

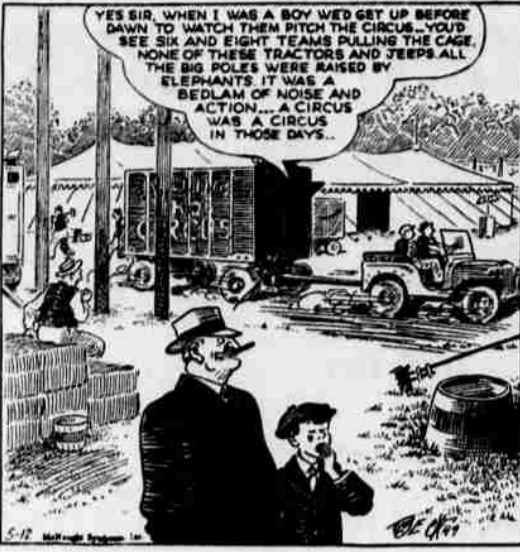
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BY BECK

The Changing World



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Amazing Coordination

By DON UJOHN

We saw such an amazing piece of coordination and timing this a.m., we considered it deserved prominent mention. A motorist drove a large and swanky looking car up to the curb near High and Court streets, alighted from the car and hied his way along High, as it were, with utter scorn of the parking meter. Just as he was getting under way one of our best overtime parking sleuths gumshoed around the adjacent corner, stepped over and put a tag on the car. This is the sort of thing which comes along with experience and makes the city coffers fairly groan with lucre.



Don Ujohn

The Sweet Things

New York (AP)—A pair of pink kid gloves arrived here from Paris today—smelling like roses. There'll be more to follow—in four colors and aromas. Marcel Rochas, Parisian dress and perfume maker, dreamed the gloves up so the ladies can spread sweet fragrance with a wave of the hand or a flick of the finger. They are said to be scented in the tanning process. They can be re-perfumed after cleaning with a glove-shaped blotting paper—"re-fill." Other colors—all printed with a black lace pattern—will be white, blue and chartrreuse, all with different scents.

'Walk' Was No Fun for Dog

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—A little boy discovered a new way to take his dog for a walk. He put wheels on an old chicken coop, stuffed the dog inside and tied the coop to the back of his bicycle. As they pedaled down the street, the boy looked pleased and the dog looked scared.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Are Reds After Hong Kong?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Britain's crown colony of Hong Kong off the southeast coast of China is only a pinpoint on the map of Asia, but it could become a mighty cause of strife between England and the Chinese communists if the Reds conquer the country. The reason is that this famous island through centuries belonged to China until John Bull acquired it after winning the "opium war" between Britain and China in 1839-41. Indications are that the Chinese communists intend to reclaim Hong Kong and neighboring territory on the mainland—a total of more than 390 square miles.



DeWitt MacKenzie

The London Daily Mail sums up "the danger confronting Britain in China" like this: "The siege in the west is over, but the shouting, but how soon will the siege in the east begin? "Hong Kong may become another Berlin." The Mail is doubtful if enough is being done to protect Hong Kong against possible aggression and calls for joint Anglo-American action, saying: "Hong Kong after all is a vital link in the American Pacific frontier, stretching from Japan to the Philippines. The Russians endeavored to avoid being involved in war on the Chinese mainland, we are no less resolute in our attitude as regards territory for which we hold a direct responsibility." Hong Kong, with its fine harbor, is one of the great centers of international trade. It strikes us that defense of Hong Kong against an all out communist attack would involve a major war. That likely would mean another world war. A decision along those lines may be what Britain will be up against.

STORIES IN LIFE

Mr. Kitzel Wins Pickle 'Oscar'

Los Angeles (AP)—The National Pickle Packers association today awarded a cucumber "Oscar" to Radio Actor Artie Auerbach the "Mr. Kitzel" who popularized the song "Pickle in the Middle." He succeeds last year's winner, Grocery Clerk Dill L. Pickle of Rolling Park, Miss.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

President Has Time of Life At His 65th Birthday Party

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—President Truman really had the time of his life at his 65th birthday party—so much so that he stayed until 2:05 a.m. and had Speaker Sam Rayburn grousing under his breath about keeping everybody up so late. For, under official protocol, no guest—that even the speaker—can leave until the president himself says goodbye to his hostess.



Drew Pearson

Mr. Truman enjoyed every minute of it—even unwrapping the birthday gifts. There were 70 presents, from the 70 supposedly "intimate" friends who gathered at the Laz Anderson mansion which saw some of the most famous social events of the early century.

To unwrap 70 birthday presents is quite a chore, especially in front of a big crowd of people. The president tackled it bravely, but was pleased when Vice President Alben Barkley came to his rescue.

The vice president's running-fire comment on the president's presents resembled the patter of a magician pulling rabbits out of a hat.

"These won't do you much good," said the vice president, holding up a pair of swimming trunks for all to see. "The cameras can't get anywhere near you, Mr. President."

Attorney General Tom Clark, who is annual host to the President on his birthday, proposed the chief toast of the evening in a speech that was not as good as one of his supreme court arguments. Mr. H. T., replying, accepted a set of after-dinner coffee cups from the cabinet.

"I'm going to take these home and give them to a blue-eyed blonde who was sick and had to stay at home tonight," said the president in reply, "that is with your permission."

"What do we care who he gives 'em to," said Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder in a side remark to Undersecretary of Defense Steve Early.

Other guests, however, started a pleasant buzz of speculation as to whether Margaret was filling her "hope chest."

The president's birthday cake was in blue and gold and had only three candles. After he had blown them out and the dessert was finished, the ladies retired and Mr. Truman dragged Jose Iturbi, who had flown especially from Hollywood, courtesy of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and Barney Breeskin, who had come from the Shoreham, courtesy of Maxim Lowe, over to the piano. And for the next 45 minutes, Mr. Truman, president, and Mr. Iturbi, pianist, took turns at their favorite melodies.

The president played first—Paderewski's "Minuet in G." Then he went into a number of Chopin, which Iturbi said was seldom played by anyone—"Battle of the Waterloo."

"I'm just nuts about Chopin," exclaimed the president.

Iturbi played the same pieces over, at the request of Mr. Truman, and did a somewhat more polished job. But those gathered round the piano agreed that Mr. Truman himself was no slouch of a musician.

Lanson champagne, 1942, was served during dinner, and the highballs—perhaps by design—didn't come round until just before the party broke up at 2 a.m. Everyone went home cold sober—which was definitely not the case at the president's birthday party last year.

This Guy Makes His Own Climate

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—A night shift workman who once complained that the changes in the weather disturbed his sleeping, now sleeps like a baby. He slumbers under an electric blanket with a 16-inch electric fan aimed at the bed.

OPEN FORUM

Don't We Have the Stuff Now?

To the Editor: Again tonight, May 6, there is an article on the front page of the Capital Journal which contains an impassioned quotation from the testimony of one of our eminent citizens, that says, "Failure to ratify the Atlantic pact will mean war, the end of democracies everywhere, and the domination of the world by Russia." Practically every editorial page is smoldering with the same alarming, jittery plea, uttered fervently to the American public by generals, justices, statesmen and all of the other persons who should know most and best.

I am only a college freshman—a freshman because I was delighted on the red, white and blue's introduction committee. How about a little bit more of the good old American spirit and faith in ourselves and in our ways. Let's get the lead out of our thinking apparatus and shake the mothballs out of our heritage. We don't need any more of this consumption that is beginning to become catching. We are still a mighty healthy outfit, and let's keep it that way. There doesn't have to be another war, and maybe there won't be. I don't want another one. I have three small children, but if it does become necessary, neither am I afraid of it.

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When Names Make News

Ho-Ho-Kua, N. J. (AP)—Albert St. Peter sold his home—the buyer was W. K. Sinn.

WILL HE FAIL IN THE CITIES?

China's Mystery Man: Mao of the Red Horde

By JOHN YENCH

Shanghai (AP)—Mao Tze-tung, leader of the Chinese communists now seizing control of China, is a man of mystery. He is almost wholly a product of China, but the Chinese do not know much about him. The rest of the world knows even less.

Mao was born in 1893 in the Hsiang valley of Hunan, a part of China's rice bowl. His native town is Hsiangtan, 30 miles south of Changsha, Hunan's capital.

He was a farm boy. From 8 to 13 he attended a primary school. For the next three years he worked on a farm and studied on his own. At 18 he had some additional schooling but at 18 he abandoned his books and joined the army, which then was fighting the Manchu dynasty.

Nearing 21, he went to Changsha and enrolled in the Hunan Provincial First Normal school from which he was graduated. He was a good student and later became a librarian there. At 24 he organized the "New Peoples Study Society."

This cost him the support of the "orthodox Marxists" among the Chinese Communists led by Li Li-san. He was beaten and fled to Moscow. He now is supposed to be back working with Mao. He is head of the Communist foreign affairs department of Manchuria.

At Yenan, little bothered by the Kuomintang, Mao rigorously redistributed the land and accompanied his gifts with indoctrination. By the end of World War II Mao claimed a million members of his party.

In two years in Yenan, Mao had become strong enough to attract the "Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-liang, a hater of all Japanese. Chang kidnaped Chiang Kai-shek at Sian in 1936 and forced him to a rapprochement with Mao so that the country united would fight the Japanese.

Some time during the war the Communists and the government split decisively. At the end of the war with Japan, civil war resumed.

Now Mao Tze-tung, slowly changing the huge morsel that in China seems well on his way to assuming the mantle of unconditional leadership.

Son of a peasant, his Communism has been practiced among the peasants. His land "reforms" have drawn both praise and criticism in the vast regions when the Communists rule but in the main it is this program which has made him strong.

How will Mao deal with urban China? He avoided the problem for a time by refusing to capture cities. Now he has the cities and the problem is going to be a tough one. It brings him up against international problems and into dealings with nations opposed to Communism. Many Chinese believe Mao will fail in the cities. These are hotbeds of the Oriental version of free-booting capitalism, of Chinese who traditionally operate in a ruthless, profit-grabbing manner, almost without law or other restraints.

Mao can say he blames the situation on the foreigner and U. S. "imperialism," but he will find that it is his own countrymen with whom he has to deal.

In May of 1928 he was joined by Chu Teh, a tough old Sechwane, who had organized a revolt against the Kuomintang at Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province east of Hunan. (Chu now is the Communist commander in chief.) They were joined by Mao's fellow

Mao returned to the Kuomintang and this time accompanied Chiang Kai-shek in the northward movement of 1927 which liquidated the warlords and unified the nation. In that year the Kuomintang broke with the Communists, and Mao fled to Chingksan, on Hunan's eastern border. There he forged his Communists into the first Chinese red army.

Mr. Truman Stands Pat

President Truman at his press conferences is constant in standing for his major objectives, outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor relations law and the restoration of the old Wagner labor law with minor revisions, an increase of \$4 billion in federal taxes, together with \$2 billion in additional social security taxes, the enactment of his civil rights and welfare programs and the appointment of his fishing pal, Mon Wallgren, to the important post of director national security resources board. All of these objectives are stalled in congress, but there is no sign of compromise on Mr. Truman's part.

In today's press conference the president emphasized the necessity of a federal tax increase to avoid a federal deficit. He stands pat on his January position in which he first advocated tax increase as a measure to curb an inflation that is now liquidating itself. He stressed the necessity for rigid economy, but there is no evidence of it being put into effect as the federal payroll continues to increase monthly and new projects demand additional funds. The efforts of the minority republicans to trim expenditures by a uniform cut in appropriations is being successfully opposed by the administration.

This tax increase is opposed in the latest report of the president's economic committee as a brake on business likely to stimulate recession, but the report is ignored by Mr. Truman. Threats of a denial of patronage to democrats not supporting the president's program and his veiled threat of a purge of Senator Byrd and other opponents have had a boomerang effect. But the president says "the people will do the purging."

The president today was unable to estimate the deficit probable at the end of this fiscal year June 30. He said he would have to wait until he had more up to date figures. Latest budget bureau estimate was \$600 million. He spoke with feeling in his opposition to deficit financing, saying there should be no deficit in a country with a national income of about \$217,000,000,000. Yet that is what we have without a war to justify it. The government debt now stands at about \$251 billion and promises to increase annually unless a policy of rigid retrenchment and government reorganization along the recommendations of the Hoover committee are followed.

As U.S. Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, head of the general accounting department, said: "We have reached a crisis in government." He continued:

"If congress and the president are now unable to put through an honest, widespread and effective re-organization, they and the taxpayers might as well surrender unconditionally. If the bureaucrats win again, as they have before, we might as well concede that we are through.

"We shall be forced to confess that government affairs cannot be conducted on a businesslike basis, that we cannot set up clean-cut operational systems, eliminate red tape, or promptly discharge department heads who put their own interests above those of the taxpayers. It will be proved that shocking government extravagance is as much a part of democracy, and as indestructible, as the supreme court."

Public Playgrounds Needed

The Salem Junior Women's club is to be commended for taking the initial steps for improvement of public playgrounds by sponsoring the move backed by seven service clubs of the city.

At a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, the club officers presented a prospectus showing that the city had five parks and two playgrounds. The playgrounds are owned by the city and are equipped with devices designed to give exercise but what was needed are fully equipped playgrounds where the children play for recreation. Only the Highland Park site was really fully developed for equipment to be installed now. The Lions club has agreed to finance this ground on the basis of proportional membership. The cost of equipping it with large swings, kindergarden swings, merry-go-round, horizontal bar and a 16-foot wave slide would be \$788.

Development of the Highland park playgrounds will be the start toward creating playgrounds in Marion Square, Kay Park, Pringle Park, Bush's Pasture and at playgrounds at 15th and Mill streets and 22nd and Lee streets.

Perhaps the various service clubs can be induced to follow the Lions club lead and each equip a playground provided the city does the preparatory work. By so doing they would be performing a valuable public service.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds

Advertisement for SICKS' SELECT beer. Features a woman sitting at a table with a television set in the background. Text: "IF YOU HAVE A TELEVISION SET, IT'S 7 TO 3 YOU'LL HAVE MORE VISITORS." "HOUSEWIVES THROW AWAY \$2,000,000 OF VITAMINS IN LIQUIDS FROM CANNED FOODS YEARLY. SCIENTISTS FIND." "WHO'S PLANNING YOUR FAMILY'S VACATION THIS YEAR? — WOMEN, BY ODDS OF 4 TO 1." "MABEL STANLEY, JAMESBORO, N.C. WON A BET ON ODDS."

Large advertisement for SICKS' SELECT beer. Features a bottle of beer and a glass. Text: "NOW IT'S Extra Pale!" "BUY-TRY-COMPARE\*" "with ANY BEER from ANYWHERE!" "Thrill to a new high in beer enjoyment! SICKS' SELECT Extra Pale will win your favor for flavor with each smooth, distinctive taste. Buy-Try-Compare and you'll make SICKS' SELECT your choice every time." "WHEREVER BEER IS SOLD" "SICKS' SELECT Oregon's Extra Pale" "SICKS' BREWING COMPANY SALEM, OREGON"