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BY BECK

Actions You Regret

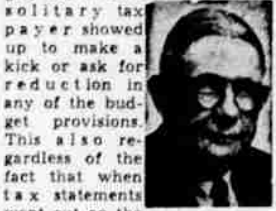


SIPS FOR SUPPER

Not So Bad

By DON UPJOHN

Not much to worry about a depression being just ahead. This is confirmed by the fact that when the county budget committee started to tackle the biggest budget in its history today not a single, not even a solitary taxpayer showed up to make a kick or ask for reduction in any of the budget provisions. This also re- gardless of the fact that when tax statements went out on the last tax roll there was plenty of kick about high taxes. It's been a sort of unwritten law that when times have been had in the county taxpayers have bobbed up like flies at budget committee meetings to make a kick, but when the goose hangs rather high they forget the budget meetings and go about their business. In the past five years, show the statistics, there have been 643 people appeared before county budget committee meetings asking for some sort of an activity or other that would bring about a rise in taxes if granted. During that time but one has appeared asking for taxes to be cut. So apparently the folks have been doing all right for themselves.



Don Upjohn

Charley Crittenden who has got his pants back from the county court—the ones that his Hubbard constituents stole out because of the bad condition of Hubbard streets which come under Charley's jurisdiction, is in a thankful mood. The girls at the courthouse, as we've previously recounted, mended the seat of the trousers with a hunk from a sugar sack, bearing the label of the product. Now Charley writes back his thankfulness for what he calls "the exquisite design on the patched seat." Charley says his whole outlook on life has been changed. Now, he says, "When the fair ladies of Hubbard went to greet me with a very pleasant 'Good morning,' or 'Hello, Charlie,' they greet me thusly: 'Hello, Sugar.'"

FT & BA Pride

Garnet Six, the well known abstractor, just doesn't like to have somebody get ahead of him. And he's a nice guy too, and should get along OK. But we take a kinda dim view of his latest manifestation of this

It just goes to show that may-be clothes do make the man, as has often heretofore been expressed.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Three-Way Relations

By DeWitt MacKENZIE

The conference of British commonwealth prime ministers in London, to try to figure out how India can become a republic and still remain within the commonwealth, is fascinating in its potentialities. We are witnessing a further historic development in the metamorphosis of the ties between Britain and her far-flung political structure "upon which the sun never sets."

Americans broke away from the mother country. Indications are that England's relationship ultimately will be divided into three categories: (1) The imperial relations with the colonies; (2) The commonwealth association with the autonomous dominions which still acknowledge allegiance to the crown; and (3) The special association with the Asiatic dominions which do not acknowledge allegiance to the king.

An entirely new situation has been created by the refusal of mighty India—like the independent republic of Ireland—to continue recognition of the king as her sovereign. Such recognition has been a requisite of membership in the commonwealth. Unless some substitute can be devised, India will walk out of the commonwealth when she becomes a republic.

The significance of this lies in the fact that the time is rapidly passing when any people will bow to the sovereignty of another race. That's why empires are on their way out.

Most of the dominions in the commonwealth have big British populations. Their ties with the mother country are close. But the situation is different as regards India and Pakistan and other Asiatic peoples. They belong to a different world racially and culturally.

That's the problem which the London conference is trying—and confidently expects — to solve. The solution must be flexible enough to include more nations than India, for others may adopt the republican form of government. Among them might be Pakistan and Ceylon, and there even is speculation that the Dominion of South Africa might take this step.

Dr. D. F. Malan, Prime Minister of the National Party, and leader of the nationalist party, aims to wean the English-speaking people of his country from what he describes as double loyalty—that is, to the Union of South Africa and to England. He has said that this can be done "only by political and spiritual separation, as the

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Post-War China Story Is Great Human Tragedy

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—If and when the state department opens its secret files on China, they will reveal one of the great human tragedies of post-war reconstruction. The files will also tell a story that will make this nation think twice about pouring more U. S. dollars down the yawning maw of China.

The diplomatic files show that, with most of China's 400,000,000 people in desperate need, the Chinese nationalist hierarchy insisted on controlling supplies, and even discouraged U. S. purchases by other Chinese. Powerful in this hierarchy were T. V. Soong and M. H. Kung, both brothers-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Both are also among the wealthiest men in China or the world, and there is little evidence that they have dipped into their own pockets to help their fellow citizens.



Drew Pearson

Meanwhile, Soong's board of supply offered to purchase the ships for private companies at the black-market rate and for an additional 5 percent "handling fee." In other words, the Chinese government was offering to deal on the same black market it had declared illegal.

The situation became steadily worse until Monnet Davis, U. S. Consul-General in Shanghai, advised the Secretary of State in a secret cable:

"Executive Yuan of Chinese government has placed ban on importation of 'American army surplus goods.' . . . Ban imposed to prevent purchase of surplus goods by private firms in competition with the government . . ."

NOTE—After one conference between T. V. Soong and FLC field commissioner B. A. Johnson, the American official wrote in his confidential report: "Dr. Soong then told me that he had been a gambler all his life, but in this deal (surplus property) he was handling very heavy and important money. He was inclined to gamble because the chances to be derived by China from surplus property judiciously bought and correctly sold should be enormous."

AMBASSADOR FROM BROOKLYN

Brooklyn is noted for a lot of things—in addition to the Dodgers. But probably most Brooklyn residents don't realize that this city has sent an official ambassador to Washington.

He happens to be Dr. Oscar Gans, and although he is Cuban Ambassador to the United States, he was actually born in Brooklyn.

Ambassador Gans' father was also a Brooklyn-born American who went to Cuba during the Spanish-American war as aide to Major Tasker Bliss, later U. S. chief of staff.

Young Gans liked Cuba so well that he remained on after the Spanish-American war, married a Cuban girl, and then came back to Brooklyn. There the present ambassador was born.

In his youth, Ambassador Gans had the reputation of being about as belligerent as Leo Durocher, late of the Brooklyn Dodgers. At the age of 20 he fought two duels in one day.

"It paid," explains the ambassador, "because after I got the reputation of being quick to challenge, people let me alone. 'Dueling in Cuba is not very risky,' says Ambassador Gans, 'for the reason that the seconds place you a long distance apart and only let you fire between the counts of 'two and three,' which they reel off so rapidly that you scarcely have time to fire.'"

The ambassador has served as envoy in almost every country in Latin America and also as secretary of labor, which he considers about the most important post in any cabinet. "It is time," he says, "that we think less about machines and about people. That's why the labor department is so important."

SWISS KILOY CLUB

One man who pays great tribute to the American G. I. is Florian Niederer, known as the man who guided 300,000 G. I. through Switzerland.

"They were universally well-behaved," says Niederer. "We had misbehavior reported only in a very few cases." Niederer is now in the U. S. A. organizing the "Swiss Kilroy Club" on the theory that a G. I. who visited Switzerland once, would like to go back with his bride. A lot of them, he finds, do. So Switzerland has become the country labeled "Kilroy was there."

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SORRY FOR 'INCONVENIENCE' Two Polite Robbers Apologize for Mistake

New York, April 26 (AP)—A big gentleman and a little gentleman entered Harry Zack's Brooklyn apartment last night. Both had guns. They said they were sorry for the intrusion but: "We were told you're in the jewelry business." "No, I'm not in the jewelry business, and I don't have any jewelry," Zack said. Zack, 35, is a brokerage clerk. "But we were told you got jewelry," the large bandit said, politely. Zack said it wasn't so. Then, they took his wallet. It contained \$60. "That's rent money," Zack protested. "O. K., we don't fool with this small stuff, the small man said. The big man gave the wallet back. Then they waved their guns at Mrs. Zack. The large man took her engagement and wedding rings and her wrist watch, worth about \$600. "Don't mention it," said Zack.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



THE ONLY CRIME THAT INCREASED IN 1948 WAS BICYCLE STEALING—UP 2.4% (WELL, RAUL, SOUTH BEND, IND., ASKED THESE ODDS)

Holiday for the Death Chamber

There will be no execution in the gas chamber in the state penitentiary during any period that William E. Walsh, president of the senate, is serving as acting governor. Acting Governor Walsh said Tuesday that he was opposed to capital punishment and should any executions by the state be scheduled during any time that he is occupying the governor's chair he will issue a reprieve and leave disposition of the case to Gov. McKay. "And I won't release any prisoners, either, while pinching for Doug," he added, apparently referring to the time when Roy Rittner of Pendleton, serving as acting governor, released 60 prisoners.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

New All-America Male

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—There is a new all-America male on the scene. Have you noticed him? He isn't exactly the kind of man his father was. And certainly he isn't the woman his mother was. But in many ways he is like them both, and in some ways he is more talented than either. For there's been a big, big change in the man of the house. Father's a man of parts today. He can do 'most anything about the home—and does. Half a century ago father, quite often, was a tobacco-chewing, independent rooster who ruled his wooden castle like an army top sergeant. About all he did around the place was eat, sleep, grunt behind the daily newspaper he read in his easy chair, and carry out coal ashes in the winter. His spare time he spent at a saloon arguing about the government. He didn't talk much at home, because what was there for him and the old lady to talk about? He was interested in sports, business and politics. Mama was interested in raising the kids and running the manor. Papa was a stern figure to the kids—the man who whopped them across a bare rear with a razor strap when mama complained they had done wrong. And papa didn't fret about the children very much. After all, there were a lot of them around. In those days parents weren't supposed to worry much about the kids anyway. The kids were expected to grow up and start worrying about taking care of their parents.



Hal Boyle

All this is changed. The modern husband is a real all-American male. There has been no husband like him in history. And the American woman is the envy of the women of every other country in the world—for having him. Daddy takes an interest in everything about the house now. He insists on going with mama to the store to pick out the drapes and furniture. And don't try to tell him he doesn't know the difference between fuchsia and hucklewhite. He does. The cookstove is no longer a feminine empire. Once they put gadgets in the kitchen and cut down the hours papa spent

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