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BY BECK
Life's Little Lessons



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Wrong Way Per Cent.

By DON UPJOHN

It seems some of the boys back in Washington have been making
fat on a basis of 5 per cent, according to various news dispatches.
And such dough apparently comes from money invested in war
and savings bonds which pay off to the investor on a basis of
only about 3 per cent. That doesn't seem quite fair to have it
siphoned off at the other end faster than it does at home
but the boys are a little smarter back there and work at it harder,
evidently.



Don Upjohn

The Open Door Policy

London (AP)—When Nii Kwabena
Bonnie III, tribal chieftain from British West Africa's Gold
Coast, heard about Britain's national health scheme he decided
it was an opportunity not to be overlooked. He arrived in London
last night from Accra, capital of the Gold Coast, where he
maintains a 56-room castle. Today he told reporters: "I understand
I can obtain health treatment free here, and spectacles, too."
Bonnie explained he had a stomach ailment and had been
operated on in 1944. The chief came to the right place. Under
the British health plan visitors as well as residents are eligible
for free medical care.

FAITH IN FUTURE LIFE

Survey Shows Belief
In Life After Death

Minneapolis (AP)—Scientific or
not, seven of every 10 Minne-
sotans believe there is some form
of life after death.
A United Press report inspired
by the Minneapolis Tribune poll.
The report described attempts
to establish a scientific basis for a soul that
lives on.
Some 70 per cent of those
polled in Minnesota say they
believe the soul does live on; 21
per cent indicate disbelief; and
nine per cent have no opinion.
Ideas of just what life after
death might be are predomi-
nantly pleasant, with explana-
tions such as:
"It's peaceful — no pain, no
jealousy, no worries"; "A place
of perfect cleanliness and beau-
ty"; "Your soul goes to Purga-
tory and then to Heaven"; "It
would be akin to a feeling of
benevolence, nearness to God—
a thrilling feeling."
More than three-fourths of
those believing in a soul also
believe people will be rewarded
or punished according to the life
they lead on earth. Sixteen per
cent say it isn't so and seven per
cent have no opinion.
In Durham, N.C., a Duke uni-
versity psychologist, Dr. J. B.
Rhine, points to evidence which
"strongly favors the possibility
that there is something about
human personality" which
might survive after death.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Chiang's Blockade Forces
Reds to Russian Trade

By JAMES D. WHITE

(Substituting for DeWitt MacKenzie, AP Foreign News Analyst)
Chiang Kai-Shek's strategic device for blockading Red Chinese
ports is working.
That is, it is not winning the civil war or preventing its loss,
industrial and consumer goods
which China needs to rebuild.
But since the blockade by sea
and air went into effect after
the fall of Shanghai, shipping
has been greatly curtailed. Facto-
ries lacked raw materials. The
jobless increased. The current
slipped.
The Reds realized what white
elephants they had fallen heir
to in places like Shanghai and
Tientsin. Without a large vol-
ume of foreign trade they mean
nothing but trouble.
This has forced a drastic shift
in the Reds' economic policy.
It appears to have speeded up
their political polarization. At
first their idea seemed to be to
buy abroad from anyone that
would treat them on what they
considered equal terms.
Now the talk is of getting
along on what China can pro-
duce herself, plus what Soviet
Russia can supply.
This greatly limits the pros-
pect for business of any kind in
China, and means hard times.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Pearson, a Husband, Too,
Leaves for Vacation

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Maybe I shouldn't admit it, but I've been having
increasing trouble with my wife lately. Usually she is the
easiest person in the world to get along with—but not in August.
Every summer she labors under the delusion that Washington
is not cool in August and that I can write a column just as well
from some other
part of the U.
S. A. She even
jolts my self-
esteem by in-
sulting that the
world would get
along just as
well if no col-
umn was writ-
ten at all—for
a while.
In vain do I
argue that some-
one has to keep an eye on the
lobbyists and the legislators. It
does no good.
The five-percenters could run
off with the U. S. treasury and
Mrs. P. just wouldn't worry
about it if the thermometer was
above 80.



Drew Pearson

In vain, also, do I scan the
weather reports and gloat over
the fact that it's been 97 in
New York, 96 in Philadelphia,
99 in Nebraska and only 95 in
Washington. Washington, I
argue, is a much cooler place.
But it makes no difference.
"We don't have to go to New
York, Philadelphia or Nebras-
ka," Mrs. P. replies. "There are
other places in the U.S.A. be-
sides New York, Philadelphia
or Nebraska. Also, there's Can-
ada."

Obviously I can't win. I
should have known this from
previous summers. But there is
nothing more unwise than a
stubborn husband, so I resorted
to delaying tactics.
I got out the railroad and air-
plane timetables and left them
in a conspicuous place in the
living room. It did no good.
Mrs. P. wanted a date, the ex-
act date, the hour, the name of
the hotel, the time of the train's
departure. I event told her that
Bob Allen was busy and wasn't
ready yet to take over the col-
umn. She didn't swallow that
one either.

"If you don't need a vacation
then General Vaughan does,"
was her comeback. "I'm almost
beginning to feel sorry for him."
So this is to announce that
having reached the end of my
domestic rope, this will be the
last column to be foisted on a
hot and helpless public until
September.

The best reporter in Washing-
ton, Bob Allen, has been kind
enough to take over until then.
Before I close the season's
score, however, there are a
couple of points I would like to
set straight. If anything should
happen to me I would not want
the wrong impression to prevail
about certain people.

For instance, I have been
pretty rough on some of the
White House hangers-on who
influence President Truman.
But while I deplore the choice
of these White House cronies, I
continue to applaud most of
Truman's legislative program.
The president is sincere, hon-
est, diligent, sometimes vindic-
tive, frequently impulsive, and
not always efficient. But his-
tory will show that 90 per cent
of the time he has been fighting
for the little fellow—and that's
a lot more than can be said of
some presidents.
The great tragedy is that he
harms his own program and the
common folks he is trying to
help by his stubborn loyalty to
certain cronies.

Some time ago I wrote a
column about the differences
between President Truman and
ex-Secretary of State Byrnes in
which I reported that Mr. Tru-
man had become irked at Mr.
Byrnes just a week or so before
he resigned, and that Byrnes'
resignation, which he himself
had planned for some time, had
been hastened by that irritation.
Mr. Byrnes has now written
me that the latter part of this
column was incorrect and that
Mr. Truman was not irked. I
regret this error, and am glad
to make the correction.
I should like further to repeat
what I have written before, that
in my opinion Jimmie Byrnes
resigned just when he was strik-
ing his real stride as a great
secretary of state.

Shore Patrol Has No Room
For Dogs, Massey Learns

Seattle (AP)—Seaman Sam Massey was determined to get his
Alaskan dog out of the canine "brig."
He did.
But he landed in the brig himself. The dog landed back in
the city pound.
The navy man told police he had brought the half-husky,
half-collie from Alaska. He left it with a friend here because
he was heading for his Brooklyn, N. Y., home on a 60-day
leave.
The friend abandoned Happy (that's the dog's name). The
humane society picked up the pooch and put him in the
pound. Massey was unhappy.
Police picked him up after the night watchman's wife re-
ported seeing him inside the pound, boosting Happy onto a
roof and over the fence.
"I love that dog and the dog loves me," Massey told officers.
The night watchman's wife agreed that both of them acted
that way.
But they were parted again today. Navy officials reported
Massey was in custody of the shore patrol, which doesn't have
accommodations for dogs.

BY GUILD
Wizard of Odds



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

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

'One Man's Family' Authority
Has 20 Years to Credit

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Carlton E. Morse is a pleasant, balding man of
48 who bakes his own bread.
He also eats steak and potatoes for breakfast—seven days a
week—and be-
lieves he makes
the best apple
pie in America.
"It's an apple
pie with pears in it—
and a little dash
of rum," he ex-
plained.
Morse is bet-
ter known for
his skill at the
type writer,
however, than his
skill at the
skillet. Since 1929 he has turned
out 20,000,000 words of radio
drama.



Hal Boyle

His most durable breadwinner
has been "One Man's Family,"
a weekly NBC half-hour program
he has written, produced and di-
rected for 18 continuous years.
Morse believes this is a record
for this type of dramatic serial.
The program tells the trials,
tribulations, and victories of an
American family—Henry Bar-
bour, a retired stockbroker, his
wife, Fanny, and their off-
spring. It has gone on so long
it makes "Abie's Irish Rose" and
"Oklahoma" seem like one-
night stand tent shows.
"When I started there were
only seven characters," said
Morse. "Now there are 18 ac-
tive characters, and I'm in the
third generation of the family."
He is proud that six of the
seven actors who appeared on

Harmony in the Rush Hour
Chicago (AP)—Lines of automobiles were snarled in a rush
hour jam at the edge of the loop. Impatient drivers kept blow-
ing their horns.
The traffic cop at the corner was almost—but not quite—at
wit's end. He blew his whistle, raised his hands a la Toscanini
and bellowed above the din:
"Let's try it again. All together now in the key of C."

COLD FACTS ON NEW EXPORT

Glacial Ice Fascinates
By Its 'Lasting' Quality

Juneau, Alaska (AP)—Juneau's new industry is climbing as high
as a mastodon's eye
"Million-year-old" glacier ice is being exported. It takes time
for the stuff to melt in highballs.
The cold facts are that several
Alaska's Mendenhall glacier,
was flown to a large New York
City cocktail party.
Its snow-melting quality was
heralded from coast to coast.
Since, tons of it have been used
from San Francisco to Holly-
wood and down the eastern sea-
board.
Some of it has been shipped
to warm Hawaii, where hula
girls were asked to drape their
limbs over huge chunks for
publicity purposes.
Pieces of the glacier ice have
been freighted down from here
to the States for door prizes and
gags.
It's no novelty here. They've
been using it for years at local
bars despite "ice worms." The
tall story is the favorite of
sourdoughs whenever they meet
up with a chichako.

Arden Flavor Fresh ICE CREAM The West's Finest. Advertisement for Arden ice cream featuring a woman and a child, with text 'Arden ICE CREAM' and 'The West's Finest'.

Still a Timely Warning

On this, the 75th birthday anniversary of ex-President
Herbert Hoover, belatedly now acknowledged as one of the
greatest Americans and foremost humanitarians of the
world, it is fitting to reprint one of the best speeches he
ever made. It was a warning to Americans on the "weak-
ening of the structure of liberty in our nation," and is
even now more timely than when delivered nine years
ago.

The brief address was made at the national republi-
can convention in Philadelphia and in the excitement of
the struggle ending in the nomination of Wendell Willkie
and Charles L. McNary, attracted as little attention as did
Lincoln's Gettysburg speech on its delivery. Mr. Hoover
cited Europe's hundred-year fight for liberty and then how
Europe in less than 20 years after World War I surren-
dered freedom for bondage.

This was not due to communism or fascism, said Mr.
Hoover. They were the effects. Out of the vexations and
dislocations came fascism in one place, communism in an-
other, and "social democrats" in another, really socialists,
all winding the chains of bureaucratic planning that strangled
private enterprise. Liberty had been weakened be-
fore the dictators arouse with their appeals to prejudice
and class, racial and religious animosities. In explaining
the cause he said:

"In every single case before the rise of totalitarian gov-
ernments there has been a period 'dominated by economic
planners.' Each of these nations had an era under starry-
eyed men who believed that they could plan and force the
economic life of the people. They believed that was the
way to correct abuse or to meet emergencies in systems
of free enterprise. They exalted the State as the solvent
of all economic problems.

"These men thought they were liberals. But they also
thought they could have economic dictatorship by bureau-
cracy and at the same time preserve free speech, orderly
justice and free government. They might be called the
totalitarian liberals. They were the spiritual fathers of
the New Deal.

"These men are not Communists or Fascists. But they
mixed these ideas into free systems. It is true that Com-
munists and Fascists were round about. They formed popu-
lar fronts and gave the applause. These men shifted the
relation of government to free enterprise from that of
empire to controller. Directly or indirectly they politically
controlled credit, prices, production of industry, farmer
and laborer. They devalued, pump-primed and deflated.
They controlled private business by government competi-
tion, by regulation and by taxes. They met every failure
with demands for more and more power and control. . . .
When it was too late they discovered that every time they
stretched abuse, then somehow, somewhere, men's minds
became confused. At once men became fearful and hesi-
tant. Initiative slackened, industry slowed down produc-
tion.

"Then came chronic unemployment and frantic govern-
ment spending in an effort to support the unemployed.
Government debts mounted and finally government credit
was undermined. Out of the miseries of their people
there grew pressure groups—business, labor, farmers, de-
manding relief or special privilege. Class hate poisoned
cooperation."

A Silver-Platter Plan

Eugene is unhappy over its traffic problem. The city
to the south apparently feels that its piece-meal attempts
to handle traffic there have turned out wholly inadequate.
Consensus of opinion in Eugene is that the only solution is
a traffic management and development plan.

The Register-Guard of that city cites a comprehensive
traffic study now being made in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Since the two cities are comparable, the features of the
Albuquerque survey are noted.

At a cost of \$60,000, Albuquerque is having engineers
of the National Automotive Safety Foundation of Wash-
ington, D.C., survey the area. The study is intended to
offer a program toward which the New Mexico community
can build over the next 10 or 20 years with some assurance
that money spent in building will not be wasted.

The Eugene newspaper comments that every city in the
United States is facing the problem of modernizing to meet
present and future traffic needs. Few are going about it
as intelligently as Albuquerque, the Register-Guard says.
So that Eugene might develop a "clean-cut" traffic plan,
the paper suggests a graduated levy for a five-year con-
tinuing study for a functional traffic plan.

How familiar the cries sound from Eugene!
But, in the case of Salem, the desired traffic plan has
already been offered by top-rated highway engineers: The
Baldock plan. And the study is the result of years and
years of observation—like the one in Albuquerque.

But what reception does a plan that Albuquerque was
forced to pay \$60,000 for, get in Oregon's capital?
The months of haggling over whether or not the Baldock
plan should be adopted look silly when Albuquerque's and
Eugene's efforts are considered. Perhaps, if Salem had
been forced to shell out \$60,000, it would grab at the Bal-
dock plan. But since the city had the traffic plan offered
it on a silver platter, it didn't appreciate what has been
given it. And, besides that, the plan is backed by millions
in state highway commission funds to do the job outlined.

So far, Salem has missed the true value of the Baldock
plan. But it now appears that the city council will actu-
ally take definite steps next Monday night to come to a
written agreement with the highway commission to go
ahead with the Baldock plan.

The silver-platter traffic plan for Salem is what other
cities, like Eugene and Albuquerque, spend thousands of
dollars and years trying to get. Surely, the city council
now realizes that fact and will so vote next Monday night.

Anything Can Happen in Alaska

Petersburg, Alaska, Aug. (AP)—After 50 years in Alaska,
Bartender Jim Brennan says he is seldom surprised by any
of the "strange happenings under the midnight sun."
But Brennan reflected frank amazement at the discovery
of a plumber's crew after he couldn't get water from the
faucet. (Brennan explained that the stuff is necessary even
in a bar.)
The crew discovered a six-inch trout firmly wedged in the
water pipe.