

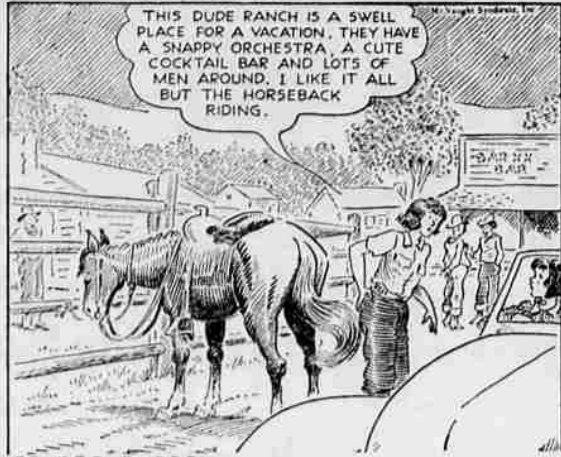
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BY BECK

Nothing Perfect



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Big League Stuff

By DON UPJOHN

This opening of the new Sears Roebuck store today in the new business center off Capitol street way might all be termed as big league stuff, as is the entire development, so it seems quite appropriate that Jim Mosolf, manager of the new Sears store should be an ex-big leaguer in baseball as he is now in the big league business.



Don Upjohn

The only member of the commission who was on it when Swart also joined up. A plat was filed at the courthouse today for Sylvan Park, a proposed summer home colony up the little North Fork just below Taylor's grove.

The Eagles' Iron Lung

The local Fraternal Order of Eagles has acted to provide an adult-size iron lung for possible use in the Greater Salem area. This step is a precautionary one in case a polio outbreak should occur here.

For this initiative, the Willamette aerie No. 2081 deserves proper recognition.

The state has been spared any outbreak of polio on an epidemic scale. Idaho and Texas, among others, have been less fortunate.

But, for the health and welfare of the community, the bringing here of an iron lung will relieve the anxiety that might arise if the disease should strike. The wisdom of taking such safeguards in advance is so obvious.

This helpful move of the Eagles is similar to the one taken several years ago by the Salem labor council in leading the campaign to make the first aid car possible. It is another example of local people sizing up the needs of the community and acting to meet them.

It is that same kind of initiative on a regional scale, for instance, that can develop the Pacific Northwest and make a Columbia Valley Administration unnecessary.

Records so far this year indicate that 1949 may be a banner recent year for polio. More than 3000 new cases have been reported already in August boosting the nation's total to over 11,000, roughly 4000 ahead of 1948 at the same date.

Case figures, health authorities say, however, indicate that many of the polio cases reported are so mild that they would, a few years ago, have been diagnosed as colds in the head. The 11,000 cases represent a ratio of 1 victim to every 15,000 persons.

An Associated Press survey shows that eight states had reported more than 500 cases since the first of the year. They were Arkansas 577, California 626, Illinois 720, Michigan 569, Missouri 597, New York 1,110, Oklahoma 592, and Texas 1,339.

Texas' health officer, George W. Cox, said the heavy polio incidence in his state continues baffling. This month and next are still expected to be the worst. Indiana reported 10 percent deaths, with no slackening in new cases. Wisconsin counted three times as many cases this year as in the same period of 1948.

Oregon in 1948 had 63 cases and 4 deaths. Up to date in 1949, there have been 89 cases and 2 deaths.

Neglecting Our 'Achilles Heel'

The military appropriation bill containing Alaskan defense projects, carrying \$137,738,712 for defense construction, has been shelved by the House of Representatives. This in spite of the fact that Alaska is almost entirely defenseless and an inviting field in case of war with Russia.

Congress has just voted \$5,797,000,000 to check Russian aggression in Europe and the advance of communist totalitarianism in Europe 3000 miles away but is not interested sufficiently in our back door, only 54 miles from Russia, against invasion of the United States to appropriate two and a half percent of that amount to defend a region that practically adjoins Russia in Asia.

Governor Ernest Gruening, commenting on the action, says that it is "nothing short of unbelievable that Congress should perpetuate Alaska "as America's Achilles heel." He continued:

"Alaska was the only part of America invaded by the enemy during World War II, it could be taken tomorrow by a minority airborne invasion. Congressional action means the loss of at least a year and a half in military construction that should have been completed by now. Postponement is moreover the height of wastefulness. It will mean all work will have to be stopped, construction crews shipped back to the States and recruited all over again if and when congress decides to act—probably not until June, 1950, if then."

Congress is not much interested in the Pacific as is shown by its refusal to grant statehood to either Hawaii or Alaska—yet an invasion of either territory would cause as great a panic in the United States as the fictitious "men from Mars."

A Moscow dispatch says the Vakhtangva theater has scheduled for autumn production a play called "Missouri Waltz." The Transport theater recently announced it would present a new play called "The Mad Haberdasher." Who says the Russians haven't a sense of humor?

Boyd Should Have Gone Along

Chilliwack, B. C. (U.P.)—Civic-minded Alderman Kurt Boyd interrupted a lawn-bowling game to rush his partner, a volunteer fireman, to the fire station.

The fireman then returned to the bowling green to inform Boyd it was his house that had been on fire.

Saying Upheld—Justice Triumphs

Wake Forest, N. C. (U.P.)—Justice triumphed at the law school of Wake Forest College. James F. Justice was top man of the 1949 graduating class.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Brass Gets Off to Bad Start in Testifying on Arms Bill

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

(Editor's Note: While Drew Pearson is on vacation, his old friend, Robert S. Allen, will pinch hit for him.)

Washington—Maj. Gen. Lyman D. Lemnitzer encountered rough going in his closed-door testimony before the house foreign affairs committee on the \$1,450,000,000 European arms bill.

Lemnitzer is one of the principal authors of the giant armament measure. A 50-year-old West Pointer, he is deputy commander of the national war college and chairman of the foreign assistance coordinating committee.

Lemnitzer came to an abrupt halt. "What we want to know," he said, "is how this arms program was worked out. How did you arrive at this \$1,450,000,000 figure?"

Lemnitzer replied that an arbitrary price was fixed for the cost of weapons to be sent to Europe. These arbitrary figures have no direct relation to the original cost of the weapons.

Lemnitzer admitted they would require replacement of surpluses sent to Europe. Further, that as a result of this replacement, the actual cost of the European program would be \$1,850,000,000.

Lemnitzer also disclosed, under questioning, that army intelligence had greatly underestimated Russian military strength two years ago and considerable doubt exists as to the currency and accuracy of present information.

He sidestepped direct criticism of army intelligence, but the import of his remarks was unfavorable. "There is a great deal of feeling in the country and in congress," observed Fulton, "that the military are shaping our foreign policy. If that is true, it is not a sound situation."

NOTE: Before testifying, Lemnitzer submitted his lengthy prepared discourse to William Frye, defense department press director, "for suggestions."

POINTED BRUSH OFF Last month, Rep. James Van Zandt, R., Pa., telephoned retired air General "Tooney" Spaatz and invited him to participate in the centennial celebration of Altoona, Pa., Van Zandt's home town. Spaatz, also a Pennsylvania, promised to try to come.

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BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Quirino Puts the Question: 'Well, What About Asia?'

By JAMES D. WHITE

(Substituting for DeWitt MacKenzie, AP Foreign News Analyst) In the midst of a debate on how much to spend on arming Europe against communism, congress paused Tuesday to hear a question from another precinct.

President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippine Republic asked, in effect, what about Asia? Quirino's point was that Asia will be lost to communism by default unless the "same courage and vision" is applied there that went into the democratic defenses of Europe.

He said Asia must first of all help itself, but that conditions are so bad that western technical aid and capital are needed if the job is to be done on time.

It's also worth keeping in mind that the first Asiatic leader to whom he talked about the Pacific union was China's Chiang Kai-Shek. Tuesday he didn't mention Chiang, who has just been pictured as pretty hopeless as an anti-communist bulwark by the American white paper on China.

These are footnotes, and do not detract from the basic validity of Quirino's basic question: What about Asia? He makes it plain that the spread of communism is forcing this question into more equal perspective with Europe.

Assuming that congress and the American press and public awake to the reality as Quirino describes it, the question of aiding Asia is likely to boil down to one of method.

The techniques of helping Asia are likely to be different. China has shown, for instance, that aid like that for Greece, dumped into the highly nationalistic Asiatic picture, can result in a debacle. Korea suggests the apparently unbridgeable gap that can yawn when the cold war is allowed to split an ethnically coherent people.

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Duke Left High and Dry

London, (U.P.)—The Duke of Edinburgh, a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, spent an embarrassing 10 hours pacing the lopsided deck of the yacht Fanny Rosa.

The vessel was left high and dry on a sandbank off the Isle of Wight in the English channel. Hundreds of holidayers walked across a mile-wide stretch of sand to the stranded yacht and milled around shouting pleasantries to the duke, husband of Princess Elizabeth, and three other crew members.

The yacht was following competitors in the Cowes Regatta when it ran aground about two p.m. near Ryde. A fast out-running tide left the boat perched on its side with not a drop of water for nearly a mile.

The Fanny Rosa was finally refloated at midnight on the next tide.

Cooperatives Build Regular Markets for Your Walnuts and Filberts

An overall record crop of tree nuts — filberts, walnuts, almonds and pecans — will be harvested this fall.

The major portion of this largest of all nut crops will be marketed through grower-owned and controlled marketing cooperatives. Without these organizations, such record-breaking nut crops as are expected in 1949 could not be marketed in an orderly, economical manner.

Members of Northwest Nut Growers, through their own associations, directed and controlled by the growers themselves, have developed a marketing organization with sales and advertising plans to sell their walnuts and filberts this year and in future years.

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