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#### Smearing Campaign Against FBI

The action of the trial judge in the Caplon espionage The action of the trial judge in the Capien 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. It is the best break the communists have had for years, for the FBI is its worst enemy in the United States and has performed an invaluable service in keeping track of the Red termites in their wrecking effort.

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. None of the information is more vague, however, by the boys at a than for instance, an anonymous letter which the FBI re- similar meeting ceived many months ago and, according to regulations, here awhile kept as part of its file. That was the letter which proved to be the first tip on irregularities in the afficial and the second of t to be the first tip on irregularities in the official conduct of former air force Major General Bennett E. Meyers, now

meeting as compared with that Exposure of FBI files in the Judith Caplon espionage

Exposure of FBI files in the Judith Caplon espionage
trial revealed a mass of gossipy and mixed hearsay ingris will have uendo, whose true value is yet to be determined. Regardless the last word of the miscellaneous unverified charges and unsigned com- which will in munications stored away by the FBI, its record made up one respect, at the best and most valuable list of subversive characters the least, prepare government possesses for its own defense. And the communists can be counted on to capitalize on the public hys-teria created by publication to discredit the FBI.

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

ing material demonstrates that the conference will be a sounding board for an all-out attack on the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover. The accompanying material also leads to the suspicion that communist sympathizers will have control of the conference when the time comes to write the blasty resolutions of denunciation and protest.

Attacks have many times been made on J. Edgar Hoover in the Red propaganda and the smear campaign has found echoes in congress. It is reported that Attor-ney General Tom Clark has clashed with Hoover and even ney General Tom Clark has classed with noover and even and their real duties in these re-President Truman seems luke warm in his support. Asked on their real duties in these re-at a press conference whether the FBI chief had his con- gards. It's certain that some of fidence, the president replied that Hoover had done a duties to perform in times past chief the post-war spy hysteria will soon die out as in the past. Let us hope it doesn't get Hoover.

Miss Royal Anne, our favorite duties to perform in times past could have profited from a little such instruction, let alone a lot up with any royalty that can be trotted out.

#### 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 Port-

ind. It was not the lowest bid.
The lowest bit of \$74,717 was submitted by Truck Insurance Exchange of Los Angeles, which now has the business. The insurance is for one year beginning July 1. The only other bid, \$98,503, was submitted by Phil Grossmayer Co., Portland, for the Travelers Insurance Co.

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. The only reason hinted, unofficially, is that the low bidder was a mutual company but it is licensed to do business in Oregon and the state has done business with it. Secretary of State Pearson is an executive of an old line insurance

In explanation the board said that General Casualty also will spend from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as a bonus in edu-cating state employes on how to drive properly. The object is to reduce the number of accidents

However, the same day before the contract was let, Secretary of State Newbry announced the creation of an en-larged traffic safety division with Capt. Walter Lansing, borrowed from the state police, in charge, to reduce auto-motive accidents in the state. Is it the board's intention to let the successful bidder get credit for financing this state safety program which taxpayers are paying for in increased insurance charges, or is it an additional campaign for safety?

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 mutiliation slayings beginning with the "Black retary and had written his name indelibly into history as a prime mover in, and a signatory of, though fabulous rewards have been offered.

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. Her raven hair and sheer black clothes won her the "Black unhappy experiment of appeasing Hitler—an experiment of appeasing Hitler—an experiment

Th list of other torture murders follows:

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 following month, the mutilated body of Evelyn Winters, former wife of a movie executive, was found in the "gashouse district" near

a movie executive, was found in the "gashouse district" near the Los Angeles river.

The nude body of 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.

and strangled.

On Valentine's Lay last year, Real Estate Agent Gladys Kern disappeared. Two days later, her body was found on the kitchen floor of a secluded hillside home, stabbed with a hunting knife. A mysterious note found nearby blamed the killing on a "racketeer."

The Acid Test



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

meeting as com-

them for their wifely station as time goes on, that is, if any wife needs to be prepared to exercise that particular prerogative cle Sam got through Sooner or later maybe the girls he was pretty well and boys should hold one of to size, we betcha. these sessions jointly for purposes of comparison at first hand.

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 govern-ment. We expect to see most beautiful results as time goes on

Charles P. Skouras as the corporation official of the year who of a congressional subpoena.
was highest paid of such ilk, he having received \$810,000 for doexpected to apply the microscope never having heard of him before. Evidently he has something league.

tion of several U.S. naval officers sent to Geneva to work he's from Hollywood. But it may league, has now become for naval limitation. Instead, land of the over-boiled potato.

must have taken a lot of button so vituperative in comparing they did the opposite.

One of Shearer's most active must have taken a lot of button passing and "yessing" from sub-ordinates to collect that much mazuma. At any rate, after Un-cle Sam got through with him he was pretty well scaled down

The ordinary guy who suddenly had \$810,000 shoved at him to spend during the course of a year would have quite a time of it to figure how to get rid of same, except for the taxes. He'd pretty soon get fed up on trying to take it out in coffee and doughnuts, new fish rods and cars and would probably be glad to get back to the old routine.

cherry, seems to be at her very licly, best this year and ready to match trotted out.

#### Vicar's Letters Intrigued Her

Steeple Ashton, England (P)-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.

"I was curious," she told the local court. "I knew I was doing wrong, but the practice grew on me me and I found I could not resist it." She said she went on from opening the vicar's letters to peeking at others.

Mrs. Tye said she never told anybody what she found out. Col. J. F. E. Pyc, chairman of the court, told Mrs. Tye: "The whole fabric of this village's life might have been undermined by your action.

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 the The follow in the footsteps of a trying period of his career.

famous father. Is it an ad vantage

handicap? England put tion

good friend, the late Sir Austen newm M Chamberl a i n the Locarno Treaty of peace in

Sir Austen was son of the which your columnist witnes-sed at close range, having fol-lowed the Prime Minister to the

These things he gets because he is his father's son.

However, all that soon

changes. His political associates uncon-

young man than he should

another apprentice are logged down against the son of the

thought, it was a severe handicap in the political world for a young man to have a noted father. Ob-viously, he himself had overcome that handicap magnificently.

There are plenty of Ameri-

nd in business. In the political field there are

can examples of sons following

famous fathers, both in politics

magnificently.

to the son. It provides the young in the long run son must fight older, out-moded facilities.

man an entree which he might his own battles. Now comes We want to give the people of not otherwise have. It gives F. R. Jr., to try his luck on Salem what any community hoshim useful friendships at a most that basis.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## 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 pany; George Westinghouse, pany; George Westinghouse; Westinghouse Electric company; Clement A. Griscom, director, Cramp Ship and Engine company, the Electric Boat company, and the United States Steel corporation; S. S. Palmer, director, Lackawana, S. E. e. l.

director, Lackawanna Steel compang: 18 members of the Midvale Steel company.

There is a good reason why these gentlemen and their suc-cessors should be the most pow-

erful, unscrupulous, and consist-

ently irrepressible propagandi-zers for a big navy. It pays. The bigger the navy, the more

Bethlehem Steel and associates who paid \$25,000 to "Big Bass Drum" Shearer to frustrate the

Geneva Naval Conference. The steel and shipbuilding compa-nies just didn't want naval limi-

them, came ahead of their country's effort for peace.

ed the admirals work.

"You must take off your coat

ice waging a death battle against its commander.

possible. Modern science de-mands better and better serv-

ice, and it is only by carrying through on the program we have begun that we can fulfill

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these demands.

just as soon forget about it. man Carl Vinson of the arm ed services con mittee is no merely probir the B-36. He probin

also investigat ing the source of the smear stories against Secretary of De-

fense Johnson and Secretary of the Air Symington.
In other words, he is probing

In other words, he is probing the delicate but higly important question of who wrote Congres-sman Van Zandt's vitriolic gentlemen sell to Uncle Sam. speeches. Members of the navy league have been active, and brazenly admitted their activity, in sa-botaging American diplomats at international conferences. It was Charley Schwab of Bethlehen Steel and associates

In this connection, it may be significant that the navy has suddenly transferred its press rela-tions and propaganda expert, Rear Adm. Edward Ewen, to Guam. Admiral Ewen had serv ed 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

ing his job, according to inter-nal revenue office figures, leaves lobbying organization ever to most folk cold, including us, as buttonhole congressmen for a never having heard of him be-government bureau—the navy lobbying organization ever to At Geneva, Shearer would buttonhole congressmen for a have got nowhere if he had not government bureau—the navy had the all-too-eager cooperagovernment bureau—the navy league.

Secretary Johnson to European One of Shearer's most active There is condictators, that good-natured Bob naval collaborators was Adm. fidence in the Fleming, president of Washing-Joseph M. Reeves, later exposed so und of the ton's Riggs National bank, is all as such before the senate naval hammers—and set to resign as treasurer of the affairs committee. During the authority. For navy league. As treasurer of the balance of the Hoover economy the hammers G.P.O congressional committee drive the bewhiskered Reeves are rebuilding last year Fleming helped raise was kent in simulated disprace, battered Englast year Fleming helped raise around a million dollars for But FDR was the admirals' gift land.

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 take the beautiful promotion to be commander in and uncertainty. There is elicited the flest.

chief of the fleet. The navy league has now tak-en over the admirals' crusade en over the admirals crusade against the bill before Congress tightening unification. What the admirals say privately, the navy league now says for them pub-

president to have trouble with the navy league. Herbert Hoo-ver also had his headaches. Just 17 years ago he got into the navy league. Herbert Hoover also had his headaches. Just and go to work helping to save 17 years ago he got into such a mudslinging duel with the ident Hecht has frantically navy league that the latter end-up charging the President of "You must join our crusade. By poining to defeat the efforts the United States with "abysmal on the property of the United States with "abysmal" may being made to emasqulate the states of the United States with "abysmal on the property of ed 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 deit by \$40,000,000. And Hoover to your local editor. Write cards sent the budget back with a demand that it be reduced \$20,- tmas list. Talk to your congress-

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 calling Secretary Johnson story. Speak up for tator.

Most folks have forgotten the which shouldn't be forgotten.
For its founders read like a meeting of metallurgical mag-

nates.

They include: Charles M.
Schwab, Bethlehem Steel corporation; J. Pierpont Morgan, or their friends who, in many 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 sciously begin to measure him companies and director of the against the stature of his father. Tennessee Coal and Iron comThey look for far more from the young man than he should be

HOW ABOUT expected to deliver with his lack of experience. Thus faults which might be overlooked in

# Salem's Hospital Drive? Answering the Questions

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 possible. Modern science de-

the immediate post-war period, neither hospital in Salem ex-panded its facilities nor mod-ernized its plant to any appreciable extent. Nevertheless, dur-

lowed the Prime Minister to the conferences at Berchtesgaden, finally, Munich. Godesberg and, finally, Munich. You will note that one brother was fortunate and the other encountered disaster.

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.

The foreign secretary replied

In the political field there are ing all this time, Salem and its and so an adjusted from the father and son adjusted from the Tatts, the Encountered the LaFollettes, the U. S. Grants, the Teddy Roosevelts, and so on back into history.

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The foreign secretary replied in effect:

At the outset, of course, the will agree with Sir Austen and installation of the latest father's position is of great help Chamberlain's conclusion that and best equipment to replace

pital should give—the best care

BY GUILD Wizard of Odds



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Milking Fails to Halt Vacation

Plymouth, Eng. (P)—For 20 years farmer Joe Trevethan'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 pack-ed the cow and her calf into a truck and took them along.

tation to succeed. Dividends, for POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

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

London (P)-There is the sound of many hammers here in the

ity. There is eidissatisfaction with the It may be a surprise to Pres- way that England is going or ident Truman and Louie John- dismay that it hasn't achieved more for the common man down now fronting furiously for the the new political path it has admirals. But it surprises no been traveling.

newspaperman who has watched the admirals work.

Scotch whisky and meat, be-cause we get so little. And that of being complimented on their is bad for us because whisky and meat made us great."

But they are a little weary of being complimented on their courage and endurance. They want the brave new world of now being made to emasculate our navy and jeopardize our country's safety, you can help.

"They are trying to do too much here for everybody. It "Ah, England—it simply isn't can't be done in a small land that lives by bringing raw mathat lives by bringing raw mathat lives by bringing raw mathatility bringing raw mathatility is a small land the hotel porter. But if you volterials here for manufacture, and "Stir up interest in your lo-cality." Hecht exhorts. "Talk shipping the products elsewhere you'd get an unforgetable remen and senators. Go to Wash-

ington; telephone or write your "Ninety per cent of the people will have to go back to living the way they always did. of material to send your friends. Help arrange for speakers be-fore various groups; tell the

I came here with a group of presenting pro-navy or anti-navy views before congress. The right of petition is guaranteed by the constitution. However, it is equally important that the

exciting

much as you'd expect. The face of the great gray lady by the Thames is wrapped in scaf-folding as workmen restore the beauty pitted by German bombs They have cleared away the debris of many gutted buildings and turned them into car parking sites.

ing sites.

Big Ben still tells the passing hours. The people still stand patiently in long queues for most of the things they desire—buses, theatrical entertainment, prized food items at the streets stores.

grocery stores.

You have a feeling that England would be lost if everyone broke from the queue at once to grab a bus seat, instead of patiently taking his turn.

"There'll always he an Eng.

cialism:

"Yes, we've got many things land, you sense, as long as the we didn't have before. But we English accept the discipline of English are losing the taste for necessity—and they still do.

And a voice from the political past says:

want the brave new world of
And a voice from the politifaster.

buke

eo- What the people like to hear to the Americans say is:

"I liked England during the Then the ten per cent with exceptional ability can live as well to us. And I'm glad to be back
as their brains and initiative entitle them to."

"I liked England during the
war because you were so kind
to us. And I'm glad to be back
and see again the friends I
made here then."

I came here with a group of war correspondents revisiting shall Plan, they don't. And only European battle areas on a tour a foolish American travels 3,000 miles to brag about his "gener-Overseas Airlines.

London hasn't changed as whose muscles he may need.

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