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Smoking Them Out

Only an official investigation can prove or disprove the
charges made by G. Racey Jordan, former air force major,
that atomic secrets and materials were sent to the Rus-
sians through the lend-lease air route during the war at
the instance of the late Harry Hopkins and two state de-
partment officials who "gave Russia the A-bomb on a
platter."

Jordan has challenged the experts to dig into dusty
lend-lease records and "disprove" his charges. He said
that investigators who compare his diary entries with data
on wartime aid to Russia will find that "they fit a well-cut
picture puzzle." Hopkins relatives and friends brand the
charges as "completely incredible."

The charges have touched off two congressional investi-
gations with promises from the air force and Atomic En-
ergy commission to give their "full cooperation." Jordan
welcomes the inquiries saying that "a lot of big-wigs who
knew about this are going to be smoked out."

The story told by the former air force liaison officer
rivals the other communist spy-thrillers that have been
unfolded since the war. He said some 1,650 pounds of raw
uranium—the stuff from which atomic bombs are made—
and literally tons of secret papers were jammed into black
suitcases and flown to Russia in lend-lease planes.

Hopkins, Jordan said, once told him by long distance tele-
phone, to "rush two shipments through as speedily as pos-
sible" and say nothing about them. Once, he added, the
air force tried to stop the shipments but got a blunt "hands
off" warning from the state department. He said he dis-
covered the shipments while stationed as a liaison officer
at the Great Falls, Mont., air base on the Alaska lend-lease
supply route to Russia.

Harry Hopkins was right hand man to the late President
Roosevelt and edged out the other members of the New
Deal "palace guard" by his superior sycophancy as a
Roosevelt worshipper. He lived in the White House. He
probably spent more millions of government money both
before and during the war, than anyone on record. Like
Henry Wallace he was ardent pro-Russia though not a
communist. The state department has been full of friends
of Russia.

Jobs to Offset Unemployment

President Truman has tossed the unemployment prob-
lem into the laps of the communities of the nation. This
is the effect of his endorsement of John R. Steelman's rec-
ommendation that local improvement programs be encour-
aged so as to relieve distress in communities suffering
from unemployment.

For those who had hoped the president would come up
with special federal construction projects to offset the
jobless threat, Truman's reliance on local initiative will
be disappointing. As a matter of fact, the president sur-
prised many by his stand.

The next question to follow is: What will communities
do on their own to encourage employment?

Ever since the New Deal started spending recklessly,
states and localities have been depending more and more
on the federal government to take over such responsibil-
ities, like unemployment. But now Truman ignores that
New Deal-sponsored dependency on Washington. He sud-
denly reverses the trend.

Jobless payments in Oregon are as high as they have ever
been. That means the cities and areas for the state are
not offsetting the growth in population with enough new
jobs. That also means that the responsibility, neverthe-
less, rests with the individual communities to care for
those jobless.

In the case of Salem, for instance, what will be the re-
action?

The obvious reaction is one that calls for the encourage-
ment of new businesses to locate here. New industries,
selected because they would fit into the community and
economy of the area, are needed in Oregon's capital.

More industries and businesses mean more jobs. And
jobs are the only real constructive answer to unemploy-
ment—not the dole.

A month ago the Capital Journal suggested that the
Chamber of Commerce place the bringing to the city of
new industries as one of the three major projects for 1950.
The call of the president for local handling of unemploy-
ment seems to emphasize how important such a project is
for the immediate future.

Tito Subsidizing Cannon Fodder

Dispatches state that Marshal Tito, dictator of Yugo-
slavia has decreed a bonus of 2000 dinars (\$40) to cloth
each new-born baby, and that women workers as well as
unemployed workers' wives are to get a special bonus of
600 dinars (\$12) per month during the six months before
and after childbirth, the money to be used for food.

This is the familiar practice of totalitarian dictators,
communist or fascist, to encourage an increase in popu-
lation no matter how over-crowded the country. This is
intended to increase the supply of cannon fodder for the
next war.

Tito is following in the steps of Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler
and Hirohito, all of whom encouraged population increase
at taxpayers' expense. Most of the wars of history have
been caused by a surplus of population over what the coun-
try could support, and so war follows to plunder and decimate
neighboring nations and seize their land to secure
needed room for expansion.

A little birth control would solve their problems but dic-
tators always prefer the "glory" of sadistic conquest.

'Plump' Woman Gets Stuck
In Pint-Sized Bathtub

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Aris Runquist, 65, who
decided to take a bath in the home of a midget friend and
spent the next 60 hours stuck in the tub, admitted today
that the whole thing was rather funny.

Mrs. Runquist, a "plump" woman had been staying at the
house while the midget wintered in Florida.

Last Thursday she decided to take a bath. She lowered
herself into the pint-sized tub—and there she stayed for two
and a half days.

She finally was released Saturday by neighbors who be-
came worried when she failed to answer the telephone.

When they found her, she was weak from hunger and
her hands were covered with blisters from her frantic
efforts to free herself.

BY BECK
Popular People!

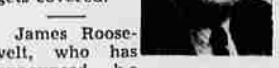


SIPS FOR SUPPER

Dire Outlook

By DON UPJOHN

One of our special operatives who took a ride around the
eastern edge of the county yesterday and from an eminence got
a good first hand view of Table Rock returned with the report
there is just a scattering of snow over the top of that famous
hunk. If a slight scattering of snow can stir up all the water
we've had since the water stirring up process
started this fall, it may be an ark
will be in order by the time the
old dome really gets covered.



James Roosevelt, who has
announced he will be a candi-
date for governor of California,
is making himself good with his
prospective constituents by com-
ing out in the open and deny-
ing that Californians are a
"wacky" sort of folk. We ap-
preciate that this statement may
be one of the wackiest in what
presages to be as wacky a cam-
paign as ever has been staged
in that wacky state.

One congressman starts a pris-
on term and another one well
on his way there, one for bribery
and conspiracy and the other for
padding his payroll for his own
benefit. It's encouraging that
at least one of them is in prison
for seemingly there can be no
place for pardon, parole or pro-
bation for citizens who have

Man, 90, Decides New Baby
Will Be His Last; Has 11 Kids

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 5 (AP)—A 90-year-old man decided
today that 11 children was enough.
Luis Carrazales said, "I guess I'll give up now."
His latest, a daughter, was born Saturday. She and Car-
razales' wife were reported "doing well."
"I know a lot of youngsters in their 60's who envy me," he
said, "but I guess they just don't live right."

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

What to Do With Neckties
Received as Xmas Gifts?

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—There ought to be a society to prevent the
presentation of neckties as Christmas gifts.

But there isn't. So again this year some 50,000,000 or more
withering American males will be showered with an unwelcome
collection of tonsil muffers.

Women insist on giving men-
ties, and they pick them on
one of two principles:
1. As if they were buying
draperies, or
2. As if they were selecting a
lining for their husband's cof-
fin.

What can be done about this
annual misery?
Well, the cowardly way out
is to go ahead and wear the
things, slinking about like a self-
conscious version of a marriage
between a rainbow and the
Northern lights.

But there are bolder ways out
for men who still pride them-
selves on rugged individualism.
A simple exit for the problem
is merely to stuff the ties down
the nearest incinerator. Or bribe
the janitor to take them.

These techniques, however,
show little imagination.
A little survey I made dis-
closed several more original
methods of dealing with this
plague.

"I'm saving mine up until I
have enough to hang Santa
Claus," one angry gentleman re-
ported.

Another man said he had
found it easy to cure his wife
of giving him neckties.

"I just started wearing them
with my tuxedo," he said. "She
didn't talk to me for a week (is
that bad?) But she hasn't given
me a tie since."

A bachelor of my acquaint-
ance, on the other hand, stoutly
insists he wouldn't give up the
pleasure of Christmas neckties
for anything.

"I use the drab ones to line

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
Senators Take a Holiday
In Spain; Recommend Loan

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Here is a contrast between what two groups
of Americans have done to influence their country's standing
abroad.

One is the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Texas. The other
is the half-inbred senate appropriations subcommittee trav-
eling through Spain.

First, the antics of the sena-
tors.

The sub-
committee, headed
by Sen. Elmer
Thomas of Okla-
homa, traveled
in a special air
force plane, in-
cluding six
crew members,
two stenographers, three clerks,
three wives and a doctor—Dr.
William E. Lovelace of Albu-
querque—to look after the
health of New Mexico's sena-
tor Dennis Chavez.

"They call this a junket,"
carefully explained Senator
Thomas to newsmen, "but that's
a misnomer. The country's
spending seven billions of the
taxpayers' money, and the tax-
payer is entitled to know how
the money is being spent. That's
what we're looking after."

But the senator glossed over
the fact that the U.S.A. is spend-
ing not one cent of money in
Spain. "One of the senators had
a relative in Spain he wanted
to meet," Thomas explained,
presumably referring to Senator
Chavez.

Arriving in Madrid at 3:30
p.m. Saturday, the committee
was received by Foreign Minis-
ter Martin Artajo, then attend-
ed a reception at the American
embassy, then drove the next
day to Toledo, attended a fiesta,
witnessed the training man-
euvers of some young bulls for
a bull-fight and saw a gypsy
"flamenco" dance.

During the latter part of this
fast moving entertainment, sev-
eral of the senators obviously
were in no condition to report
intelligently on what they were
seeing.

This column is not interested
in whether a public official
drinks or doesn't drink. We have
no great concern even if he gets
blotto—as long as it's in private.
But when a group of U.S.
senators spend the taxpayers'
money on an official mission
where they represent the United
States government, then they
have an obligation to keep sober
—at least in public.

The United States has great
prestige in Spain. Americans
are considered sober, hard-work-
ing people. Therefore, it does
not help us as a nation when
a group of senators act as if
they were on a week-end binge.

Senator Maybank of South
Carolina and Robertson of Vir-
ginia were abstemious. But in
varying degrees, their colleagues
were not.

As the festivities wore on at
Toledo, the Spanish hosts tried
hard to get food into their
friend, Senator Chavez of New
Mexico, who kept mumbling:

"I'm a Catholic, a Spaniard
and a Yankee gentleman, and
I don't give a . . . who knows
it."

Finally, Senator Thomas,
whom the Spanish press refer-
red to as "Cotton" Thomas cor-
ralled most of his committee plus
the Spanish hosts around a table
as if he were presiding over
his senate agriculture commit-
tee back in Washington, and
tried to hold a hearing. But
everybody wanted to talk at
once.

Finally the senator from Okla-
homa concluded:

"I move that the foreign min-
isters convey this information to
this young man, the ambassa-
dor." He pointed to Charge
D'Affaires Paul Culbertson, who
is not an ambassador, due to the

Black Market Flourishes
In Russia, Author States

Despite the fear of heavy penalties the black market today
is a flourishing business in Russia.

Without it, 200 million Soviet citizens could not survive in
an economy where the average monthly wage of a worker is
not enough to buy a pair of shoes, states David J. Dallin in the
December American Mercury.

Mr. Dallin, author of numer-
ous authoritative books on So-
viet economy, points out that
there are two types of black
market operations, the legalized
known as "rynok" and the ille-
gal called "Blat."

The "rynok" sells goods at
prices higher than those set by
government and in the larger
towns almost anything can be
found in the "rynok" stalls while
government store shelves are
often bare.

"Blat" is the black market op-
eration which siphons goods
from regular government distri-
bution channels into the homes
of semi-officials and into the
"rynok" stalls.

"Blat," says Mr. Dallin, "was
born in poverty and shortages
existing inside the Soviet Union.
It grew as a result of the eternal,

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.
White Collar Zoo



Watching the new stenographer walk down the hall

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Western Allies Gain
In European Cold War

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The failure of the communist-instigated general strike in Italy
is another forceful indication that the western democracies have
contained the Red offensive and are gaining in Europe's cold war.

This was the second serious defeat of its kind the Bolsheviks
had suffered in a week, the other being the flop of a communist-
supported general strike in France.

The two set-
backs are particu-
larly signifi-
cant in that Italy
and France have
been the chief
communist strong-
holds in Western
Europe.

Moscow has leaned heavily on the Red organ-
izations of these two important
countries.

The Italian strike was called
by communist leaders ostensibly
to protest the death of two peas-
ants in fights with police grow-
ing out of invasions of farm-
lands by squatters. However,
the proclaimed purpose of the
move was of small moment.

The real importance rested in
the demonstration that the Ital-
ian public no longer runs for
cover when the Reds crack the
whip. This transformation has
taken place under Premier De
Gasperi since his Christian Dem-
ocrats defeated the communists
in the 1948 election.

Coincident with this, of course,
has been the development of
the grave conflict between the
Kremlin and Marshal Tito of
Yugoslavia. That fiery Balkan
state had been another strong-
hold of communism, and Tito
was one of Moscow's pets.

So we find the communist of-
fensive held along a line from
north to south through central
Europe.

But that isn't the whole story in the West.

CHILDREN!
Here Is Your
CHRISTMAS STORY



SANTA
AND THE
MAGICIAN

Mr. Dilly, the magician, can do many fine
tricks. But, alas, try as hard as he will, he
cannot pull a rabbit out of his hat. What to
do! What to do! His good friends, Henry
and Serena, the talking duck, try to help him.
But it is no use. He cannot pull a rabbit out
of his hat! Only one man can help him—
SANTA CLAUS. So off to Santa Land they
go. And what a time they have when they
meet the wicked Wiggle Waggles, witches and
thunderbirds and Peter Pan, Jack Frost, Father
Time, the Sand Man and all the other Santa
Land folks! And what a time you'll have
when you read it!

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