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Who Runs the Armed Forces?

Secretary of Defense Johnson has worked himself into a dangerous position. His firing of Admiral Denfeld, chief of naval operations, was one of the explosions that could be expected because of the apparent position the secretary of defense has taken.

From all indications, Johnson, the ambitious West Virginian who would like to be president, treads on unconstitutional ground in his tough, crackdown on the navy. In fact, David Lawrence, the commentator and editor of the United States News, calls Johnson's actions and policy "contempt of congress."

Lawrence contends that Johnson is defying the military policy defined by congress and thus is in contempt. Lawrence goes so far as to claim "a good case for impeachment of the secretary of defense and the secretary of the navy can be made by the House armed services committee for presentation to the whole House at the January session.'

The U.S. constitution gives congress the "power to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces." In passing the "unification" act last sum-mer, congress provided that any secretary of a military department or a member of the joint chiefs of staff could might, make recommendations on his own initiative to congress is consi after informing the secretary of defense.

At the request of the House armed services committee, know to be the Admiral Denfeld testified as to his fears of the trend of oldest living the nation's defense policy. In so testifying, Denfeld was thing on the acting within his rights on two counts: First, he had been face of the acting within his rights on two counts: First, he had been directed to do so by the House armed services committee carth. It probitself, and secondly he was within his rights as a member ably came up out of China, of the joint chiefs of staff.

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Because Johnson could not throttle him, Denield was lions of years ago and has lions and has lions of years ago ago and has lions of years ago and has lions of office, requested President Truman to dismiss Denfeld.

Matthews claimed the president as commander in chief could not tolerate any "twilight zone" of loyalty to higher command. It was inferred Denfeld had erred into the "twilight zone" and things in the chind, Anne Smith of Bittley, tail of re-election in 1948, so he, vissicitudinous and changing is the youngest person in Brits aim wearing dentures. "Anne's the senate and start practicing of these trees in Salem, as far as command. It was inferred Denfeld had erred into the she knows. The one on the state she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Doches trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Doches trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Doches trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Doches trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Doches trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows. The one on the state health," said her mother. "Anne's the senate and start practicing of these trees in Salem, as far as colored and caused her much ill-she knows." "twilight zone" and thus should be removed. Matthews neglected to mention he had recommended two months before that Denfeld, who had expressed "the very same views on the navy that later became public," should be reappointed for another two-year term as chief of naval operations.

tree which bears nuts. These, the false teeth, adjusted about ers man anyone which had the false teeth adjusted about ers man anyone which had expressed "the very same she says, the Chinese eat, but the false teeth, adjusted about ers man anyone which had only the kernel, the rest of it growing jaws, for seven years, book on reclamation which had being distasteful. The other gingbeing distasteful. The other gingbeing distasteful the maple type she will have her own second have been financed very easily from a senator's salary.

by Secretary of Defense Johnson and approved by Truman defies the power of congress over the military as described by the constitution. Johnson would set the president as absolutely supreme over the armed forces. As Lawrence says, however, the title of "commander-in-chief" bestowed says, nowever, the title of "commander-in-chief bestowed upon the president "makes him the agent and not the master of the congress." The commander-in-chief must be obedient to the rules on the military as defined by congress as much as any enlisted man, "Otherwise, militarism would raise its ugly head in our midst"... Congress did not delegate to the joint chiefs of staff the right to dispose of any of the armed services or to weaken any of them by withholding appropriations actually voted for

"Instead, the most solemn promises were given by the secre-tary of defense that the roles and missions for each service al-ready written specifically into law would be respected.

"The secretary of defense and the secretary of the navy now have violated their pledges. They have attempted to do by in-direction that which they promised congress they would not do."

Johnson's actions point too strikingly toward a merger of the armed forces instead of unification. In a merger, identity of the services is forgotten under the supreme command, while in unification, identity of the services is preserved for the good of the nation and the services them-

Lawrence concludes:

"Congress must pursue this matter or confess to the country that under the broad excuse of 'military security' the civilian officers have taken over the minds of our soldiers, sailors and airmen and are exercising a form of intimidation and coercion which the people's representatives are unwilling to challenge

"If the congress does not assert itself, the people must do so.
"No issue of greater importance looms up for the consideration
of the people in the congressional elections of 1950."

Alaska An Achilles Heel

The defenses of Alaska which along with its proposed further effecstatehood, both of which have occupied a large part of tive resistance the time of congress, both at Washington and numerous to the conquerjunkets, seem as far away from realization as ever. From ing the army and air force games have apparently failed to tary machine.

speed up adequate preparedness.

Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska, in a copywright taking the interview in the magazine "U. S. News and World Report" "p ractical" interview in the magazine "U. S. News and World Report" "p ractical" declares the territory is so defenseless that it is "wholly vie wpoint in vulnerable and could be taken tomorrow" by one or two granting recogairborne divisions in a blitz from Siberia and Alaska could nition to protect "the Pearl Harbor of the next war."

Alaskan defenses, Gruening said, are "next to nothing. Because of the housing shortage, he said, the armed serv. perts estimate at 10 times the Topping. AP correspondent just ices have only about 7,000 troops throughout the entire value of Uncle Sam's interests. back in America after long territory. It would be worse than Pearl Harbor "because once Russians were in, it would be a tremendous job to

Gruening asserted that air force officials, including year. Secretary W. Stuart Symington, have publicly "admitted" Wi the Pacific coast of the United States is vulnerable to air will follow suit remains to be attack from Siberia. As a result, he said, the air force decided. Washington holds the attack from Siberia. As a result, he said, the air force decided. wants to "start removing some of the military factories from the Pacific coast" to safer sites east of the Rockies. Among these are the proposed removal of the Boeing Aircraft production from its huge Seattle plant to Wichita,

The vulnerability of the Pacific coast states could be greatly relieved, Gruening argued, if adequate air bases were promptly built in Alaska to intercept enemy bombers coming in from Siberia. But he said the "implication" is that any branch of our armed forces would frankly admit the big island of Taiwan (For-agriculture and without such greatly relieved, Gruening argued, if adequate air bases and act on the assumption that any part of America is moss) off the southeast coast of dynamic changes the communist vulnerable to attack, instead of taking the stand that all

parts of American must be defended at any cost."

The armed forces last spring asked \$137 million as the bare minimum for military housing, radar screens and other defenses in Alaska but congress voted only \$96 million and Greuning said Alaskans are convinced that until "we get statehood and adequate representation in con- Chungking fight for our rights, we will never get adequate



SIPS FOR SUPPER

The Gingko

By DON UPJOHN

It seems when Mrs. Paul Gemmell of North 24th street discovered the gingko tree on the state hospital grounds as re- of promises and expectations and ported herein last evening she also ran squarely into one of the simply sat. He took no vigorous pet hobbies of Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce who has made quite stand on any issue. And it was a study of the gingko trees and considers them an extremely fascinating tonic.

And well she 25 seems this tree is considered by

countless milrance of the Salem public library. It bears little catkins, Mrs.

this is probably available at the state library. Mrs. Pierce tells lieve it or not, his activity was us that probably this form of then cast on the side of those tree life is 150,000,000 years old, who originally tried to defeat which is quite a bit before our him. time.

And the Youngest FT & BA Member

hospital grounds is the female tors said they had to be taken California became a more rabid tree which bears nuts. These, out." Anne will have to wear spokesman for the big land own-

Plan to take a little ride Pierce considers these trees the around today—not in West Sa-unique pieces of plant life in Sa- lem but in the west part of Salem, in fact she classifies the tree lem across the river-and as an itself as perhaps the unique piece old Salemite we bet we'll feel of plant life extant. In 1938 the right at home. But we bet it

There's a Reason for Everything

Falls City, Neb. (U.P)-A colorful pre-game ceremony started at high school football games this year has been discontinued. The ceremony provided for dousing all the lights during band maneuvers, with miniature lights on the caps of band members outlining various formations.

Officials stopped the practice for financial reasons: When the lights went out a near-avalanche of non-paying fans streamed over the walls and dashed for seats.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

British to Take 'Practical' Step In Recognizing Chinese Reds

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

There would be no surprise at the disclosure by diplomatic authorities in Washington that Britain has decided to recognize the Chinese communist government. The signs have been pointing in that direction for some time.

The British far eastern experts believe that nationalist China

Therefore, England will be her great Chi-

nese interests which some ex-

London is said to plan de facto recognition by the end of the

Whether the United States view that there still is much Chinese territory which the Red armies haven't overrun, that the Chinese communist regime will people haven't shown voluntary either go down or have its characceptance of communism and acter so drastically changed as that the nationalist government to remain communist perhaps in still is a going concern.

withstand a long siege.

thistand a long siege.

The nationalist forces also the nationalist hold a considerable area in west-phase of the Chinese revolu-ern China, and the government tion."

and are up against John Bull's

This is the picture right now.

country economically.

On that latter point Seymour service in the Far East, has this

"For if the Chinese communists fail to carry out their program of industrialization, thereby lifting the Chinese standard of living and easing the economic hardships which generate the raw power of revolutions, the chances are good that the

name only He might be able to movement in China will soon a long siege. lose its virility and unity as did

once more has established itself. This means the Reds will have in the world war capital of a long-term, uphill job to do. hungking. It is precisely because of this Still the fact remains that the that the nationalists are hang-Reds have overrun most parts of ing on until the last ditch is lost.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Both-Sides-of-Fence Downey Loses Californians' Respect

By DREW PEARSON

Los Angeles-John Kennedy, live-wire publisher of the San Diego Journal, recently took a man-in-the-street poll as to who represented California in the U S. senate.

After some hesitation most of those followed were able to re-

member the name of republican William Knowland, who has

the primary. For if Downey by

some miracle squeaks through the primary, the big boys will vote against him in the final

election and for a republican. For they, like so many others, in

California, have no respect for

both-sides-of-the-fence Sheridan

A Manhattan ur chin tugged

"Hey, mister," said the kid, give me your autograph?" And

The boy begged a pencil from a bystander, and the one-time commander-in-chief of the Paci-

fic fleet, using Mrs. Nimitz's hand-bag to write on, produced

But as Nimitz started to mov

on, the boy said, "Hey, mister,

The admiral chuckled; Mrs. Nimitz laughed. "There," she said, "There's one for your ego!"

dison Square Garden in 1933.

The interstate commerce com

when it ordered the railroads to cut down passenger service by 25 percent on coal-burning lines.

What the railroads didn't realize

is that the commission over-

stepped its authority. The law

who are you, anyway?

MERRY-GO-ROUND

his signature.

he held out a bit of paper.

Nimitz was willing. "I you got a pencil?" he asked.

"WHO ARE YOU?"

been in office less than a full term, but al-most none was able to remember the name of California's sen-ior senator, Sheridan Downey, now rounding out his twelfth year in the sen-Drew Pearson

The political at the gold-braided sleeve of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Ni-mitz, as he and Mrs. Nimitz object lesson to be derived from Downey's anonymity is you can't be on every side of every issue were emerging from a church and still keep the people's interservice on Fifth avenue. est and respect.

In 1938 Sheridan Downey was elected as a new and flaming liberal. The oldsters, the labor leaders, the small farmers rallied behind him. He promised them what they wanted and

they believed him.
Once elected, Mr. Downey went to Washington in a blaze alded gentleman from southern California finally got active. Be-

Sheridan, for strange reasons cials. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer owns a majority interest in Coney Island, and Ambassador to Egypt Stanton Griffis acquired control of Mabest known to himself, came out on the side of the big ranchers and the big utilities.

Some attributed this weird Member

London (P)—A three-year-old girl has been fitted with a set of false teeth under Britain's national health plan. Dentists say ridan knew Truman was sure to

Most people didn't know it but, at the wind-up of congress last month, Downey threatened to block adjournment with a filibuster if the senate voted salaries to his twin enemies, Re-clamation Commissioner Mike of plant life extant. In 1938 the right at home. But we start of plant life extant. In 1938 the right at home. But we start of plant life extant. In 1938 the right at home. But we start of plant life extant. In 1938 the right at home. Straus and Regional Deputy long report on the gingko tree, fore folks get over calling to Richard Boke.

For some time Downey has forested that Commissioner.

intimated that Commissi Straus should not enforce the 160-acre limitation on land irrigated by the federal govern-ment. Unable to get congress to abandon the 160-acre limitation, Downey didn't want the law en-forced. And when Straus and Boke insisted on enforcement, he succeeded in sneaking a rider through the republican-controlled 80th congress cutting off

their salaries. Later, the democratic 81st congress put back the salaries and even voted to restore five and even voted to restore five months back pay. And it was that that caused Sheridan to the other side gnash his teeth and threaten a of the bed and filibuster.

libuster. pulled out my
Downey made such fierce and secret news
rocious noises that kindly ticker from Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona, Washington. It in a closed-door conference of was completely senate and house committees, blank too, Nobegged that the salary issue be body had resignpostponed until January. ed from the
"If not, Downey will filibuster cabinet, and
and keep us here for weeks," even the admi-

Hayden urged. als we "You don't know Downey," world! China vital to British interests, snorted Congressman Mike Kirwan of Youngstown, Ohio. "He

at him. "The supreme court," contin-This is the picture right how.

The supreme court, contain She obediently trotted to the The long-range position may be used Kirwan, "has already held closet, opened a hatbox and a bird of another color.

In supreme court, contain She obediently trotted to the closet, opened a hatbox and in the cases of Lovett, Dodd and dragged out my old crystal ball a bird of another color.

It's one thing to subdue China
Watson, that these back salaries
by force and another to keep
are payable. We also have a leits some half billion people in
gal opinion from Lindsay Wathand and develop such a huge
ren, the controller general, telling us that Straus and Boke have

I rubbed it to a high gloss

> Downey. Congressman Kirwan was right. The conference commit-tee restored the back salaries of undefeated." Downey's mortal enemies, and the senator from California did not filibuster.

Today, Senator Downey has changed his mind again, has de-cided there's life in the democided there's life in the demo-cratic party yet, and is running er, wishing I had bought the for re-election. In fact, he's run-ning desperately.

I shook the crystal ball hard-a few oceanic islands where a In the Soviet Union both snake wouldn't be seen for fear wife and I worked, she

ning desperately.

His opponent is one of the "It's Truman ablest members of congress, Mrs. hower in 1952."
Helen Gahagan Douglas. And "Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha the small farmers and labor.

He can count on thousands of dollars of campaign contributions from the utilities and the ball. This time it came up with big ranchers. But that will be in the announcement

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



DP FROM SOVIET UNION SPEAKS OUT

Collective Farm Worker Tells Contrast Between Russia, U.S.

By NICOLAS NESSIN
(Reprinted from Letter to the New York Time)
I am a displaced person from the Soviet Union.

For three months I have been working on a farm in Penn-sylvania as a manual worker. I would like to inform your readers how different the life in the United States is from that in the Toviet Union.

In the Soviet Union I was improve the workers' nutrition.

from 1934 to 1937 an agronomist at the large state farm viet Union's largest power plant, grad. I know well the life of did not have electricity.

It did not have nined thousand more than mist at the large state farm "NI 7," near the town of Pavlo-The two greatest entertain-ment palaces in the world are controlled by government offistate farm had more than a supply and there were no sew-thousand head of cattle and other age facilities. The farm had livestock. There were more than a hundred workers, all lodged in the recognition. lodged in two rooms with one small bathhouse, open only on door, under one ceiling. Saturdays. Men and women used mission kept its tongue in cheek

clothes and other personal things. Only clerks and old workers with families had a single separate room. As an agrono-mist, I had a separate room, with a berth, a table and a chair.

under which the order was is-sued limits the commission's the chief source of our nourishemergency powers to freight The Russians have just turn-There were 600 milk cows on

ed down a request from the Is-raeli government for a \$50,000,the farm and thus it had plenty of milk. But in spite of this, the workers received only a pint of skimmed milk a day. Meat seldom was an ingredient of the soun and year form the skimmed milk casein was made for glue. The workers were able to take very little of these products. Maj. Gen. James McIntyre, dom was an ingredient of the key man in the defense depart. dom was an ingredient of the ment's work on Capitol Hill, will soup and very few vegetables were used in it.

tired-out, draggy feeling."

years' experience had told me

had observed, "as long as sin and

ran out of ideas.

thing to write about."

No one made any effort to as they needed.

Favorable to Mothers-in-Law

Milwaukee (U.P)-Harvey Kath has a new feeling about his mother-in-law which he expressed after she fell into a lake.

He jumped in after and pulled her to shore. "Good baby sitters are scarce these days," Kath explained.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Poisonous Snakes Still Crawl, So Hal Has Subject for Today

By HAL BOYLE

New York (49)-When I woke up this morning. I reached under by bed for my secret news ticker from Mosco

Its page was blank. The Russians had had a quiet week-end. They hadn't used atomic energy to move a single mountain or change the course of a single river.

als were silent. What a dull

"Quit brushing your teeth cherished crown colony of Hong hasn't got the guts. He talks big and get me my crystal ball—but runs out when you say boo I'll have to look into the future,"

She obediently trotted to the

I rubbed it to a high gloss an even stronger case. I for one, refuse to be bluffed by Sheridan with the bedsheet, shook it and peered into it. Deep inside the Dame will go through season

Frances, who had been looking over my shoulder as usual,

and looked again. It read: "It's Truman against Eisen-

Sheridan knows that this time merry helpmate. "I read that he can't count on the oldsters, already in 27 other newspaper in 27 other newspaper columns last week, Rover Boy.

As a matter of fact the sub-

with his fast talk that a girl has Can you imagine he to eat apples to get her vitamins, the workers' living The snake, like the devil, is in the Soviet Union? a cosmopolitan traveler. can find him everywhere in the able existence the worker must world except virtuous Ireland, live in perpetual fear of the dic-

was that scaly rascal in the Gar- ed 1,000 rubles, but during a den of Eden. Not once since whole month we could then has had a larynx, and all 100 rubles for clothing. they can do is hiss-like drama critics.

There are some 2,000 kinds of a free man. snakes in the modern world, of I can read what I want, I can which 600 are poisonous.

creeping and crawling around on.
the earth underfoot. And I, I am grateful to the Governthe earth underfoot. And I, I am grateful to the Governfor one, don't intend to let anment and people of the United
other day pass without pointing States for permitting me, a
out that neither the Republicans former DP refugee from the Sonor the Democrats are doing a viet Union, to live and work in
this free democratic country.

door, under one ceiling.

Each worker had a box for it on alternate Saturdays.

Saturdays. Men and women it on alternate Saturdays. Wages for workers on the farm varied between an aver-

age of 80 rubles a month, paid to milkmaids, and 120 rubles a month, paid to tractor drivers. (An ordinary suit cost 600 ru-bles). Half of the workers' Potatoes and barley soup was wages went to pay for food.

Wages were paid one or two months after they were earned. All of the farm's products— cream, livestock and wheat were sold. From the skimmed

The workers were able to take very little of these products. Only a few of the officials could take as much of the products

Near the farm was the shop, where usually only whiskey and imitation coffee was for sale. If cloth should appear in the shop, it was assigned to a worker by the manager.
The farm had no club or other

place of entertainment. No cinema was ever shown. Trade union meetings were held often, to improve labor discipline. The farm had no library, not even newspapers.
Not infrequently the NKVD

(secret police) was there, in spite of the fact that the farm had a political section represen tative, a party secretary and a trade union secretary, whose work differed very little from that of the NKVD.

From specialists such as agronomists and engineers more "Drink Moola Coola for that was demanded than from unskilled workers. Therefore, it was "Well, anyway," said Frances, dinned into me, I was obliged to "you're the only columnist whose crystal ball has a sponsor." I threw the ball away in disstrain every nerve to make an

intense effort. The agronomist would be the gust. Then I begin the for I realized that I had reached the dilemma that comes sometime to every columnist—I had even the simplest tasks, and nothing to say. No news, no nerves became worn with the fear that one might be condemnated in the people." gust. Then I began to perspire.
For I realized that I had reached

a failure. In such a situation views, no nothing.

Suddenly in this despair I recalled what a columnist of 40

After many years of being a once when I aske him if he ever displaced person, I find myself ran out of ideas.

On a farm in Pennsylvania (at

Washington Crossing, Pa.). had observed, "as long as sin and poison snakes are alive in this beautiful modern apartment. I world, a man of character and have an electric kitchen, a bath feeling will always have some-with hot and cold water and a refrigerator. I receive \$100 a month, and vegetables and eggs And so, today, we will take in addition. I spend less than up the problem of poison snakes half my pay in living expenses, and leave sin for another and I eat my fill of food of my

choice.

My workday is eight hours, jects of sin and snakes are in- and the rest of the time I can terwined, and have been since read, write, study the English the first reptile sabotaged Eve language or go to the cinema. Can you imagine how low are

living conditions "Ha. Ha! That's no news. The a cosmopolitan traveler. You And for such a pitiful, miser-sports writers have been saying can find him everywhere in the able existence the worker must

In the Soviet Union both my snake wouldn't be seen for fear wife and I worked, she as an of losing his social standing. agronomist. We lived in con-The last snake with a voice tinual want. Together we earn-

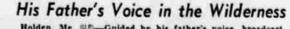
whole month we could not save

In addition to all this, I am

which 600 are poisonous.

Anyway, these 600 different mean to say and I know that varieties of poisonous snakes are for this I cannot be put in pris-

this free democratic country.



Holden, Me. (UF)-Guided by his father's voice, broadcast over the amplifier of a state police cruiser, 2-year-old Waiter (Skippy) Tardiff was able to find his way to safety after being lost for hours in a Maine wilderness.