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Using Wintergreen's Platform

A week or so ago, Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent, discussing in the New York Times what made the democratic party click in presidential elections since 1932, decided that the answer was not altogether the personality of Franklin D. Roosevelt, or republican me-tooism, or the most lavish array of promises, handouts and official payrolls in history regardless of cost to the "beneficiaries."

Krock suggests that George S. Kaufman discovered the real reason in 1931 when he wrote the book for "Of Thee I Sing," and that it is life-long attachment to romance and the tender passion which principally distinguishes latter-day democrats from republicans and has "won them support from the voters, as enduring as their proved susceptibility to use power over the female sex."

Krock cites the recent romances of the 72-year-old vice president and the 59-year-old mayor of New York City as proof. He continues:

"When Mr. Kauffman ran Wintergreen for president on a platform of love, and swept the country, he pretended to be indulging in broad political satire. But he is not the first satirist who gave light treatment to a cosmic truth, though he is one of the few who lived to see it demonstrated thus emphatically. The democrats were piling up victories long before the vice president and Mayor O'Dwyer furnished this romantic clue. But is it not possible the voters always sensed that democrats had in them this congenial and distinguishing trait?"

Since the Krock article was written President Truman has made two addresses stressing the Wintergreen program of love as the solution of all the world's ills, especially in his annual Christmas message. He called upon all Americans to "dedicate ourselves anew to the love of our fellow men." He continued:

"In love alone—the love of God and the love of man—will be found the solution of all the ills which afflict the world today. Slowly, sometimes painfully, but always with increasing purpose, emerges the great message of Christianity; only with wisdom comes joy and with greatness comes love."

Pearson's Power Plan Shorted Out

State Treasurer Pearson's idea to have Oregon build a power-line for its institutions got a jolt when the cost figures were revealed.

Bonneville power authorities were asked several weeks ago what the cost would be to put up a power-line to tap Bonneville power for state institutions. The answer was given the state board of control this week. The answer couldn't have been encouraging to the ardent public power boys.

If Bonneville power were furnished all state buildings in this area, Oregon would have an investment of \$130,000. The savings over present costs, using private utility lines to bring power here, would be about \$2,000 a year. The saving could be increased to \$6,200 if Hillcrest and Fairview homes were not included on the power line.

A saving of \$2,000 on an investment of \$130,000 wouldn't look good except probably in some boondoggle scheme to spend state money. But during these days of rising costs and tighter money, an investment with that saving wouldn't be so attractive even to politically-minded New Deal professors.

So Treasurer Pearson can dump his scheme into the waste-basket for filing. This will be a disappointment to those who would like to get a hold of the reins to put over their Sweet(Land) Deal for Oregon with lots of money spent and nothing to show for it except some votes.

Flying Saucer Farce

Most people will agree with the conclusion of the airforce after its two years of investigation that "flying saucers" are just jokes, mass hysteria or misunderstandings of natural phenomena.

The announcement was made in denial of a story published in True magazine that the saucers were real and were from other planets—an absurd conclusion not borne out by facts. The airforce announcement said:

"All evidence and analyses indicate that the reports of unidentified flying objects are the result of: 1. Misinterpretation of various conventional objects. 2. A mild form of mass hysteria. 3. Or hoaxes.

"Since January, 1948, some 375 incidents have been reported and investigated. Assisting special investigators were scientific consultants from universities and from other government agencies.

"Continuance of the project is unwarranted since additional incidents now are simply confirming findings already reached."

Most everyone has seen what looks like a silver flying saucer. It is usually a plane flying among clouds through which the sun streaks through occasionally revealing a partial glimpse of the plane and imagination does the rest.

Unexplainable Milk Board

The state milk control board doesn't have to explain anything to anybody, apparently.

In early December, the board held a hearing in Portland on an application by Safeway Stores to sell milk in Salem. The case was heard before Milk Administrator Ohlsen. There was no explanation of why the case involving Salem was heard in Portland. Nor was there any explanation why a state agency should have its headquarters in Portland when the Oregon constitution provides that public institutions shall have headquarters in Salem.

The latest unexplained action of the board is a hearing on the milk price situation in Roseburg. For some reason, the board decided to hold the hearing in Roseburg, the city involved. Why didn't the board do as it did in the Salem case and listen to the Roseburg case in Portland?

But why should the board bother to explain?

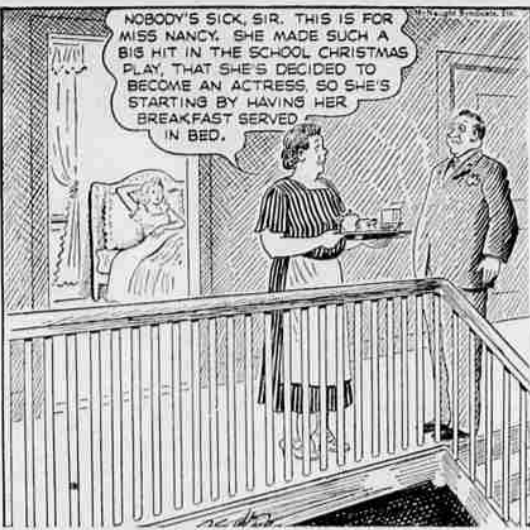
Advice on the Record

Spokane, Wash. (AP)—Louis R. Greenlee was on his way home with a stack of phonograph records when he lost control of his car. Although the car was demolished, Greenlee suffered only slight bruises.

Every record was smashed except one titled "I'll Never Slip Around Again."

BY BECK

Parental Problems



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Wrong Cause

By DON UPJOHN

We've heard several people complain the past few days of having their digestive processes upset and having difficulty getting back to normal, attributing same to an excess of food for Christmas dinner accompanied by too easy access to Christmas candies, nuts, etc. It may be that's their trouble but we'd as soon think that the whole business is due to an overdose of Rita and Aly whose affairs have been coming along in quantities copious enough to annoy the toughest stomach.



Don Upjohn

We're still trying to fathom just why the world should be het up over this romance and its offspring any more than that of any young couple. We suspect there have been plenty of babies born right here in Marion county since Christmas as pretty and cute as little Yasmin and whose ma's are just as attractive as Rita and with probably plenty of more good horse sense.

It seems we're in for a bunch of tough luck in the next few days as we've just tossed into the wastebasket a letter which advises the same will accrue to us if we do ditch the letter. Otherwise, we're advised if we'll copy the thing four times and send the copies along to some friends inside of 24 hours we'll have some tremendous good luck through the mail in the next four days. In fact, the letter

says, General Patton received \$13,000 and General Allen \$15,000 by the simple expedient of sending out the four letters referred to. That's all very interesting but who in the heck in these times wants to pay income tax on an extra \$15,000 or \$13,000? So we just toss same in the wastebasket and take this occasion to advise the revenue agents there's no use showing up to collect.

We called attention in this column a week or so ago to the fact that all of the restrictions being thrown about the taxicab drivers by the city council, while they may be all right, are simply penalizing the present group of cab drivers for some offenses they never committed and passing on the punishment from the guilty to the innocent. We have an idea taxicab drivers around Salem are going to watch their step for some time to come before another mess is stirred up, if ever.

Not much time left in the first half of the present century. We rather guess anyone who has lived through it will tell you that time has sure flown and it seems just like yesterday since this century started doing business. And before we know it, it will be over.

'Me Missing? Just Hunting Job'

Ocean Park, Calif., Dec. 29 (AP)—Cipriano Chavez, 107, laughed when police found him and told him he had been reported missing.

"Oh, I can take care of myself," he smiled. "I was only looking for work."

His daughter, Mrs. Josephine Garcia, told officers yesterday that Chavez had been working regularly as a gardener until this year.

"Then he was hit by a bus," she explained. "That slowed him down a little."

Born in Sinaloa, Mexico, in 1842, Chavez came here as a young man of 94.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Figures Secrets of Universe; Baffled by Income Tax

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Albert Einstein is a man who plumbs the secrets of the atom and the universe—and yet can't understand an income tax blank.

It is a measure of the humility of the greatest living mathematician that he cheerfully admitted in 1944 he had to call in a tax expert to help him figure how much he owes Uncle Sam.

But money always has been a matter of comparative indifference to this "scientist's scientist." He once used a \$1,500 check from the Rockefeller Foundation as a bookmark—and lost the book. He gave his 1921 Nobel prize award money to charity.

Now at 70 Einstein, regarded by many as the finest mind of our time, has crowned a noble life with a new theory of gravitation.

Its implications will be lost to the average man whose knowledge of gravity can be summed up in the phrase "all that goes up must come down." But science, in time, will have to choose between the theories of Einstein and those of Newton.

The theory of relativity, postulated by Einstein in 1905 at the age of 26, first shocked the scientific world. That controversy seemed a lot of hullabaloo to the average man then. It seemed to touch him not at all. But the atom bomb is a by-product of that theory—and today it touches the life of everyone.

The truth is that this gentle, dreamy looking little man is one of the great revolutionaries of history. He is the mental architect of a new world now in its birth pangs.

Some men have changed history with vast armies. Einstein



Hal Boyle

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Two U. S. Enlisted Men Remain in Communist Hands

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—One American ambassador not likely to stay long at his present post is delightful, garrulous George Wadsworth, U. S. envoy to Turkey.

Wadsworth follows a schedule that runs his staff ragged. He plays bridge until after 3 a. m., gets down to his office about noon, goes out for golf right after lunch, sees callers at 6 p. m.

If an American business man wants to see the ambassador, he is usually invited in at six, but finds so many other callers grouped around the martini tray that he can't discuss anything private.

What drives Wadsworth's staff really wild is his belief in strict protocol. He demands, for instance, that no one of lesser rank leave a dinner party until the top ranking guest has departed. And since the ambassador usually outranks everyone else, other guests have to twiddle their fingers until 3 a. m., until he gets up from the bridge table.

Once when a young matron, not in good health, tried to leave a party at midnight, Wadsworth put her in her place with: "Where are you going, darling?"

NOTE—A great admirer of the Arabs, Wadsworth's denunciation of the Jews is so vigorous it is embarrassing. When Arab dignitaries pass through Istanbul, he is a frequent visitor at the airport to greet them.

NATIONAL WATER SURVEY

The U. S. public health service will soon make a sweeping survey to determine the effects of water shortage and water pollution on the nation's health.

Federal health officials privately report that the lack of facilities to decontaminate river water—which most Americans drink—is shocking. A sudden breakdown of these subgrade facilities, they say, could lead to serious water shortages in other cities besides New York.

More than 10,000 new water-cleansing units are needed throughout the nation to decontaminate drinking water taken from rivers and bring it up to proper health and taste standards.

COMMUNIST CAPTIVES

Though the heat was taken off the Chinese communists after Angus Ward's release, the state department is still trying to free two other Americans from communist hands. They are Marine M/Sgt. Elmer Bender of Cincinnati, Ohio, and navy chief electrician William Smith of Long Beach, Calif.

These men have already endured one icy winter in an underheated Chinese jail, but the public clamor in their behalf hasn't been loud enough to arouse the state department.

Believing, however, that two enlisted men are entitled to the same protection as one of the state department's own employees, this column has investigated the case of Bender and Smith.

They disappeared on a routine training flight near Tsingtao, China, on October 19, 1948—one year and two months ago. Word reached the navy over the Chinese grapevine on November 4 that they had landed in communist territory, were alive and in good health. This was confirmed by additional reports on January 17 and March 22, 1949, authorities there.

A communist agent, representing the pair's captors, got in touch with the navy later and offered to negotiate their freedom. He reported that Bender and Smith had been moved from Hsia Tien to Nan Tsun, China about February 15. The navy delivered a written document, asking for their release, received an answer that the navy would be put in touch with the "highest authorities." However, no further word came through, so the navy turned the matter over to the state department.

That began a series of notes to Chinese communist officials. Finally Mrs. Smith on July 23, 1949, appealed to congress.

"As the navy has evacuated China, my husband has been left behind without supplies and medicine," Mrs. Smith pleaded. "I have never been able to correspond or send him supplies. I have two small children, one his father has never seen. My children need their father as I need him."

On August 4, Ernest A. Gross, Assistant Secretary of State, informed congress:

"Our diplomatic and consular officials in China are doing everything possible to secure in-

Freddie's Spelling Was Poor

Detroit, Dec. 29 (AP)—Freddie Walker, 22, got very indignant when the two men in the car refused to take him home.

"It's a taxi, ain't it?" demanded Freddie, pointing to the letters on the side of the car.

"No," said one of the men. "It's a police car. See, that spells 'police,' not 'taxi.'"

But Freddie persisted, and finally grabbed one of the half-open car windows and tore it out.

Then the policeman gave him a ride. To the station.

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



Inferiority Complex

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Holland Plans to Give Up More of Her Empire

By DeWitt MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Two years ago Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, in proclaiming a new partnership between the kingdom of the Netherlands and the Dutch East and West Indies, declared that "colonialism is dead."

It took courage to face the writing on the wall and truly interpret its significance. Colonialism or imperialism, or whatever name you wish to call it, is indeed on its way out.

Tuesday the United States of Indonesia, comprising the rich islands of the Dutch East Indies, came into full being as a sovereign nation. Thus was the accuracy of Her Majesty's pronouncement demonstrated in the major, and by far the richest, portion of her empire.

And what does such termination of "Colonialism" do to the mother country economically?

Well, that remains to be seen. In the case of the United States of Indonesia, all private investments are guaranteed for all types of property, and for all time. That is to say, Dutch investors can continue as heretofore; actually no Dutchman has been permitted to own property outright in Indonesia. Foreigners of all nations theoretically have equal rights for purposes of investment.

So far as concerns the West Indies, the main wealth lies in Dutch Guiana. The chief products are bananas, cacao, sugar, coffee, rice, maize, rum, cotton, bauxite, gold and balata.

However the country is largely undeveloped and its potentialities are unknown. In the inhospitable hinterland there are gold, diamonds and precious woods, but the area never has been fully prospected because death or permanent disability lurk everywhere for the white man.

The jungle hinterland of Dutch, French and British Guiana are veritable hell-holes. Horror lurks at every step in the form of poisonous snakes, scorpions, centipedes, and all sorts of insects. Then there are vampire bats which attack while you are asleep, and huge anacondas which can crush a man or animal in its coils and swallow its victim whole.

Speaking of anacondas, while I was in Paramaribo, capital of Dutch Guiana, a Dutchman who sent native expeditions into the jungle after precious woods told me one of his men had reported finding a record size anaconda. The native estimated the size of this monster at 45 feet—a world record if true.

But to return to our muttons, Surinam may prove to be a source of vast wealth on development. Whether the mother country will profit by that depends on the structure of the projected United Nations of the West Indies and Surinam. The Dutch settlers in Surinam want their independence and it isn't sure at this juncture whether they will be willing to combine with other colonial units.

In any event, whoever participates in opening up the Surinam jungle country may share in great wealth.

First Half of 20th Century Ends Saturday or Year Later

Washington, Dec. 29 (AP)—You can celebrate the end of the first half of the 20th century Saturday night, or you can wait until Dec. 31, 1950. Either way you can cite good authority.

Scientific and mathematical minds don't agree on it. The Library of Congress maintains that the first 50 years of the century end this year. L. B. Aldrich, director of the Astrophysical Department at the Smithsonian Institution, agreed with the library.

But the naval observatory says Dec. 31, 1950, is the correct date. So does the interstate commerce commission's expert on figuring out time problems.

In London, the British broadcasting company called off a big program in which it had intended to review events of the first half century. The royal astronomer ruled that BBC was a year ahead of schedule.

But others say the year 1900 was the first year of this century and that the first half will end Saturday night.