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SIPS FOR SUPPER

Wait and See

By DON UPHORN

There was a minor flying saucer flurry in Salem yesterday when several people are said to have seen one of the objects cutting up its antics. The craze seems to come and go and pops up at various times in various parts of the country until now the nation has been about covered with localities where said saucers have been seen. Far be it from us to show doubtful credulity about all of these flying visitations. But there's one extremely unusual feature about the whole business which challenges some explanation. We remember as a kid when someone pitched a rock in the air he'd holler "What goes up must come down." This boyish aphorism is just as true today. Some day when one of these flying saucers comes down so it can be seen and analyzed from a safe vantage point on the ground it'll be time enough to give credit to these hallucinations.



Don Uphorn

Tough Harvesting

Lebanon—Mrs. Fred Lindahl, wise in gardening ways, finds the native river bottom soil in her garden patch just outside the city limits on east Isabella street, especially suited to the growth of cabbages. Last Friday she harvested two mammoth heads, the larger weighing 18 pounds, the other, 16 1/2 pounds. Girths were 40 and 38 inches respectively. Her entire cabbage patch contains approximately 200 sizeable heads, none weighing less than five and one-half pounds, she estimates. All are of the Flat Dutch variety. Unable to harvest the giants by ordinary means, Mrs. Lindahl was forced to wield an axe in order to chop through the stalks.

Seafarer Is Ready to Believe Rats Leave Ship About to Sink

Seattle (AP)—Robert Rayfield of Seattle is convinced of the truth to the seafarers' superstition that rats will leave a ship which is about to sink. Rayfield, owner and captain of the 65-foot charter boat Mercer, said he observed a rat scamper across the deck of the vessel and dive into Puget sound to swim for shore Saturday evening. Half an hour later, the vessel struck a dead-head in the water and sank. Rayfield and Donald Hines, also of Seattle, put ashore safely in a small skiff.

OPEN FORUM

Knowledge of Russia Lacking

To the Editor—Our government is spending large sums of money trying to tell the people of Russia about life in the United States of America. Yet, as a people, we are surprisingly ignorant of the various phases of life in the USSR and seem to show little curiosity. How much do Americans know of the inhabitants of the Russian Empire? What do we know of the relative proportions of the 150-odd races each speaking its own distinct language or dialect with but a slight knowledge of any other, even of the official Russian language? Can our people contrast the cohesive effect of the nationally spoken and read English language with the immissible effect of the many languages spoken in Russia, where the official language is less and less understood, save by officials and colonists, as one goes east beyond the Slavic regions. Then there is the contrast between the uniformity of American fashions and the distinctive costumes current in Russia, from ill cut European garments in the west through the picturesque costumes of the oasis dwellers to the rough coverings of the nomads. As has been frequently pointed out, Russian "laws" are edicts designed to enable the rulers the more readily to impose their will on the people; whereas American laws are enacted by a majority of the people to protect everyone's rights and interests. Compare that enormous expanse of territory which is Russia, with an estimated population of 180 million, ruled des-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

'Ernie' Bevin Got Jovial Reception at Senate Lunch

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Over steak and apple pie, British and American leaders kidded each other merrily the other day at an off-the-record luncheon given by the senate foreign relations committee. Senator Vandenberg set the mood by greeting British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin with a "Breezy: 'Hello, Ernie.'"



Ernest Bevin

Later Chairman Tom Connally of Texas pretended to be solemn, but the twinkle in his eye gave him away, when he called upon Bevin for the usual "few remarks." "Whenever the British come over here," Connally declared in his introduction, "we always feel a little elevated, a little lifted up—a little lighter." This playful reference to Britain's success at lightening the U.S. treasury wasn't missed by Bevin.

"I have heard it said that a blood transfusion is good for both the donor and the donee," he retorted with a wry smile. "It relieves the donor of excess blood and relieves the donee by putting new blood in his veins. 'The only worry is whether the blood is of the same type. But there is no concern about the blood of our two countries being of the same type.'"

Then the British foreign secretary referred to King George III, whose tyranny started the Revolutionary war. "There is a picture of George III hanging on the wall of the foreign office," twinkled Bevin. "Every morning I used to lift up my eyes and thank George III. For, if it hadn't been for him, the United States wouldn't have been populous or wealthy enough to help win the war."

But Bevin was dead serious as he added: "There are some who believe we are still living in the age of George III. It has been spread around that we are an old nation, but I want to tell you we are not old. We are young and vigorous."

During the lunch, Secretary of State Acheson recalled how he and Bevin had met in the elevator one evening on the way to a crucial meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky at the Paris conference. Leaving the elevator, the U.S. secretary of state and the British foreign minister walked arm in arm down the long corridor singing "The Red Flag."

This brought a warning from Senator Elbert Thomas, Utah democrat, that Acheson had "better not let the FBI know about that."

V.P.'s 'DOMESTIC AFFAIRS'

Senator Connally came up with another subtle crack about the widow from St. Louis when he introduced Vice President Barkley. "Barkley used to be a member of the foreign relations committee," explained Connally, "but recently he has taken more interest in domestic affairs." The senator from Texas lost his good humor, however, by the time Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas rose to speak. The speeches had begun to drag, and Lucas suggested: "Mr. Chairman, I think it is about time for us to go. I don't have anything to say."

"Well, if you feel that way, you can go!" snapped Connally. Lucas reddened, but went ahead with a two-minute speech. The only other difference was over the steak. Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa announced that they were eating "good Iowa steak."

MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSES

Next big housing battle in Congress will occur when the senate considers the Sparkman "middle income" housing bill, which recently emerged from the house badly mangled by the real estate lobby, with the aid of their friend, GOP Representative Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, plus a deft assist from American-Laborite Vito Marcantonio of New York. What few people, except those directly affected, realize is that almost one-third of the nation's families have incomes sufficient

\$1000 Dream Comes True

Wenona, Ill. (AP)—Dream to come true, insists George Brunski—his did to the tune of \$1,000. The money has been forwarded, he said, to Mrs. Pauline Shope of Central Point, Ore., sole beneficiary of the estate of a coal miner named Matt Vallerich. Brunski said Mrs. Shope had visited the home of the coal miner in hope of finding money that folks here believed Vallerich kept hidden. She returned home without the money. Brunski said he dreamed of finding some money in the toes of an old pair of brown shoes. His friends scoffed at his story, he said, but he kept looking and finally found some brown shoes that Vallerich owned. Out of the toes he dug a wadded money belt containing nine \$100 bills and five \$20s.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Democracies May Make Separate Japanese Peace

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The urgency of concluding a Japanese treaty has developed the startling possibility that the democracies may get ahead with the job without Russia, unless a quick solution of the disagreement with Moscow can be found.

Should this happen, it would, of course, mean two distinct treaties — another stone added to the wall dividing the totalitarian states and the democracies. The stalemate hinges on Russia's insistence that the treaty be concluded by the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council (America, Britain,



DeWitt MacKenzie

Russia and France), whereas the United States and Britain insist that it be handled by the Far Eastern Commission. This commission comprises the eleven countries that fought against Japan—The United States, Russia, Britain, China, The Philippines, The Netherlands, Canada, Australia, India and New Zealand.

The Russian attitude may be explained largely by the fact that the veto is permitted in council proceedings, whereas it is not used in the commission. On one thing there appears to be unanimity—the need of getting ahead with the job. The necessity of early action was emphasized recently by General Douglas MacArthur for the second time.

On the top of that, the conversations in Washington last week between British Foreign Secretary Bevin and Secretary of State Acheson reached the conclusion that a Japanese treaty is long overdue.

And Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, who is heading the Russian delegation to the new United Nations meeting opening Tuesday at Lake Success, is expected to press for a Japanese treaty—to be made by the Foreign Ministers Council.

Secretary Acheson has indicated that Britain and the United States may try again to end the two-year-old deadlock over who should draft the treaty.

And what if this effort fails? As the signs now read, the question then will arise whether the Allies represented on the Far Eastern Commission, headed by American and Britain, shall go ahead and make a treaty with Japan without Russia.

Certainly Washington and London can't be expected to agree that Far Eastern countries like Australia and The Philippines, which had more to do with the Japanese war than did Russia, shall be left out of the treaty making.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Vocal Star Will Return To Old School as Success

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Everyone daydreams of going back to his old school as a famous success. Few do. The rainbow called renown eludes most of us. And many a graduate hesitates to visit his college in after years for fear the librarian will sandbag him for the \$1.35 he still owes for keeping a book out too long.

But Eleanor Steber is going back to a happy home coming this week to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She went there first in the 1930s as a promising vocal student from Wheeling, West Va. Her parents had been able to scrape together only \$600 to finance her education. A scholarship enabled her to remain after the \$600 was gone, and Eleanor worked as a waitress to pay her other expenses.



Hal Boyle

Today at 33 the lyric soprano is a prima donna at the Metropolitan Opera and a concert and radio star. She has a six-figure annual income—and six figure incomes begin at \$100,000. The reason Eleanor is going back to the Conservatory is to award two scholarships she founded.

"I want to help some young artists coming along," she said, "just as I was helped." Miss Steber is an outstanding example of the younger generation of home-trained American singers. She believes it is no longer necessary for would-be opera stars to study abroad. "We have everything here the young singer needs, including fine teachers," she said, adding: "Of course, we could use a few more opera houses. "The American singer now is better-rounded and more versatile—he has good musicianship and can act as well as sing." And being better-rounded no longer means a salt-shaker waistline. "Opera singers look a lot different than they did 25 years ago," laughed Miss Steber. "We have a stream-lined crowd at the Met now. And that is an American influence, too. Opera goes like to see graceful and handsome performers." On this count Miss Steber can afford complacency. She is pretty, has a shape—and keeps it in shape. And what is she proudest of? "That I came up the American way," she said. "We have everything here—but so few people realize it."

Gold Price Inflation?

Recently the senate banking committee investigating the economic power of labor heard Admiral Ben Moreell, president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company quote John L. Lewis, czar of the coal miners as saying that labor would have to "take over the government" if the practice of government-aided labor dispute settlements were continued, referring to the growing practice of government boards laying down the terms of settlement in major labor disputes.

The miners' union leader, Moreell said, contended that over a long period of years more men favorable to management would become members of government fact-finding and arbitration boards than are sympathetic to labor's viewpoint. "Since the government appoints the boards," Moreell quoted Lewis as saying, "the only way labor could protect itself would be to take over the government."

In the present labor turmoil the government has appointed as mediators men favorable to unions and still many of their recommendations are rejected. They have a union loving president and administration and labor has practically taken over the government. But that doesn't satisfy labor chiefs "want what they want when they want it." The public doesn't count except to pungle up.

The Missouri Pacific strike is for "featherbedding" rejected by the presidential fact finders. The coal walkout is because the southern coal operators refused to continue royalty payments at consumers' expense for the miners' welfare fund, their contract having expired. The threatened steel strike is for a similar welfare fund and pensions at companies' expense. The ordered Ford strike, the electricians' strike are also for fourth round wage boosts plus welfare benefits paid by employers.

The coal strike involves 480,000 miners, plus those in other industries dependent on coal, the steel strike and auto strikes will idle more than 2,000,000. And that in a labor dominated government, with a president refusing to utilize the Taft-Hartley law to halt the paralyzing of industry and protect public welfare. Labor czars are therefore more powerful than the government.

Traffic in Capitol Group Area

In the heart of Salem, the state capitol group of buildings will conform to the general, modern pattern set by construction of the capitol itself, completed in 1939. In working out plans for future growth of the building group, the new state planning commission is trying to anticipate locations for future state structures. Certain recommendations have to be made to the state and city as a result.

At the commission's Monday meeting, a pattern for traffic in the general area of the capitol group was recommended. In one case, one of these recommendations would change the one-way southbound traffic flow designated for Summer street. Summer street eventually would be split by a mall in front of the capitol, so general traffic flow into the mall section might cause confusion.

The Salem traffic study, as presented by State Highway Engineer Baldock, is flexible enough, despite what critics had to say, to permit adjustment of traffic flow to the needs of the community. Adjustments such as those suggested by the planning commission can be taken up with the state highway department in conference. Then their joint recommendations can be made to the city council for Salem to act on.

A plan as broad and as long-range as the so-called Baldock traffic plan will take years to bring about. Adjustments of one sort or another are bound to arise. The capitol planning commission's recommendations are merely an example.

So no undue concern need be created by the suggested changes in traffic in the capitol group area. Only after joint agreement with the highway department and the city government would adjustments in the traffic plan be accomplished.

In other words, no changes will be made without proper and adequate study. Then the adjustments will be directed toward the needs of the expanded state grounds and the city itself.

Labor Czars in the Saddle

Governors of the International Monetary Fund last week-end, before the devaluation of the British pound by the labor government, voted unanimously to start a study of a proposed higher price for gold, to which the United States assented reluctantly. Inflation of gold prices has long been agitated by the gold mining industry and by American inflationists who point to the billions in profit which would result to the immense stock of gold held by the United States, recalling the profit made when President Roosevelt revalued gold early in his administration.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder immediately declared: "There is not going to be any change in the dollar value of gold. That is positive and will remain positive." His implication was that this country can retain its \$35-ounce price for gold without regard to the Fund's possible future position. Since Mr. Snyder has said that devaluation of currency by other countries might ease Europe's dollar difficulties.

It will be remembered, however, that Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps on nine different occasions publicly pledged that the pound would not be devalued. But he reversed himself in the hope that devaluation would make possible a solution of Britain's problems.

So if the inflation pressure becomes strong enough, Snyder, like Cripps, may reverse himself, or resign and permit some one else to put through the program.

We live in a very unstable world and with the trend running to all kinds of experimental tinkering with economic laws in the furtherance of statism. There is no telling what our politicians will not attempt to secure through pressure for votes. Historical experience in the past seems to be ignored in the futile drive for Utopian mirages.

Fire Hunts Out the Chief

Seattle, Sept. 16 (AP)—Battalion Fire Chief Parks Adams was unsuccessful in finding the fire on the 11th floor of a Seattle hotel, the fire found him. A smoldering garbage can came up the hotel's dumb-waiter and the mystified chief unknowingly had leaned against the automatic dumb-waiter button.

'Silent' Movies Coming Back

New York (AP)—Silent movies are making a comeback, thanks to the noiseless popcorn bag. It is porous and cannot be blown up and exploded or filled with water and dropped from a balcony.