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Why the Super-Carrier Lost Out

Neither President Truman, who ratified the cancellation of the building of the navy 65,000-ton super-carrier...

However, the navy claim that Johnson's act was illegal because congress had authorized the construction of the carrier...

Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, states the reasons for the cancellation in his "In the Nation" column...

When the concept of building the United States was evolved the next war was envisioned as a conflict over vast expanses of water...

Now the concept of strategy in a possible new war has changed to a conflict with Soviet Russia, a huge land power which, except for submarines, has never constructed a powerful navy...

Johnson's decision was backed by a majority of the joint chiefs of staff, and the report is not disputed that General Eisenhower's conclusion was in agreement with those of the chiefs of staff...

Life in the Democrats

Democrats of Oregon apparently enjoyed the feeling of a crowd. It was a real crowd that showed up at the state central committee meeting in Portland Sunday...

On the credit side was the election as state chairman of W. L. Josslin, Portland attorney, and one-time private secretary to the late Governor Martin...

Josslin, who happened to work his way through Harvard law school and was later responsible for putting through improved parole laws in Oregon, will take over a tough job...

For the resolutions passed, no doubts were left of the policy pattern for the party in the state. It will try to be a copy of the national democratic party...

Little credit could be attached to such party drum-beating stuff as offered by Willis E. Mahoney when he beat the idea of Andrew Jackson that "to the victor belongs the spoils."

Because the meeting did surprise onlookers by its life, the democrats are going to cause a further shake-up in the republican ranks in Oregon...

STORIES IN LIFE

Sore Feet Resting in Jail

Los Angeles (AP)—Postman William E. Lilley, Jr., is recovering from the mailman's traditional sore feet—but in jail. Postal inspectors said they found nearly 5,000 unopened and undelivered letters in Lilley's apartment...

Egg Contest 'Lays an Egg'

Gaston, Ore. (AP)—Gaston's egg eating contest has been indefinitely postponed. The stage was all set for a new community shell game but things happened. One contestant died. A second was hospitalized...

BY BECK It Never Fails



SIPS FOR SUPPER

All Set

By DON UPJOHN

In case anyone thinks that May will be a dull month around here and just a time to pick posies and fish, may we remind that Mayor Bob Elfstrom and Councilman Howard Maple have both just returned from extensive trips to the presumably sunny where they got their fishing out of their respective systems and things should be pretty well shaped off now to touch off the fuse to the Bal-dock plan again before this merry month is over and find out what's been going on behind the council's iron curtain...

Anyway, the quietude which settled down so suddenly gives an idea of how easy it is to forget and go about one's business.

Slogan appearing around in windows reads "Senators Look Fine in 49." We might add they also looked great in 48 likewise will look nifty in 50 with a pen-

EXPERT LISTS:

What Marriage Requires

Chicago (AP)—Mrs. Emily B. H. Mudd, director of the Philadelphia Marriage Council, listed for zine these requirements for a successful marriage:

- 1. The ability to obtain and hold a job that provides enough income to support a home and children.
2. Knowledge of how to maintain a comfortable home and repair usual household equipment.
3. Knowledge of cooking.
4. Ability to budget income.
5. Knowledge of health.
6. Knowledge of sexual needs and behavior.
7. Some knowledge of child care and what planning for a baby involves.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

'Proceeding With Caution'

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

A further American-Russian conference in New York Friday over lifting the Berlin blockade brought the unembellished and pleasing announcement that the "are proceeding satisfactorily."

This report was taken in United Nations circles as a sign that east and west were moving slowly towards an agreement on this question.

One is reminded that President Truman on Thursday expressed the belief that the Soviets were acting in good faith in negotiations to lift the blockade.

We can accept this viewpoint of good faith without indulging in the wishful thinking, which is a dangerous pastime at this stage in the cold war. It doesn't, and shouldn't, commit our hopes to anything more than appears on the surface.

That is the lifting of the obnoxious and costly Soviet blockade, in exchange for the raising of the allied counter-blockade, and a meeting of the long dormant four-power council of foreign ministers to consider the whole German question.

We don't need to venture further in an effort to decide whether the Russians have some deep ulterior purpose in this offer, such as scuttling the formation of the German republic out of the three western zones.

Even if there is such an ulterior purpose, we can content ourselves with this perfectly obvious explanation:

The Russian blockade has failed of its purpose because of the allied air-lift. It is hurting its instigators more than it is the western powers. However, western Europe is rapidly recovering strength. The communist offensive has bogged down.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND U. S. Chamber Woos Congress With Cocktails

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Missouri's Congressman Clare Magee has warned his colleagues on Capitol Hill to beware the ornate cocktail party thrown by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce today.

Every year the U. S. Chamber meets in Washington and this year is staging quite a cocktail reception for congressmen. But Congressman Magee, a down-to-earth democrat from Unionville, Mo., has vetoed the social-lobby in a letter which has made Chamber ears burn.

"I must decline this invitation," Magee wrote to George Smith, president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, who had invited him.

"Even the inducement of one hour of cocktails is not sufficient. In fact, you would not be able to get enough cocktails down me in 60 minutes to make me agree with what you and the United States Chamber of Commerce stand for."

Magee had already attended one Chamber of Commerce party, he reminded Smith. "You may recall," he continued, "that soon after the election of last fall, you invited the newly elected Missouri congressmen to a dinner at St. Louis. Only three of us were foolish enough to attend. I had some idea of what we would hear; but it exceeded all expectations.

"We were not given a chance to say a word. But we were only expected to, and did, sit meekly by, while you and an officer of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce heaped every conceivable insult upon those of us who were elected by the support of liberal elements.

"You charged that we would probably witness the first labor government in America when the 81st congress convened. Yours was the most exhorting and reactionary speech that I have ever heard or read.

"I do thank you for the invitation," Magee wound up, "but those cocktails might cause me to forget the usual amenities that a guest should display to his host."

RUSSIA'S TRUMP CARDS It is no secret that the heroism and efficiency of American pilots gave the state department its biggest trump card in the backstage diplomatic maneuvering over lifting the Berlin blockade.

ACE NO. 1—Was China. Diplomatic reports from the Orient indicate that the campaign to take Nanking and Shanghai was advanced a month or two in order to show the western world communism's great strength in summer, because of the problem of feeding them before the harvest, but the schedule was stepped up to offset the bad publicity of any Moscow surrender at Berlin.

ACE NO. 2—is the threat of Soviet troop withdrawal from Germany. On the surface this doesn't sound so bad, but it sends shivers up and down western spinal columns.

For the Russians have organized crack German communist troops which would take over eastern Germany in case of Red army withdrawal. The western allies have organized no such German troops, and probably wouldn't entirely trust them even if organized.

So if the Russians should withdraw, one of three things would happen: (a) U.S. British and French armies would remain in western Germany, becoming more unpopular by the minute because of Russian withdrawal.

(b) U.S., British and French armies could withdraw altogether, in which case German communist troops, trained by Russians, would take over all Germany.

(c) The western allies could withdraw from all Germany except the Ruhr and Rhineland—the heart of the German war machine. However, even our retention of the Ruhr would cause terrific resentment among the Germans.

What actually is happening is that both the east and west are bidding for the favor of a nation which all too recently started the bloodiest war in history. Moscow wants German support in case of possible war with the west, and the west wants the Germans to operate the Ruhr war machine for the west in case of Russian attack.

It looks as if the nation which lost the war might come out the victor. WALL STREET AND GERMANY It wasn't shouted from the Pentagon roof-top, but shortly before Kenneth Royall resigned as secretary of the army he quietly appointed Shephard Morgan as U.S. director of finance for Germany.

There is a lot more to this than meets the eye. For Morgan is vice president of the Chase National bank, and for some time the Chase bank has been trying to get a dominant financial position in western Germany.

Before the war, the Chase bank floated the largest number of short-term credits to Germany, and because it was caught short with these credits at the time of the crash, Albert Wiggin was eased out as Chase's chairman.

Since the war, Chase has again sought to invade the German financial field, but for a time was blocked by Jack Bennett, treasury department monetary expert, who did an A-1 job of setting up new German currency.

But now Bennett is out and Royall has appointed the vice president of Chase, Shephard Morgan, to take his place.

NOTE—John J. McCloy, intimate friend of Chase's chairman, Winthrop Aldrich, and former attorney for the Chase bank, has now been offered Clay's job while another Wall street tycoon, Curtis Calder, chairman of the giant Electric Bond and Share corporation, is proposed as secretary of the army.

Press dispatches citing Paul C. Daniels as most likely candidate for the long-vacant assistant secretaryship in the state department, have had a depressing effect in most Latin-American capitals.

Daniels is the man who, as director of the department's American republics division, has been responsible for the long series of U.S. bungles in western hemisphere affairs during the past year and a half, including tacit encouragement of last year's rash of military coups in South America.

Moving him up to the highest post now would impress most Latin democrats as final proof that the good-neighbor policy has been permanently scrapped. (Copyright, 1949)

Time-Table for Worriers

Chicago, May 2 (AP)—If you're a worrier, here's a time-table which may come in handy. Four psychologists at the Illinois Institute of Technology compiled it from answers to questionnaires by 103 other psychologists in the "older" age group. They were asked what they worried about at various ages.

The composite worry time scale was presented to the mid-western psychological association today at its 21st annual meeting by Harry L. Newman of Chicago, advanced psychology student at the institute.

The ages and their primary worry subject are: Age 18, idealism and personal development; 20, personal appearance; 23, sexual morality; 26, making a good impression on people; 30, pay and cost of living; 31, personal business success; 33, job security; 38, health; 41, political convictions; 42, marital difficulties; 45, giving up ambitions; over 45 the prime worry is health.

Newman pointed out that there was much overlapping of worries shown in the quiz answers. For instance health cropped up at a number of stages, and idealism was a strong contender for first place through the 19 to 25 age group.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Figuring Female Figure

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—It takes a lot of figuring to keep the female figure in bounds. And that watchdog of the womanly bulge, the corset and brassiere Association of America, has come up with a few well-rounded statistics.

It has found that no one shape seems to satisfy the girls for long. The only thing about the feminine contour that has remained unchanged since Cleopatra's day is the shoulder. (Eds. note: It is as cold as ever).

Researchers of the CBAA have discovered the American woman of today is no longer the wasp-waisted stringbean of yore. She's more billowy than willow.

Put in terms of mathematical formula, the average woman now is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 133 pounds. She has a 35 1/2-inch bust, 29-inch waist and 38-inch hips.

At least these are the typical measurements of the women who buy foundation garments. And 85 per cent of those over 15 years of age do.

The farmer's daughter is shorter and wider at the beam than her city sister. And the rich girl has a scrawnier chassis than the working lass.

One survey showed that only about one out of 13 women has the classic measurement—a "perfect 36."

Perhaps this helps explain the Corset and Brassiere association's contention that 55,000,000 American women figure they have a problem—and do something about it.

But women weren't the first to worry about their shapes. A goddess started it. Homer wrote of how Juno, the queen of Olympus, borrowed a girdle from Venus, the goddess of love. Juno thought the girdle would cause her husband, Jupiter, to become more attentive.

This idea has grown down the ages. Now some 300 American firms, employing more than 17,000 persons, each year turn out 100,000,000 brassieres, 5,000,000 "faisies" or bust pads, and 41,000,000 girdles and corsets.

The girdle, incidentally, was invented by a man—probably the caveman. He wore a gaudy set of fur to hold his hunting weapons.

Men also have been stoutly devoted to corsets as the ladies.

The first known use of the term "corset" is in the household register of Eleanor, Countess of Leicester, in May 24, 1265. The corsets were made for Richard, king of the Normans, and his son, Edward.

In the days of England's good Queen Bess a 13-inch waist was in high style, and the only comfortable ladies were female midwives. At the court of Elizabeth De Medici women achieved this degree of compression by wearing corsets made of thin steel plates. A girl who ate an extra olive at dinner while dressed in this contraption ran the risk of springing her hinges.

In the 18th century European families of quality even began dressing their children in corsets. They were supposed to help young boys gain a military bearing.

Today the industry's best customer is the best-dressed girl in the world—the American working girl. She buys four brassieres and two girdles a year.

BY GUILD Wizard of Odds



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

Advertisement for Purke's Camera Shop featuring a camera on a tripod and the slogan 'Worth a Thousand Words! That's Just ONE Picture!'.