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Salem, Oregon, Monday, December 12, 1949 4 ---

Johnson Boasts of Defense Cuts

Secretary of Defense Johnson is talking more and more like a presidential hopeful.

Last week at the National Association of Manufacturers' convention in New York Johnson told the businessmen that he and President Truman were deserving of support for the administration's financial policies. Johnson claimed the reason why these policies were deserving was because sound government finances were an essential rampart in American defenses. Johnson did not explain how he fig-ured the Truman financial policies were sound.

The defense secretary assured conventioners that econ-omies he had put into effect would keep military expendi-tures for the current fiscal year down \$11/2 billions. If Johnson has cut expenditures that much, he deserves credit

ve "greater efficiency." passed and so and Johnson explained that since the United States had no its head in the Johnson explained that since the United States had no is head in the aggressive ideas, it was anticipated that the first blow X mas holiday would be struck by the enemy. "We shall make sure that season in the no 4 o'clock in the morning attack will leave us prostrate form of the at 5," he remarked. Johnson proceeded to outline the form of the fats, but he nation from a defense to an offense, with the Navy leading off by carrying troops to forseign shores. Johnson's mishandling of the recent Admiral Denfeld

Johnson's mishandling of the recent Admiral Denfeld Johnson's mishandling of the recent Admiral Denteid case and his verbal reliance on the Navy to lead the offense don't jibe with those watching from the sidelines. Or per-ed into a hat haps Johnson has finally realized the importance of the and then drawn

haps Johnson has finally realized the importance of the and then drawn out again to see Don Upinha There seems to be no end to congressman, and \$4,000 for sell-Navy. Johnson can take a bow for his proposed economies, pro-viding those economies have not weakened the nation's de-seems to be a lottery of the deep ists. In Portland over the week-Cince has is reasonable for those defenses, the dyed sort but we doubt if many end the basement of a home was month in the form of an army fenses. Since he is responsible for those defenses, the dyed sort but we doubt if many country, almost has to take him at his word.

Now that Johnson has taken bows for his proposed economies, the people want to know what he is doing to counter Grade AAA Milk the piling evidence of what Russia has done to increase its Louisville, Ga. U.P.—Veterin-offensive power, thus making American defenses rela- arian W. L. Yearns was called 50 per cent below that of last tively weaker. Johnson, too, could well spend his time in during the week-end to treat year. But that doesn't include working with the state department and the White House two gay old cows who had gone today. The way she blew and in trying to bring forth a gobal strategy for the nation's off on a spree. "Come quick," rained this a.m., should make foreign affairs. After all, the armed forces play a part in a farmer told Yearns. "My two up for some lost time. the piling evidence of what Russia has done to increase its that strategy.

Johnson could be more effective and helpful to the people if he would keep the nation more informed on the relative merits of the nation's defense system instead of boasting of his cuts in expenditures.

That is the case even if he is trying to point the record toward a run at the presidency in '52.

More Discord Over Jerusalem

Decision of the United Nations to internationalize Jeruhas brought new dissension to the turbulous Middle Both Jewish Israel and Arab Hashemite Jordan, salem has East. battle-time opponents and present occupiers of the Holy City, have united in defiance of the UN decision and threaten war.

Accepting the United Nations' verdict as a "lesser evil," are the remaining six members of the Arab league-Egypt, Iraq, Saudi, Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen, all of whom voted in the UN assembly for internationalization.

There was no official indication of what action Israel or Jordan would take to prevent the proposed international regime from taking over. From both countries, however, came threats even of armed action. Dr. Daniel Auster, mayor of Jewish Jerusalem (the new city), said his gov-ernment would fight, "if necessary with arms," any attempt to set up the international regime. One of Jordan's political leaders, Ismail Bilbasi of the Annahda party, said Jordan contry would fight against the internationalization. Jordan controls the old walled city of Jerusalem containing King Abdullah's minister in Cairo, Baha Eddin Toukan,

said his government "does not accept internationalization" facin and has cabled UN Secretary General Trygve Lie protest-foe. And has called UN secretary general rygve lie protects ing the decision. Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the destruction by Arab league, said the -ther Arab and Moslem states ac-the torch. It cepted the UN decision "with a feeling of satisfaction and relief" since Jerusalem "will not be under Jewish control." In Tel Aviv, the Israeli capital, Jewish opinion appeared determined to block the international regime by any means

the reliance to block the international regime by any means short of armed force. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said no UN vote could alter "the historic fact that Jeru-salem is an inseparable part of Israel and her eternal capi-tal." The israeli parliament has already adopted a motion refusing any foreign or international regime entry to Jeru-ended Thursday Dewin

BY BECK Things to Worry About



SIPS FOR SUPPER

No Raids Expected By DON UPJOHN

Football pools, baseball pools, bingo games, sales of lottery tickets on quilts, et cetera and all of those sorts of things are for economies. All will applaud his actions which would taboo under the law and raise quite a commotion every once in lessen the waste and duplication, and at the same time awhile. But the seasons for baseball and football pools have passed and so another kind of a venemous lottery snake has raised

cows are mighty sick." The vet

as lords," he said, adding that

ransacked. The loot taken, 50

So far this year precipitation

freshly-washed diapers.

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Louisville, Ga. (U.P.---Veterin-

Taxis Boost Church Hour

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12 (P)-Attendance at the Stuart street Christian church Sunday night "Happy Hour" has increased since inauguration of free taxicab service.

The plan to give free cab service to persons desiring to attend the services was started two weeks ago. The attendance has increased by 50 each Sunday, said the Rev. Donald Finley. Mr. Finley said the money spent on taxicab fares about

equals the increase in offerings. "We come out even on the cost," he said. "It's working fine

and we're going to make it permanent." One taxicab company provides the transportation to and

from the church at reduced rates.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

More Terrible Phase of War In China About to Begin

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

China's civil conflict appears to be entering a new and per- now? haps even more terrible phase-the waging of guerrila strife by the Nationalists against the now victorious Communist armies.

This means underground fighting. It means stealthy blows struck under cloak of night when no man knows whether he is

staff

in the world.

facing friend or foe. It means

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Justice Dept. Should Check Payroll of Rep. Wickersham By DREW PEARSON

By DREW PEARSON Washington—Now that the case of Congressman Parnell Thomas has been disposed of, the Justice department might take a look at another congressman, this one a democrat. He is Victor Wickersham of Mangum, Okla., a likeable gentle-man, with considerable skill at manipulating the congressional payroll.

Congressm a n

Q.: Well, do you work full time for Mr. Wickersham? A.: Yes. Q.: I thought you said you worked for the Herd Equipment

Company. A.: Well, I'm on contract with

them. I work on contract. Q.: Do you kick back any part of your salary to Congress-man Wickersham? A.: No, sir! Q: Then how do you explain

The find way of the set of the se business, not merely in Okla-homa, but right in the nation's capital, and has one real estate noma, but right in the nation's capital, and has one real estate agent drawing money from the a call to the other secretary, congressional payroll. It is important to remember the secretary of the conversation:

Drew Pearson

that congressional payrolls are Question: Do you work for not paid for by a member of Congressman Wickersham? congress. They are paid by the taxpayers, and allotted to each Q: In his congressional of-

Wick er s h a m states in his self-penned bio-graphy in the

nal

try farm near Greensburg, Kan."

he

graphy in C o n gressio Record that

was "reared or cotton, wheat and dairy farm

near Mangum, Okla., and on wheat and poul-

made his examination and then ton, diagnosed their ailment. "Drunk

. . . roll? roll? Q: There's no mistake about that, I saw it. A.: Well, when I say I don't work in his congressional office, that doesn't preclude the pos-sibility that I work for him on the cutate. The congressman from Oklathey will be all right after get-ting over hangovers. He spec- on his payroll: ulated the boisterous bovines i. James W homa has two interesting names

1. James W. Taylor found a liquor still while graz-ing, decided to have a short one for old time's sake and then just didn't know when to stop. the outside. There seems to be no end to congressman, and \$4,000 for sellyou for that?

pension. 2. Lloyd Matthews - Who gressman?

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downed a half-pint.

Castle Castle

Tot Takes a Beating

castor oil, a Tyler couple arranged for Santa Claus to tele-phone and advise the boy to take his medicine. The youngster was impressed. He put down the telephone, bolted for the bathroom, grabbed the castor oil bottle—and

at a salary of \$2,298—from the spite this diversion of congress. Unique fact is that Wicker- support his 72-year-old father, sham's office, when queried, Frank Wickersham, but got him didn't even recognize Taylor's a job instead running an eleva-name. The secretary in charge, tor for the construction workers Aubrey Witt, scratched his head, in the Capitol building. Previ-finally recalled that the con-ously, the elder Mr. Wickersham Hobart, Okla. Yet Taylor in had been on the non-taylor in the secret in finally recalled that the con- ously, the elder Mr. Wickersham gressman knew a Jim Taylor in had been on the government Hobart, Okla. Yet Taylor is payroll for seven years as a highest on the office pay roster, watchman at the Library of Con-Inany recard that the other gressman knew a Jim Taylor in Hobart, Okla. Yet Taylor is highest on the office pay roster, presumably should be in Wash-ington working hard for the folks

back home. Witt remembered Matthews without any trouble, but reported he was working in the con-gressman's real estate office. He hadn't been around the congressional office for months, Witt said.

This column then put through a call to Mr. Taylor in Hobart. Okla. Here is the transcript of

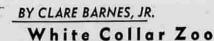
the conversation: Question: You used to be in

Q.: Do you also work for Con-gressman Wickersham?

Boy's Faith in Santa Is Shaken

league, Charles A. Grumich, who Q.: What served as an AP correspondent do you do?

\$7,700 a year just to answer a few letters?





"Leave this material with me . . . I want to think about it."

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Water Shortage in N.Y. Starts a Run on the Faucets By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)—If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then the average New Yorker today is a neighbor to heaven.

the nearest tap and drink him

run, the shortage has its ad vantages. A host no longer hat to worry about his Scotch or rys

running out. "How about a highball or straight water?" hi murmurs. "The real stuff?"

Any day now I expect some

character in a turned down has

and a turned up collar to sidle over and whisper out of the corner of his mouth, "Wanna buy some black market water Mac? We just smuggled some Mac? We just smuggled some in from New Jersey on a fam

Of course, while the taps still

self unconscious.

He's so spotless he shines. He's never been so clean before. It's all because of the great water famine. City Hall suddenly iscovered that folks were using 1,200,000,000 gallons of water

day - more than 150 a per son—and metro O .: I am aware that you work of the congressman in his real politar estate office. That's the point, voir Why should the taxpayers pay down politan reser voirs w to per cent of nor-A.: I mean secretarial work. Q: Do you do secretarial work on the outside for the conmal capacity. And the w ter level shrinking.

hasn't been around the congress-man's office since last summer, but has been employed in the A.: You will have to talk to Manhattan, sur-provide the summer, Mr. Wickersham about that, Sounded by one pcean and three

An acquaintance of mine says he isn't going to miss out in the water shortage. "Darned if I'm going to get caught in a black market is that," he grumbled. "I was tos be driven, screaming in protest, to their weekly Saturday night scrubbing are now taking two late in getting into the black markets during the war, and 1 got stuck with five bags of baths a day-and slipping home

During the war, the Oklahoma at lunch for a shower. congressman also ran a used-car It has been found that a faucet sugar and three dozen white shirts." When I asked him how he was lot on the rent-free, tax-free congressional parking lot. He sold cars to at least 12 other is only good to the last drop-and mama keeps turning the faucet on and off to be going to avoid it, he said: "I tied knots in my white shirts, put them in the bathtub sure congressmen and helped auto-mobile dealers from home to find scarce cars. Between sales, Mr. Wickersham kept his automo-biles on the congressional park-there are still a few drops lett. The situation has created a new medical problem — secret water drinkers. A man is afraid to leave a visitor alone in his for tear he will rush to room, for fear he will rush to

and filled them with water. Did the same thing with my sugar sacks, too. I'm already prepar-ed for the emergency." A nice thing about the short-St. Anthony, Idaho, Dec. 12 (P)-Eighteen-month-old Wayne Dunn took a beating. But he's expected to recover. Wayne tumbled into the family washing machine-while his mother was age is that they no longer bring you fingerbowls in most restaurants. In the midst of this agua pura

panic one gent stands undismay-ed. This is Johnny Bo-bo. Johnny got his name from his habit of standing at the bar in Fogarty's neighborhood saloon belting himself with straight bourbon and muttering at his reflection in the mirror-"Bo-bo, Bo-bo-bo, Bo-bo-bo-bo-bo!"

"Any body wants my water can have it," says Johnny Bo-bo, "I ain't touched the stuff slince the summer of 1921. I know sooner or later somebody would find it unpatriotic to drink it."

the sheriff's office, didn't you, Mr. Taylor? Taylor: That's right. his mother was elsewhere. The agitator knocked Wayne unconscious. But finally the Q.: Whom do you work for machine stopped. Mrs. James Dunn returned to find her son badly beaten and nearly drowned. A.: The Herd Equipment Com-Doctors said the child would recover. He suffered multiple bruises. The soap injured his eyes. pany

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 12 (U.B)-A little boy's faith in Santa Claus as shaken today. rounding territory is a serious congressman? When their five-year-old son balked at taking a dose of

A.: Oh, I answer letters for in China and now is on the AP

Q.: Does the congressman get sweep on Chengtu are grabbing many letters these days? probably the richest farmlands A.: No, not many.

A.: Yes. Q.: What do you do for the

A.: Oh, I work as a clerk. Q.: What kind of clerical work blow to the nationalists. My col-

with the United Nations, him,

A.: No, not many. Q.: You mean to say you get

Emaciated United States Consul General Angus wath and his 19 nember party are on their way on an evacua-tion ship, Liberty Victory, to Japan, enroute to their native land after suffering "hellish treatment" at the hands of the Chinese communists at Mukden. At the same time two half starved American officials are back at Seoul, ofter \$1 days' imprisonment by North Korean Reds.

den 13 months ago, 28 days of which were spent in prison in solitary confinement on trumped up charges on a diet of six slices of bread and hot water during which he lost 25 pounds, refused to "guess" at the cause of their treat-guerrilla nationalists continue communists.

of Americans, a policy directed by the Kremlin. They seek to purge China of Americans, whom the Chinese like, seek to purge China of Americans, whom the Chinese like, and turn them against the United States, their former ally It is the same Moscow policy followed everywhere of drop-ping an iron curtain of isolation, so the world will not learn of what is going on as well as to abolish our "open door" policy and kil, our Oriental commerce. And yet the com-munists expect, not without cause, recognition by both the United Nations and the United States of Red China.

says the Chinese Reds in their

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salem is an inseparable part of Israel and her eternal capi-salem is an inseparable partiament has already adopted a motion refusing any foreign or international regime entry to Jeru-salem and declaring the Holy City will remain a part of Israel. What steps will be taken by the protestants remain to be seen, but some effort is expected to create a bilateral and Jewish halves before the United Nations creates its occupation force. **Red Iron Curtain Falls on China** and his 19, hember party are on their way on an evacu-tion ship. Liberty Victory, to Japan, enroute to their native land after suffering "hellish treatment" at the same in and so the Chinese communists at Mukden. At the same hands of the Chinese communists at Mukden. At the same

ter 81 days' imprisonment by North Korean Reds. Ward, who was caught at his consulate at the fall of Muk-m 13 months ago, 28 days of which were spent in prison in Utary confinement on trummed un charges on a didat of all nationalist China. different today—except for the against the communists.

25 pounds, refused to "guess" at the cause of their treat-ment. "The two released officials from North Korea, who "looked like skeletons," lay their imprisonment to an at-tempt to get some form of United States recognition in exchange for their release. It is not hard to guess at the motive of the Chinese Reds, who are following a similar pattern all over China, of abuse of Americans, a policy directed by the Kremlin. They seek to purge China of Americans, whom the Chinese like, in the temporary capital of the United States recognition is site to purge China of Americans, whom the Chinese like, in Skang province. This will be further westward to Sichang, airfields that launched the first developed an interval. The as-in Sikang province. This will be land-based attacks on Japan by light to this upheaval. The as-mainland headquarters pending the B-29c of the American 20th sembly called on all the world further developments. bomber command in 1944. to keep hands off China and to

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