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BY BECK

Discouraging



KRISS-KROSS

Pop-Eye, the Sea Going Pooch, Has Disappeared

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Pop-Eye, a fox terrier with a long tail and a long history, is missing... and E. C. Arbogast of route 6, box 343, sure wants him back.

Pop-Eye and Arbogast are old war buddies... they met each other in Germany, 1945, and have travelled together thousands of miles over land and sea...

Pop-Eye was Arbogast's best pal... both in the service and as civilians... it's no wonder Arbogast is doing everything in his power to get the frisky terrier with the curled tail back home.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Truman, State Department Debate Peace Chat Notions

By DREW PEARSON

Washington. — For some time there has been a running, private debate between the White House and the state department over the all-important question of whether the United States should make a new, dramatic peace overture to Russia.

This dates back even to the days when Gen. George Marshall was secretary of state. Recently, however, with the advent of the hydrogen bomb and Winston Churchill's demand for a meeting with Stalin, the debate has become more acute. President Truman has long felt and expressed himself in private that if he could sit down with Stalin, they could thrash out a lot of the world's problems. Yet he can't help being irked at Stalin for being aloof, and for ignoring repeated hints that he, Truman, would be glad to talk to him if he came to the United States.



Drew Pearson

Overriding this, however, is Mr. Truman's mystic sense of his own destiny as a peacemaker. To old friends and members of his staff he speaks of this again and again. During the visits of White House callers he will sometimes walk to the world globe at one side of his desk and say with deep emotion: "The nearest thing to my heart is to do something to keep the world at peace. We must find a way, or civilization will be destroyed and the world will turn back to the year 900."

Last Christmas the President carried the same thought when he gave friends a bookmark inscribed: "I would rather have peace in the world than be president, Harry Truman." This sentiment was behind Truman's move for a conference with Stalin two years ago. The President had remarked to a friend, "if I could just get to talk to Joe Stalin, I think we could stop a lot of this trouble. Stalin is a reasonable man."

Later he worked out with his intimate adviser, David Noyes, and Chief Justice Fred Vinson the idea of sending the Chief Justice to Moscow for a talk with Stalin. When this got back to the state department, it was immediately transmitted by Acting Secretary Robert Lovett to General Marshall, then attending the U.N. assembly meeting in Paris.

Alarmed, Marshall flew home for a quick two-day conference, during which Truman agreed not to make any peace move until it was cleared with our western allies or until Russia gave some tangible sign that it wanted peace.

In the last few weeks, the presidential restlessness for a peace conference has been evident again. A shrewd diviner of public opinion, Mr. Truman understands the American public's desire for one more talk with Russia before going full tilt into a hydrogen arms race.

Yet many of his advisers were disappointed when he rushed out an abrupt press release telling the world that the United States would make the hydrogen bomb. They felt that he missed a great opportunity for a world-wide broadcast reviewing this country's many moves for peace, a broadcast that would put the onus for the arms race where it belongs—directly on the Russian doorstep.

The state department was also upset when Mr. Truman hurriedly granted an interview with New York Times correspondent, Arthur Krock, after Krock shrewdly cornered him at a dinner party given by Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut. The President, in festive mood, definitely promised Krock the interview, and kept his word immediately thereafter, despite a

stand together, primarily united in Europe. United, they will be strong enough to extend their hands to Germany.

Churchill, leader of the opposition conservative party spoke during the debate on the government's defense estimates for 1950-1.

"Germany is at present disarmed and forbidden to keep any military forces, but on her eastern frontier lies the enormous military array of the Soviet and its satellite states far exceeding in troops, armor and air power all that the other allies have got," he said.

"We are unable to offer any assurance to the Germans that they may not be overrun by a Soviet or satellite invasion. This mighty mass of the Russian army and their satellites lies like a fearful cloud on the German people and the allies cannot give them any protection."

"The decision to form a front in Europe against a possible further invasion by Soviet Russia and its satellite states is at once grave for us, and also imperative," he said.

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BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Sure Now, Heed This Word On How to Meet an Erin Lad

By HAL BOYLE

New York. — (AP) — An open letter to all Americans whose mothers didn't come from Ireland: My friends, you are non-Irish — and this is a great day for the non-Irish!

It is a great day for you to buy your groceries the previous night, lock your door and stay in your homes. That way you won't have to deal with the problem of what to do if you meet an Irishman.

And that is a good problem to a void, because no Irishman today is an innocent bystander. Every Irishman is a moon-mad son of the Kings of an old and wronged land. He is in no mood to be trifled with.

This is the day he honors St. Patrick, that great and learned man, and all America is just one big Irish stew. Yes, it's "Erin go bragh" everywhere—from the potato-logged coast of Maine to the Colleen-covered shores of Hollywood, where 16 film studios have crowned 16 different unknown starlets as "Miss Shamrock of 1950."

Long ago, my friends, most of the nation decided it was simpler, on this day, to say they were Irish even if they weren't. It saved long-winded explanations. And arguments that started out, "Well, why aren't you an Irishman? I am."

A survey made this year indicates that today, out of our population of 150,000,000 some 145,000,000 will claim to be Irish—by birth, by ancestry, by perjury, or by default.

This leaves only 5,000,000 of you non-Irish. And that's why it's a good idea to stay indoors—the odds are 29-to-1 against you.

But if you must go outside, friends, here are a few simple rules on how to treat any Irishman you encounter:

(1). Remember, he is moved in this hour of glory by a sense of ancient oppression, a pride in his clan too big for his heart to hold, an old wrath. Therefore he is touchy and quick to anger. Also, he is ridden by leprechauns. Therefore he may do things poetical or foolish.

For St. Patrick's Day isn't just a holiday to an Irishman. It is Armistice Day, pay day, Fourth of July, a bit of Easter, maybe a touch of April Fool's day—these and something more. In one day he must himself live anew the mystic, troubled story of the emerald isle. He must go from an elf-haunted forest through a peat bog to a small stony farm, suffer long poverty, and cross many lost battlefields to victory, a cathedral—and peace. It is a time when he rededicates himself, worships, rejoices, sorrows over his distant dead, feasts, and asks, "What next?" In short, it is a time to be an Irishman.

(2). The password, if you meet this Irishman, is a smiling "Begorra." Say it on and on. But don't make a mistake and say "Gomorrah." You won't be able to go on.

(3). Don't greet him with a "Top o' the morning." That's what he is determined to say to

Thanking you in advance for your understanding, dear non-Irish friends, we wish you an Irish toast older than the nine lives of your great grandfather's grandmother's cat:

"Health and long life to you; The choice of a wife to you; A child every year to you; Land without rent to you, And may death come in Ireland!"

Sincerely yours, HAL BOYLE.

P.S. In Ireland itself the doors of all saloons are closed by law on St. Patrick's day. The front doors, that is.

Call to Battle for Women

London, March 17 (AP)—The Rev. Stephen Hopkinson issued a call to battle today: "We just want a few broken arms and shattered skulls."

He is starting judo classes for his female parishioners at St. Mary's parish church following two recent cases in which women were attacked in the district. He has studied judo for 20 years.

Said he: "I believe the best antidote to crimes of violence against women is to let a few of the attackers get seriously hurt."

Report on Salem Bus Service

The special citizens' transportation committee has done the city of Salem a real service.

The committee's report, turned in a few days ago, was the most comprehensive of any ever made on public transportation in Salem. As such, the report was significant in that it was the people's views on what a transportation system should be and should have for the city.

As for the transit company's ability to make a living, that is a matter left to the concern of the company. But it also must receive consideration from the city if the community expects bus service from the present transit lines or any other company. Such a transit service actually amounts to a cooperative undertaking between the city and the company.

Considered as a whole, the points of improvement suggested by the committee were constructive for the long-range development of mass transportation in the community.

Abandonment of the present terminal on North Commercial street will take care of itself when the Baldock traffic plan is put into effect. At that time, one-way traffic south on Commercial will call for a complete revision of the terminal question. Then the committee's suggestion for a separate terminal point for each bus route should be considered.

A downtown office for the transit lines is needed, as the committee noted. The office wouldn't have to be large, but a convenient location would be helpful to bus riders. An information service for personal calls and for phone callers would be of considerable assistance.

As for evening and Sunday bus schedules and reduced rates for slack travel periods during the day, those matters can be worked out by the company and the city. Both suggestions, however, are constructive. The same can be said for more convenient morning schedules.

When technical changes of routing and schedules are suggested, it stands to reason that a closer working arrangement should develop and be encouraged by the two parties concerned, the bus company and the city. There is no excuse for last-minute schedule changes on the part of the company. Changes should be made only after a hearing before the city council and the public. Then adequate advance notice could be given riders of the buses.

The transportation committee's report points to a great fundamental need: A closer working arrangement between the city and the bus company so that both the city and company may benefit from the bus operation. The franchise was granted by the city for a ten-year period, dated from December 8, 1947. There are still almost eight years left for the franchise to run. During that period, a closer supervision over the company's activities could be administered by the city manager.

Salem can thank Mal Rudd and his transportation committee for offering this comprehensive report. The report should form the basis for a better working arrangement as to Salem bus service.

A Museum in Salem?—But Where?

The idea of putting the Oregon Historical Society's museum in Salem is a logical one.

At present the museum is in Portland but the historical society is having a dispute with the Portland city council over rental fees. Mayor Elfstrom of Salem has suggested bringing the collection of Oregon historical items to the capital.

Leaving aside the decision which would rest with the historical society, the place for such an Oregon collection would seem to be the state capital. Where does one find the famed Smithsonian institute, with its outstanding collection of American history, but in the nation's capital? Where does one find the collection of Confederate historical pieces but in the "White House of the Confederacy" in the old rebel capital, Richmond, Virginia?

If the Oregon collection faces a period of indecision as to location now, Salem's bid is timely. And sentiment for housing such a collection in Salem could find encouragement here.

But where would the historical items be placed in Salem? This raises again the inadequacies of any museum facilities here. As it looks now, there is no ready place for such a collection.

It has been suggested that if the capitol building were given an additional wing, extending to the rear, room might be available in the lower section for a state museum. Some local enthusiasts have asked that the court house be moved to provide a museum structure on a different location. But nothing has been offered in the way of money to move the building, or a place to put it, or money to maintain it.

Sooner or later, Salem will have a museum. It stands to reason, also, that the city should have the finest collection of historical items of Oregon. But no one has come up yet with either the money or a workable program to carry the idea out.

Calculating Pair of Robbers

Chicago, March 17 (AP)—A pair of calculating robbers held up a South Side jewelry store last night.

First the gunmen locked two employees and three customers in a washroom.

Then one gunman went outside and his companion forced Owner Sol A. Iglow to the inner side of a window showcase.

The "outside man" pointed out each article he wanted Iglow to hand to his confederate. Iglow reluctantly hauled out rings, unset jewels, watches and other jewelry and handed them to the gunman who put them in a paper bag.

Iglow told police the robbers' selection was valued at more than \$10,000.

Prize Pooch in Doghouse

Nashville, Tenn., March 17 (AP)—Konrad von Westell, prize winning dachshund, is deep in the doghouse today.

Ordinarily, Konrad is the pride of the Thomas F. Wall, Jr., household. He won the title, "dog of distinction," and gifts amounting to thousands of dollars in a national contest last year.

But the payoff came yesterday and that's why Konrad's popularity has cooled. Wall, an attorney, figures Konrad's prizes cost him about \$772 in income tax.

Konrad, posing for a picture, didn't seem at all perturbed.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Acheson Lays Asiatic Plan On Line in Policy Speech

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Secretary of State Acheson's major foreign policy speech before the Commonwealth club in San Francisco yesterday, promising non-communistic Asiatic countries limited aid in their fight against "Soviet-communist imperialism," took the unusual form of being directed to the grass roots.

Acheson was speaking not only to the American people but apparently was reaching out in an effort to contact the rank-and-file of Asia's millions rather than restricting his remarks to governments. And President Truman, enroute to Florida on vacation, let it be known that he had read Acheson's address in advance and thought it "a fine speech."

America's assistance would cover military, financial and technical aid. It could be used only to "reinforce the efforts which others are prepared to make on their own behalf." That's a less blunt way of saying that Uncle Sam can only help those who help themselves.

Then Mr. Acheson gave a fillip of hope to the thousands of Americans who have been struggling with their income tax reports—and wondering where the money was coming from to meet the bills. He declared that U.S. aid "must be within the prudent capabilities of our own resources."

The secretary stressed that the greatest threat to Asiatic progress and freedom is the attempted penetration "by Soviet-communist imperialism and by the colonialism which it contains." He emphasized this thrust by declaring that communism is a "tool of Soviet imperialism" and perverts the real democratic revolution. The American people are the real leaders of a "revolution by the common people."

China naturally occupied a prominent part in the address. Acheson called attention to the all-important fact that the Reds may use that country as a base for new thrusts. As a matter of fact he might have gone further and said that the Moscow backed Chinese communists already are deploying their forces for fresh conquests. He declared that the use of China as a base for aggression against neighboring countries would violate the United Nations charter.

Acheson proceeded to lay some scorching charges on the line against Russia. He charged that Russia is shipping food from China to the Soviet at a time when 40,000,000 are in danger of hunger. He accused Russia of robbing Manchuria of industrial equipment with \$2,000,000 worth of productive capacity. He declared that the new Soviet \$300,000,000 five year aid program falls far short of China's real needs.

Secretary Acheson said the United States was ready to trade with China on a fair basis. However, America wouldn't sell to the Chinese goods which could be used to harm her.

All these facts are useful for America to know. They will be trebly useful if they can have any considerable distribution in China and neighboring countries. So far as China is concerned, the Chinese communist regime, which controls most of the country, does everything possible to block distribution of such information.

However, an authoritative Chinese source in New York tells me that undoubtedly Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will see that this speech gets a wide distribution on the mainland.

Churchill Says West Germany Needed for Possible Attack

London, March 17 (AP)—Winston Churchill told Commons Thursday that western Europe cannot be defended successfully against a possible Soviet invasion without the "active aid" of western Germany.

He said that only American atomic bombs would save Britain and Europe in the event of an "eastern deluge."

"Do not nurse the foolish delusions that you have any other over-all effective shield at the present time from mortal danger than the atom bomb in the possession, thank God, of the United States," he said.

"But for that, there would be no hope Europe could preserve its freedom or that our island could escape an ordeal incomparably more severe than we have endured."

"The decision to form a front in Europe against a possible further invasion by Soviet Russia and its satellite states is at once grave for us, and also imperative," he said.

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