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What Has Johnson to Say?

When John L. Sullivan quit as secretary of the navy Tuesday, his action should have caused no real surprise in what are called "official quarters." When his boss, Defense Secretary Johnson, called a halt to the navy's

The tension had broken out over which branch or branches of the service would be recognized for the cov-Johnson's abrupt bombing assignment. order to halt the giant carrier indicated to observers he was ruling out the navy for the task of heavy bombard-ment of strategic areas. The navy couldn't launch big enough bombers to do the job unless ships were available of the size of the USS United States, whose keel had just

There was more than that to the dramatic exit of the done navy secretary, however. There was the matter of the or by traveling marine corps, too. Ever since General MacArthur years back and forth ago spoke out in favor of abolishing the marine corps. As one of these the leathernecks as part of the services have led a pre-unfortunates recarious existence. Some top army brass had agreed with marked to us to-MacArthur. The special jobs of the marines, seizing adday. "It's the vanced bases for the navy and amphibious warfare, had been copied by the army. So, since the marines are a part of the navy department, they figured, too, in Sullivan's

So did naval and marine corps aviation as integral parts of their respective branches of the armed forces. Because the navy and marines' defense activities called for special type of air support, both had developed their own. these, too, were in jeopardy.

In other words, Defense Secretary Johnson had busted wide open the fears of the services over their very exist-ence. The only plausible explanation that anyone could give to Johnson's killing of plans for the super carrier was that such a carrier, to his way of thinking, was not the right vessel for future warfare. The other implica-

So the only way to ease the tension now is for Johnson of the period of his views are on which service is going to do what assign-ment in any World War III—if it comes. Sullivan's action own garden. calls for no less than that,

When Johnson moved into his top job a short time ago, his words sounded as if he were going to work toward a ence where you gopher 'em, they fair union of the branches of the armed forces. But his aren't there.

Angeles recently is going to start worrying. order stopping the carrier United States killed all his earlier words of good will.

An explanation is in order as to why he even permitted the keel to be laid in the first place, if he knew he were going to stop construction shortly afterward. The people of the nation after whom the vessel was named deserve a plausible accounting. It is their navy—and army and air force—not any one cabinet officer's.

Three Medical Service Plans

There are three plans before congress for medical care for everyone, different methods but the same goal. The Truman plan is compulsory, the federal government is to take over and force most people in along the British experiment in socialized medicine. The Taft plan leaves medical care to the states. The Hill plan leaves it in private hands with federal excistance. with federal assistance. But they all mean higher costs and outlays of tax money for a broader health program.

The three conflicting plans are summarized as follows:

TRUMAN PLAN: Health insurance, compulsory for nearly everybody, to start July 1, 1951. Workers, employers each pay 1½ per cent pay-roll tax on first \$4,800 of wages; self-employed pay up to 3 per cent on net income up to \$4,800. Medical care, at no additional cost, to include: examination, doctors' visits limited dental treatment; 60 days' hospitalization; home-nursing, laboratory, X-ray, ambulance service; expensive medicines, hearing aids, wheel chairs, eye-glasses, crutches and other special appliances. Federal subsidies for medical schools, students, local health units, hospital construction, rural doctors, etc. Estimated cost of health-insurance benefits: about \$6,000.000,000 a year.

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TAFT PLAN: No compulsory insurance, no special tax. People unable to pay all costs of medical care are offered required medical aid free from state health agencies. Federal government to split costs with states, up to certain limits.

Federal subsidies for medical schools, free examinations of school children and free treatment of needy children, grants for local hospital construction, etc. Federal costs: about \$1.817,000,000 in five years.

HILL PLAN: State health agencies to pay all or part of monthly premiums charged by voluntary health-insurance plans, for people unable to meet costs. Eligible plans limited to those providing hospitalization, diagnostic service. General medical care, office calls, home nursing not included. Federal government to split costs with states, and encourage expansion of state public-health programs. No special taxes, all participation voluntary. Estimate of costs not available.

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The least desirable and the most costly of these plans is dence, the Soviet offer comes the Truman plan, which has its inspiration in bankrupt as the other three allies con-Britain, where it is anything but free, and costing \$100 - clude the control of the property of the plans is the other three allies con-Britain, where it is anything but free, and costing \$100 - clude the control of the property of the plans is the other three allies con-Britain, where it is anything but free, and costing \$100 - clude the control of the plans is the other three allies con-Britain. Britain, where it is anything but free, and costing \$100 a clude the agreement for the year for every adult in England, half paid in weekly levies establishment of a new Gerby the employe and half by the employer, which does not man republic out of the three contents. begin to pay the costs.

Aneurin Bevan, British minister of health, says socialized medicine has already cost 40 percent more than esti-mated and costs will continue to rise for the next 10 years. It cost over \$1 billion this year and pleases no one, and is wrapped up in red tape.

STORIES IN LIFE

'Who Did You Say It Was?'

Fort Lewis (P)-The information Pvt. Clair E. Irish, 2nd division artillery radio man, was getting on the field radio just didn't jibe with the firing problem of the day at the Yakima

Col. Ralph M. Osborne, executive officer of division artillery, was called in.

"Who's this gumming up the works?" the colonel inquired gruffly over the radio, which has a normal maximum range of 25 miles.

"This is the artillery officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma," was

Colonel Osborne made some inquiries that satisfied him some freak of nature was relaying the message about 100 times the normal distance. The two officers concluded with an exchange of information of their respective problems.

A Dog's Life



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Two Timers

By DON UPJOHN

Daylight savings time in Portland. Sane and sensible time in Salem, for a little while at least. Folks who have to do business between these points are beginning to complain about the anomalous situa-

whether the business i done by phone or by traveling two-timing ever foisted on a

patient and long suffering people."

Gopher Humor

Lebanon-R. M. Hayden, aft-shudder obtaining expert advice, put quake. cot noxious balt for a beyy of gophers throwing up dirt in his Corn Preventative garden. Next day the whole Los Angeles UE—William E. meeting was interrupted 13 clan moved out and set up Lilley, a mailman for 20 years, housekeeping in Neighbor Bob was held today for keeping 5. Benate floor. This kept the sentential where they set 000 letters instead of delivering alors strangling up and down them. The more letters I destains to the senate floor until stairs to the senate floor until also discussed in the senate floor until

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assurance of the Pied Piper, complained Lilley, 46, "When Hayden silenced complaints with my feet hurt I just took the mail Georgia finally snorted in disparence to rid the Penlands bown I shwar intended to design.

Now everybody who has writ-It seems it makes no differ ten a letter to somebody in Los

Bird Gives Cat a Bad Time

East Sheen, Eng. 49.—You've heard of the canary who was so tough he sang bass?

A local cat named Whiskey has met the canarys' cousin. Whiskey was stalking a blackbird, when suddenly the bird

A veterinary took 15 stitches in Whiskey.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

An Oasis or a Mirage?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Foreign Affairs Analyst

The western allies are moving cautiously (though hopefully) to make sure they are seeing a real oasis and not a mirage in the startling Soviet offer to lift the German blockade.

The Russians eir willingness to abando blockade if democrawill end their ade and agree to a meeting

This caution is inspired by the

A tremendous stride towards

the whole German question.
It was the Muscovites who ended the foreign ministers council some sixteen months ago by walking out on it.

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the rehabilitation of western Europe would seem to have been made in the agreement to establish this government. The date for its inauguration has been set for July 15. The accord naturally ignores Russia, which occupies close to one-third of the old Reich.

Hungry Lion Is No Easy

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Closed Foreign Policy Meeting Combs Pact

lantic pact were kept under steady fire for 4 5 hours.

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Terse, urgent questions affecting our hopes for peace came boiling to the top the other day behind the closed doors of the senate foreign relations committee. Answering them, the men who must implement the North At-

them wanted to do, but Senator Pepper of Florida warned that the pact, itself, promised to

Secretary Acheson explained, however, that the only "meas-ures" we are obliged to report

to the security council are what-ever measures may be taken jointly—after an armed attack

"What I want to know," chimed in Utah's scholarly Sen-ator Elbert Thomas, "is what do

you mean by the rearmament of Europe? One thing Europe knows how to do is arm. The

idea of supplying arms seems

archaic unless we give them our best bombs and techniques But if we do that, I am against the

"The aim of the Atlantic pact

to bring about an atmosphere

well quit now, because the world knows all the processes

Thomas also warned against building up a "United States army of Europe." Senator Ful-

bright of Arkansas, on the other hand, argued that a compos-ite army would be more ef-fective than several miniature

Another question, raised by

several senators, was whether to

arms, If the United States tries

to produce all the armament needed for the allied world, the production and logistic problem.

it was argued, would be terrific. But, on the other hand, plants built in Europe would be easy prey to the Russians and might

pushing the arms program

MERRY-GO-ROUND

ambassador to either Denmar or Luxembourg. (Mrs. Mesta used to be a republican.)

The joint chiefs of staff have

turned against us. No one

whole program.

of war."

abide by the UN charter.

Big. bull-voiced Senator Vandenberg set the pace, but each senator got a load of ques-tions off his chest. They combed the pact's fine print for pitfalls and loopholes, and searched for

ings between the lines. As a result, many tough problems were

owed up. The chief targets in this verbal shooting gallery were Secre-tary of State Acheson, Secre-tary of Defense Johnson and Ambassador Harriman They talked brilliantly, but not quite enough, to please the sen-

"I can't be offhand and free about information that involves other countries." Acheson re-torted impatiently, when pressed to make arms unnecessary. If we are not going to teach the processes of peace, we may as well quit now, because the

Johnson also buttoned up during a barrage of questions on atomic energy from Senator day. Like a voice from the past Will Jones, well known Macleay McMahon of Connecticut. The farmer, appeared before the queries were based on secret in-county budget committee and formation which McMahon had asked that the committee provide a budget no larger than the detail in front of committee armies, one adopted last year, which clerks. This caused McMahon to Another than the detail in the rentagon. vide a budget no larger than the detail in front of communication adopted last year, which clerks. This caused McMahon to would cut out all increases what declare that he wouldn't supever. It's the first time in over port the pact if he couldn't get five years anybody has showed the information he wanted.

furnish Europe with American-made arms or help the treaty nations manufacture their own "If the price of the senator's vote," bristled Johnson, "is my violation of what I consider the security of the nation, then we may have to forego the senator's vote."

By God. I can't go up and Europe only implicated us deeper. Many senators were also an-gry with the administration for own those stairs any more!"
And he quit the meeting.

Another problem was how much to tell the press. Vanden-berg was against issuing any release until the secretary of state formally presented the military program to congress. The Michigan republican warned, however, that "Drew Pearson has a dictaphone hidden in

Later, Chairman Tom Connally stamped angrily into the meeting after a trip upstairs to stand against any aggressor. Wealthy Oil Heiress Perio Mesta, social arbiter for the Tru-mans, will shortly be rewarded by an appointment as first lady

"Somebody has already leaked the amount (of the proposed military aid)," he thundered "Some newspaperman told me the figure and asked if that was

Following this incident, it was agreed to release an outline of the \$1.130,000,000 plan to help rearm the North Atlantic treaty

Here are other highlights of

the meeting.
Senator Vandenberg wanted to clarify the important questo clarify the important ques-tion of whether the pact was just another old-fashioned mili-tary alliance or a genuine in-strument of collective security. He pointed out that the UN charter recognizes the right of pations to "collective self-de-lense" in case of attack.

will be so attractive to their porter to countrymen in the Soviet zone. Does this mean, Vandenberg cal ends, he was a that a union of the two will be asked, that the treaty nations trouble. Now he has it, brought about.

Back in 1946, the plans to the security council—

The plans t

Patient, Vet Finds Out

man republic out of the three western zones, with Russia holding out its eastern zone.

The western allies are asking themselves: "Can Moscow's offer be a trick to disrupt the formation of the German government so that Russia can get complete control of a unified include the Soviet zone"

Both General Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor in Germany, and U. S. Ambassador Robert D. Murphy, Tuesday expressed wariness over the Soviet offer.

Lest there be any doubt respectively. When the following the activation of the first there is any control of the still th

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Fortune in Wire Spring By HAL BOYLE

New York — If you ever had an idea and tried to turn it into money, the story of Dick James may interest you.

He taught a piece of coiled wire to walk downstairs. Now it makes him an excellent living.

James, a 31year old form
"I gave one coil to a boy in

inventor "Slinky," revolution a r new mechanical

nothing but 78-foot piece of high carbon clockspring steel wire arranged in 92 coils. He

looks like an old-fashioned bedlooks like an old-fashioned bed-spring pressed flat—so the coils touch.

But Slinky can do things.

But Slinky can do things. But Slinky can do things. A child can take him in his hand and play the coils back and forth like a silent accor-

dion. Put Slinky on the top of

had a ready answer for this.

Before Senator George
walked out, he was in a negaa staircase and flip his coil over, and Slinky will coil and uncoil his way down the stairs like a tive mood toward anything that rhythmic snake. cost more money and warned that every move we made in "He changed my whole life," said James, who has sold 2,500,-000 Slinkys and expects to mar-ket another 1,000,000 this year.

Simple as the gadget is, it took James several years of hard work to make it a success. fore the treaty is even ratified. Acheson's reply was that the arms program was the only log-Back in 1943 he was working in a Philadelphia shipyard. He began fooling with some round began fooling with some round shall be suspend with the colls, figuring a language of the suspend work application by James ical way of implementing the pact. Averell Harriman report-ed that the Marshall plan had saved Italy from disintegration and had stiffened the upper lip began fooling with some round elastic wire used to suspend meters that registered the horsepower output of ship of other western nations. All they needed now was the arms, he declared, to make a strong

"I gave one coil to a boy in bed with the mumps. His par-ents said be had had so much fun with it I should sell the coils as toys. And my wife Betty, who'd thought I was fool-ish to sand the manufactures. ish to spend two years tinker-ing with wire springs, agreed."

But James found then how much resistance there is in the world against a new idea.

"The toy people wanted no a counter for an evening if I'd demonstrate the toy myself. "I brought along 400 coils and sold them in an hour and a

half. That convinced them. They gave me an immediate order for 5,000." James had to horrow money to buy the coils from a factory that made them to his specifica-

tions. A month later he \$5,000 a year marine engineer-ing job.

"It was a hard gamble," he said. "My family thought I was crazy to give up an engineering career over a toy."

patent application by James wouldn't be granted. James feels luck has played a

machinery.

"The coils of round wire wouldn't stand up," he said, "So just for fun I had the company make me up a couple of dozen samples of flat wire.

"It wasn't until the next year to develop a top that would that I learned I could make the coils walk downstairs. My son spent a lifetime on it."

OPEN FORUM

Daylight Saving Time

decided to equip our western European allies with the fam-ous M-1 Garand rifle, Reason behind the move: The U.S. has six million Garands in surplus and is planning to make a new, improved model for American an apathetic majority to do its bidding.

That the majority is opposed That the majority is opposed should inform the sovernor of

That the majority is opposed Georgee Kennan, now chief to the time change is amply of the state department's policy-planning staff, will be promoted its true in vesting the right to counselor, replacing Chip proclaim daylight time in the Bohlen, who moves to Paris, governor, by the piddling majority which daylight time rehis important job of trying to ceived even in Portland, as well anticipate what the Russians as by the opinions expressed in time addicts to file a petition. They know that in a state-wide will do next.

To the Editor: The action of the city of Portland in defying the will of the majority of the people by proclaiming daylight saving time is another proof that a determined minority can force



prepared to agree, provided the Russians have no further conditions up their sleeve.

That could well be, for the plans to the security council—
where Russia has easy access? commies were nominally lined to the security council—
the plans to the security counci democratic union, opposing Peron's presidential candidacy. Actually, however, the Reds reached a secret, last-minute "mutual understanding" with

Until recently, both sides out-

Lest there be any doubt regarding the attitude of the western allies, they have made it crystal clear that they are going ahead with the creation of the new anti-communist German republic.

General Clay declared that man republic.

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Captain Roth and Doctor General Clay declared that man republic will have no effect whatever on the west German government.

And that is where the trouble bars.

Then they jammed a 2x4
The commies on their part, never had any illusions about weak lion is still a dangerous the needle.

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