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NEW FACES IN THE BASEBALL PICTURE

Pending transfer of the St. Louis American league franchise to Baltimore and of the Boston National league franchise to Milwaukee will be the first movement of a big league baseball club since 1903.

For half a century all 16 clubs have been located in the same cities, two each in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, one each in Brooklyn, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Detroit.

In 1903 Baltimore lost its big league franchise which had been held by the still remembered Orioles on which such luminaries as Willie Keeler, John McGraw and Hugh Jennings played, to New York, a club then known as the Highlanders, now as the Yankees.

For almost all this time the clubs have borne their present names, though the Senators are now often called the Nationals and the Cardinals the Redbirds, which are only slight variations. Big league baseball has been an extremely stable institution, almost monotonously so.

Why after all these years are the foundations being shaken? It's a matter of money, as you've perhaps already guessed. St. Louis isn't big enough to support two major league clubs and the Cardinals won top spot in the affections of St. Louis fans by playing superior baseball, while the Browns' management was satisfied to put a minor league club in the American league year after year. The Browns are long overdue for a move, and Baltimore is a logical place for them to go.

The Boston Braves have been a good club and the decision of their owners to move them comes as a surprise. But Milwaukee is far better able to support one team than Boston is to support two, and in Boston the Red Sox of the American league are clearly the ones to stay, just as the Cardinals are in St. Louis.

This shakeup, assuming it goes through, should be a good thing for baseball, giving two more cities a direct interest in it, and providing stronger financial support for two of the weaker clubs.

DEATH OF ANOTHER RED DICTATOR

These "ides of March" are poison for communist dictators, as they were for another Caesar two millenniums ago. Klement Gottwald, the Kremlin's straw boss in Czechoslovakia, died Saturday, only a little more than a week ago the demise of the overlord of half the world, Joseph Stalin.

There is so much deception in communist countries that already dark rumors say Gottwald was purged by the new rulers of Russia, who feared that he might become another Tito. But this seems unlikely. He was known to be in poor health and there was nothing in his record or attitude to suggest that he harbored any disloyal sentiments toward Moscow.

Gottwald was a peasant who was forced to fight for Austria in World War I, got into the communist party early and rose in it because he had the ruthless qualities required. He was trained in Moscow for his future role during World War II, returning to Czechoslovakia in 1945 when the Germans were overthrown.

By 1948 Gottwald was able to overturn the democratic Czech government and to install a communist dictatorship completely subservient to Moscow, which has since become a familiar pattern for Russian conquest. Only in Yugoslavia has the scheme backfired. Elsewhere Moscow has kept its puppets firmly in line, liquidating them whenever it got suspicious, or even tired of them.

Gottwald will leave a sinister name in Czechoslovakia, which has known bloody tyrants through the centuries past, but none so brutal or so bloody. Nor is it likely that his passing will ease conditions, any more than the passing of Stalin will in the Soviet realm as a whole. The pattern is fixed, the course set. The rulers could hardly change it now if they wanted to.

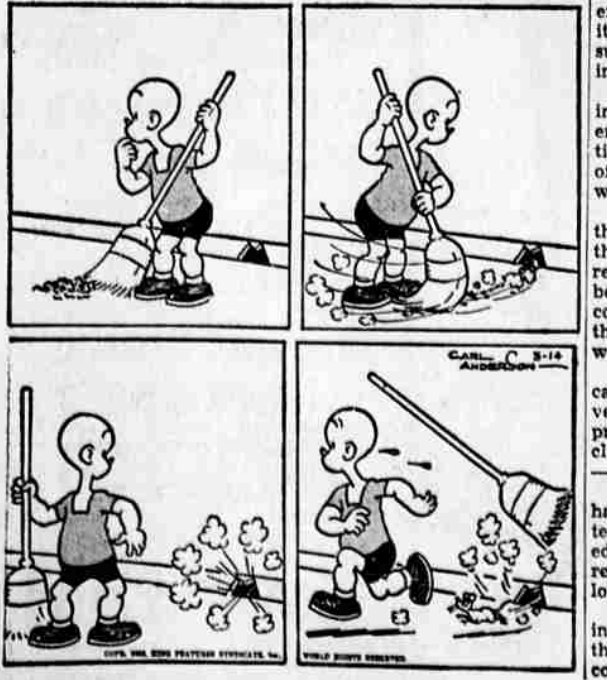
HOW BOY BANK ROBBERS COME ABOUT

"He did it for me," sobbed the mother of the 17-year-old robber of the Mt. Angel bank, baring a story of a broken home and a mother's failing efforts to keep her family clothed, fed and sheltered. She said she was in urgent need of rent money and the boy had payments due on his car.

Here is an all too familiar pattern of why youngsters go wrong. The home breaks up, the father leaves his family without support. The mother is unable to be both parent and breadwinner and more than financial support is lacking in the home.

Many times the family comes through on sheer grit and the children are stronger through life for their sacrifices. This is one that didn't, and there are too many of these. Nor is it clear how tragedies of this kind are to be avoided, for we probably have more of them now than we had when there was little or no public assistance for mothers left with dependent children to fend for.

HENRY



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Wilson Orders Armed Forces To Make Deep Budget Cuts

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson went into a complete, though secret reverse last week. After telling a senate committee he could make no real cuts in the defense budget, he ordered the navy to cut by two billions, the air force by two billions, and the army by a quarter billion.

Reason for the reversal was a determined desire on the part of Budget Director Joe Dodge to chop expenses, plus realization that in the armed forces there's the greatest fat.

Here is some news which may help Dodge and Wilson. A little over a year ago—Feb. 4, 1952—this column reported in detail how the army, navy, air force overlapped, duplicated, and competed with each other in buying supplies. In such a relatively simple item as carpenter's squares, for instance, a carpenter's square for the quartermaster corps cost 65 cents, for the navy \$2, for the army \$1.80, for the signal corps \$2.10, for the army engineers \$1.48, for the air force \$1.40.

Furthermore, even within the army itself, there is no standardization of carpenter's squares, so that the army catalog "contained six separate specifications for squares—the signal corps, ordnance, transportation's, engineers', chemical warfare's, and quartermaster corps." On top of this, air force has to have a seventh number, and the base cost of reprinting army catalogs to add the air force's 7th number is about \$1,500,000.

Last year also, a subcommittee spearheaded by Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia and Eddie Hebert of Louisiana performed extensive research on armed services duplication, finally passed a law requiring the army, navy, air force to compile one catalog from which they all would order instead of competing against each other through separate catalogs.

That law was passed on July 1, 1952. Since then, the defense department has had 300 people working full time in Washington, plus 3,000 people working part time in the field to compile a joint armed services catalog. Finally, after spending \$67,000,000, they have produced the first edition—a catalog on "subsistence" or food—length, 40 pages!

In contrast, the complete purchasing catalogs of the army, navy, air force fill one room. So, at the rate of \$87,000,000 for 40 pages, it will take billions to complete the entire catalog.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO
As a result of this dilly-dallying, acting Defense Secretary William Foster in the Truman administration sent a confidential memo to his republican successor on the day before Eisenhower took over. This column has obtained a copy of the confidential memo, which reads:

"You will recall that I touched briefly on the subject of the cataloging and standardization program and my concern as to its effectiveness. Attached is a copy of my memo to Mr. Sheridan, defense management staff, recommending action I believe to be appropriate."

Foster enclosed not only his recommendation for the use of outside civilian experts to cut army-navy duplication, but he also enclosed an amazing memo from Edward J. Sheridan in which the defense management director admitted complete failure by the armed forces to get together on a joint, standardization buying program.

According to the confidential memo, the 40-page catalog for the purchase of food, referred to above, "does not include information on each item needed for supply operations such as . . . size, weight, cubage. . . . This means that the subsistence catalog which covers the simplest catalog of items existing in the military supply system cannot be used in supply operations. . . ."

In other words, after spending \$87,000,000 of the taxpayers' money and eight months time, even the meagre 40 pages of standardized catalog aren't worth using.

"It would appear," continues the confidential memo, "that if this practice is followed for the remaining 73 groups of items to be cataloged, the intent of the congress will not be met and that a single cataloging system will not be developed."

"Further the subsistence catalog, first published in November 1952, is already at the printer for revision and inclusion of 300 additional items"—which the boys forgot.

"One million news items have entered the supply system since the Korean war started," the memo continued, "and represent a tremendous backlog of work."

"The rate of new items coming into the system is greater than the rate of cataloging," confesses Mr. Sheridan. "This

means that we have undoubtedly spent needless time, money, and effort in cataloging items which were obsolete. . . ."

When congress passed the law for standardized buying it was estimated that the elimination of competing army-navy warehouses, duplicate wearing personnel, duplicate books, cataloging, etc., would save the taxpayers four billions. Instead it has cost \$87,000,000 extra. Four billions is just about the amount Budget Director Dodge has ordered Secretary Wilson to prune. This may be one way to do it.

Note—The navy has ordered 14,500 copies of the 40-page new catalog on food, the army only 50 copies, the air force none; which indicates that the latter two don't intend to use the new catalog but will go their own way.

MAIL BAG

A. N., Washington — Attorney General Brownell used a justice department truck license No. 4784 to move his personal effects from the Lee house to his new home. However, he explains that he left the arrangements to someone else, and found at the last minute they had sent a government truck. It being Washington's birthday he could not get a private truck, so paid the government for the use of its truck, also for the driver's time.

Correction—Undersecretary of State Bedell Smith informs me that I was in error in reporting that John Foster Dulles suspended Alfred H. Morton, head of the Voice of America in New York during the McCarthy investigation, only to reinstate him next day. General Smith says that he, not Dulles, suspended Morton. Glad to make this correction.

However, if General Smith, a close friend of Anna Rosenberg, who knew how she was crucified by McCarthy and who knows McCarthy's unfair methods, can get as jittery as he showed himself in the Morton incident, then the state department is really going to pieces. . . . National Council of Churches, New York — Congressman Velde who wants to probe the churches was elected with the heavy financial support of the gambling and liquor fraternity around Peoria, considered one of the worst crime spots between New Orleans and Chicago. . . . Navy Yard Worker, Philadelphia — The Brabliian midshipmen who brought radios, TV sets, and electric fans aboard the training ship Duque de Caxias purchased them in Philadelphia stores. There is nothing illegal about taking these articles out of the USA.

TAX EMANCIPATION
With taxpayers sweating out the income tax deadline today, the bureau of internal revenue received the following tearful take-off on the Gettysburg address:

"One score and seventeen years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game. . . . Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations, testing whether that taxpayer or any taxpayer so confused and so impoverished can long endure. We are met on form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who here spend their lives that they may spend our money. It is altogether anguish and torture that we should do this, but in a legal sense we cannot evade, we cannot cheat, we cannot under-estimate this tax. The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here have gone far beyond our power to add and subtract. Our creditors will little note nor long remember what we pay here but the bureau of internal revenue can never forget what we report here."

"It is for us taxpayers rather to be devoted here to the tax return which the government has thus far so nobly spent. It is that from these vanished dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in a higher income bracket."

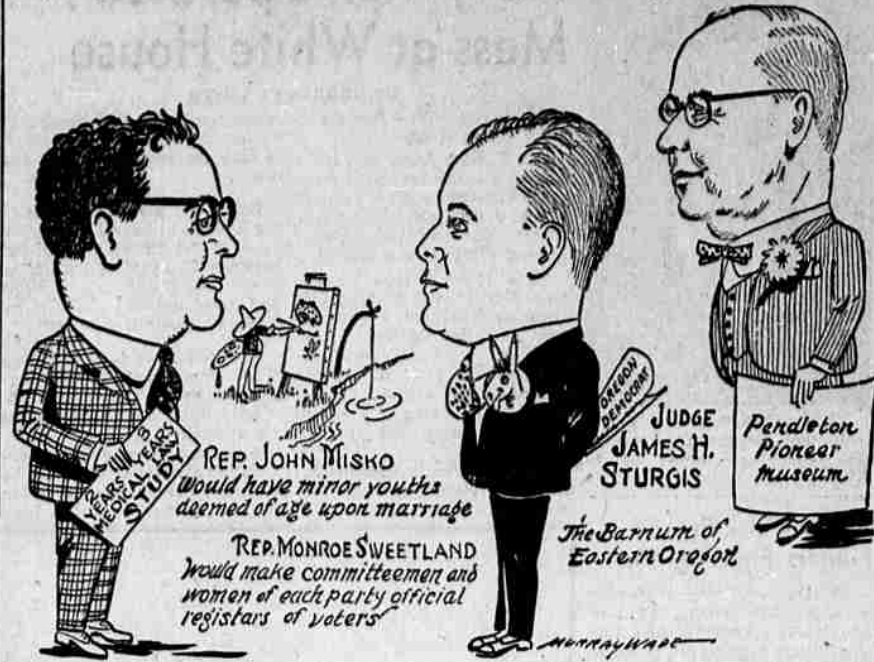
"That this taxpayer, underpaid, shall figure out more deductions and that taxation of the people, by congress, and for the government shall not cause our solvency to perish from the earth."

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Choice Beef Drops 14 Pct. in Past Month
Chicago (U.P.)—The American Meat Institute said today that beef prices are still dropping, with prime and choice grade steers down 14 per cent in the last month.

The AMI said the decline included cattle and wholesale dressed beef. During the last month, prime dressed beef fell 19 per cent and choice beef 12 per cent at wholesale.

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Sell Memories, Eisenhower Tells American Retailers

By HAL BOYLE

New York (U.P.) — Every once in a while President Eisenhower has a way of putting an unerring finger on the American heart.

He did that recently when he took time out from international worries to pay a tribute to the old-fashioned country storekeeper in a chat to the American Retail Federation.

Recalling his own warm memories of the country stores of his boyhood — "the social centers of our time" — he told the retailers of today:

"Man does not live by bread alone. . . . What are you doing to give the kids that are six years old to twelve similar memories? . . . Memories that will live with them. . . . I hope that the American retailers will not forget to sell memories."

There is no doubt that the kind of country store in which Abe Lincoln learned to know people—famous for its checker players, pot-bellied store, cracker barrel and rat cheese—is getting as rare as the cigar store Indian.

It has given way to that vast cathedral of commerce, the supermarket, in which through shop to soft music, every purchase is a bargain, and every purchase is pre-wrapped in a package as sanitary as a saint's dream.

There isn't anything wrong with them. Mass shopping probably is a natural aftermath of mass production. But they do sell more bargains than memories.

In between the old country store and the two-lane supermarket, however, are thousands and thousands of neighborhood stores across America which are a kind of a compromise. They are more likely to give credit than bargains, but the customer is treated as a friend, and when a kid comes in with his family's meat order the butcher delights him with a free slice of baloney, eaten on the spot.

My dad ran that type of store for almost 30 years. Some small shopkeepers develop a grudge against supermarkets, but dad never did. "Any man who can't open a grocery store right next door to a supermarket and do all right, doesn't belong in business," he said. "But if he does, he will have to sell service. Some people will always want personalized service, and will pay for it."

The only thing Dad ever had against the supermarkets was that they were so spick-and-span his own customers finally forced him to take the sawdust off his floor. He was an old-timer and loved the feel of sawdust under his feet, and

DR. MORIS SPEAKER
Silverton — The Brotherhood of Trinity Lutheran church of Silverton has secured as guest speaker for its March 27 meeting Dr. Stanley Moris, Lutheran medical missionary to Africa.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Timid Soul

MR. MILQUETAST RETURNS TO THE OFFICE FOR HIS RAILROAD TICKET AND FINDS THAT THE JANITOR IS CONSTRUCTING A JIGSAW PUZZLE ON TOP OF IT.



Governor, Archbishop On Portland Program

Portland (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson and the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland, spoke Sunday night at the banquet which closed the 29th annual convention of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

During their business session Sunday, the 275 delegates from Western Oregon adopted a resolution urging the Legislature to approve civil rights legislation. They asked that all persons be granted equal rights to accommodations and facilities.

Police Seek Man Who Assaulted Baby Sitter

Portland (U.P.) — Police continued to search Monday for a young man who assaulted a 16-year-old baby sitter.

The girl said the man forced his way into the house early Sunday when she went to investigate a noise on the porch. He beat her and carried her to the back yard where the sexual attack occurred, police quoted the girl as saying.

Her screams, when she regained consciousness, aroused neighbors who called police.

Czechs to Quit Work 5 Minutes for Gottwald

Vienna, Austria (U.P.) — Prague Radio said thousands of mourning Czechoslovaks began passing by the bier of President Klement Gottwald in the Gothic Spanish Hall of Hradcany Castle at noon Monday.

A state funeral will be held on Thursday for the Dictator-President of Communist Czechoslovakia who died on Saturday. All work will be stopped throughout the country for the opening five minutes of the services. The body will lie in state in the castle until then.

Aurora Jersey Gives 618 Pounds of Fat

Lawrence and Robins, Aurora, are the owners of a registered Jersey cow that has recently completed a herd improvement registry production record of 11,523 pounds milk containing 618 pounds butterfat at the age of 11 years and three months.

The official record was made by Hester Sybil Lady Iota and her tests were supervised by Oregon State College for the American Jersey Cattle Club, Jersey breed registry organization located at Columbus, O. In terms of a production record made at a mature age on a twice-daily milking, 305-day basis, this record is equivalent to 12,906 pounds milk containing 692 pounds butterfat.

Salem 30 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

March 16, 1923
Whether the three members of the fair board who resigned yesterday were ousted or just naturally separated themselves from the body is difficult to determine. A. C. Browne, Portland; James Linn, Salem, and H. L. Walters of Medford have quit.

When a family breadwinner had been sick or out of work for a long time, Dad would see that his kids got to a movie or circus along with the other neighborhood children. He couldn't stand to see them unhappy and left out of things, when it wasn't their fault, times were bad.

Today I am not sure whether it was Dad's personalized service or his extension of credit that kept him in business so long. I do know that if the red ink that was on his ledgers when he died was transformed to black ink on his heavenly credit sheet — well, he has a high rating now.

I like to think there are at least a million other storekeepers just like my father. . . . Still in business. . . . And don't you know one, too?

S. H. Van Trump, Marion county fruit inspector, reports 60 to 70 percent of the strawberry patches in this locality infected with weevil. This is a pest, first detected at Corvallis about two years ago, has become a serious problem with growers of strawberry plants for exportation. This industry shipped 5,000,000 plants to California in 1929.

Miss Esther Paroungian, Willamette senior, has been chosen queen of May day and junior week-end festivities.

V. R. Snyder, Polk county treasurer, has resigned and his place will be taken by Harry B. Cosper, former deputy.

Forty men, the majority

from Salem, have enlisted in the U. S. navy since the establishment of a recruiting office here last November 12.

Marion County Sunday School association, Fred DeVries, president, opened its 24th annual convention in the First Methodist church of Silverton this afternoon.

Regardless of poor crop conditions in 1922 flax growers in this locality are not discouraged and may be expected to increase acreage this year.

A. M. Dalrymple, Marion county farmer, has been placed in charge of the commissary department at the penitentiary.

Rats in Salem are estimated to do \$80,000 worth of damage annually. If the city could be freed of these pests the saving would pay off the recent \$500,000 school bond issue in ten years.

W. F. Turner, spokesman for the Oregon Electric railroad, says the line is on the brink of financial ruin and will have to stop operations or go into the hands of a receiver. Loss of revenue to stage line competition is blamed for the road's financial dilemma.

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