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Haste Needed for Reform

Both houses of congress have approved and sent to con-  
ference to adjust differences bills giving the president  
authority to make reorganizations within the executive  
branch of government in the interest of economy and effi-  
ciency along lines recommended by the Hoover commis-  
sion.

Under the senate bill either branch of congress could  
block a presidential reorganization plan by voting disap-  
proval within 60 days after its submission to congress.

Under the house bill the vote of both house and senate  
would be required to block a reorganization plan.

The senate bill would make it more difficult for any re-  
form as it gives congress a double veto on presidential  
action, and reflects the obstructive influence of entrenched  
bureaucracy against economy and efficiency as well as  
congressional opposition to curtailment of patronage.

The Hoover commission clearly stated that the initia-  
tive in executive branch reorganization can only be taken  
by the executive branch itself, though it is essential that  
congress should reserve the right of review and pass judg-  
ment. But each action should not be subject to double  
veto.

It is to be hoped that conferees will quickly adopt the  
house version so as to enable the president to submit his  
first plans at the present session, for there is a 60-day  
clause attached. There is no excuse for delay in bringing  
order out of the existing chaos, especially as the national  
budget shows a deficiency.

A Visitor's Impression

What impression does a traveler get of a city?  
Nowadays, most travelers get around by automobile, so  
the highway entrance to a city is the first thing that gets  
attention. With this in mind, Eugene, for instance, is  
planning to give some beauty to the highway entrance to  
the city to the south.

Three groups are concentrating on offering a favorable  
"first impression" to the visitor to Eugene. In on the  
planning are the state highway department, the Eugene  
city council, and the Eugene Gateways association. Their  
plans call for landscaping and "screen planting" of both  
sides of the highway forming the Judkins Point gateway.

Since Salem is getting its traffic plans settled for the  
present and future, the city now could well give some  
thought toward seeing that the gateways to the capital  
were in keeping with the beauty and importance of Salem.  
This entrance landscaping would, of course, be tied in with  
the general beautification of the city itself.

A traveler in the middle west notes the effectiveness  
of a landscaped entrance to a city. More attention to such  
marks of beauty seem to be given to gateways there than  
in other parts of the country.

The logical group to give attention to such a matter  
in Salem is the park advisory board, which could coordinate  
efforts with the state highway department.

How Socialism Works in England

An Associated Press dispatch from Selarnthy, England,  
tells of the joy of life under the socialist regime of the  
British labor party, whose endless red tape on trivialities  
is reminiscent of our own OPA control during war time.

The clerk of Sommerset parish had for a hundred years  
more tacked election notices upon a church door and  
adjacent trees. The owner of the property turned it over  
to the government as a national trust. This followed:

The government said the parish clerk had to quit nailing  
notices on government trees. The law said he had to have five  
bulletin boards for that purpose. The clerk got permission to  
up the tax rates a penny to pay for the boards. Then he ap-  
plied, in triplicate, for an allotment of rationed lumber to  
make the boards.

Next, he mailed the national trust a copy of a lease, in tri-  
plicate, covering erection of the boards. Then he applied, in quin-  
uplicate, for permission from the county planning committee  
to erect the boards. The board sent the applications back, said  
they'd have to have applications in triplicate for each of the  
five boards—15 in all—with a diagram of the proposed bulletin  
board on each.

At that moment, something in Tom's soul died. He quit.

This is typical of all socialist planned economy states  
where red tape bureaucracy rules, and a large percentage  
of producers are withdrawn from production to supervise  
and regiment the balance of the people.

Modern Lady Godiva

Inglewood, Calif. (AP)—A modern Lady Godiva who has been  
driving around the Los Angeles area in her sedan made two  
appearances here today and sharp-eyed police dropped other  
tasks to search for her.

The uninhibited nature girl drove up to a corner in her  
battered car, shed her full length coat and was left clothed in  
only shoes and knee-length stockings, shocked witnesses re-  
ported.

Forty-five minutes later, she repeated the performance  
at another corner. There witnesses noticed that the comely  
woman also wore excessive makeup.

Earlier this week, a nude woman between 20 and 30 years  
old, was reported driving around Long Beach where she  
would occasionally stop to walk around her car in the  
rain.

Two for One Auto Sale

Denver (AP)—A Denver auto dealer who advertised used  
cars for one cent each with the purchase of another car at  
the regular price was swamped with business today as Colo-  
rado anglers flocked to his lot to buy the "fishermen's spe-  
cials."

Elwood Edwards got the idea from the one cent sales  
long conducted by drug and cosmetic manufacturers. He  
said he believes he is the nation's first auto dealer to try  
the plan.

Gardening Permitted

Des Moines (AP)—Boyd Smith cannot go into the Smith  
home, but he can tend the garden.

Mrs. Phyllis Smith obtained a restraining order to keep  
her husband out of the house pending disposition of a peti-  
tion for divorce.

Yesterday Judge Loy Ladd entered an order which allows  
Smith to tend the garden and get the garden tools out of the  
basement. The garden tending, according to the order, must  
be between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

BY BECK  
Popular People



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Thrills Aplenty

By DON UPJOHN

For some easy bought thrills, narrow escapes and some blood  
curdling experiences one doesn't have to go further than to drive  
one's car along Marion street which was fashioned into a through  
street temporarily recently to accommodate

traffic while a detour was es-  
tablished to take care of the tun-  
nel digging operations at the  
state capitol. Evidently a lot  
of folk have to get in the habit  
of stopping at newly created stop  
signs rather than just watching for  
stop signs. In fact, if one wishes  
to maintain his life, liberty and  
pursuit of happiness while driv-  
ing along Marion street he'll do  
well to stop at the intersections  
himself instead of depending on  
north and south seeing the stop  
signs. Yea, this street might  
provide some good openings for  
a first aid station, surgical clin-  
ic, hospital and even a mortu-  
ary unless drivers get their eyes  
more accustomed to the stop  
signs.

County employes wear their  
wrist watches set to daylight  
savings time, while their office  
clocks are set to standard time  
—leading a sort of double life,  
as it were.

Incidentally, County Clerk  
Harlan Judd has received notifi-  
cation from the army engineers  
up Walla Walla way showing  
that great steps are being taken  
toward building of the new  
McNary lock and dam. This is  
in the shape of invitation for  
bids the engineers would like  
to have posted and given pub-  
licly for opening on June 14.  
They are asking for bids on a  
shopping center, barber shop  
and—hold everything—a beauty  
shop. When they get these fin-  
ished, especially the latter, prob-  
ably the dirt throwing will be  
on in earnest. But there may be  
some question as to where more  
dirt is thrown, in a barber shop  
or a beauty shop.

Our felicitations to Walter M.  
Pierce, former governor, on his  
88th birthday which he observes  
Monday in their Eola Hills Eden  
with his most estimable wife

NO FLAMBOYANT BLONDE  
Veteran Hat-Check Girl  
Acts as Censor of Morals  
By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood (AP)—Not all of Hollywood's hat check girls are  
flamboyant blondes with a special smile for movie bachelors.  
The veteran of them all is a small little lady who checks their  
morals along with their over-  
coats.

Her name is Bernice Kinzel  
and she's an old-timer only be-  
cause she's been at it for eight  
years. Few others stick it out  
that long.

If they don't snag a boy  
friend or a movie contract in a  
year or so, they marry the boy  
back home or desert the night  
spots for better-paying jobs.

But Bernice, who's blue-eyed  
and blonde, and pretty as a lot  
of her customers' companions,  
is something of a fixture at Cha-  
sen's, the swankiest eatery  
around these parts.

She's been there so long she  
has a side-line: She peddles  
books.

And many's the movie star  
who comes in for a New York  
cut and ambles out with a book  
Bernice thinks he should read.

But she refuses to stock spy  
novels—even if they wind up  
on the "best seller" lists. She  
says they're not good for her  
clients' morals.

"I censor every book before I  
put it on my shelf," she explained.  
"If it's trashy I won't handle  
it."

And, if the movie heroes ask  
for it anyhow, she tells them  
she doesn't think it's fit for them  
to read.

"I did a lot of lecturing on  
'Forever Amber,'" Bernice

got was her usual tip.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Airing of Plane Contracts  
Called Healthy for U. S.

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The house armed services committee's probe of  
the B-36 and airplane contracts opening today will make some  
people cringe but will be healthy for the nation.

However, the public should take a good luck at both sides before  
it does too much condemning.

Here are some of the con-  
fusing and difficult facts in  
the case:

1. Congress-  
man Jimmy  
Van Zandt,  
Pennsylvania  
republican, who  
charges politics  
in B-36 con-  
tracts, is a naval  
reserve captain  
with a great yen to become an  
admiral. He is spearheading  
the navy's bitter, sub rosa smear  
campaign against Secretary of  
Defense Louis Johnson and the  
air force.

2. On the other hand, Floyd  
Odlum, head of Consolidated  
Vultee which makes the B-36,  
was one of the heavy contribu-  
tors to the Truman campaign  
and helped finance the famous  
Truman train which made every  
"whistle stop."

Officially, Odlum's campaign  
contribution was listed as only  
\$3,500 to the democratic na-  
tional committee. But five ex-  
ecutives who take orders from  
him also put up \$25,000, and  
listed their contributions as "c/o  
Floyd B. Odlum." They were:  
Sam Baggett, J. R. Kansas, A. A.  
Pollan, vice president of United  
Fruit, which is controlled by  
Odlum's Atlas Corp.; Sam Ze-  
murray, head of United Fruit;  
and John A. Werner. Signifi-  
cantly all five made their \$5,000  
contributions on the same day—  
November 30. On other words,  
they were "Wednesday democ-  
rats"—after the Truman vic-  
tory.

3. Louis Johnson, the man  
who collected this money for  
the Truman campaign and now  
keeps airplane contracts as sec-  
retary of national defense, was  
also a director and attorney for  
Consolidated Vultee, the air-  
plane company controlled by  
Odlum which makes the B-36.  
Secretary Johnson's income  
from this company for the last  
six years for which securities  
and exchange commission re-  
ports are available was: 1942,

\$16,000; 1943, \$30,000; 1944,  
\$27,885.68; 1945, \$6,000; 1946,  
\$6,000; 1947, \$6,000.

Most of the big money to Sec.  
Johnson was paid when Victor  
Emmanuel controlled Consoli-  
dated Vultee. Incidentally Vic-  
tor Emmanuel also paid a re-  
tainer to George Allen, ex-  
White House jester, and made  
him a director of Consolidated  
Vultee. Odlum took over con-  
trol in 1947.

Despite this circumstantial  
evidence of political pressure,  
however, this columnist is con-  
vinced that political pressure  
had nothing to do with B-36 con-  
tracts.

Real fact is that the air force  
definitely decided to switch  
from the B-50 and the B-54 to  
the B-36 last July. Even earlier  
around May of 1948, one year  
ago—the house appropriations  
committee was informed this  
change might be in the works.

Congressman Engel of Michigan,  
like Van Zandt a republican,  
and considered the watchdog  
of the armed services, is familiar  
with this fact.

Finally in January and again  
in March, the airforce board of  
officers conclusively recom-  
mended that funds be diverted  
from the B-50 and B-54 to the  
B-36. The March recommenda-  
tion was oked by the late Sec-  
retary Forrestal, sent to the bu-  
reau of the budget and the  
White House.

The order was not actually  
made public, however, until  
April 5, just a few days after  
Johnson became secretary of de-  
fense—which, on the surface,  
makes it look bad for him.

The current investigation will  
be healthy, however, not only  
to clear up undercover innuendo  
but because the big aviation  
companies have done plenty of  
lobbying in the past and this  
probe will put them on notice  
for the future. It will also be  
healthy to have the complete  
background of Investment-Ty-  
coon Floyd Odlum brought into  
the full light of day.

Public memory is short.  
It was only 15 years ago that  
Burdette Wright, vice president  
of Curtiss-Wright Aviation com-  
pany, conducted such an astute  
and successful lobby in Wash-  
ington that he was accused by  
some air generals of getting the  
army to accept airplanes with a  
shorter cruising radius.

A few years after that, Dou-  
glas Aircraft, not Curtiss, was  
considered the army's chief pet.  
And the marriage between Dou-  
glas and Douglas's daughter and  
the son of Air Corps Chief Gen. Hap  
Arnold was believed helpful to  
the flow of orders that turned  
the wheels at the Douglas plant.

This may have been as un-  
fair as the current B-36 charges  
hurled against Louis Johnson;  
which is why it's healthy to have  
these charges aired by congress.

Where Louis Johnson really  
comes in for criticism, on the  
other hand, is in his selection of  
Curtis Calder, head of Electric  
Bond and Share, to be secretary  
of the army.

Calder is nothing more nor  
less than an Odlum executive.  
And making him secretary of  
the army would be equivalent  
to putting Tycoon Odlum into  
this vital spot. More will be  
published about Tycoon Odlum  
tomorrow.

PILLS FOR CONGRESS  
The president of the Louisiana  
senate is flooding Capitol Hill  
with vitamin pills for worn-out  
senators and congressmen.

He is Dudley J. LeBlanc, who  
not only is president pro tem of  
the state senate but also happens  
to head the Le Blanc corporation  
which produces Hadaacol vita-  
mins.

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'Bull' Halsey Rates Carrier  
As Best Weapon of Peace  
Washington (AP)—Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey Monday  
cautioned the nation against pinning its defense on "improved  
weapons."

He declared the aircraft car-  
rier is "the most potential pre-  
server of peace in our bag of  
tricks."

In an address at a Memorial  
Day program, Halsey did not  
mention directly the defense de-  
partment's recent order halt-  
ing work on the navy's proposed  
super-carrier.

But the retired "Bull" of the  
Pacific Sea roared into the  
controversy over the air force's  
high-flying B-36 long range  
bomber.

Halsey declared he has seen  
navy jet fighters zoom from a  
carrier deck in "a matter of  
minutes" to the 40,000-foot alti-  
tude at which the B-36 oper-  
ates. He said he was "amazed"  
at claims the bomber is "invul-  
nerable to fighter interception."

"There is no cheap and easy  
way to win wars, and we can-  
not place too much reliance up-  
on unproved weapons," he told  
the Fleet Reserve association.

"Your navy, your army, and  
your air force will all be neces-  
sary."

"We must protect our time-  
tested weapons against the over-  
zealous utterances of the so-  
called experts."

"BIG BOY" AND HIS MASTER  
Sightless Man Gets New Try with  
Dog Being Trained for Begging

Atlanta, May 31 (AP)—Sightless W. C. Knight was given an-  
other chance today to keep the  
dog he is trying to train to lead  
him on begging tours.

Police Court Judge A. W. Cal-  
laway gave Knight a suspended  
\$12 fine for drunkenness and  
told him the Humane Society  
would let him have Big Boy,  
a German shepherd, once more.  
Callaway opened the hearing  
with a demand as to whether  
Knight wanted to lose his dog  
and "keep on drinking."

"No, sir, I don't want to lose  
him," Knight replied. "And I'm  
going to leave it alone."

Knight was represented by  
W. T. Bethany, an attorney who  
volunteered his services.

Bethany said he had ar-  
ranged with an uncle of Knight,  
J. A. Aughtman of Atlanta, to  
take care of him. Unless  
Knight straightens out, Bethany  
said, he will be sent back to his  
home in Macon, Ga.

Marshall Lind, manager of  
the Atlanta Humane Society,

BY GUILD  
Wizard of Odds



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN  
From Knight to Barkeep

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The very considerable socialist losses to conservatives in recent  
county council elections in Britain have given rise to widespread  
debate as to the reasons for these setbacks to the nation's ruling  
party.

Thus far no  
explanation  
which is widely  
satisfactory has  
been evolved,  
even in Eng-  
land.

In general, it  
seems to be  
agreed that such  
elections often  
are governed by  
purely local  
conditions and sentiment, and  
don't necessarily reflect the  
views of the voters on national  
matters.

That is, the same districts  
might give an entirely differ-  
ent vote in a national election  
such as is due next year.

However, there is an observ-  
ant school which feels the con-  
servative (tory, some call it)  
vote does in considerable degree  
reflect the opposition of those  
classes of society which are  
against the socialist program of  
nationalization.

Many conservatives feel  
(rightly or wrongly) that this  
program is aimed at the de-  
struction of private initiative  
and the leveling off of indi-  
vidual incomes.

Be that as may, it's true that  
incomes in Britain are fast be-  
ing leveled off, though in all  
fairness it must be recorded that  
the leveling off process was go-  
ing on under conservative rule  
long before the socialists took  
over.

As this column previously has  
pointed out, the so-called land-  
ed-gentry is disappearing rapid-  
ly under the very heavy tax-  
ation.

Death duties are so terrific  
that frequently an heir has to  
sell much of his property in or-  
der to meet taxes. When it hap-  
pens, as I have seen it in Eng-  
land, that property changed  
hands twice within a year or so  
because of deaths, then the es-  
tate may be virtually wiped out,  
both ready money and real es-  
tate.

British chancellor of the ex-  
chequer Sir Stafford Cripps re-  
cently stated during a speech  
in commons that the number of  
net incomes over 5,000 pounds  
per annum (\$20,000), after tax-  
ation, had dropped from a pre-war  
figure of 11,000 to 250 now.

It really is amazing to find  
that Britain can produce only  
250 people with net incomes  
over \$20,000.

Apropos of this situation, the  
editors of Burke's peerage,  
which lists royalty and folk with  
titles, recently reported that  
they had lost track of 13 baron-  
ets. These are knights who  
have hereditary titles.

Since this announcement a  
couple of the "missing" men  
have turned up, as follows:  
Sir Norman Hamilton Pringle  
is serving drinks at a hotel  
in Worcester. He laughingly  
explains that he has the idea  
of getting a job as manager of  
a country hotel, and took his  
present job to get experience.

Sir John Henry Dunn, son of  
a former lord mayor of Lon-  
don, was found checking coal  
trucks as they came from an  
open pit mine near Barnsley.

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