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BY BECK

Popular People



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Freedom We Enjoy Due to Sacrifices of Millions of Men

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Behind all our blessings there are forces, often unsung and even unobserved, without which our lives would be very much circumscribed. We are told that the fertility and workability of the soil, upon which so much of our food, directly or indirectly, depends, is due to the work of the humble earthworm, who performs his task quietly beneath the ground.



Back of our present civilization are the constant efforts of people through thousands of years to live upon a higher plane. Christianity, in God's special way, came to the world in the "fulness of time" as the highest expression of the religious urges of peoples who lived in previous eras.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Radio Star Makes Less At 34 Than He Did at Six

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—How would you like to be 34 years old and realize you weren't making as much money as you did at 6? Wendell Holmes is in this position. He is one of the better-known voices from the void that come out of your radio box.



"When I started in 1934 I got \$20 a week for working on 30 shows," he said wryly. Since then Holmes has been the voice of Winston Churchill on a number of radio programs and March of Time films. He is currently in three daytime soap opera serials. He also plays Dr. Watson on the Mr. Sherlock Holmes program and also enacted the title role in another MBS production, Scattergood Baines.

Burglar's Blunder

Hull, Que. (AP)—Police said today that Patrick Murphy, 19, was a failure as a robber. Murphy held up Blanche Gendron in her restaurant, took \$38 and locked her up while he made his getaway.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

J. Edgar Hoover Has the Respect of Entire Nation

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The state department's "Voice of America" recently carried an unusual broadcast to Europe. It told about a police chief who was not feared and hated, but who was so loved and respected that the American people were raising money voluntarily to build a boys' school in his honor.



Drew Pearson

That police chief is J. Edgar Hoover. From the state department's viewpoint this was excellent propaganda. Furthermore, it was true. And in Europe it was news. In the United States it was not especially considered news—for a very good reason. We have come to take the fair-minded head of the FBI so much for granted that we don't realize that in many parts of Europe, the head of the secret police is a figure synonymous with invasion of the home, torture and beatings.

Mr. Hoover, since then, has modestly said he does not think a memorial should be built to a living man. However, the name is not important. It's the spirit that counts. And money has been coming in to the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation, Wash., D. C., from all sorts of people.

Secretary of State Acheson reported to President Truman that Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky has been even more cordial at the opening sessions of the foreign ministers' conference than was reported in the press.

At one point Vishinsky's expression of hope that much would be accomplished during the Paris discussions, caused Britain's Foreign Minister Bevin to say: "That depends in large part on you."

That depends in large part on you. "It depends on all of us here," Vishinsky replied. "There are not two of us here; there are four of us here. I think we will accomplish a great deal."

During the discussions of the agenda for the Paris talks, Acheson raised a question as to how much could be accomplished during the talks. To this Vishinsky made the amazing reply: "We will reach agreement on everything we take up here."

Had Good Excuse

Oakland, Cal., May 28 (AP)—Patrolman Leo Liskay tagged Mrs. Dorothy Marshall's automobile for overparking yesterday. An hour later he returned to find the car gone. Taped to the meter was an envelope, containing a note and one extracted tooth.

OPEN FORUM

Hit and Run Driver Without Conscience Held Up to Scorn

To the Editor—To the hit and run driver who Thursday hit and killed the little toy black and white dog, I would like to say that words cannot express my scorn and hatred.

STORIES IN LIFE

Mailman's Rest Cure

Los Angeles (AP)—At his own request hockey-playing mailman William E. Lilley, Jr., is going to get three years in a federal prison camp to rest his aching feet.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Russia Reverses Position On Control of Germany

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Russia and the western allies continue to maneuver for positions in the Big Four foreign ministers' council meeting, which opened in Paris last Monday.



DeWitt MacKenzie

America, Britain and France still seek an exact interpretation of Moscow's back-flop when the discussion opened on Germany's future—a matter of paramount importance to European peace and rehabilitation.

The Russian shift was disclosed by Foreign Minister Vishinsky's wholly unexpected call for a reversal of the four-power allied control council to govern Germany, instead of creating a central German government.

That election was to create a "people's congress" which was to be presented to the foreign ministers' council as the basis of a government for all Germany.

Now the Soviet calls for a return to Big Four council rule, a proposal which America, Britain and France promptly rejected.

So the next major move is up to Vishinsky, and pending that we must be patient. Even when it comes, we may not get the answer, for the Soviet foreign minister is a strategist of devious methods.

Developments in the council meeting are going to be worth watching, and for two reasons. We are witnessing the unfolding of one of the major battles of the cold war, and this is the first time we have seen the noted Vishinsky in action as foreign minister, although he has played a part in the United Nations and in international conferences.

Vishinsky was appointed foreign minister last March as successor to Vyacheslav Molotov. When Vishinsky received the portfolio U. S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg remarked that in the shift a "ruthless" man replaced a "rentless" one.

"There's plenty of time," she said. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, the only lady senator at the moment, the Margaret she missed was Miss M. Truman, who happened to be out of town. Mrs. Smith was "very nice," little Margaret said.

Stunts Atop Bridge

New York (AP)—Are there any missing acrobats in your family?

Police are looking for two youths who climbed a Brooklyn bridge tower last night, did some stunt work 300 feet above the East river—and disappeared.

"I looked up and rubbed my eyes," Barush said. "I couldn't believe it." He said he saw the youths clamber up a crude cable catwalk, reach the top and—"so help me, they were doing acrobatics on the tower."

11-Year-Old Girl Not Only Is Champ Speller But Has Charm

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington (AP)—Margaret is adorable, she's beautiful, she's a bundle of charms. Not only that she can spell "platitudeous."

Porrige. Dissertation. Irascible. Discomfiture. Vociferation. Maelstrom. Kaleidoscopic.

The kid sent me running to verify every one. Margaret, as unspooled as any kid from the country could be, has had a gay old time in the national capital. She went to see another Margaret—and missed another.

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