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Another Martyr in the Making

The drama of an officer in the nation's armed forces
fighting for the life of his branch of the service is not new.

When Captain Crommelin of the United States Navy
defies orders and leaks uncomplimentary information to
the press, he is jeopardizing his position in the service.
But in his mind, he apparently feels that such action is the
only way the nation is going to be awakened. He feels the
navy is being crippled by the supreme command and the
administration.

General "Billy" Mitchell was court-martialed after the
first world war for preaching airpower as against sea power.
He was so outspoken he, too, brought on the wrath of the
top command—and he suffered the consequences. He
predicted that airplanes would sink battleships. He made
the "rash" statement that planes would fly more than 250
miles an hour. He was certain that planes some day would
make regular flights across the Pacific between China and
the United States.

Now Captain Crommelin, who is 46 and a veteran navy
flier, foresees the air arm of the navy being weakened to
the point of ineffectiveness. To him, the United States
will hurt only itself by following such a policy. Thus, he
knowingly takes steps that could lead to a court-martial
in order to bring the facts to the public.

In answer to Crommelin, Secretary of the Navy Mat-
thews, new to office, denied that navy morale is bad.
Crommelin had said the opposite, because of top level
decisions which are nibbling away at the nation's first-line
of defense. Defense Secretary Johnson says the navy is
far superior to any other navy in the world.

Crommelin's fight is one for balanced armed forces for
the nation. He is not seeking to minimize the effective-
ness of the air force. He is trying to bring dramatically
to the attention of the people of the nation the need for
the navy's air arm to be encouraged, not discouraged as
it is by present supreme command policy.

Crommelin, who saw in the Pacific the need for balanced
forces (each branch of the services strong enough to sup-
plement the others), apparently has resigned himself to
the martyr role. He will receive surprising support. The
nation hasn't forgotten another martyr of a quarter of a
century ago, "Billy" Mitchell.

Russia's New Satellite

Russia has created its keystone satellite state by pro-
claiming a new "All-German state" in East Germany with
Berlin as its capital and demanding liquidation of the new
West German government at Bonn. Wilhelm Pieck, Mos-
cow trained German communist, announced the formation
to delegates representing the German People's Council, a
pro-Soviet public forum without legal powers. These dele-
gates were Soviet selected, not elected by the people, and
voted to become the lower house of the "German Demo-
cratic Republic."

Elections will be held a year hence and Piest will be
president in the interim. He read a 20-point program for
the new "All-German State," evidently endorsed by Moscow,
or it couldn't have been official. It included:

- 1. Designation of Berlin as capital.
- 2. Re-establishment of Germany's political and economic
unity.
- 3. Liquidation of the west German state at Bonn.
- 4. Building of an all-German government for an all-German
democratic republic.
- 5. Reunification of Berlin, now divided into four sectors
under the American, British, French and Soviet occupation
forces.

Russia arranged in advance for the recognition of the
new German state, just as it did for severing diplomatic
relations with Yugoslavia, with all its satellites, and for
formal notes to the Western Allies protesting establish-
ment of the West German state at Bonn as a violation of
the Potsdam pact.

Preceding the proclamation of the new government, a
manifesto was adopted and sent to all Germans calling for
a fight against the West German republic by a "national
front" including all Nazis who affiliate as "democrats."

As long as Stalin can get what he wants without war, as
he has been doing all along, there will be no third world war,
whether or not he has the atom bomb. Why should he
risk war when he goes right along annexing territory with-
out it?

Playing Cheap Politics

The Truman administration is playing cheap politics
with the anti-trust laws and misusing its vast power
pressure to force through its "fair deal" program of state so-
cialism by devious devices.

Recently suits have been launched against the du Ponts,
not because they are a monopoly that oppresses the public,
but because of their mere "bigness."

As a matter of fact, big business, if it is managed in the
public interest, is no threat to public welfare, especially
when it follows an enlightened policy of decreasing prices
by quantity production and increasing payrolls and putting
their profits into research and creation of new useful pro-
ducts, as the du Ponts have in originating chemical pro-
duction, such as dyestuffs, rayon, paints, synthetic rubber,
cellophane, nylon, etc.

Another suit for the crime of bigness is that against the
A. & P. T. company, greatest of food store chains with
over 7000 of them. It is being prosecuted not for monopoli-
stic practices but because it benefits consumers by un-
derselling competitors—a strange perversion of the intent
of the law.

Now the American Medical association and its affiliated
medical organizations are being investigated in a campaign
to scare physicians into abandoning their opposition to com-
pulsory health insurance. A few years ago the doctors
were being excoriated because they did not provide a pro-
gram of cheap prepaid medical care. Now they are persec-
uted because they have belatedly co-operated to provide
both prepaid medical and hospital service.

Meanwhile the biggest monopolies of them all, the labor
unions, who refuse American citizens their inherent right
to work, even on federal projects, unless they pay dues to
and submit to regimentation by labor bosses, remain not
only exempt from anti-trust laws, but are subsidized by
tax exemption. And furthermore, the administration re-
fuses to enforce the labor-management laws against their
nation-wide strikes against public welfare.

BY BECK

The Penalty Of Progress



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Wasted Effort

By DON UPJOHN

Wonder if this scurry to build new school buildings is really
necessary? For instance, we were handed today a copy of the
latest Western Union bulletin containing canned telegrams ar-
ranged for the convenience of the customers. Now you don't
even have to think, know how to read, or write, or even wave a
pencil. Telegrams are all provided for congratulations on
engagements, promotions, or election to office, success of
an artist, opening of a store, on making a speech, commence-
ment, thank yous, birthday, anniversaries, condolences for
deaths, and a host of good luck telegrams on new jobs, on
taking examinations, on a new book written or show produced,
for a new home or a new job. Nothing overlooked. So with
folks not reading magazines, books or newspapers any more
but just looking at the pictures, getting their entertainment
over radio or television, it's beginning to look as though
maybe all this rush to educate the robots may be
wasted dough. But, doggone it, there's on thing we over-
looked, they do have to get some education to read the
comics.



Don Upjohn

one informed her that she must have a license for the chair. Now she has a real automobile license plate displayed on the front of the chair. It appears that she is having a good time and enjoying being waited on by her many friends.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Scott who has the run up into the Detroit-
Iandha section filed his report on his return Thursday night as
follows: "Last night had first snow in the canyon. All of the
peaks have little snow caps on them now. Furthermore it is
sure getting cold up there."

Yea, the melancholy days have come for fair.

DISASTROUS SHIPWRECK 100 YEARS AGO

Storm Kept Hopeful Irish From Reaching America

By TOM NOONAN

Cohasset, Mass., Oct. 7 (AP)—A violent nor'easter raged 100
years ago today along the New England coast studded with
death traps of jagged rock. Somewhere offshore the brig Saint John labored in mountain-
ous seas as it neared the end of a stormy voyage with a band of
Irish emigrants.

Land was sighted amid driving rain and murk when dawn
broke. But already the hopes of emigrants from famine-ridden
Ireland for a fresh start in a new world had given way to fears
for their very lives.

Almost none of the emigrants ever reached America alive!

For within a few horror-filled hours the Saint John became the
most disastrous shipwreck ever to occur in the outer reaches of
Boston Harbor.

One hundred and forty-three persons perished in the boiling
waters near Minot's Light including 99 emigrants.

Only 12 survived including Captain Oliver, skipper of the
brig, and a 14-year-old Irish lad who was a stowaway.

Despite every trick of seamanship at Captain Oliver's com-
mand the ancient brig was swept by hill-high breakers onto the
Grampus, rocky tomb of many a more sturdy ship.

Waves poured over the ship sweeping emigrants and crew-
men to death.

More than half the Saint John's cargo had been lost when
her jolly boat was swept overboard. About 25 persons jumped
into the little craft which soon capsized.

Only Captain Oliver and the stowaway were able to swim
back to the Saint John.

Then the brig's long boat was swept some distance from the

vessel. The captain, the stow-
away and 10 other persons battled
their way to it. An hour later
the tide carried all of them safely
ashore.

About that time the sea sub-
sided. A rescue boat was launched
from the Cohasset shore with
the help of men from among
the hundreds who had watched
helplessly from the shore. Row-
ing to sea, the rescuers spotted
the survivors' boat.

Though there still were some
persons alive on the shattered
brig, the rescuers assumed all
had been taken from the Saint
John; so they continued on to
the British brig Kathleen which
rode out the storm at anchor
nearby.

Among the emigrants who
died were Patrick Swaney and
his 11 children.

Author Henry David Thoreau
arrived in Cohasset the next day
en route to Cape Cod.

As he walked by Cohasset
common he noted an immense
freshly dug grave where many
of the victims were about to be
buried.

Later, Thoreau was to write
in detail of his observations of
the tragedy.

His account cast strong doubt
on the Saint John's seaworthin-
ess. After an examination of
pieces of the brig's wreckage in-
cluding one 40-foot section, he
wrote: "Some of these timbers
... were so rotten that I could
almost thrust my umbrella
through them."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

5-Percenter Hearings Off, So Pearson Tells More

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—When good old Clyde Hoey, the swallow-tailed
senator from North Carolina, announced there would be
no more hearings on General Vaughan, John Maragon and the five-
percenters, it didn't surprise anybody on the inside.

For insiders have known how much pressure has been exerted
by the White House to shut the investigation up.

One month ago it was announced that public hearings would be sus-
pended in order to give the committee staff a chance to do more invest-
igation, also to give Committee Counsel Rogers a two-week vaca-
tion.

Since then, however, White House pressure has been terrific with even staff investigators
threatened with loss of govern-
ment pensions.

Since then also some sensa-
tional leads have been glossed
over by committee investigators
or carefully stowed away in
pigeonholes.

One of the most interesting
figures which Senator Hoey and
his staff have turned their back
on is David A. Bennett, the per-
fume manufacturer, who sent
seven deep freezes to General
Vaughan, Mrs. Truman and other
bigwigs at about the time
Vaughan's friend, John Mara-
gon, was trying to smuggle
Bennett's perfume into the
United States disguised as
champagne for the White House.

There are some other interest-
ing things about Mr. Bennett
which the public doesn't know,
and most of the record is in gov-
ernment files where any senate
investigator could easily dig it
out.

This column doesn't have the
same power to subpoena records
as does Senator Hoey of North
Carolina, but since the senate
committee has decided to back-
slide on the job, this writer has
done his best to take up where
the senator from North Carolina
left off.

For instance, here are two in-
teresting things which the pub-
lic has a right to know about.

Mr. Bennett, at the time he
was giving away deep freezes,
acquired four government air-
planes without competitive bid-
ding, and four luxury yachts,
three of them from the U.S. gov-
ernment.

Four yachts are a lot for any
one man to have. For that mat-
ter, so are four airplanes. How-
ever, Deep-freeze-giver Ben-
nett wasn't satisfied with four
yachts and wanted to buy an-
other. To this end, a letter was
written to John Maragon, core
of General Vaughan at the
White House, by one of Ben-
nett's subordinates. The letter,
dated Nov. 19, 1945, is in the
files of Senator Hoey's commit-
tee, but since he doesn't seem in-
terested in doing anything about
it, this column is glad to publish
the letter as follows:

"Mr. John Maragon,
c/o Brig. Gen. Harry
Vaughan's Office,
White House,
Washington, D.C.
"Dear Jonn:
"At the request of Mr Ben-
nett's government-pur-
chased airplanes also open an
interesting chapter which Sena-
tor Hoey's committee has
strangely neglected. Ben nett
purchased, without competitive
bidding, three navy Grumman
JRF-6-B's, together with an
army C-54 transport plane.

The C-54 was purchased by
Bennett on June 24, 1946 for
\$75,000. Its original cost to
the government was \$375,568. The
three navy Grumman were pur-
chased for \$25,000 each on Oct.
9, 1946. Their original cost to
the government was \$83,819
each. The planes were pur-
chased in the name of the Al-
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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Half the People of U.S. Have No Religion at All?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The Bishop of London, Dr. John W. C. Wand, says he was
surprised to find during his recent six weeks tour of the United
States that fifty percent of Americans "have no religion at all."

The Church of England prelate remarks that in England prac-
tically everybody owns to having a religion, and "if he is not very
sure about things and does not go to church regularly, he says he is
church of England."

Dr. Wand doesn't define the term "religion" in his
little statement.

Not being a theologian myself, but in seek-
ing a definition, I am referred by my dictionary to the new tes-
tament—James 1:27—where I
read:

"Pure religion and undefiled
before God and the Father is
this, (for man) to visit the fa-
therless and widows in their af-
fliction, and keep himself un-
spotted from the world.

That, I take it, involves fol-
lowing the Golden Rule and liv-
ing a correct life in the eyes of
Heaven. Anyway, what I'm
leading up to is a homely little
story which I encountered last
night.

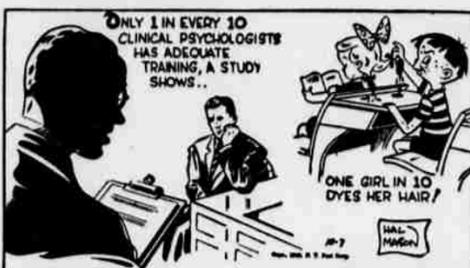
An artist friend of mine crack-
ed up a few days ago and is in
hospital awaiting a serious op-
eration. He is one of Ameri-
ca's foremost illustrators, whose
work all of you must have seen.
When he collapsed he was just
starting to do five pictures for
an important rush order.

In desperation, he took this
work to the hospital with him,
and was struggling helplessly
with his crayons when an artist
friend called.

Or have they? I wonder.

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

Handouts to Housewives? 'Yes' and 'No,' Say Ladies

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Do American housewives want government
handouts?

Well—yes and-no. The girls are as divided on this question as
on any other.

A few days ago I wrote a piece pointing out that legislatures
have sadly over-looked the most important figure in our civiliza-
tion—the house-
wife.

They fret about the prob-
lems of the busi-
nessman, set
limits to the
stint of the la-
boring man, and
vote cash on the
barrel head to protect the farm-
er against rainy days.

But for the woman with the
pop, the lady of the house, they
have voted no 40-hour week,
no cash subsidies, no benefit
payments, no bonuses for rais-
ing the nation's chief crop—child-
ren.

Well, should congress and
President Truman set up a new
cabinet post—secretary of the
home? Should housewives get
pensions?

Scores of ladies across the
land dropped their dust cloths,
sat down and wrote me how they
felt. And their answer as to
whether the government owed
them anything boiled down to this:

- 1—"Yes, of course."
- 2—"No, naturally."

One mother wrote objecting
"to the prevailing sense of values
which excludes from economic
consideration the work of the
home woman." Her idea was that
mothers mold the character of
future citizens, and should be
paid in some way by the state
for this important function.

Yes, ma'am!!!
Who brought the subject up
anyway?"

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a destiny!



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Cologne

by Harriet Hubbard Ayer

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