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"Not Socialism," Says Mr. Truman

At the Jefferson-Jackson \$100-a-plate dinner at Washington Thursday, billed as the largest banquet ever staged under one roof, and attended by 5300, including democratic officeholders, cabinet members, governors and the federal bureaucracy including clerks, President Truman hooted the 1950 republican campaign slogan, "Liberty vs. Socialism."

Mr. Truman said that the republicans just sit around and do nothing, then "react with an outburst of scare words. They are like a cuttlefish that squirts out a cloud of black ink whenever its slumber is disturbed."

The president called for full speed on "our domestic programs for health, education, social security and economic stability." He said republican charges that these involve socialism "is an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

"Now of course," he said, "this program is not socialism. It is based upon firm faith in the strength of free enterprise. Confronted by the great record of this country and the tremendous promise of its future, all they (the republicans) do is croak 'socialism.'"

If the president's program is not socialistic, and borrowed from the socialists of Europe, what is it? It is certainly not democracy in the Jeffersonian meaning, for Jefferson said the least government the better and stood for decentralization and state rights. Nor is it democracy in Jacksonian sense, for Jackson opposed federalism and insisted on economy and balanced budgets.

What but pure socialism are price-fixing, wage-fixing and economic controls, all essential features of socialism? What is government ownership or operation of steel, power and utility plants and the CVA? What are farm controls of the Brannan plan copied from the British laborite regime's system? What is socialized medicine, hospital care and federal housing? What is repeal of the T-H labor law but duplicating the labor-socialist program in Britain? And so is deficit spending for that matter, only we have no rich uncle to borrow the money from, only ourselves.

The president again championed the civil rights program, which has so much lip service, forgetting that passing a law does not remedy an evil, and that such social ills must be remedied by the people themselves and not by compulsion of law, which only breeds resentment, and in no country are the inherent rights of people flouted more than in intolerant socialized Russia.

The \$500 Million Spud Loss

The senate agricultural committee has voted to remove all government price supports from Irish potatoes until rigid planting and marketing controls are put into operation. Even then it will be an expensive proposal to the taxpayers.

Keeping up spud prices, started in 1943 to stimulate larger crops for war time, has totalled \$495,169,000, including 1949. Then the controls were continued to assure good prices to the growers. The support prices were cut last year a third.

The cost by years has been to taxpayers: 1943, \$21,650,000; 1944, \$3,346,000; 1945, \$14,681,000; 1946, \$90,963,000; 1947, \$39,529,000; 1948, \$225,000,000; 1949, \$100,000,000.

One result to the potato growers is that they are losing domestic markets because of the high prices. While part of their own crop is being dumped by the government, entire carloads of Canadian potatoes are being sold at U. S. ports as far away as New Orleans, in spite of a U. S. tariff of 75 cents per 100 pounds.

Some growers say they would rather sell cheaper than be bothered with government red-tape and resent dictatorship. But not the majority of growers. The United States News, after an investigation in Maine, largest of the potato growers, finds:

"But a large majority of potato growers have become used to government price guarantees and fear to give them up. As one explained, 'I can't afford to gamble that way.' He is typical of many. Farm leadership mostly follows that line. For one small segment of agriculture to seek to return to a free economy, by itself," said an official of the National Potato Council, "would lead to economic chaos."

That's the worst feature of price supports, bonuses and tariffs: they destroy initiative and enterprise, and accustom the recipients to doles. If a crop cannot be raised profitably without government aid, some other crop should be substituted, for the law of supply and demand will eventually govern market prices.

Who' Hopped? Electric Shock Brings Review of Life in Memory

Monessen, Pa., Feb. 17 (AP)—A drowning man isn't the only one who, according to widespread belief, thinks of his home and family at the very end.

Take it from Vincent Siarnicki, 4,000 volts of electricity can give you the same frantic thoughts.

He was helping remove equipment from an abandoned mine between Donora and Charleroi when a boom on his truck hit a high tension wire carrying the charge from an old mine transformer. Siarnicki gave a graphic description of his reactions.

While still dazed with the shock, he was thrown to the ground with his right hand frozen to a piece of metal conducting the current. A loud roar filled his ears, and, as in a dream, he recalls, his whole life seemed to flash past in an instant.

"I thought of my wife and two children," Siarnicki remembers, "and I was sure I was dying. There, as though far in the distance, I could hear my buddies yelling for somebody to break me loose. After that it was just a blank."

A flying dive by Art Camini, who was nearby, was credited with saving Siarnicki's life. Even after he was knocked free he didn't regain consciousness until companions had applied artificial respiration.

Then he looked up and asked: "What happened?"

Sniffing Out the Fire

Chicago, Feb. 17 (AP)—Firemen reporting to Chicago's skyscraper Civic Opera building to put out a fire found lots of smoke but they were unable to locate the blaze immediately.

Several firemen rode up and down the building in elevators sniffing smoke before they located the source. The fire was in a filing cabinet.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

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Salem Hasn't Gotten Rid Of All Its Icicles Yet

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

At last... we have a winner in our icicle derby. The same day we inaugurated an icicle derby about two weeks ago, a wave of warm air invaded the Willamette valley. We were convinced that not a single icicle in this area survived long enough to be measured and duly entered in the contest.



Chris Kowitz, Jr.

Now the morning mail brings a belated entry from "Icicle Ike" who claims he still has a 15-inch in perfect shape. Writes Ike: "Mebbe there ain't no icicles on the roofs and eaves; mebbe there won't be any more until comes winter again next year; but this reader has an icicle, and keeping it, too. He put one in the refrigerator. Going to keep it, as long as it will stay there. Ought to be quite a spell. It's about 15 inches long, which ain't much as icicles go, but it's the longest in Salem and around, I'll betcha."

Unless some unexpected competition comes along, Icicle Ike's 15-inch sliver has the distinction of being the "biggest drip in the Salem area." Maybe Ike should have put away some snow, too, in order to be assured of a white Christmas in 1950.

City police stumbled onto a hot clue at the scene of a break-in the other night. They found that the prowler left a piece of

Double Dressing Down in Court

Los Angeles, Feb. 17 (AP)—James Goldman, 26, got a double dressing down in court.

First he was sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to speeding 75 in a 25-mile-an-hour zone. Then a woman spectator piped up: "I told you to wear your old clothes."

"Who," asked the court, "is that lady?" "My wife," Coleman said. "And what," pursued the judge, "is in that bundle under your arm?" "My clothes," said Coleman.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Modern City Man with Latest Gadgets at Home in the Woods

By SAUL PETT (For Hal Boyle)

New York (AP)—Pity the modern city man roughing it, say, in the wilds of the north woods.

He knows nothing about the whims or demands of nature. All his life has been spent in a comfortable apartment with everything provided. Now, he's alone in the north woods, this pale, unresourceful man with no talent for living outdoors.



Saul Pett

Well, just grant him one concession. Give him all the latest gadgets which are provided thoughtful outfitters for campers, hunters, explorers.

So, our modern city man, name of Herbert, is trudging along the trail, alone, nervous and laden with equipment. The wind comes up. He removes a compact pocket heater from his knapsack. He doesn't have to know how it works but it works with chemicals, gives off no flame. Our hero warms the inside of his gloves and then his ankles inside his boots.

Will it turn colder or rain tomorrow? How would Herbert know? He simply looks at the clouds, judges the wind direction from his compass, then consults his compact, pocket-size weather guide. He reads the forecast, "Fair." Fine, nothing to worry about.

But alas, our boy gets thirsty. Foolish Herbert, he didn't bring any water. He stumbles onto a stream. Is it safe to drink? Can he tell? He can't so he digs into a pocket for his small water filter which is attached to a long tube. He drops the filter into the water and drinks without worrying about impurities.

Walking back to the trail, our hero scratches his forehead on an overhanging branch. Quickly, he reaches for the iodine in his compact, comprehensive, three-pound first aid and medical equipment kit.

Herbert sighs, relieved. He doesn't need the compact, five-ounce snake-bite kit which he has brought along.

Herbert's at home in the woods.

Not as Smart as He Thought

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 17 (AP)—Then there was the man the North Platte Telegraph-Bulletin said, who left his car running all night so he could get a quick early-morning start in the sub-zero temperatures. He ran out of gas six blocks from home.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

President Truman Is Alarmed Over International Situation

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—At his weekly cabinet luncheon, shortly after news of the London atom-secrets leak, President Truman told his official family that he had never been so alarmed over the international situation.

Not only was he alarmed regarding leaks to Russia, he said but it now appeared that Russian war production had advanced much further than our intelligence information had a year previous idea of.



Drew Pearson

All this has resulted in a decision by the President and the Secretary of State to write a new blueprint of foreign policy. This will include a revision of the American defense problem based on the assumption that Russia now possess all our atomic and hydrogen secrets—and will probably result in over-riding the budget.

Meanwhile, here is an overall picture of what the U.S.A. faces on the two most important but widely separated fronts of the cold war.

Revolt in Balkans 1. Eastern Europe—Developments here are highly encouraging. They are so encouraging that President Truman's long face may not be entirely justified.

In Bulgaria, long considered a Soviet stronghold, unrest is so rampant that civil war prevails outside the big cities. It began when farmers staged a sit-down against communist demands, refused to plant grain and concealed their quotas supposed to be turned over to the government.

When troops moved in to seize the grain, they were met by heavy gunfire, with the result that hundreds of peasants have fled through heavy snow to the mountains or to Turkey, and police have burned down several villages to catch guerrillas. Two Bulgarian soldiers, recently fleeing to Turkey, reported:

"Living conditions are beyond endurance. The Russian officers training the army treat us like enemies. Hundreds of soldiers are plotting to escape. When the weather gets better, there will be many Bulgarian soldiers surrendering to you."

In Albania, communist forces are having such difficulty that a pro-western revolt appears certain. If this is successful it will be a big blow for the Russians because they had counted on Albania as their one outlet on the Mediterranean. In fact, they have already built up the Saseno islands in the Adriatic as a powerful submarine base, now harboring the Italian warships given Russia under the peace treaty.

Along the Hungarian-Yugoslav border the situation remains tense with the Red army turning powerful flood-lights on Yugoslav defense positions every few days in the war of nerves. Twice Hungarian-Russian patrols have crossed into Yugoslav territory and been captured. They were permitted to return across the line after an operation producing sterility.

Because of desertions to Turkey and Yugoslavia, information from the southeastern satellites is fairly accurate and so discouraging to the communist cause that this may be one reason why Moscow is concentrating on the Orient.

Western Headaches 2. The Far East—Here it looks as if the United States was in for bigger and worse headaches.

Here the brazen imperialism of Great Britain, France and the Dutch, practiced for more than a century, provides the most fertile possible field for communism, and Moscow is making the most of it.

And unfortunately, the United States, which had a good anti-imperialistic record in the Philippines, is now tied by alliances to the imperialistic policies of our allies. Our support of the British in Hong Kong, of French mismanagement in Indo-China, of Dutch stupidity in Indonesia, plays directly into the hands of communists.

All this was why Secretary Acheson held an important meeting last week at which it was decided to make an all-out stand against the southward march of communism.

French Indo-China was selected as the battlefield. If the Russians get below Indo-China, it was decided the rest of Asia will fall—Burma, Siam, The Malays, Ceylon, India, probably Indonesia. This would mean another half billion people under the Red flag and the most disastrous defeat for the U.S.A. in recent history.

As a result, Acheson ordered part of the President's special fund allocated to help the French against Communist Ho-Chi Minh. He also designated Edmund Gullion, an intelligence expert, as the first American ambassador to Indo-China.

There are one or two indications that all is not well with communist China, including the fact that Mao Tze-Tung is still in Moscow and reported under virtual house arrest until he deeds Manchuria to Russia.

U.S. military men also feel reasonably confident about The Philippines. Though the communists have made advances, The Philippines are considered safe unless southeast Asia falls.

These are some of the problems discussed by 15 U.S. diplomats debating U.S. Far Eastern policy in Bangkok and which will be considered in the writing of a new blueprint of American foreign policy.

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'Illusion Bra' Is Latest Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 17 (AP)—The latest thing in beach attire features a "Deep See" or "Illusion Bra," says Fred Cole, Los Angeles swim suit manufacturer.

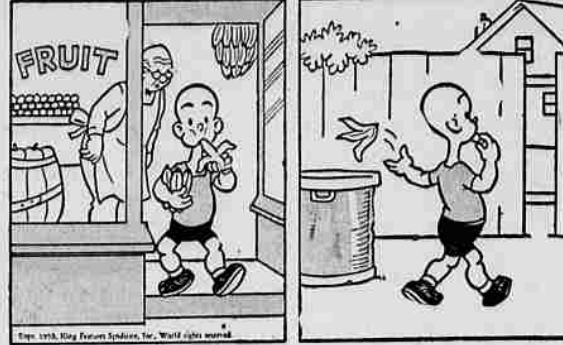
Cole said the effect is "to make a woman look both barer than she is and as though she has far more bosom than is actually the case."

The effect is achieved by designing rather than by the use of falsies, he said. Falsies are out of place on the beach, in Cole's opinion.

"Girls who have worn suits with those pockets for falsies tell me all they ever caught was shell fish and sand," he said during a showing of the latest in swim suits.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Russo-China Treaty Suspected To Conceal Numerous Secrets

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Moscow's announcement of the long-awaited Russo-Chinese treaty is held by observers generally to be far more interesting for what it conceals than for what it discloses.

As Washington officials say, the full import of suspected secret agreements may appear only gradually.

On the face of it the alliance would seem to be the written report of a love-feast, with Russia playing big brother to hard-hit China.

However, the big point to my mind is that an agreement has been reached at all.

The manner in which Russia has kept extending its sphere of influence over northern China, and particularly in Manchuria, has been in direct opposition to the nationalistic ambitions of the Chinese communists under leadership of General Mao Tze-Tung. Yet Mao, who personally

went to Moscow weeks ago to negotiate this pact, appears from the announcement to have won important concessions to China's sovereignty.

Now that's a highly interesting development. We have observed that previous countries which have been brought into the communist bloc by agreement—like those of eastern Europe—have become satellites of Russia. Their sovereignty rests in Moscow.

When Yugoslavia, under leadership of Marshal Tito, reverted to nationalism she was kicked out of the Red fold.

Has the reputedly sagacious Mao overlooked a bet somewhere, or has he really got something? We shall know in due course—and so will he.

There are, of course, differences between the satellites of Europe and the mighty land space of China with its population of close to 500,000,000. China is just too big and unwieldy to be regimented like one of the Balkan states. Moreover, Russia's operations have made it clear that she intends to use China as a base for the drive to bring all Asia into the Red fold.

Diplomatic authorities in Washington say the treaty is designed partly to hamstring the American policy toward China. That policy, as laid down by Secretary Acheson, is based on the hope of a conflict of interest between Russia and China in north China and especially in Manchuria. If Moscow really hands back to China the railways and ports promised in the treaty, this conflict would be lessened.

Japan figures prominently in the pact, and the Nipponese are worried. Moscow says the treaty is aimed in part at the rebirth of Japanese aggression. The alliance binds Russia and China to full assistance by either if the other is attacked by Japan "or any other state which directly or indirectly would unite in any form with Japan in acts of aggression."

That "any other state" clearly is a pot shot at America and Britain.

In any event, we shall now see a speeding up of the Moscow directed operations aimed at bringing the rice bowls—Indo-China, Thailand (Siam) and Burma—under control of China. Food is the pressing need of China now, and the success of the communist drive may depend on quick access to rice, which is the staff of life in that part of the world.

Famine already is striking hard at many millions north of the Yangtze river in China, and conditions are expected to grow worse. As things stand, the Chinese must fight for their meagre bowls of rice.

And what of future relations between China and Russia? Moscow has been following a well-defined program in the drive to communize the world. It would be absurd, it seems to me, to expect her to make any exception in the case of China.

The new alliance of course means that Russia and China have agreed to work together in the Red offensive to take over Asia. Undoubtedly China has received concessions as an "ally," but so long as the alliance lasts, just so long will China take her orders from Moscow.

She offered this advice to minimize height: watch your clothes; don't wear dainty accessories that accentuate your size. Be careful of backgrounds; a big girl in a little chair looks like a giant.

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