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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 United States by Secretary of Defense Johnson, nor Mr. Johnson himself has made public the reasons for the cancellation. Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan re- SIPS FOR SUPPER signed in disgust on the ground the navy was not consulted and it provoked bitter criticism from navy top brass.

However, the navy claim that Johnson's act was illegal because congress had authorized the construction of the carrier, and the consent of congress was necessary for the work stoppage, has no legal basis. The law provides that the chief duty and responsibility of the secretary of defense, when military appropriations are insufficient to from extensive execute the full security programs of all the units of the armed services, is to decide how the money is to be spent. And that is what Johnson was doing, when with consent they got their of the president, he stopped the building. It is his duty fishing out of to allocate appropriations to allocate appropriations.

Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, states the reasons for the cancellation in his be pretty well: "In the Nation" column in the Times, which are condensed as follows:

When the concept of building the United States was evolved the next war was envisioned as a conflict over vast expanses of water. The super-carrier was to have armored flight decks which could be pierced only by big, hardnosed bombs dropped from high altitudes making it invulnerable to attempts as those of the Japanese Kamidazes in World War II. From these decks large bombers could be launched by jets and could be refueled in the air for return to land bases

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 and does not now seem to have one in view. While the big bombers could be launched from the super-carrier by jets, they might not be able to return to land bases in the exposed positions of friendly nations, they might not be available when needed, and refueling over the Arctic from planes involves perils.

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 of the army and the air force. What the secretary was seeking at this final juncture was the highest military opinion, not the civilian, in the military establishment. The decision was purely a military

#### 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. Having so many around encouraged party members to talk optimistically about the elections next year.

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. Of the three candidates for the top post, he was the choice of those who wanted to build a party with clean-cut leadership.

Josslin, who happened to work his way through Harvard law school and was later responsible fof putting through improved parole laws in Oregon, will take over a tough job. If his past record carries along, he probably can be looked on to get some worthwhile candidates to run on the on to get some worthwhile c democratic ticket for a change.

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. This was made clear. Verbal backing was given such matters as the Columbia Valley Administration, fair deal program, federal health insurance, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

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

Because the meeting did surprise onlookers by its life. the democrats are going to cause a further shake-up in the ranks in Oregon-or the GOP is likely to lose control of a state that was the only one in the west to go for Dewey. The challenge of Josslin is one the republicans can not ignore.

#### STORIES IN LIFE

## Sore Feet Resting in Jail

Los Angeles (F)-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.

Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Howard V. Calverley on a charge of delaying and detention of mail, Lilley, 46, explained he suffered from aching arches and added:

'I would just get tired and take some of the letters home. never opened any and I fully intended to deliver them-In the due course of time."

Lilley said he started taking mail home in December, 1947. He has been in the postal service 20 years.

## Egg Contest 'Lays an Egg'

Gaston, Ore. @P .- 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. The third tried to egg on some replacements by challenging all comers. But the other evening he held a solo warmup session and downed 30 hard-boiled eggs and got so sick he swore he'd never look another ogg in the face.

It Never Fails



## All Set

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systems and things should

to touch off the

sputtering.

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local cold war while everything

Anyway, the quietude which

settled down so suddenly gives

an idea of how easy it is to for-

get and go about one's business.

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#### 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

nant won in 51. We hope.

#### FT & BA Skullduggery

London (U.R).-Samuel Gantor, 38, was held without bail today on charges of receiving 1,052 sets of black market false teeth.

the pond. At least no member over there should have to sit around with a vacant smile, as it were. Incidentally, we are working on plans to use the old snags we lost recently to salt a gold mine with a sell shares. ry month is over and find out what's been going on behind the council's iron curtain and in the

y Day bables and all Some way it seems that six May Day bables and these little baskets of joy arriving on May Day should by rights be girls but we doubt if the parents in question could be con-Slogan appearing around in windows reads "Senators Look vinced of that fact. We suppose Slogan appearing around in vinced of that tact, windows reads "Senators Look it will all be made equal by half Fine in 49." We might add they a dozen or so girls being born RUSSIA'S TRUMP CARDS also looked great in 48 likewise on the Fou will look nifty in 50 with a pen-Halloween. on the Fourth of July, or maybe

#### **EXPERT LISTS:**

# What Marriage Requires

Chicago (U.P)—Mrs. Emily B. H. Mudd, director of the Philadel-phia Marriage Council, listed for National Parent-Teacher maga-

1. The ability to obtain and hold a job that provides enough and knowledge of what is necincome to support a home and essary for financial protection and security.

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Knowledge of how to maintain a comfortable home and sepair usual household equipand behavior.

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3. Knowledge of cooking,

## MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

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of the allied counter-blockade,

We don't need to venture fur-

ther in an effort to decide whether the Russians have some

out of the three western zones

vious explanation:

Even if there is such an ul-

whole German question.

# 'Proceeding With Caution'

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

in Foreign Affairs Analyst)

report was taken in United Nations circles as a sign that east and west were mov-

The crucial moment will a rive if and when the blockade is lifted and the major question of the unification and joint confiderable for the unification and joint confiderable for the Russians should withdraw, one of three things of the unification and joint confiderable for the result of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be withdraw, one of three things of the Russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and joint confiderable for the russians should be unification and provide for the russians should be unification and the russians should The crucial moment will ar- even if organized. of the unification and joint control of all Germany comes under consideration. Diplomatic officials in Washington say germany, becoming more unpopular by the minute because of Russian withdrawal.

The consensus is that unless Russia changes its current poliarmies could withdraw altogether, in which case German

We can accept this viewpoint America will do a consider the wishful thinking, which is a dangerous pastime at this will be no bargaining away of the heart of the German war

stage in the cold war. It does the rights of Germans, or of the not house in the rights of Germans, or of the not house it is not house to anything more than appears on the surface.

That is the lifting of the obnoxious and costly Soviet blockade, in exchange for the raising integrated German people, or of the alliest counter-blockade as large a part of them as position. as large a part of them as possible, qualify for a place in "a new common structure of the free peoples of Europe." and a meeting of the long dor-mant four-power council of for-eign ministers to consider the

In other words, the western with the war allies stand pat in their determination to create a new Ger-the Ruhr war machine for the man government which they west in case of Russian attack, hope will include the Soviet It looks as if the nation which zone, but in any event will lost the war might come out compromise the three western the victor.

WALL STREET AND CERMANY

deep ulterior purpose in this offer, such as scuttling the for-mation of the German republic Russia's cooperation is earnestly desired but she will not
be permitted to interfere with
the creation of the new Gerbefore Kenneth Royall resignterior purpose, we can content ourselves with this perfectly ob-

### 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

NOTE-John J. McCloy, inti-

mate friend of Chase's

BUNGLING DIPLOMAT

been responsible for the long series of U.S. bungles in west-

Wizard of Odds

can capitals.

BY GUILD

C on g ressman Magee, a down-to-earth Before the war, the Chase bank floated the largest number democrat from of short-term credits to Ger-Unionville, Mo., has vetoed the social-lobby in many, and because it was caught short with these credits at the a letter which time of the crash, Albert Wighas made Chamber of gin was eased out as Chase's Commerce ears chairman Since the war, Chase has again must deburn sought to invade the German fi-nancial field, but for a time was blocked by Jack Bennett, treas-

cline this invitation," Magee wrote to George Smith, president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, who Chamber of Chad invited him.

"Even the inducement of one hour of cocktails is not sufficient. In fact, you would not be able to get anough cocktails Morgan to take his all 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.

man, Winthrop Aldrich, and for-mer attorney for the Chase bank, Magee had already attended one Chamber of Commerce while another Wall street typarty, he reminded Smith.

"You may recall," he conting the conting of the giant Electric Bond and

ued, "that soon after the elec- Share corporation, is pro-tion of last fall, you invited the as secretary of the army, 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.

It seems our order must have quite a big brother over across the pond. At least no member over there should have to sit around with a vacant smile, as ceivable insult upon those of us

Where are the May queens coming from for the future? Reports from local hospitals tell of the May Possal tell of the May and reactions.

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

It is no secret that the hero-ism and efficiency of American pilots gave the state department its biggest trump card in the backstage diplomatic maneuvering over lifting the Berlin block-ade. However, the Russians also have had two aces up their sleeves, one now all to obvious,

the other not so obvious.

ACE NO 1—Was China, Dip-lomatic 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 Knowledge of sexual needs communism's great strength in summer, because of the problem
 Some knowledge of child of feeding them before the har-Knowledge of cooking, care and what planning for a vest, but the schedule was step-Ability to budget income baby involves. ped up to offset the bad pub-licity 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 organ-

ized crack German communist troops which would take over alks "are proceeding satisfac-The democracies have nothing army withdrawal. The western The democracies have some to lose, and perhaps have some allies have organized no such thing to gain, negotiating on the thing to gain, negotiating on the wouldn't entirely trust them wouldn't entirely trust them

minded that bewin Mackense ence on these problems.

President Truber and on Thursday expressed the belief that the Soviets were acting in good faith in negotiations to lift the blockade.

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ed as secretary of the army he quietly appointed Shephi d Morgan as U.S. director of fi-

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.

The western allies are pro-Morgan as U.S. director of finance for Germany.

There is a lot more to this the exercise the world revolution for the establishment of Chase National bank, and for revolution for the establishment of communism will go on ment of communism will go on the control of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the extension of the establishment of communism will go on the control of the extension of

## Time-Table for Worriers

Chicago, May 2 (P)—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 ps chologists in the "older" age group. They were asked wh

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 psy-chology student at the institute.

The ages and their primary worry subject are: Age 18, idealism and personal development; 20, personal appearance; 33, 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

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.

### ury department monetary ex-pert, who did an A-1 job of set-ting up new German currency. POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

# Figuring Female Figure

By HAL BOYLE

New York P-It takes a lot of figuring to keep the female

figure in bounds.

And that watchdog of the womanly bulge, the corset and bras-

Associaica. has come up with a few well - rounded well - rounded statistics. It has found Share corporation, is proposed that no one shape seems to

long, in thing satisfy the girls for long. The Press dispatches citing Paul only thing. Daniels as most likely candi- about the fem-

Daniels is the man who as director of the department's American republics division, has of today is no longer the wash-

ern hemisphere affairs during the past year and a half, includlowy ing tacit encouragement of last year's rash of military coups in formula, the average woman become South America.

Moving him up to the higher post now would impress most and 38-inch bigs.

Latin democrats as final proof At least these are the typical that the good-neighbor policy measurements of the women has been permanently scrapped. Who buy foundation garments.
(Copyright, 1949) And 85 per cent of those over

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

than the working lass.

15 years of age do.

Perhaps this helps explain the Corset and Brassiere associa-tion's contention that 55,000,000 C. Daniels as most likely candi-date for the long-vacant assist-ant secretaryship in the state that has remained unchanged American women figure they department, have had a depress-ing effect in most Latin-Ameri-ever).

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The farmer's daughter is shorter and wider at the beam

than her city sister. And the rich girl has a scrawnier chassis

But women weren't the first to worry about their shapes.
A goddes started it. Homes wrote of how Juno, the queen of

of today is no longer the wasp-waisted stringbean of yore. She's more billowy than wil-Olympus, borrowed a girdle from Venus, the goddess of love. Juno thought the girdle would Put in terms of mathematical cause her husband, Jupiter, to become more attentive.

This idea has grown down the

Now some 300 American

firms, employing more than 17, 000 persons, each year turn out 100,000,000 brassieres, 5,000,-000 "falsies" or bust pads, and 41,000,000 girdles and corsets. The girdle, incidentally, was

invented by a man — probably the caveman. He wore a gaunt-let of fur to hold his hunting weapons.

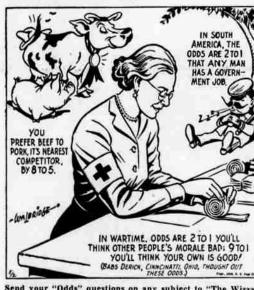
Men also have been about as stoutly devoted to corsets as the ladies.

The first known use of the term "corset" is in the house-hold register of Eleanor, Countess of Leicester, in May 24, 1265. The corsets were made for Richard, king of the Nor-

mans, 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 mid-gets. At the court fo 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 cor-sets. They were supposed to help young boys gain a military

Today the industry's best cus-tomer is the best-dressed girl in the world-the American work ing giri. She buys four bras-sieres and two girdles a year.



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

