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DEFYING THE GOVERNMENT

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel company has turned down an invitation to address the CIO steelworkers' convention when it meets Thursday to decide future policy in the current wage dispute. The invitation to speak was extended by Philip Murray, president of both the CIO and the steelworkers.

Fairless gave as his reason for his rejection of the invitation that he believes the opinions of the delegates are already fixed and it would be a waste of time. He added:

"Your organization has yet to explain satisfactorily how this country can have round after round of large wage increases and resulting price increases without more and more inflation which is certain to injure everyone."

Like many another union leader, Mr. Murray seems to have lost sight of the fact that the nation is conducting both a hot and a cold war against communist aggression and that a crisis exists that may imperil the nation, and to have lost sight of public welfare. Only the selfish interests of the union are considered, and the unions have been pampered so long that they place wage hikes above national interests and unity.

While denouncing inflation they have done everything in their power to promote it, for increased wages along with higher taxes, stimulate and necessitate higher production costs which are passed on to the consumer in higher prices.

Since the start of the Korean war, labor bosses have refused to cooperate in the various programs of stabilization and mobilization, adding confusion and failure to control programs. They have generally followed a "dog in the manger" policy, and rejected recommendations by the government agencies assuming that they are bigger than the government.

The steelworkers' union demands an 18 1/2-cent hourly boost and other contract gains which the steel officials claim would amount to 50 cents an hour added to their average present wages of about \$1.96 an hour.

President Truman has referred the dispute to the wage stabilization board and the union, which previously announced it would not work unless it obtained a new contract to replace the one which expired Monday midnight, agreed to postpone any strike action pending a decision by the special convention which meets at Atlantic City.

A strike appears to be inevitable if the convention refuses to let the WSB make a recommended settlement.

PASADENA'S TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

"Bowl" football games are getting to be so numerous for New Year's day doings that they have become almost institutional, so to speak, for the opening of the new year.

Best known of the bowl games and the grand-daddy of them is the annual Pasadena event in California, the Rose Bowl. It is the afternoon climax to the Tournament of Roses festivities which draw some 1,500,000 persons to jam Pasadena streets to see the flowered floats in the Tournament parade.

The Tournament of Roses parade started out with a modest beginning in 1890. At that time members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt club held a village fiesta which they called "The Battle of Flowers." In that first parade the members donned their best bowlers and their wives twirled parasols from flower-decked carriages.

The idea for the event belonged to Dr. Charles Frederick Holders, who had been impressed by the Carnival of Flowers at Nice which he viewed while touring France. In those early days, the wagons and buggies were driven through the streets to the community baseball diamond where an afternoon of amateur sports events was held.

The football game touch to the day's doing was tried out in 1902, when Michigan met Stanford. Michigan won, 49 to 0. The top-sided score discouraged the game idea for a while. Fourteen years later the inter-sectional football game was revived. Brown and Washington State played that year, with Washington State winning 14 to 0. In the game the next year Oregon played Pennsylvania and won, 14 to 0. The Rose Bowl game had been established by then as a part of the day's activities.

Incidentally, Hollis Huntington of Salem probably holds the record for the number of times any one player participated in Rose Bowl games. The records show he played in four games, from 1917 to 1920 inclusive, as halfback for the Mare Island Marines and Oregon. He was cited as the outstanding player of the 1918 game when he was playing on the Marine team.

The Orange Bowl games were started in Miami in 1933, the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans in 1935 and the Cotton Bowl in Dallas in 1937. These were established to satisfy regional demands. But Pasadena has managed to dominate New Year's events with the Tournament of Roses.

RED TERRORISM SPREADS

Ransom and blackmail seems to be an established institution of communism. Red China has been busy extorting money from Chinese in the United States by threatening their relatives in China with death unless they come through. And a Paris dispatch reports that European writers and editors printing articles unfavorable to Soviet Russia have become the latest object of attention by the communist terror. So the policies pursued by Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia in arresting Americans for blackmail must be considered established Red strategy.

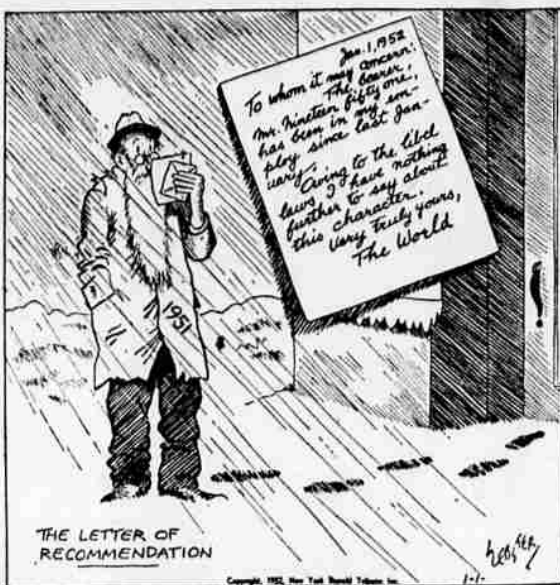
The European writers have received messages by mail or phone threatening them to lay off. Some of the messages specifically warn them of the fate William N. Oates held in a Czech prison. In at least one case the threat has been made good by the kidnapping of a well known Berlin writer. Others have escaped by flight.

Terror has long been recognized and legalized in communist countries as an instrument that every Red dictator regime depends upon to grab and retain power and accounts for the numerous blood purges. Millions of persons have been its victims.

Most of these cases of kidnapping and murder has affected the communist control countries, though there have been cases in other countries. Now the Red terrorism is turning against the democracies either to collect ransom or to silence foreign critics.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

Life's Darkest Moment



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hal Boyle Writes a Letter to Any Child Born on New Year's

By HAL BOYLE

New York. (AP)—An open letter to any child born on New Year's day:

Welcome, to the world, kid. Something new has been added —you! And we need you. The drinks are on the house today. What'll you have—milk?

You arrived with a cry; you'll leave with a sigh, years and years from now. The first thing you got was a free spank on the bottom, and you'll spend the rest of your life trying to earn a pat on the back.

It's a strange wonderland you came into, isn't it? Everything is warm and soft and cozy. But already you've got troubles—big monsters in white coating at you, picking you up, setting you down, wrapping you up and unwrapping you as if you were something being exchanged at a department store.

Set up a cry, kid. Get red-faced and indignant. You'll be doing it a lot later, too. There's plenty to be indignant about. And your eyes—they don't focus yet, do they? You can't even see what's across the room? Don't worry. The human race has been trying for 25,000 years to see beyond its own nose—and only a few have the vision to.

That's right, young fellow. Drowse off for a while. Rest up. You'll be awake for a long, long time. People ought to get more sleep as children now! They're living longer all the time.

Do you find it odd to be alive? Well, you probably also will. It's such an odd and unpredictable rhythm of pain and pleasure. Would you like to know what lies ahead? That's easy. Here's the usual formula: First you grow up, then you start growing down. You gum

your milk first, then you get teeth, then the teeth hurt and you pull them out, and then you gum it the rest of the way. The same thing with your hair. You haven't got much as yet, but you'll get more. You'll spend a small fortune on it, pampering it, cutting it, combing it. And then the ungrateful stuff will turn grey and fall off on the floor, leaving you right back where you are today.

And your bones and sinews? You can't count on them either. They'll grow and get stronger, then they'll play traitor to you, too, as weakness creeps back into them.

What can you count on to endure in your new home of flesh? Somewhere in it is something called a mind, and it is this that will give you the most joy or most hurt, become your strongest friend or an interior enemy that will destroy you. Feed it when you are young, however, and it will sustain you when you are old.

What lies ahead, kid? Well, growing pains and puppy love, sunsets and tight shoes, matrimony and the installment plan . . . work play and death . . . the old human drama, as old as the Garden of Eden, as new as you.

Peace blankets you now, but you have come into a world where the war of the guided missile is giving away to wars of the guided missiles.

No child in history ever was born on a more hopeful morning—or faced a more terrible night. It will be your job in your day to make or break the long dreams of mankind. Good luck, kid. And a happy new year! Sincerely, HAL BOYLE.

GI Prepares for Leap Year

Gaffney, S. C. (AP)—You might say a 20-year-old Gaffney soldier is prepared for any eventuality this leap year.

Home on furlough, the soldier filed applications to marry four different girls with Probate Judge W. R. Douglas. "I'll make my choice later," he said.

Douglas declined to name the soldier, "to prevent obvious complications."

Blind Whistler Tells About His Struggle to Reach Top

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington (AP)—Fred Lowrey, who makes a nice living whistling, was telling me about his struggle to reach the top.

He lost his parents and his sight when he was a baby. He has partial sight now, just enough to distinguish light. He gets along without a white cane, the badge of the blind.

When Fred moves into a new night spot where he entertains, he asks a bellhop or some other helper to familiarize him with the surroundings.

"I memorize the position of everything in the place," he said. "You seldom see me stumble."

Lowrey spent seven years at State School for the Blind at Austin, Tex., and still carries what passes for a southern accent.

He once dreamed of knocking the customers off their chairs as a concert violinist. But he soon discovered that he could not read the musical scores and was "fiddling away" his time. Somebody said: "Why not learn to whistle?"

Blind though he was, he never gave up. He learned to find his way around and even picked cotton during the summer around his native Jacksonville, Tex., to save enough money to continue his whistle studies.

Today he is "in" as a musician—a man who whistles for his supper and picks up a pretty decent pay check on the side. Millions have bought his records. His repertoire ranges from "Ave Maria" to hot tunes.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Recommend Resolutions For People in High Places

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Here are a few New Year's resolutions recommended for people in important places:

President Truman—Resolved, that I will apply the rule of George Washington to all my staff—namely, those bearing gifts to public officials should deposit them with the state department until after they leave office.

Senator McCarthy—Resolved, that I will quit pinning the communist label on rural telephone users who listen in on the party line.

John L. Lewis—Resolved, to cut my eyebrows more and the public less.

General Eisenhower—Resolved, not to keep Senator Duff and the American public waiting any longer.

Gen. Wallace Graham of the White House—Resolved, not to trade on the commodity market except in dandelion seed.

Gen. Harry Vaughn—Resolved, to put all influence peddlers in the deep-freeze.

Senator Kefauver—Resolved, to keep all rackets on the tennis courts.

Lamar Caudle—Resolved, to travel only by train.

Senator McKellar of Tenn.—Resolved, to limit my fighting spirit to public issues and leave unsuspecting callers alone.

Frank McKinney, chairman of the democratic national committee—Resolved, that having been given a new broom, I will use it.

Congressman King of the tax probe committee—Resolved, to subject my colleagues in congress to as much scrutiny on influence-peddling as the other people I put on the grill before my committee.

Sen. Russell and Rep. Vinson of Georgia—Resolved, not to let the combat bonus pay for GIs in Korea languish longer in the armed services committees.

Attorney General Howard McGrath—Resolved, to dust off the cases that have long been hanging fire in the justice department.

The Alfa Romeo Company of Italy—Resolved, not to give baskets of fruit and wine to our workers on Stalin's next birthday.

CRISIS OF 1952

Most important prediction the American people want for the coming year is whether 1952 will bring peace or war. My prediction is that 1952 will bring no world war; neither will it bring complete peace.

Intermittent hostilities will continue in Indo-China; perhaps in Iran; possibly the Egypt-Palestine-Syrian area.

More important than these small, isolated wars, however, is a test of the American people which the Kramlin has been waiting for ever since 1945.

After V-E day, Kremlin planners predicted the United States would suffer a serious depression from the end of war orders, then would proceed to fall apart at the seams. It would not be necessary to declare war on the U. S., predicted the men of Moscow. The American people would be so disorganized, so divided by internal bitterness, so shorn of leadership that communism would merely pick up the pieces.

This did not happen. It did not happen largely because the United States proceeded to exert wise and difficult leadership in the rest of the world through the Marshall plan; through the North Atlantic pact, and through military aid.

However, diplomatic observers, who have the advantage of looking at us from a distance, begin to detect some of the things that Moscow wanted in 1945—rumblings of bitterness, internal strife, lack of confidence, growing isolation, disillusionment.

The year 1951 witnessed devastating debates which split the nation into bitter factions—the debate over MacArthur, the debate over an ambassador to the Vatican, the shock at income-tax scandals.

Even before these wounds have healed, the nation now faces a new and always difficult debate—over who will be the next president of the United States. During the coming year, names will be called and passions will flare. During 1952, also, American leadership in the rest of the world will be slowed to a snail's pace. We will be too busy with our own problems.

That is why diplomatic observers are worried. That is why the Kremlin is reported watching the U. S. more intently than ever. That is why the year 1952 may be the most crucial since Pearl Harbor.

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Here is a resolution written in

The Aroma of Coffee, No Doubt

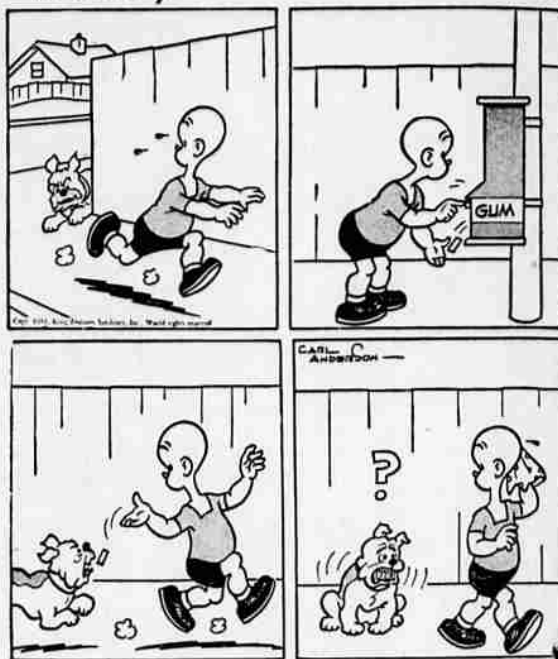
Kettens, Belgium (AP)—A street-corner car crash brought police on the run.

There was a thud, then a mixture of hissing air and coffee beans pouring out of four flattened tires.

Police arrested the driver Monday on charges of smuggling coffee across the German border in his auto tires.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



Junk Dealers in New Year's Eve Race

Los Angeles, Calif. (AP)—New Year's eve traditionally produces screwball stunts, but this one had police shaking their heads today.

Witnesses reported that a horse-drawn wagon and a mule-driven wagon staged a nip-and-tuck race up a downtown street last night, with junk dealers Clay G. Chrisman, 53, and Edward J. Ellinger, 56, at the reins.

The horse and mule were in the midst of a neck-and-neck stretch drive when Ellinger's wagon sideswiped, ending the race.

While the men were disentangling themselves from the debris, police officers joined in the fun and packed Ellinger off to jail on suspicion of drunk driving.

Demands Right to Fete New Year

Chicago (AP)—Attorney Louis Grant, representing Mrs. Lillian Beck in a divorce suit pending against her husband, John, said his client would agree to a reconciliation provided Beck would make certain New Year's resolutions.

"No. 1," Grant began, "I will not drink New Year's eve or day."

Bock jumped up. "Stop right there," he shouted. "It's no go, it's all off," he said. "Everybody celebrates New Year's eve. I've done it for years."

Grant told Superior Judge George M. Fisher that Bock's New Year's eve binges "keep up the rest of the year."

The court ordered Bock to pay \$30 weekly support money for his wife and their two daughters.

Understudies Hop at Chance

London (AP)—Three understudies were given a chance Friday to take top billing at the circus—and they hopped at it. The stars they replaced had been stolen along with their chariots, police reported.

The flea circus proprietor has offered a 10-pounds (\$28) reward for the missing performers.

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