

Maybe This Is Why England Is Always Out of Dollars

By SAM DAWSON

New York, July 6 (AP)—Some folk are beginning to wonder why England is always short of dollars. The answer is probably just the same as all too often in your own case: there are a lot of things you want—if only you had money enough to buy them. The British, and much of the rest of the world, are like that. There are many things that the United States has and makes that they want and need, if only they had enough Yankee dollars. The dollar shortage is as simple as that.

When you are faced with the same shortage, there are several things you can do. You can make something and sell it for the dollars to buy what you want and need; or you can offer your services for wage or fee.

The British have been trying that one, too. They have been boosting production as much as possible, but they are having trouble selling that product for dollars. We aren't buying as much from them as they'd like. Americans say the British goods are priced too high, and besides we are now making more of many things than we can sell, so that all markets, domestic and foreign, are shrinking.

Another thing you can do to relieve an acute shortage is to borrow from the bank, from relatives, from the pawnbroker. The British have tried that one, too. They borrowed nearly \$4 billion from Uncle Sam back in 1946 and said, "Now everything will be jake."

But it didn't turn out that way. They ran through the \$4 billion with remarkable speed. Then the Marshall plan came along to give them more dollars, about a billion a year. In spite of that they are running about a half billion dollars behind again. That is, they are buying that much more than they can sell.

A third thing you yourself do when faced with a shortage of dollars to buy the things you want, is to do without. The British are trying that, and calling it austerity. The government tells the individual Briton just what American goods he can buy, and how much. That is to save the dollars for the things it deems more essential—mainly raw materials and machinery for turning out British products to be sold in the world market, preferably for dollars.

The British have tried all of them, and now say that it still isn't enough.

Probably they would like to have some more dollars as a grant or loan. But they know the amount they might hope for grows smaller each month as the American business cycle declines.

The British are also trying more and more to make sure that what they buy comes as far as possible from outside the dollar area. The trade pact with Argentina was for that purpose; they take Argentine meat and pay for it with British goods, among them crude oil—thereby supplying almost all of Argentina's foreign oil needs. Until this recent pact, American oil companies supplied those needs.

England seems intent on pushing hard along this trail, and tying up every possible trade route with a barter deal like the one with Argentina. American businessmen already are complaining loudly about that.

Another thing England could do, many observers point out,

Polio Hospital To Be Expanded

Gonzales, Tex., July 6 (AP)—An emergency expansion has been authorized for Texas' Gonzales Warm Springs Polio Foundation.

The expansion came yesterday as another death was recorded from the disease.

At least twenty more beds and baby cribs will be put in use at the foundation on an emergency basis, executive directors decided. These will make the institution's capacity 130 patients.

Lee Wallace, 29, president of the San Antonio chapter of the National Association of Post Office Clerks, died in San Antonio. The number of polio cases in that big Bexar county city reached a new record, 100. Seven new cases were reported yesterday.

Wallace was San Antonio's 11th polio fatality of 1949.

Ross Boothe, president of the Gonzales foundation, said 100 victims are in the state-wide hospital now. He said many are on the waiting list.

Patients' under treatment at the foundation are from 38 Texas counties. Nineteen are from the San Angelo area.

Knights of Columbus Elect Joseph Wichman

Archbishop Howard assembly, fourth degree, Knights of Columbus, held their regular monthly meeting and election at a dinner in Salem recently at which Joseph Wichman of Salem was elected faithful navigator of that assembly for the coming year.

Other officers elected were: Admiral, L. A. LeDoux, Mt. Angel; captain, F. Ross Coleman, St. Paul; comptroller, Leonard J. Thoma, Lebanon; pilot, Vincent Metz, Stayton; inner sentinel, Adam Lefor, Salem; outer sentinel, William E. Healey, Salem. Appointed officers: Friar, Rev. T. J. Bernards, Salem; patrons, Edward J. Bell, Stayton and Vincent Rodakowski, Salem.

At the meeting an outstanding address was given by State Deputy Sylvester J. Smith of St. Paul, his theme being the necessity of a public speaking program, which is to be carried out by this assembly.

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Camp Silver Creek Boys, totalling approximately 100 contributed \$13 to the World Youth fund of the YMCA following a program devoted to the cause recently. The group is shown assembled near the recreational building. Gus Moore, general secretary of the Salem Y, spoke concerning the youth fund while a typical European luncheon was served. Roth Holz, camp director, also spoke in behalf of European youth during a fireside program.

Lusk and Spaulding Among Names Voted on for Judge

The Oregon democratic party will not accept endorsement of Gus J. Solomon, Portland attorney, for the federal district bench without a second look.

That is the effect of a letter sent Saturday to 74 members of the state central committee and the executive committee by party Chairman William L. Josslin of Portland. Mrs. Joada Leonard, vice-chairman of Klamath Falls, and Volney Martin, secretary, of Portland.

Solomon was endorsed for the projected third Oregon federal judgeship last week by national Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, national Committeewoman Nancy Honeyman Robinson, and Multnomah county Chairman Nicholas Granet.

They were speaking for themselves, and not necessarily for the party, Josslin said Tuesday.

The letter sent to the state committee members—in all parts of the state—listed 12 attorneys as worthy of consideration for endorsement. Solomon's name was included.

Those receiving the letters were asked to indicate their preference for the judgeship and return ballots in time for counting at 2 p. m. Friday.

Jackson county's democratic central committee has been called to meet Wednesday night to consider throwing that county's backing to Edward C. Kelly, Medford attorney.

Josslin said that the move to get state-wide opinion on a suitable candidate for the bench should not be considered a "break" between the state organization and the national committeeman and committee woman.

It is considered in some political circles, however, as a maneuvering to determine whether party patronage in Oregon will be in Josslin's hands or in the hands of the national committee representatives.

Josslin said today, however, that backing a candidate for the federal bench should be above

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Jake Bird Makes Another Appeal

Olympia, Wash., July 6 (AP)—Appeal artist Jake Bird looked toward the state supreme court again today in what may be his final effort to escape hanging July 15 on conviction of first degree murder.

The wily hex-murderer was convicted almost two years ago of the ax-slaying of Mrs. Bertha Kludt of Tacoma. Since then he has received three stays of execution and six persons connected with his trial whom he "hexed" have died unexpectedly.

His fourth death sentence is only nine days away. The 47-year-old Negro claimed his constitutional rights had been violated and asked for a writ of habeas corpus. Murray Taggart, Bird's appointed attorney, charged both the state and national constitutions were violated when the Pierce county trial court failed to supply Bird with a full transcript of his trial.

Investigation Will Precede Sentence

Pre-sentence investigation will be had in the case of Selma Frances Fones, ex-Willamette university employee, who Tuesday afternoon pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of larceny of about \$1100 from the institution.

The case of Delores Todd charged with possession of narcotics was continued for arraignment. She already had entered a plea as to helping her husband Jack O'Neill Todd escape from the county jail on June 20.

Bill Mize and Al Griffith both charged with obtaining money by false pretenses were continued for pleas as was Shirley Ann Denn, charged with the same offense.

Donald Jones and Doyle Clark McCann pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to escape from the state penitentiary and trial dates will be set.

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Family Hopes for Miracle For Man in Long Coma

Los Angeles, July 6 (AP)—A 45-year-old drilling contractor has been lying in a coma since Nov. 19, 1948, when he suffered head injuries in an auto accident and doctors believe he'll never regain consciousness, it was disclosed today.

Specialists, however, said Aubrey Lyon may live indefinitely on food given him by a tube.

The coma victim underwent surgery in Phoenix, Ariz., after the accident, but doctors said an injury deep within the brain causes the coma.

Lyon's 17-year-old daughter Barbara says she and her mother are hopeful he may regain consciousness sometime.

"We're not giving up," she said. "Both mother and I feel that he is improving and someday he will open his eyes and know us."

A consensus of a dozen brain surgeons and neurologists who examined Lyon was that "only a miracle" will allow him to emerge from the coma.

"We're waiting for that miracle," Barbara said.

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