate future.

The book is the most devastating and detailed attack at made on the shibboleth of central planning. Its style is lively and witty. It hits hard with irrefutable facts and and sounds a warring to Americans.

Americans remember the ordeals of regimentation during the war which we submitted to in the emergency, but when the wart was to be a submitted to in the emergency, but when wants and a submitted to in the emergency,

but who wants such a system permanently fixed to stran-gle our economic system? Enumerating some of the maddening red tape strangulation and deprivations Britons are forced to put up with, Dr. Jewkes says;

The list of futile, harrassing and costly prohibitions could be expanded indefinitely. It represents the inevitable outcome of a planned economy where the exceptional case can never be allowed for and regulations are drawn up for the average man who doesn't exist. This state of affairs has two serious consequences on the morale of the people. It breed a feeling that the law is brutally inept and leads sensible people to seek its eircumvention. And it creates in the mind of the public a contempt for the quite innocent civil service agent who is the instrument through which the Supreme Planners seek to impose their will.

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The ordinary member of the public is conscious of a group of Supreme Planners making large errors, and a host of minor planners who are enforcing regulations in which there seems to be neither rhyme nor reason. It is in this atmosphere that disregard for the law grows apace and black markets flourish.

Only the police state of the totalitarians can enforce a planned economy by terrorism for no man or group of men in the bureaucracy can successfully plan for the future life of the many.

Some Life in Oregon, But Not Much Elsewhere There may be life in the Young Republicans of the state, but the health of the GOP nationally should be enough to

make members of the party shudder.

Young Republicans recently moved into top offices in the senior organization of the state and thus pushed aside the older members. Last week-end, these new title-holders acted to create some life in the organization over in eastern Oregon.

At the same time, two mid-western republicans took their own party to task. One was Philip Willkie, son of the late Wendell Willkie and a member of the Indiana state legislature. His complaint was one heard so often these days as to become almost common knowledge ex-cept to those who run the GOP nationally. He warned his party: 'The American people are hungry for a construc-tive plan of action for themselves and their nation."

Meanwhile, some party bigwigs are getting mad at none other than Senator Taft of Ohio for being "too liberal." The only reason Taft could be described as "too liberal" is that the mossbacks of his party have even forgotten

Another mid-westerner who joined Willkie in his prod-ding was Governor Peterson of Nebraska. He reminded on the basis of guerrilla warfare the GOP this: "The rank and file, to which I belong, want of our party an organization which is alive, breather from of our party an organization which is alive, breathes fresh air, and enjoys a healthy circulation." The party could hardly be described as responding to any of those three health requirements. Peterson offered this kind of an approach to the party's problems: "A cautious, though progressive, liberalism, or an enlightened conservatism. Present blocking tactics in congress will get the republicans nowhere in the long run with the people who elect presidents and congresses. Only when the GOP will come out with a constructive program of its own, not a Charlie McCarthy rendition of the democratic positions, will there be any hope for the republicans.

Quiet Cupid in Coeur d'Alene

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho (P.—The mayor of this marriage sapital welcomes the weddings but not the wedding parades. They're parading too much and making altogether too th noise." said Mayor Jack G. Adams.

surprised city council members listened in silence. oeur D'Alene has more marriages each year than any other tabo city. Wedlock is a lucrative business.

But his honor, unopposed for re-election next Tuesday, staunchly announced that police "will not permit any more wedding parades rambling through town and not heeding traffic signals in the slighest.

Let's bear down on these things and let's have publicity."

These Jailbirds Will Go Free

Jackson, Mich. P.—Hundreds of jailbirds will be released June 1 from Southern Michigan prison. They are canaries that the inmates have been keeping in

their cells. At present, each prisoner is allowed a quota of five birds, and 1,568 canaries on hand are creating "quite a nuisance." Warden Julian N. Frisbie said. Prisoners formerly raised the hirds for an outside market.

quota will be reduced June 1 to one bird per prisoner, large number of the canaries will depart.

"And right now." reported Frishie. "a lot of these inmates are trying to sprout tail feathers."



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Pile It On

By DON UPJOHN

The day light saving plan is on again, this time being in a pretty mess with Portland and a few other towns of the state adopting it and the rest, to date remaining haughtily aloof. One of the best little fixers suggested today how it could be made chalked a message on the offreally an inter-

esting affair around here. He stage floor which got him a doc-tor: "Plate and false teeth stuck suggested that in throat." locally the county court might adopt the plan, the city council reject it, the school board maybe so on a Incidentally the customers worked up to a psychopathic might be glad to know that the state, and wants to knock their old organizer of the FT & BA heads together, himself had three snags removed "Doc" Evatt is one of the few himself had three snags removed Saturday, each one feeling as big as the First ME church steeple. maybe go on a half plan by shoving the clocks only half Des Cylens

outlook on life. an hour ahead. It could even be made more so by the police department adopting daylight Don't know whether it's a co-incidence or not, but this is, we understand. Mental Hygiene week, starting off coincidentally with daylight savings.

This revelation is made merely

to give the club members a new

H. P. Grant, the well known realtor, has received a clipping from his sister in Canton telling of General Jacob S. Cox-ey observing his 95th birthday, the general who 55 years ago led Bishop Auckland, England (#) his army of unemployed on Comedian Alex Munro clutched Washington, D. C. It seems that his throat and fell to the floor what the general worries mostly of the stage. The audience tit- about now is the great national tered. They roared as he made debt and the mounting burden of weird faces and crawled to the taxation which he says is more The laughter grew as his than the economic structure can assistant asked "Is there a doc- stand and things will go bust one tor in the house"." Before re- of these days. So he's just like tor in the house". Before re- of these days. So he's just lift turning to take a bow Munro the rest of the folks, after all.

have no navy and not much air

These then are the plans which Chiang Kai-Shek is said to have made to meet the Red

It strikes me as fair to assume

power for an attack.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

savings, the sheriff's office re-

jecting it and the fire depart-ment use it daytimes and switch

so than what we have now.

sound all very confusing it's really not much more

the clock back nights.

Anything for a Laugh

Here's Chiang's Strategy

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

With great Chinese communist armies across the Yangtze river and driving steadily southward into the heart of nationalist China, there's much speculation as to what Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's next move will be to counter this a government and carry on. Formora is rich and well adapted for such a project, especially which he calls "Taxpayers, U. S. A."

After all, hile the "Gi-o" has been "retirement" during peace negotiations, he still remains

the big boss of the nationalists.

He had a con-

ference at Hangchow with Act ng President Li Tsung-Jen and was announced they had if that the government 'must fight for the peoples'

implement this fighting lan-

Formosa off the Chinese last time.

But what of immediate plans? burg and A usually well informed Chinese source here in America dence, he tells me Chiang may remain quipped. "Had largely in the background until to give back he gets a call from the national. twenty - one he gets a call from the nationalleaders. Meantime, Acting grand President Li would carry on.

If and when the generalissimo felt just in Jack Benny gets his "call," it is believed he will establish his personal headquarters in Canton, on the south coast. Not only is that great ity well located strategically, of it has a sentimental importance to the nationalists.

It was the seat of the national revolution, and it was from there that Chiang in 1926 behis fight against the warlords of the north Moreover, General Hsueh-Yueh, governor of Kwangtung province, of which Canton is the capital, is

which Canton is the capital, is loyal to the generalissime.

The nationalists are reported to have been training soldiers in all parts of south China. The shows in 20 cities in 12 states communists have claimed that in 13 days.

Hos comes from Americans, foney And they're the ones who buy radios and movie tickets.

"This one's just a 'quickie', 'Any guy who'd loll around in the said. 'A breeze. We do 25 Palm Springs with invites like in all parts of south China. The shows in 20 cities in 12 states this piling up just isn't smart."

Hope takes along all the complete of communists have claimed that Chiang had 3,500,000 recruits under training there and on the island of Formosa, off the Chi-

81st congress convened last Jan-uary get big folding money. The American Medical asso-The American Medical asso-ciation employs several lobby-ists with five-digit incomes, in-cluding Frank E. Wilson (512,000 a year, plus \$2,400 ex-penses), and the husband-and-wife firm of Clem Whitaker and Leone Baxter Whitaker, hot-shot west coast publicists. To-

U. N. Assembly President

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Keep your eyes on the stubby little man with the gavel in his hand at Lake Success. Herbert V. Evatt, foreign minister of Australia and president of the UN general assembly, is the quiet center of the East-West cyclone.

He is not afraid to make enemies for himself in his efforts to

Is for Peace at All Costs

Russians as well as the Anglo-One day last week Evatt re-fused to let U. S. Ambassador Austin come to the defense of the Atlantic pact, after Soviet Gromyko had attacked it. Reason: Austin had just spoken on another subject, and Evatt made him wait his turn.

make peace.

Evatt used to

attacking the Soviets. Now he is leaning

over over backward to be fair, and bangs his gavel

the triggerman in counter-

The Australian is a human dy-namo, and sometimes a grouchy one. When he rides from the Drake hotel in Manhattan to Lake Success in the Cadillac limousine assigned to him, he sits up front with the chauffeur, writhing with impatience when they get stuck in cross-town traffic.

But he is even more impatient to get the chariots of peace out of the traffic jam. He thinks the big powers have got themselves

persons who knows how close the "neutrals" came to lifting the Berlin blockade during the U.N. session at Paris last fall. At that time he got himself called unprintable names for meddling in the cold war.

But if the cold war is thawed out this spring, it will be partly thanks to the efforts of "intruders" like "Doc" Evatt, who hates war more than he hates the Soviets.

THE DIAPER LOBBY

You can now find registered lobbyists on Capitol hill from

Beginning at the cradle, the National Institute of Diaper Services of New York retains- a lobbyist, Stanley Posner, at \$5,000 a year. On the other end of life, William C. Henning of Columbus, Ohio, gets \$6,000 for looking after the legislative intests of the American Cemetery association.

tery association.

Even the family wash gets man into the lobbying act through ment.

Richard A Tilden of Washington, D. C., who represents clothespin manufacturers for list of

\$100 a day—when he works. Lobbyists' earnings also vary

This rugged individualist informs congress in his registra-tion form that he pays all his overhead out of his own pocket -including "thinkin penses. Burton Clark of ington, a "retired explorer and university professor." also is a nonpaid spokesman for interests ambiguously described as "strictly personal."

couldn't do that 'cause the bull

fiddler wouldn't have had any

place to sleep. He's the only one

we save hotel money on.

We wanted to take Crosby

along, too. But we couldn't get an outboard motor that'd hook

The ski-nosed funnyman says

"They're fun. You think I'd keep making 'em if they weren't? You're darn right, I would Helps my Hooper rat-

Hope said seriously. For Presi-dent Truman and the late Presi-

dent Roosevelt . . . and the king and queen of England. But this

"This comes from Americans,

is the most important of all

onto his wheel chair."

It strikes me as fair to assume that the best Chiang could ex-pect would be to delay the ad-vance, by staggering his de-fenses, until some as yet un-foreseen good fortune should come to his rescue. freedom and national independence to the end." But how do they propose to SKI-NOSED FUNNYMAN, 'SCOOP SNOOT'

Almost a Million Bucks to See Bob Hope in Person

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Should this defense fail, he on a budget to pay his income tax, started out on another whirlwould as a last resort, set up wind tour today to "pick up that \$21,000" he had to leave in a government on the big island. Rhode Island

Got for "Had vance sales.

just like Virginia MacPherson

It hasn't been more than 60 days since Scoop Snoot wound up his last cross-coun- ing wound up his last cross-coun- ing would so much had to hire an extra baggage tour his "command perform-car to haul it home.

It wasn't quite a million

car to haul it home.

It wasn't quite a million bucks. But it was so close a was so close a Hope said seriously. couple hundred thousand one way or another isn't worth quib-bling about. And it was enough to send a lot of other big-name stars scurrying out on personal

There's about 50 people in our troupe," he said. "I was gonna toss in a chorus of 50 cities this time, but there wasn't

forts of home on his flying

"Not for oxygen," he cracked. The generalissimo's plan is room on the plane.

"Our tanks are full of good, ole do contemplate retirement" We'd have had to leave the California smog. Nobody'll get Formosa after all else has bull fiddle home and we homesick on this trip!"

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

gether they are paid \$100,000 a year to unsell congress on na-tional health insurance.

Gerard D. Reilly, ex-labor department solicitor and nation-

al labor relations board mem-ber, makes over \$50,000 a year lobbying against certain phases of labor legislation he used to

(salary to be revealed in a later report to congress).

Other blue-chip lobbyists are Sherlock Davis, who gets \$20,-000 a year, plus a fanc-pense account, from U.S.-Cuban sugar interests, and the New York public-relations firm of Rell Jones and Taylor, which

Bell, Jones and Taylor, which

lobbies for a string of five-and-dime and variety stores.

planes under the peace treaty Reason behind this is simple

from which American B-36's could atom-bomb Russia. Ital-ian troops and police have post-

ed a 24-hour-a-day guard around the airfield while the

work is going on.
The United Nations will put

off any decision on the Italian colonies until fall. Dr. Herbert Evatt, president of the assembly, will appoint a United Nations commission to investigate the

colonies and report back next September.

scrutiny in the justice

COP'S PROTECTION

hall and slot machines

have paid \$5,800.

department.

BY GUILD Wizard of Odds



Send your "Odds" questions on any subject to "The Wizzard of Odds," care of the Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon

champion. His clients include General Motors (\$36,000), the Printing Industry of America (\$4,800) and General Electric POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hildy, Bachelor Girl

By HAL BOYLE

New York (4)—At 16, Hildegarde Loretta Sell played the piano in a silent movie house in Milwaukee.

She was a plump, earnest, religious German girl, who hoped

for something Today. Bell, Jones and Taylor is paid years later, Hil-\$10,000 a year by S. H. Kress degrade is a and Co. \$3,000 a year by Mc-Crory stores, plus \$100 a day tionally known by these and other clients, in-cluding the G. C. Murphy Co. tertainer who cluding the G. C. Murphy Co., tertainer who for keeping tab on legislation has perhaps affecting retail trade. kissed more bald pates in public than any

has taken the highly unusual step of permitting French and Sell from her name. But such Belgian factories to begin build cess hasn't made her lose the ing British type fighters — the best qualities of Loretta Sell, highly secret British Vampire She is still earnest, religious—and Meteor models. These are and hoping for something better the only allied planes which shave any chance of keeping up acteristic the standard of the said stay. And I guess the half that wanted me to stay and keep trying was really three quarters."

Twice a night now she descends to the Plaza's Persian room, where she has been star-Belgian factories to begin best qualified particles. These are and being British-type fighters — the highly secret British Vampire She is still earnest, reading better. The second best of the second best

St. James learning a concerto. I hope to
Admiral Hillenkoetter's tour be able to do it by 1951 with of duty is about up as chief of the San Francisco Symphony all American intelligence. Tru- orchestra. They've invited me." man is looking for a replace-

nent. Devoting her spare time for Freeman Matthews, U.S. am- two and a half years to learn bassador to Sweden, heads the a 42-page concerto perfectly give a teen-age youngster list of candidates for the job of doesn't seem like too much motherly peck on the check assistant secretary of state in struggle to her. Struggle has make him feel years older.

assistant secretary of state in struggle to her. Struggle has make him feel years older. Charge of Latin-American relations. The Job was first offered so be told me something of her hildegarde has is to be a paint-to able Walter Donnelly, ambasside and hard times as we sate er, "and I would be one if there in the living room of her luxuriturned it down on the advice ous seven-room suite at the of doctors.

Plaza botel. It is the kind of asked her who was the most interesting man she had ever met, begun to modernize its big militude when she thumped out backs though it isn't allowed military ground music.

make him feel years older. The only unfulfilled ambition the held gambition to be a paintended to be a begun to modernize its big mili-the movie ser tary airbase at Foggia — even when she thu though it isn't allowed military ground music.

Foggia is the nearest allied base

plugging, and a girl band. She trouped in London and Paris night spots. "There was a time in Paris when I was broke" said Hilde-garde, "and I would have given

and low-paid apprenticeship.

She worked in vaudeville, song

garde, and I would nave given anything for \$99 to pay my pas-sage home. Half of me said give up, but half of me said stay. And I guess the half that wanted me to stay and keep

has informed the president ness and not anxious to return to the U.S. said. embassy in Cairo. He has a "I have always wanted to strong yen for the much-coveted play wonderfully well. Right job of ambassador to the court now I'm doing the classics. I'm patrons, and singing sentimental to the court of the court now I'm doing the classics. I'm patrons, and singing sentimental to the court of the love ballads.

One reason for Hildy's popularity is her ability to kiss a middle-aged man on his bald pate and send him back to his table feeling like a colt. Or to give a teen-age youngster a motherly peck on the check and

ground music.

Hildegarde became one of the "A doctor," she smiled. "Dochighest-priced supper club and tors know so many things beradio entertainers after a dreary sides medicine."

CLOSING 'MELTING POT' ERA

Only 3 Percent of New-Born Have Mothers Foreign Born

New York, N. Y.—About 97 percent of the children now born in the United States have mothers who themselves are native born, according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life In-surance company, who see in this fact the closing of the "melt- to the number of Spanish-speak-

in 1946, less than 100,000 were The case of a Tacoma Wash, to foreign-born mothers. This policeman charged with protecting pinball machines by failing of such births registered as re-

to pay the government proper cently as 1933. income taxes has been under By contrast, By contrast, births to native cent from 1933 to 1946.

The Tacoma cop is Parker A. The sharp drop in births to Garrison, who has been on the foreign-born mothers is the repolice force since 1928, and his sult of restrictions upon immijob has been inspector of pin- gration during the past quarter all and slot machines. century. The foreign-born U.S. treasury agents checking ulation has not been reup on his income tax found that ished, and the number of women from the years 1943 through at the child-bearing ages has 1946 Garrison actually paid decreased rapidly in recent taxes of \$400 whereas he should years.

ave paid \$5,800. At present, less than one-According to treasury figures tenth of the foreign-born wom-e showed an income of \$2,600 en are in the 20 to 34-year age 1943 whereas, agents claim, range, while more than one-is actual income was \$8,027. his actual income was \$8,063. In quarter of the native women are 1944 he told the government he at these main child-bearing 1944 he told the government he at had received \$2,400 whereas the ages.

treasury contends his real in. A study by the statisticians come was \$4,800. In 1945 Garrishows that the proportion of son filed a return for \$2,500 births to foreign-born women is whereas the treasury has three times as high in chalked up an income. graphically, the proportion is highest in the west, due mainly as treasury agents, checking up nig women, and lowest in the

Out of the 3,290,000 births registered in the United States bers.



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"Well, I will just have to take the rap on this," he said, "but I will not talk." Federal agents, however, ubt very much that Garrison taking the rap for someone

else. At any rate, the justice department has ordered his

chalked up an income of \$9.000

on his various sources of in-come, say that he received \$4,800.

account by U. S. agents, he gave the impression that he had mere-

ly been acting for others.

When Garrison was called to

1946 Garrison claimed to ve earned only \$1,700, where-