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Smearing Campaign Against FBI

The action of the trial judge in the Caplon espionage case in permitting the reading in court, against the opposition of the department of justice, all the FBI secret memoranda and reports found in the defendant's purse, threatens to bring the FBI into disrepute.

The law enforcement agency has been put in the position of sponsoring or accepting as true various information which, in fact, it neither sponsored nor accepted as accurate.

Exposure of FBI files in the Judith Caplon espionage trial revealed a mass of gossip and mixed hearsay intended, whose true value is yet to be determined.

Already a call for a "bill of rights conference" to be held July 16-17 in New York City has been issued.

Attacks have many times been made on J. Edgar Hoover in the Red propaganda and the smear campaign he has found echoes in congress.

State Insurance and Safety Programs

The state board of control has awarded a contract for \$83,496 for public and property damage insurance on the state of Oregon's 3000 autos and trucks to the General Casualty company, whose agent is Dooley and Co. of Portland.

The lowest bid of \$74,717 was submitted by Truck Insurance Exchange of Los Angeles, which now has the business.

Presumably the service rendered the past 3 years by the low bidder has been satisfactory and the query naturally arises as to why the board should spend an extra \$8,778 of the taxpayers' money more than necessary.

In explanation the board said that General Casualty also will spend from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as a bonus in educating state employees on how to drive properly.

However, the same day before the contract was let, Secretary of State Newbury announced the creation of an enlarged traffic safety division with Capt. Walter Lansing, borrowed from the state police, in charge, to reduce automotive accidents in the state.

It would have been only fair to the other insurance bidders to have notified them that their bids should include \$10,000 for the state's safety campaign—a condition not stipulated to the unsuccessful bidders.

Los Angeles Torture Murders

Los Angeles is again in the spotlight of torture murder mysteries, the victims of which were all attractive women. The finding of the body of Miss Louise Springer, strangled in the back seat of her sleek new convertible, makes nine unsolved mutilation slayings beginning with the "Black Dahlia" case 29 months ago.

Mrs. Springer's 97-pound body had been twisted so that it lay face down. Her dress was pulled above her hips. A clothesline was knotted around her neck. Her body had been violated. The car was found near the place where the 22-year-old nude, dissected body of Elizabeth Short, a New England beauty, was found in a vacant lot.

Three days after the "Dahlia" murder, the body of Mary Tate, 37, was found on a street, strangled with a silk stocking. Less than a month later, Mrs. Jeanne French was found nude and tortured to death in a lot near the beach.

The nude body of the Latin beauty Rosenda Mondrago, 20, was discovered early on the morning of July 8, 1947, almost within the shadow of city hall. Her breasts were clawed, her face beaten, and she had been strangled with a silk stocking.

In the case of Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery, 36-year-old church worker, her husband was arrested, tried and acquitted. Police still are searching for the slayer who left her nude, mutilated body beneath a pepper tree.

Mrs. Laura Treistad, 37, met death when she went dancing with a young sailor on Mother's Day. She was raped, beaten and strangled.



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Welcome Gals

BY DON UPJOHN

The girls' state meeting is now in session here with its legislative assembly et cetera and it will be interesting to compare what the girls accomplish in their lawmaking efforts with that done by the boys at a similar meeting here a while back.

However, far be it from us to indulge in any levity concerning such constructive moves as these to acquaint the youth with the state, city and county government. We expect to see most beautiful results as time goes on and these lads and lassies take on their real duties in these regards.

Miss Royal Anne, our favorite cherry, seems to be at her very best this year and ready to match up with any royalty that can be trotted out.

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Vicar's Letters Intrigued Her

Steeple Ashton, England (AP)—What was in the letters the vicar wrote to the young ladies? Postmistress Mary Tye had an itch to know. She was fined £100 (\$400) for opening letters to find out—and now there's a new postmistress.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Case of FDR Jr.: Fame of Father Help or Handicap?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

All America is watching with intense interest the advent of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Junior, into national politics, and not a few are wondering just what it means to a young man to follow in the footsteps of a famous father.

Years ago in England I put that rather searching question to my good friend, the late Sir Austen Chamberlain. He then was British foreign secretary and had written his name indelibly into history as a prime mover in, and a signatory of, the Locarno Treaty of peace in 1925.

Sir Austen was son of the noted statesman Joseph ("Joe") Chamberlain. He also was brother of Neville who, as Prime Minister, later tried the unhappy experiment of appeasing Hitler—an experiment which your columnist witnessed at close range, having followed the Prime Minister to the conferences at Berchtesgaden, Godesberg and, finally, Munich.

I was spending the day with Sir Austen at his country home when I broached the question of how the fame of a father affected a son at the beginning of the latter's career.

At the outset, of course, the father's position is of great help to the son. It provides the young man an entree which he might not otherwise have. It gives him useful friendships at a most

Probe of B-36 May Turn Into One of Navy League

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The much ballyhooed probe of the B-36 is now taking an unexpected and not too happy turn—at least for the navy.

The turn is so unhappy that naval reserve Captain Congressman Jimmie Van Zandt, the Pennsylvania republican who started all the B-36 furor, would just as soon forget about it.

For Chairman Carl Vinson of the armed services committee is not merely probing the B-36. He is also investigating the source of the smear stories against Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of the Air Symington.

In other words, he is probing the delicate but highly important question of who wrote Congressman Van Zandt's vitriolic speeches.

In this connection, it may be significant that the navy has suddenly transferred its press relations and propaganda expert, Rear Adm. Edward Ewen, to Guam. Admiral Ewen had served only a year of a three-year tour of duty. But suddenly he was whisked off to a distant island, far from the strong arm of a congressional subpoena.

The Vinson committee is also expected to apply the microscope to the most powerful backstage lobbying organization ever to buttonhole congressmen for a government bureau—the navy league.

Frank Hecht, president of the navy league, has now become so vituperative in comparing Secretary Johnson to European dictators, that good-natured Bob Fleming, president of Washington's Riggs National bank, is all set to resign as treasurer of the navy league. As treasurer of the G.P.O. congressional committee last year Fleming helped raise around a million dollars for Dewey, and has no love for the administration. But he hasn't been able to stomach the navy league diatribes.

The navy league has now taken over the admirals' crusade against the bill before Congress tightening unification. What the admirals say privately, the navy league now says for them publicly.

Harry Truman isn't the first president to have trouble with the navy league. Herbert Hoover also had his headaches. 17 years ago he got into such a mudslinging duel with the navy league that the latter ended up charging the President of the United States with "abysmal ignorance."

Attempting to practice economy, Hoover had ordered the admirals to cut their 1933 budget. Instead the admirals upped it by \$40,000,000. And Hoover sent the budget back with a demand that it be reduced \$20,000,000 under 1932.

Whereupon the navy league, acting as the megaphone for the admirals, hurled the "abysmal ignorance" charge at Hoover just as the same navy league is now calling Secretary Johnson a dictator.

Most folks have forgotten the origin of the navy league—which shouldn't be forgotten. For its founders read like a meeting of metallurgical magnates.

They include: Charles M. Schwab, Bethlehem Steel corporation; J. Pierpont Morgan, United States Steel corporation and owner of a controlling interest in the Carnegie Steel company; Col. R. M. Thompson, International Nickel company; B. F. Tracy, attorney for the Carnegie Steel and Harvey Steel companies and director of the Tennessee Coal and Iron com-

HOW ABOUT:

Salem's Hospital Drive? Answering the Questions

Editor's Note: In a few weeks the Salem hospital development program will be brought before the people of the Salem area. So that the questions being raised may be known by all, along with the answers, the Capital Journal is cooperating by printing them daily. Questions may be directed to the hospital program headquarters, 535 N. High St., or may be phoned to 2-3851.

QUESTION: Mr. Wedel, (administrator, Salem Memorial Hospital)—Why does Salem Memorial Hospital need the \$190,000 being asked through the Salem hospital development program?

ANSWER: During the war and the immediate post-war period, neither hospital in Salem expanded its facilities nor modernized its plant to any appreciable extent. Nevertheless, during all this time, Salem and its adjacent trade area have been growing until the population has been doubled. With regard to hospitals, it has remained static.

Just what does this mean with reference to the Salem Memorial Hospital? It means that the need for modernization has become acute. We have tried to meet this crying need by inaugurating a remodeling and re-decorating program in the building; by the addition of more bed space; and by the purchase and installation of the latest and best equipment to replace older, out-moded facilities.

We want to give the people of Salem what any community hospital should give—the best care

Wizard of Odds



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

Milking Fails to Halt Vacation

Plymouth, Eng. (AP)—For 20 years farmer Joe Trevelan's vacation plans were gummed up by one problem: What about the milking?

This year, at last, he solved it. He rented a field for two weeks at Lewdown, his chosen vacation spot. Then he packed the cow and her calf into a truck and took them along.

There'll Always Be an England—But 'It Isn't England Anymore'

By HAL BOYLE

London (AP)—There is the sound of many hammers here in the land of the over-boiled potato.

There is confidence in the sound of the hammers—and authority. For the hammers are rebuilding a battered England.

But in the comp'aining voices are doubt and uncertainty. There is either dissatisfaction with the way that England is going or dismay that it hasn't achieved more for the common man down the new political path it has been traveling.

Says one young voice of socialism: "Yes, we've got many things we didn't have before. But we English are losing the taste for Scotch whisky and meat, because we get so little. And that is bad for us because whisky and meat made us great."

"They are trying to do too much here for everybody. It can't be done in a small land that lives by bringing raw materials here for manufacture, and shipping the products elsewhere for sale."

"Ninety per cent of the people will have to go back to living the way they always did. Then the ten per cent with exceptional ability can live as well as their brains and initiative entitle them to."

I came here with a group of war correspondents revisiting European battle areas on a tour sponsored by the American Overseas Airlines.

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