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BY BECK

Popular People



THE YACHTFUL OF PEOPLE WHO CRUISE LEISURELY UNDER THE OPEN DRAWBRIDGE WHILE HUNDREDS OF RILED MOTORISTE HAVE TO WAIT TILL THEY PASS.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

It Sizzles

By DON UPJOHN

Sooner or later somebody's going to have to buy the members of the state board of control a set of asbestos gloves. From indications they are badly needed when they are called upon to handle a certain hot potato which seems to be too hot to handle to date—this is being a decision on the site of the proposed new state office building in Portland.



Don Upjohn

East side, west side, all around the town? It is evidently the theme song for this momentous question. Apparently it had been all set to make the decision Tuesday afternoon when it was postponed again. The simplest maneuver would probably be to drop memos of all the sites in a hat— if a big enough hat could be found, and draw one out. Or the board might assign the job of Sheriff Mike Elliott—whatever decision he made would no doubt enhance his present flood state of popularity.

Costly Birds

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)—The pigeons that fly around the state capital and other public buildings are going to cost the citizens of Minnesota \$10,000 this year. The birds' droppings have plugged up roof drains causing rain water to seep through skylights and injured plaster walls and ceilings. The last legislature appropriated \$8,000 to re-

Why the Dog Sounded So Loud

OLYMPIA (AP)—Harold Skinner complained to police early this morning that a barking dog was keeping him awake. Police investigated and reported that it was Skinner's dog that was causing the disturbance.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Deuces are Wild in Canasta —And so is Husband Ed

By ED CREAMH

New York, Aug. 24 (AP)—I was going to tell you today about how to play canasta, a card game that is having a great vogue among canasta players, but something came up and—

Well, why be coy about it? What came up is that my brand new canasta rule book (price \$1) got ripped down the middle, my wife went to bed with a sick headache, the Larsens don't love us any more, and I've got to buy a television set. This sorry sequence began at break fast last Friday.



Ed Creamh

My wife looked at me over the top of her newspaper, waited for permission to speak, and inquired: "Why don't we learn to play canasta?" "Why should we?" I asked joyfully. My mouth, however, was filled at the time with yogurt (a milk food favored by yogurt eaters) and my wife understood me to say: "Why, certainly."

So Friday night found me opening the Canasta rule book with all the enthusiasm of a boy confronted by "Elementary Algebra" on the first day of school. Five seconds later I clapped the book shut.

"We can't do it," I said, grinning. "Canasta takes two decks and we've only got that old one we keep around in case a gypsy fortune teller should drop in." My wife took it very well, too well.

"All right," she said. "Cards can wait. We'll drop in on the Larsens instead. I know you don't like them, but—" "I don't dislike them," I objected. "It's just that I can't stand them. But they do have a television set. At least I can watch the fights."

Bill and Edith Larsen practically kissed us. "Goody," Edith said, "now we can play that new game every-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Truman Determined to Get Welfare Department Plan

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round will be written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen).

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington—Congress hasn't heard the last of government reorganization plan No. 1 to set up a department of welfare. The senate's turnaround has not cooled President Truman's determination to put the proposal through. He will make another try to get approval.

The president disclosed this in a talk with Reps. Robert Crosser and Wayne Hays of Ohio. They conferred with him on government reorganization plan No. 1.

"As long as government reorganization can be vetoed by either branch of congress," said Hays, "it will be impossible to effect economy in expenditures. It's the old story of lobby pressure. The lobbies go to work behind-the-scenes and kill these proposals. That happened when Hoover was president and what the senate did on this proposal was more of the same."

"That's true," said Truman, "but they are not scaring me. If the Hoover commission's magnificent report is to mean anything, it will have to be put into effect."

"I am going to keep on sending plans for that purpose to congress. Whenever one is vetoed, I'll send up a revised plan in its place."

TOUCHY HISTORY

House rules committee consideration of the arms-for-Europe bill unexpectedly touched off a sharp explosion on American history. Supporting the measure, Rep. Ray Madden, (D-Ind) vigorously criticized former President Herbert Hoover for assailing administration spending policy.

"The ex-president was talking out of both sides of his mouth when he said we are spending ourselves into a collectivist state," thundered Madden. "He himself has advocated \$30,000,000,000 for defense and foreign aid out of a total budget of \$42,000,000,000. He talks economy, but he wouldn't cut a cent of the military and foreign-aid expenditures."

"That's an old story," broke in Chairman Adolph Sabath, (D-Ill). "I've heard it many times. I remember as far back as the period after World War I, when the same cries were raised by those who fought to keep us out of the League of Nations. If congress had not listened to those men, there might not have been a World War II."

Then, pointing at Rep. John Davis Lodge (R-Conn), Sabath added, "there sits the grandson of the man who led the fight against the league — Senator Henry Cabot Lodge."

For a moment, Lodge sat in stunned silence. Then, white with anger, he jumped to his feet and shouted, "the record will prove who is right."

"I just gave you the record," retorted Sabath.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The "5-percent" uproar has had no effect on Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan as a Sunday-school teacher.

He has continued to conduct his regular class of high-school boys every Sunday morning at the Westminster Presbyterian church across the Potomac in Alexandria, Va. Usual attendance is 10 to 12 students.

Vaughan has been conducting

Man Regains Lost Sight Tells of Thrill of Seeing Again

Hopkinton, Mass. (AP)—A 63-year-old masseur who suddenly regained his vision after having been blind 18 years, said his first month of seeing was the most exciting of his life.

"It's been like living all over again," said Edward R. Ray. "Everything is so colorful and amazing—the automobiles, the women's dresses—and my daughter and grandchildren. It's a new lease on life."

Ray became blind in 1931 after a 35-year period of deterioration of his left eye. He lost the right eye in a childhood accident. Then suddenly the film covering his left eye cleared away.

He said the years of blindness had done him some good, despite the things he missed.

"My philosophy is quite different because I have had hours of meditation during the darkness," he said. "That has become a habit now, and I can stay apart from the turmoil of modern life."

FARMER ENTERS SQUABBLE OVER CLOTHES

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 24 (AP)—An Iowa farmer offered today to send the British king an old suit of his long-handled underwear "so he can know the joy of real comfort."

The farmer, who asked to be unnamed so his gift to royalty would be anonymous, stepped into a squabble between two newspaper columnists, an Iowa and an Englishman, over the wearing apparel and habits of their respective countrymen.

Patty Johnson, woman's page editor of the Waterloo, Ia., Daily Courier, had written, slightly shocked that "Scotsmen who wear kilts wear nothing at all underneath them."

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



ODDS ARE 4 TO 1 IT'S TIME TO THROW YOUR TOOTH-BRUSH AWAY, ACCORDING TO THE DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

GIRLS, GOT A PERMANENT? THREE TO 2 IT WAS DONE AT HOME.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Revolt Against Moscow Spreads in Europe

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The defiance of Moscow by Yugoslavia, Finland and the moderate communists of Soviet occupied Germany gives one to pause for consideration of the significance.

We shall be rash, I think, to jump to conclusions in trying to figure the potentialities of this "revolt" against Moscow, or how far Russia may be prepared to go in maintaining her prestige.

For example, take Russia's threatening note to a politically rebellious and defiant Yugoslavia.

Moscow lashed out at Marshal Tito with the warning that Russia is prepared to take "effective measures" (measures unspecified) to protect the rights of Russian citizens in Yugoslavia.

A portion of the British press immediately said this sounded like the worst threat of war since Hitler's blasts in '39. However, informed British diplomatic officials, who are watching the situation closely, said the dispute wasn't likely to lead to war. They figured Moscow wanted Yugoslavia to think she was threatened with attack, whereas Russia was bluffing.

Well, this column doesn't like the term "bluffing" as applied either to Russia or Yugoslavia. Moreover, when the gods of war are playing at ten-pins with stick dynamite and hand-grenades, there's always the possibility of an explosion.

Still, as I see it, there's nothing to justify the belief either that Russia intends to make war (which would mean world war) at this juncture or that valiant but comparatively small Yugoslavia is prepared to undertake the role of giant-killer.

The real importance of the current developments lies in the fact that they represent open defiance in Russia's own sphere of influence. They represent

cracks in the communist structure. This importance is multiplied when we consider that great discontent has long been making itself evident in other satellite states.

Finland's bold and energetic stand, coming on top of Yugoslavia's refusal to knuckle under, is a tough and dangerous blow to Soviet imperial ambitions in Europe.

Both these nations are essential to the Red structure, not only politically but militarily, for they are strategically located.

Of course, Russia could take Finland over by force, but such a move assuredly would result in another World War.

Finland must be absorbed by indirect means. Thus we see Red leaders in Finland precipitating a wave of strikes which the Helsinki government says represent a maneuver towards revolution and the establishment of a Red regime.

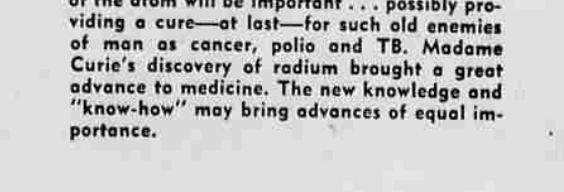
Washington believes the bolshevik attempt won't succeed because of Finnish resistance.

What must be equally staggering for Moscow is the astonishing move in the Soviet zone of Germany by German communists who hate Russia.

These Germans have formed a new party which, like that of Marshal Tito, represents nationalistic communism that refuses to recognize the sovereignty of Moscow. Not only that, but this new party promptly sent Tito a message pledging him support in his fight against "imperialist bolshevism."

Will this revolt against Moscow's dictation spread in eastern Europe; that is possible and, I believe, even probable in due course.

HISTORIC MEDICAL HIGHLIGHTS—No. 48



TIME and the progress it may bring will provide an answer to a question the whole world is asking . . . will the constructive potentialities of atomic fission out weight its destructive ones? It is known, however, that the medical advances from recently acquired knowledge of the atom will be important . . . possibly providing a cure—at last—for such old enemies of man as cancer, polio and TB. Madame Curie's discovery of radium brought a great advance to medicine. The new knowledge and "know-how" may bring advances of equal importance.

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