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ONE OF MORE "INHERENT POWERS"?

President Truman's doctrine of the "inherent powers of the President" under the constitution which "nobody, including the supreme court can take away" contrasts strongly with the address he delivered on Constitution Day Sept. 18, 1951.

Mr. Truman's "inherent power" claims were promptly shattered by the U. S. supreme court, the highest tribunal in the nation by a 6 to 3 decision in the steel industry seizure case as non-existent and his seizure order nullified as unconstitutional, and the plants returned to their owners.

In his Constitution Day speech, Mr. Truman said: "The wisdom of our form of government is that no man, no matter how good they may appear to be, may be entrusted with absolute power. The great achievement of our form of government is that it has enabled us to meet the challenging needs of the people while providing a rule of law that restrains all men, even the most powerful."

The supreme courts' decision is in accordance with the views Mr. Truman himself expressed last September and met the challenge of executive usurpation of power he himself attempted a few months later by the steel seizure. The change in the President shows the baleful effects of power politics on the individual. As Lord Acton said nearly a century ago, "all power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

While Mr. Truman sullenly obeyed the courts' order and returned to steel mills, he still refuses to evoke the only law on the statute books for reopening the industry, the Taft-Hartley labor relations law. And at Thursday's news conference said congress couldn't force him to use the law to end the steel strike, though requested to by the senate.

The president went even farther by expressing the belief that the unions would not comply with a court injunction to end the strike. He thus lent the power and prestige of his office to support open defiance of the courts and the law.

All this despite his oath of office to obey and enforce the laws of the nation. The responsibility for law enforcement is in the hands of the executive alone, who is also commander of the armed forces. But he evidently regards organized labor as more powerful than the government itself. If the union should defy the courts and the president, the steel union and its officials could be disciplined as John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were for similar defiance by their fines of \$2,130,000.

Meanwhile the responsibility for the continuance of the steel strike is squarely on the President and both defense production of armament and civilian production are stymied and industrial paralysis of all industry draws closer. Perhaps Mr. Truman thinks this is one of the "inherent powers of the presidency."

8-Year-Old Sailor's Troubles

South San Francisco, Calif. (AP)—It was a perfect day for a sail and San Francisco Bay looked mighty inviting. So Ronnie Arellanes, 8, and Jerry Frayne, 14, set off in an old-oleme mixing box.

Those kids caused more bloomin' trouble! The brig sank.

Ronnie and Jerry made it safely to an old piling. Then Jerry set out for shore and help. He tired; barely made it to an old duck blind.

William J. Jensen, an adult, reached Ronnie in a rubber life raft—but couldn't make it back to land against a strong wind.

Tyrone Farley, 13; Jim Buckley, 13, and LeRoy Hooper, 14, tried to swim out to lend a hand—but all ran into trouble. Then someone thought to notify the Coast Guard.

A helicopter picked up Tyrone. A crash boat gathered up all of the others. Ronnie was treated for shock and exposure. But shucks, that could happen to any 8-year-old sailor.

Firecrackers, Gasoline Tank—Boom!

Valley Stream, N. Y. (AP)—Two small boys . . . A couple of midsize firecrackers . . . An empty gasoline tank . . . And boom!

The whole Valley Stream area, felt a jar Friday. The one-ton, 2,000-gallon tank was lifted into the grids of the trestle under which it was stored and twisted around a steel beam. The two boys were burned.

All because the pair—Carl Heucher, 11, and Robert Muhr, 11—wanted to see how much noise a firecracker would make when exploded in the tank.

What's a Gal Gonna Do?

Worthing, England (AP)—What's a gal gonna do when her slip strap snaps while she's riding a bicycle and a policeman halts traffic?

Elsa Ivor, 18, blushed and pedaled furiously on, silk trailing around her ankles.

"It would have been rather awkward if I had dismounted," she told a magistrate Friday. He agreed, but fined her 15 shillings (\$2.10) for ignoring the signal.

Cons Flee After Long Fly-Ball

Burwash, Ont. (AP)—Officials of the provincial prison farm searched Friday for five members of the prison farm baseball team who chased a long fly into a clump of bushes. None came back.

Safe Advice to Motorists

Oklahoma City, (AP)—Oklahoma Safety Commissioner Dixie Gilmer had some advice for motorists Wednesday: "If a bee or hornet lands on your nose while driving, for heavens' sake stop the car first and swat the insect second."

High School Graduate, Age 76

Detroit (AP)—John Breedwell, 76, who graduates from Northern High School Wednesday night, has applied for admittance to Wayne University.

BY BECK

Bridge



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Early Christians Tried Out Communism But It Failed

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

The early Christians tried out the communistic experiment in its simplest form. We read in the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "For as many as were possessor of lands or houses, sold them and brought the price of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the Apostles' feet, and distribution was made to every man according as he had need."

In spite of this favorable situation, it didn't last, and eventually was abandoned as a policy. One of the reasons the whole thing fell flat was, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "There arose a murmuring, because some felt that their needs were not receiving adequate attention in the daily distribution of commodities! Human nature being what it is, it is easy to see how this would be so. Then later the cry of need "among the poor saints of Jerusalem" became so great that special offerings were taken up for their relief.

Without further dependence on a common warehouse, Christians eventually went back, each one, to make his own living in his own way and to earn enough besides to help those in less fortunate circumstances. But Saint John in his 1st Epistle left this terse reminder, "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and refuses help, how can the love of God dwell in him."

It is well to note too that this early Christian communistic experiment was inaugurated under the most favorable circumstances. It was entirely voluntary. There was no coercion. There was no compulsion. It was not a communism enforced upon an unwilling people. It was a one-cell laboratory experiment undertaken on a very small scale in a community where and when all the conditions of economic life were

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Pat Morin, Scribe, Looks Like Ike; Doesn't Enjoy It a Bit

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—You've heard all the stories about Pat and Mike. Well, this one's about Pat and Ike. They look alike.

His strong facial resemblance to Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower has been one long comedy of errors to Helman "Pat" Morin, Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for the Associated Press.

It began nine years ago when Pat was first mistaken for Ike. And has gone on intermittently ever since, as Pat has spent a good part of those years reporting the varied activities of Ike in war and peace.

"I don't see the resemblance myself," said Pat, "but other people do."

The other people include Pat's own wife.

If they are not mistaking Pat for Ike when they are apart, they mistake Pat for Ike's younger brother when the two are at the same event. Pat is tall, balding and 44. Ike is tall, balding and 62.

The first instance of this "look-alike" trouble cost Pat the annoyance of a king.

"It happened in a French village outside Bizerte during the tour of the North African battle-front made by the late King George VI in 1943," Pat recalled.

"I was among a group of 8 or 10 reporters assigned to travel in his motorcade. Several of us were in the motor car immediately behind the King's."

"While King George was being greeted by the village officials, a Frenchman in the crowd looked in our car, spotted me, and cried: 'look, there's General Eisenhower, too!'"

"Part of the crowd began surging excitedly around us. All I could do was scrunch down in the car, trying to look as small as possible. I kept saying in French, 'no, no, you are mistaken.'"

"The King, who was a grand guy, naturally was annoyed at the disturbance. He thought some of us were clowning around during the welcoming ceremony. He spun around and we got the full blast of a royal frown."

"Later his aides put him straight."

But minor versions of the

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Truman Wants Mac and Ike To Neutralize Each Other

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The republicans may be split wide open over whom they want nominated, but there is not the slightest doubt as to who is President Truman's GOP candidate — Sen. Robert Alphonso Taft.

Word to this effect had been passed out among close presidential advisers even before the recent defense department tip-off that General MacArthur did not have to retire from active service to be keynote speaker at the GOP convention.

When you know the background of what went on inside the army before this decision was announced, there is no question but that it was an adroit move to play the two top military men of the nation off against each other—to the advantage of Taft.

Secretary of the Army Pace actually had ordered the judge advocate general to make a legal study of MacArthur's military status, and the latter came up with a clear-cut ruling that MacArthur, whether a five-star general or not, was in violation of Army order 600-10 which bans not only political activity, but specifically bars "activities at political conventions."

Loss of \$19,600

The J.A.G. also ruled that MacArthur was violating the Hatch act; also dug up an interesting rider tucked into the appropriations bill by Congressman James E. Van Zandt of Pennsylvania, which explains why MacArthur is sticking to active duty. Under the rider, MacArthur cannot retire and continue to draw his \$19,600-a-year pay.

So, naturally, he wants to remain on active duty. At present, MacArthur is assigned to unspecified active duty at Governors Island, New York, though he never goes there and continues his headquarters at the Waldorf Tower. It would be simple, of course, for MacArthur to request retirement, thereby permitting him to make all the speeches he wants. But in this case he would lose his \$19,600, plus a government aide, stenographer, and chauffeur.

Thus the President had the man who has so severely criticized him in a tight spot. All Truman had to do was sign an order, and MacArthur would either have had to give up his \$19,600 yearly or else quit making speeches.

These facts were put in a letter to the President some time ago by Army Secretary Pace, who privately has been itching to crack down on the man irreverently known around the Pentagon as "Dugout Doug." Furthermore, friends of Eisenhower are vastly more numerous in the Pentagon than friends of MacArthur. They were anxious to see him put in his place.

But the President chose just the opposite course. He completely reversed the judge advocate's findings, let MacArthur remain on active duty at the age of 72, and let him keep his \$19,600 even though Ike had given up his.

Reasons: 1, Mr. T. hasn't been too happy about the cracks Ike has hurled in his direction after all the bouquets Truman had previously tossed at him; 2, a resounding keynote speech by MacArthur slanted against Ike will not hurt too many feelings around the White House; 3, if Taft is the nominee, it's believed Gov. Adlai Stevenson—Truman's pet candidate—can be persuaded to run (Stevenson doesn't want to run against his old friend Eisenhower); 4, Mr. T. thinks Taft would be easier to beat.

Steamship Lobby

The United States Lines, which is involved in a multi-million-dollar controversy with the government, has invited members of congress for a free ride on its superliner "United States" this week-end.

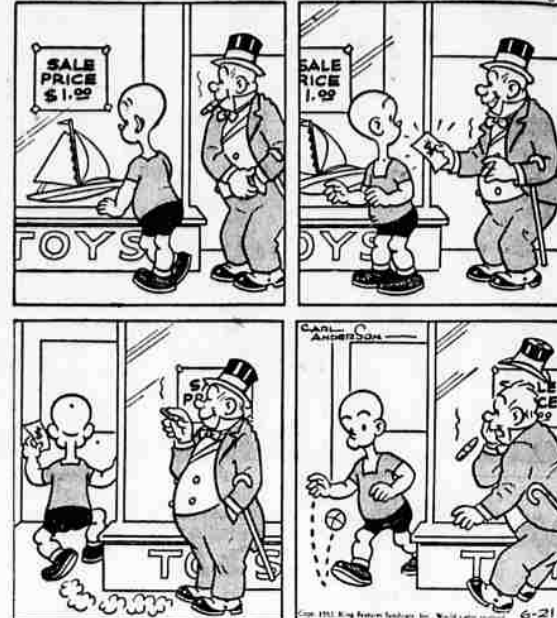
The liner cost \$70,000,000 to build, of which the company paid \$28,000,000, leaving the taxpayers stuck for the balance.

Comptroller General Lindsay Warren has been raising Cain about this, and has withheld \$13,000,000 in subsidies on 40 freighters that the U. S. Lines also negotiated to buy from the government.

Yet, despite the fact that the U. S. Lines is so deeply indebted

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



COLD AND HOT WARS

Here's How Week's News Balanced for Good and Bad

By PHIL NEWSOM

The week's balance sheet between the good and bad news in the hot and cold wars:

The Good

- Italy ratified the Schuman plan to merge Western Europe's coal and steel industries, becoming the sixth and final nation to do so. The foreign ministers of Italy, West Germany, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg will meet June 30 to set up machinery to run the plan which not only is a first step toward European economic unity but also is looked upon as a hope to prevent further wars.
- British Defense Minister Field Marshal Earl Alexander visited the Korean battlefield, the Koje prison camps and saw South Korean President Syngman Rhee. He liked what he saw and said British criticism of U.S. management in Korea came as a result of "the ignorance in England about what is really happening out there." The criticism, he said, was "absolutely unjustified."
- Another Communist attempt to stir up demonstrations against the new NATO commander, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, flopped. Ridgway inspected defense installations in Italy where part of the Communist failure could be traced to the strong guard set up to assure his visit would be a peaceful one.

The Bad

- Russian MIG-15s shot down an unarmed Swedish airforce plane over the Baltic and the traditionally neutral Swedes hit a new high in indignation. There was little likelihood that Sweden would depart from a policy which for more than 170 years
- Russian UN Delegate Jacob Malik kept Communist germ warfare charges against the United States boiling by demanding that all nations ratify the 1925 Geneva protocol outlawing bacteriological warfare. The U.S. attacked the proposal as a thinly disguised "fraud" which could, in fact, open the way to communist use of germ warfare against the allies.
- Floods swept southern Australia while a disastrous drought tightened its grip on the north. It was estimated that 150,000 cattle already had died from lack of water and that hundreds of others were threatened. No rains were expected in the north until October and meantime the result could mean new beef shortages for Britons and even a home meat shortage for Australians.

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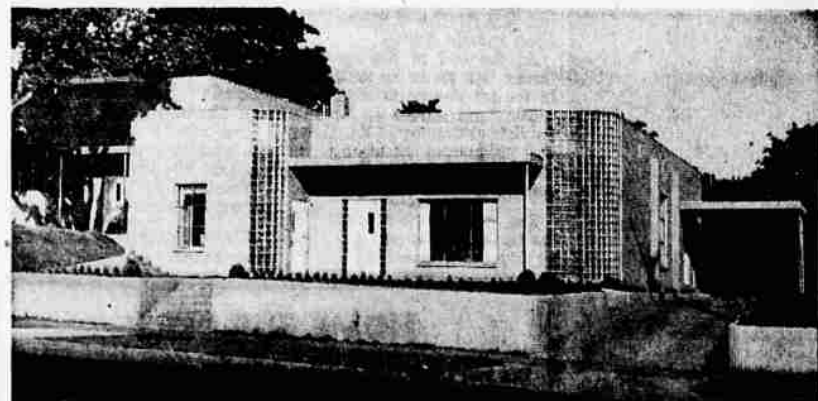
Knoxville, Tenn. (AP)—Police wondered why the souped-up auto they had chased burned so furiously when it turned over, until they found the flames were fed by a cache of moonshine whiskey.

Two Negro occupants, both burned, were placed under guard at general hospital.

10 Billion Sinkers!

New York (AP)—The Doughnut Corporation of America reported Friday that 10,074,000,000 "sinkers" were consumed in this country in 1951.

Seventy-five per cent of the doughnuts were washed down with coffee, the corporation said.



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