

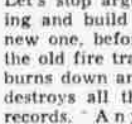


**SIPS FOR SUPPER**

**Mr. Anon Observes**

By DON UPJOHN

As a rule letters from Mr. Anon aren't given much shrift but one has just been received by County Judge Grant Murphy which maybe shouldn't be born to blush unseen. Says the writer, "I trust all the temples in a teapot over the outside appearance of the proposed courthouse will not result in any delay in constructing it. Let's stop arguing and build a new one, before the old fire trap burns down and destroys all the records." A n y way, who says there is anything pleasing to the eye in complete uniformity. Let's have a few deviations from the uninspired monotony of the present capitol group. Belluschi's plan doesn't look any worse than the "raft-with-a-barrel-on-top," which is seven feet below street level on one side "by mistake!" At least, it's functional, and the interior is well planned. A voter, citizen and taxpayer. P. S. And for hevvin's sake don't clutter up the yard with that out-moded 70-year-old antique fire hazard!"



Don Upjohn

**Salvation Is Free**  
(The American Weekly)

One of the most unusual examples of a minister who used ingenuity to expand his flock was that of the Rev. Willard Buckner, pastor of the Baptist church of Stayton, Ore. Faced with dwindling attendance at his Sunday sermons, Reverend Buckner decided that one way to fill his church was to bring in the parishioners himself. So he bought a 32-passenger bus and started making the rounds. Every Sunday, after picking up a load of previously delinquent "fines," he drove them to church, delivered his sermon, and then drove them home again.

**Plan Glasses With Sex Appeal**

Chicago, Oct. 10 (AP)—Delegates to the 54th annual convention of the American Academy of Ophthalmology swung into action today determined to discredit the old one about: "Men seldom make passes, At girls who wear glasses." "A vicious wisecrack," said the delegates. Too many girls take it seriously and fail to wear glasses. Our observation has been at watching the marriage license counter there are just about as many gals with glasses as without who get their names on the dotted line. At least the gals who wear specs can read a cook book.

**POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER**

**Getting a Roaring Lion To Look Into a Lens**

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Winston Churchill once grumbled to Yousuf Karshi, "You can even make a roaring lion stand still to be photographed." It was a reluctant tribute to a sensitive young Armenian who has become one of the greatest lens artists of our time. He has made everybody from Joan Crawford to Pope Pius "look at the birdie." And after 15 years of stalking celebrities with his camera, Karshi has a matchless gallery of portraits. But it has taken considerable time to get them, for famous people often are more difficult to photograph than babies. Churchill was a case in point. Karshi ambushed him in Ottawa in the house of commons just after Winston had made a stirring wartime address. Still flushed from his speech, the premier didn't want his picture taken. Reluctantly he paused before the camera and lit a long cigar. When Karshi held out an ash-tray, Churchill only clamped his jaw more firmly on his stogie. Karshi impulsively reached out, murmured "Forgive me, sir," and plucked the cigar from the lips of the astounded statesman. Then he stepped back and elbowed his camera on Churchill—a growling lion at bay. The result was an unforgettable portrait. It caught the spirit of besieged Britain in one indomitable face. Karshi doesn't try to catch his subjects in odd poses. "Why should I pick on a man when his fork's in his mouth?" he said. "When I make a picture, I try to make it an embodiment of the man at the height of his life. I try to bring out the humanity in him, the judicious blending of the good and bad. And I'm not so interested in whether people like their pictures as in whether people who know them do." Karshi says the most interesting man he ever photographed was Bernard Shaw. Shaw began his interview by remarking, "What are you—Armenian?"



Hal Boyle

**General Vaughan Goes Deep-Sea Treasure-Seeking**

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—In the confidential files of Sen. Clyde Hoey's investigating committee is a report on Gen. Harry Vaughan and his partner, John Maragon, in which they seek sunken treasure at the bottom of the sea. And as usual, they pull a lot of political wires to get the treasure. This is one part of the Vaughan-Maragon investigation which Senator "Just-the-U-Sual-Procedure" Hoey wants to suppress. It is also a chapter which President Truman is exerting pressure to hush up, despite the fact that he made his great reputation as a senate investigator.



General Vaughan

Most interesting phase of the secret Vaughan-Maragon treasure hunt is that they cut another company out of the deal—despite the fact the other company had a prior contract to salvage the ore in the sunken SS Edward Luckenbach. Vaughan's friends got the contract without competitive bidding. This was the only case in history where a salvage contract was let without competitive bidding, except one—where the commission did not own the cargo.

The SS Luckenbach, sunk in 60 feet of water off Key West, Fla., by a Nazi sub in 1942 was carrying a cargo of tin worth more than \$2,000,000. The cargo, owned by the U.S. government and partly salvaged, now comes under the maritime commission and the U.S. metals reserve corporation, plus a private firm, The Cargo Salvage Corp., of New York. The private firm represents the insurance companies which paid off the government, and therefore have a stake in salvaging the sunken tin.

Because of this, the private insurance companies through their agent The Cargo Salvage Corp., signed a contract Nov. 6, 1947 with Clark Brothers of Palm Beach, Fla., to salvage the cargo of the SS Luckenbach. This contract had no time limitation and is still legally in effect.

However, one year later, the amazing Mr. Maragon and the President's military aide stepped in and pulled the rug right out from under them. Instead they secured a provisional contract to recover the sunken ore for their friends, Robert Stefanich and Zeke Afram of Milwaukee. General Vaughan used to be a manufacturers' representative in Milwaukee and is a close friend of Harry Hoffman, Milwaukee advertising man. Hoffman is the man who arranged the seven deep freezers sent to Mrs. Truman, Vaughan and other bigwigs at the time Maragon was caught smuggling perfume, though the deep freezers were paid for by the perfume company—which, at about that time, purchased four airplanes and three yachts at amazingly low prices from the government.

Shortly after President Truman came back from his Key West vacation in December 1948, Robert Stefanich of Milwaukee, representing the Atlantic Marine Salvaging Co., of Milwaukee dropped in at the maritime commission to see if he could salvage the ship which had sunk just 25 miles northwest of Key West. The commission told him to send a diver down to look at the cargo, after which they would talk to him. In January, 1949, Stefanich came back, said he had not been able to send a diver down, but wanted a contract for salvaging the vessel just the same. His conversation was with Jerry C. Massey, admiralty counsel, of the commission, who later reported: "Since he had not done what he promised, I considered he was wasting my valuable time desperately needed on other maritime commission business and making a nuisance of himself. I told him so in so many words."

"Early next morning," continued Massey in his official report, "to my surprise he walked in with John Maragon. Maragon stated that he would go into the matter of obtaining a contract for the At-  
lantic Marine Salvaging Co., and then he would report to General Vaughan."

"In the course of the conversation," Massey continued, "the (Maragon) repeated several times 'I will go back and report to General Vaughan.' I re-  
sented this. Maragon gave me the definite impression that he was an employee of General Vaughan. He talked to me in a tone of giving me an order that the contract be given the Atlantic Marine Salvaging Co. I also resented this. The above caused me to express my feelings rather heatedly."

Massey was so upset by Maragon's highhandedness that he discussed the matter with two associates, Joseph Tarian and Charles E. Kauffman, and asked them to sit in as witness if Maragon called again. They did so, and after the next meeting Kauffman wrote a report which stated: "I asked who he (Maragon) represented and he replied, 'I'm with the general.' This meant nothing to me so I asked what general he answered, 'General Vaughan.'" "Before Maragon left he said he was 'with the White House.' It was my assumption that he was a federal employee, probably attached to General Vaughan's staff."

"As a matter of fact, during our first meeting, Maragon went to my desk, picked up the phone, asked for the White House and spoke to someone there."

"That Vaughan was fully aware of Maragon's activity was indicated later by the fact that he called Massey to make sure that his Milwaukee friends were getting the contract. Vaughan also called another maritime commission official named Roger Vaughan, asking him to see Afram and Stefanich. Roger Vaughan, when queried, said he was no relation to the general."

However, he sided with Maragon in awarding the Luckenbach contract to Vaughan's Milwaukee pals, despite the earlier opposition of Massey. Maragon's badgering continued, and Massey describes another meeting in March 1949 as follows: "Maragon's manner was extremely officious and again he talked in a tone of giving me an order to award the contract to the Atlantic Marine Salvaging Co."

By this time, the Maragon-Vaughan combination had gone over Massey's head to Admiral Smith, chairman of the maritime commission and to Commissioner Carson. And, despite previous refusals by lower officials to give the Milwaukee firm a contract, higher-ups in the commission finally yielded. Maragon and Vaughan won out. Massey has since tried to whitewash this decision. But the interesting fact is that though the political-minded maritime commission ok'd the Maragon deal, the private insurance underwriters in New York and the RFC have not yet given their ok.

Apparently the Vaughan-Maragon axis did not have enough drag with them; and it's now a question as to whether the Milwaukee firm with a contract from the maritime commission, or Clark Brothers of Palm Beach, with a contract from the insurance companies, have the right to salvage the sunken Luckenbach.

**Red Feathers**



**MacKENZIE'S COLUMN**

**East German Republic Bulges Red Empire Into Europe**

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
(Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Proclamation of the Eastern German republic, under Russian Domination, is a strategic move by Moscow aimed at winning over the republic recently established in the British-French-American zones of Germany with Bonn as capital.

The Soviet Union thus is intensifying its drive for a unified Germany which can be brought under control of Moscow. The establishment of this Eastern republic doesn't materially alter the status of that part of Germany as a Soviet satellite. The Russians already have communicated it heavily and are maintaining control with a big army of Red troops. What has been done by setting up the republic is to create a symbol of nationalism which the Muscovites hope will prove attractive to Western Germany and bring about a union.

That's an idea, which of course, cuts two ways, for the Western Powers are equally bent on drawing Eastern Germany into the Bonn republic. So a hot contest is in prospect.

In any event, what we have been calling the "Russian zone of occupation" now has become a communist state which takes its place among Moscow's satellites. The situation is curiously complicated by the fact that, while Berlin lies within the Russian zone, all four powers have areas which are under their control in the city itself. Because of this, Britain, France and America are said by diplomatic officials in Washington to be considering the idea of adding their Berlin zone to



DeWitt MacKenzie

the Western German republic. As a matter of fact, German politicians at Bonn have been agitating for the incorporation of the western part of Berlin in their government. Thus far, the three democracies have refused to make such a move because it obviously would antagonize Russia.

Now that Moscow has established the Eastern German republic, the Bonn government may get its wish. Then we shall have the odd circumstance of one city serving as capital of two separate governments at the same time.

Whatever may happen as regards the capital, the East German communist leaders in proclaiming the new satellite government Friday claimed to speak for all Germany. More than incidentally they also have their eyes on the great industrial resources of Western Germany.

The new government immediately cabled New York, asking that the Big Four foreign ministers again take up the German question. The message was an appeal to Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky to work for unification of Germany through the eastern government. The new regime denounced the Bonn government. The feeling was mutual, for Bonn characterized the formation of the communist dominated Eastern republic as a national catastrophe.

It is easy to see that warm times are in prospect.

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**Opposing the Genocide Convention**

The American Bar association at the recent annual session of its house of delegates adopted a resolution disapproving an international Genocide convention, because it involves vital constitutional questions, including "international tribunals which might supersede American courts and endanger the self-governing power of American states."

The ABA has before this opposed American participation in international action of this kind. Last year it opposed the universal declaration of human rights and the proposed covenant of human rights, alleging that they are not substantiated by documents involved.

The Genocide convention does not create or establish such a court to supersede American courts. Article VI merely reads:

"Persons charged with genocide... shall be tried by a competent tribunal of the state in the territory of which the act was committed, or by such international penal tribunal as may have jurisdiction with respect to those contracting parties which shall have accepted its jurisdiction."

The parties to the convention, by signing the treaty, do not assume any obligation to assist in the creation of such a tribunal, nor to accept its jurisdiction if established, reserving freedom to decide upon acceptance whenever such a plan has been elaborated and its jurisdiction stipulated.

Senate ratification of the Genocide convention would not constitute an agreement to have American courts superseded by international tribunal, and when such a court has been created, the United States will decide whether it will be bound.

The senate should ratify the convention on genocide as quickly as possible, to outlaw mass killings of innocent people, such as prevailed in Nazi Germany under Hitler and now prevails in Communist Russia under Stalin.

"Genocide" is defined as "the use or a user of deliberate, systematic massacres toward the extermination of a racial, political or cultural group" and is an atavistic throwback to barbarism.

Whatever shortcomings may be had by a democracy it at least can bring out all shades and differences of opinion which exist just the same in the minds of folks under a dictator, but are plugged up by fear. But, even in a democracy, as evidenced by above letter, the writer sometimes is afraid to attach his or her own name, but just why, nobody knows.

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That's good. I have many good Armenian friends. But you know of course, the only way to keep Armenians healthy and strong is to exterminate them once in a while."

The late General John J. Pershing, rising from a sickbed for his last portrait, said, half-jokingly, half wistful: "Take a picture the American people will remember for a hundred years."

Karshi said one of his most difficult subjects was Lord Beaverbrook, because of his restless energy. But "The Beaver" was so pleased with his portrait he exclaimed: "You have immortalized me." Karshi mentioned the incident to an acquaintance of Beaverbrook, and the man said: "Karshi, are you sure that was a good idea."

At 40 Karshi has photographed most of Europe's monarchs and a majority of the world's top statesmen, diplomats and military leaders. "But the man whose portrait I would like most to make is Stalin," he said. "A good picture might help to explain him to the world. He has never faced an unbiased camera."

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Portland, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Patrolmen Earl Morehouse and Floyd Trimble delivered a baby Sunday without a hitch. The mother, Josephine L. Wisley, 34, was reported in "fine" condition at the county hospital. The baby, a boy, was in isolation and had not been weighed. The officers made out a terse report: "Called to deliver baby. Delivered same."