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## CUTTING DOWN ON LIMOUSINES

Little things often prove straws in the wind to reveal attitudes upon much larger matters. We are thinking of that familiar phenomena of the new deal-fair deal, growing use of the limousine with uniformed chauffeur by government officials.

At the beginning it was only the big boys who had 'em, but every minor bureaucrat figured he had as good a right to the car and driver as the chap who already had 'em, and devoted time and energy to wangling this mark of the man of distinction. Time that could have been more profitably spent in other ways. For the taxpayer that is.

So toward the end of the Truman regime Washington was celebrated among the cities of the world for the number of limousines and liveried drivers of the same. When you saw an official without one you found yourself wondering: "How can anyone sink so low?"

Now the Eisenhower administration is reversing a 20-year trend toward more and bigger autos for bureaucrats. Budget Director Joseph Dodge, a real "watch dog of the treasury," directed government departments to report to him by August 10 their minimum requirements, asking that they make greater use of street cars, taxis and other public means of conveyance. He is getting results. The secretary of the treasury is driving his own two-door, for instance.

The saving on limousines will not represent more than a tiny fraction of the federal budget, but the change in attitude toward public money it represents can easily mean the difference of hundreds of millions if not billions in government expenditure over the four years of the current administration.

## END OF TAMMANY BOSS

All Tammany bosses eventually come to the same bad end as lesser mortals, and Edward J. Flynn, long time head man of the populous New York Bronx borough, is dead in Ireland where he had gone for a visit.

Flynn was typical of the men who rise to wealth, privilege and "finloence" in Tammany. He was once involved in a paving scandal, but usually managed to avoid that kind of notoriety.

Flynn helped make history when he played a major behind the scenes role in swinging the Democratic presidential nomination to Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. The country—for better or for worse is still argued—has admittedly never been the same since, and never will be.

Tammany is breaking up, was twice defeated by La Guardia in mayoralty contests, was again defeated in the last city election. Its leaders are at loggerheads with each other in the coming New York City election and it may play a minor role. It will have no federal patronage upon which to feast during the next four years.

Probably no future Tammany leader will ever again wield the power Flynn had in his long reign north of the Harlem river, for conditions are changing, for the better, one hopes. The political boss has been one of the least savory features of American municipal life, and if he becomes a museum piece it will be a godsend.

## MOSSY RULES UNCHALLENGED

Old Mossadegh, who could probably win a contest for the most knot-headed politician on earth, even if he had to carry a handicap for being a professional, is now master of hapless Iran, for how long heaven only knows.

A mob of 100,000 Mossadegh followers, including all the Communists of the capital city and its environs, demonstrated with bloodthirsty fervor against their young shah, whose crime is that he is friendly to the western nations and has at least a little common sense. The shah fled for his life.

So Mossadegh rules unchallenged, but his policies are a complete failure. A land which covers untold riches in oil has no oil to use or sell and lives in the direst poverty no one will be able to relieve much less overcome so long as such as old Mossy hold the reigns of power.

The capacity of soulless demagogues to play upon popular passions accounts for the poverty and backwardness of much of the earth. Asia, where there is overpopulation and undereducation, offers a rich harvest for this type.

## WHY IKE IS POPULAR

Wonder why Eisenhower is popular even when the weather's hot, if the Commies break the Korean truce, taxes and the cost of living remain high? Especially when you think of what a panning some other man would be taking if he were in the White House now.

What happened in Denver Sunday will throw some light on the question of what makes the president tick with the people. He read in a local paper that a six-year-old child of a poor family on the other side of the tracks—where Ike himself lived as a boy in Abilene—was afflicted with an incurable case of cancer. And that he had expressed a wish to see the president.

Most any other president would have passed it off, for of course he is busy, even when he is supposed to be having a well earned vacation.

But not Ike. After church he and his entourage of secret service operatives drove several miles out to the boy's home and made him happy. A small thing, but how much it reveals.

## STEEL CRISIS ENDS

Barring all-out war it seems safe to say that the American steel production crisis is over, and without the entry of the government into the field, as President Truman frequently threatened.

It's a combination of easing demand and increasing supply. Farmers are buying less machinery. Automobile output has been seriously disrupted by the big General Motors plant fire, where parts were also being made for several other companies. End of the fighting in Korea has cut back military orders.

Meanwhile the steel companies have been enlarging their facilities. The biggest steel mill in the world is going up near Philadelphia for U.S. Steel. Other companies have added new mills, boosting the national capacity far beyond what it was at the end of the war.

Problem of the industry now will be to find markets, which means sharp competitive pricing consumers will welcome, if it does not become too sharp.

## DON'T LOOK NOW—



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Unifying Wives of the Top Brass Real Headache

By DREW PEARSON.

Washington—Unification may be hard to achieve in the armed forces, but it's a love feast compared with the problem of unifying the wives of the top brass.

It's the wives of the joint chiefs of staff who are really behind the present squabble over who gets what house in Washington.

In fact, even while the new joint chiefs of staff were listening to lectures on "team play" at Quantico, Va., their wives were kicking up a row over who should live in the fanciest house.

The shuffle over houses became so fast and furious that the harassed navy finally consolidated two commands in order to create an extra vacancy. However, the ladies' tempers still haven't simmered down, and Mrs. Arthur Radford, wife of the new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, is reported ready to explode.

The ruckus started soon after the new joint chiefs got into town last month and their wives discovered that there were only three houses to go around among the four of them. This embarrassing predicament was caused by the fact that retiring army chief of staff, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, was remaining on active duty and refused to budge from his comfortable army house at Ft. McNair.

Mrs. Robert Carney, wife of the new chief of naval operations, hastily laid claim to the rambling, old mansion at the naval observatory, the traditional home of the CNO. Mrs. Matt Ridgway, wife of the incoming army chief of staff, let it be known that they were moving into Gen. Omar Bradley's quarters at Ft. Myer. And Mrs. Nathan Twining, wife of the new air force chief, wasted no time taking possession of Retired Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg's quarters, also at Ft. Myer.

Husbands Called In  
This left Mrs. Radford out in the cold. But as the wife of the nation's senior military officer, she made it clear that her husband would pull his rank, if necessary, to expropriate either the navy mansion or Gen. Bradley's house. However, Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Ridgway not only had already staked their claims, but had boasted to their society friends about it.

So to save the embarrassment of being kicked out of the new homes, they appealed to their husbands. Mrs. Carney even edged her husband into getting a ruling from the navy's legal department that the navy mansion was the official residence of the chief of naval operations.

The controversy finally was sent up to Secretary of Defense Wilson, himself, who hastily passed the buck to the navy. This evoked a pained outcry from the navy that Adm. Radford, as joint chiefs' chairman, was working directly for the secretary of defense and therefore was no longer the navy's responsibility.

However, Wilson was too shrewd to get mixed up in the battle of the ladies. He held to his ruling that it was up to the navy to house its two top admirals. Already armed with a legal opinion in his favor, Adm. Radford triumphantly took over the mansion at the naval observatory.

TURKEY FARM IN STORE  
New Orleans (AP)—A charge of violating the city sanitary code has been filed against jeweler Leonard Wam Gumburg for operating a turkey farm on the second floor of his downtown store. Police found 20 full-grown turkeys there.

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Boyle's Sub Out Early With His Own Kinsey Report

By SAUL PETT  
For Hal Boyle

New York (AP)—The Kinsey report on women will be out Thursday. Why wait?

The Pett report is out today. It is based on interviews with women, even arguments—on 35 years of non-objective observation, on rumor and gossip, on prejudice and bias regardless of race, creed or color, and on long conversations with many men.

The Pett report shows that: 68.8 per cent of all married American women object to being kissed behind the ear while baking a cake.

51.3 per cent of all married women know as many cuss words as their husbands but only .0009 per cent admit it.

During osculation, 33.8 per cent of women of all ages cheat by keeping their eyes open.

74 per cent of all married

women wear shoes that are too tight.

22.3 per cent of married women throw dishes at their husbands and 22.2 per cent miss.

During courtship, 88.4 per cent of women of all ages talk only of marriage, a home and children. After the wedding 73.5 per cent complain that if they hadn't been rushed into marriage they might have had a promising career.

74.8 per cent of married women, while visiting their husband's office, can't resist looking at his desk calendar.

84 per cent of women under 25 over-use the word "cute."

53.5 per cent of married women would have more children if only they had a full time maid.

34 per cent of women of all ages say "yes" more often than men because men aren't asked as often.

78 per cent of the women who wear low cut dresses pretend to be annoyed when men stare.

87.8 per cent of women of all ages are prettier than men.

53.9 per cent of married women think that 98.9 per cent of the other married women are better off.

86.7 per cent of married women will merely hold out their hand in the general direction of their husband. Then they complain bitterly when he doesn't immediately understand they want a cigarette.

74.3 per cent of the women in America who play poker play with all the red cards wild.

68 per cent of women of all ages snore in bed, but only .09 per cent admit it.

96.8 per cent of the women who turn away from an off-color joke at a party insist on hearing it later from their husbands.

78 per cent of women over 25 over-use the phrase, "I can't stand it or her or him."

83 per cent of women of all ages have fewer inhibitions than men about money.

Before marriage, 74 per cent of women talk about marriage being a "two-way street." After marriage, 73 per cent make it a one-way.

99.8 per cent of women of all ages will disagree violently with what they just read.

### NO NAME CALLER

Albany Democrat-Herald  
President Eisenhower seems determined to get along with a minimum of name-calling. In the face of considerable provocation he has remained courteous rather than the men who promote or oppose them. He has coined no smart phrase that could compare with F.D.R.'s "economic royalists," for example.

Apparently he is hoping for a continuance of the teamwork he has had thus far. He doesn't make as good copy as some of the more mouthy and sarcastic presidents, but he's quite likely to make a much better leader for the nation.

### VISITS BANK IN NUDE

Pasadena, Calif. (AP)—Francis Fischer had pleasant memories today of his first visit to a bank.

Francis, 3, wandered into a downtown Pasadena bank yesterday in the nude. He quickly was given a dish of ice cream,

## OPEN FORUM

### Likes Improvements In Pioneer Cemetery

To the Editor:

Salem citizens should be proud of the improvement made in the Pioneer cemetery. It has long been an eyesore to tourists and local residents. Portland has five cemeteries within the city limits, which are given perpetual care the same as their parks, by the city of Portland and Multnomah county.

Credit for the initial work done at the cemetery should go to Judge Rex Hartley, the county commissioners, Mayor Loucks and City Manager Franzin for hauling away years' accumulation of debris and putting in the sheep to consume the growth of poison oak and pea vines.

Credit should also be given to Fred Lamport and Chris Kowitz, city attorney, who drew up the bill, which Senator Lamport introduced in the last session of the legislature and which passed the house and senate unanimously, signed by the governor and became a law July 21, 1953.

A fund will soon be established to enable any one in or out of the state, who desires to contribute to such fund money for the perpetual care of this cemetery. Later on, taxes will have to be levied. It is easy to criticize, but difficult to contribute. Give now.

MRS. W. E. ANDERSON,  
Salem.

### Those Signals

Corvallis Gazette-Times

Ten more states, from as far separated points as our neighboring Washington to New Jersey, have passed legislation requiring new motor vehicles to be equipped with turn signal devices. Since four others already require this practical substitute for mind-reading, that makes fourteen states that have thus far seen the (flashing) light.

Some 37 of our states have adopted hand and arm signals that are substantially uniform, but the trouble is that the hands and arms even in Oregon are not entirely uniform. And everyone knows that if a lady-driver is talking she has to use one arm for gestures and one for driving which, of course, leaves none for signaling.

Chances are, however, Oregon won't even have to join with other states to make the mechanical flashers universal. When fourteen states require them, the car manufacturers will most likely make them standard fixtures on all new models. And certainly when anyone has once driven in city traffic (especially in Oregon's occasional rain) with these wonderful gimmicks, he's all through with flapping a wing out the window.

### K.O.'S SELF OVER GIRL

Adrian, Mich. —John C. Bisorek, 19, knocked himself out over a girl.

The Detroit youth was playing tag on a beach yesterday when the girl ducked under a life guard platform. Bisorek chased after her but forgot to duck. He was carried away unconscious and treated at a hospital for a concussion.

a bottle of soda pop and an empty money bag for a strong while bank officials located his parents.

## Boom for Cupid

Chicago Daily News

It may surprise many people to learn that so many Americans are marrying early that the proportion of young couples is the highest in modern times. The opposite might be expected in an era of increasing education and fewer responsibilities for youth.

Metropolitan Life Insurance company statisticians report that 17 per cent of 15 to 19-year-old girls are wives as compared with 12 per cent in 1940. In ages 20 to 24, the percentage is 69 to 53 in 1940. Today nearly half of the 20 to 24-year-old men are or have been married, as against 28 per cent 13 years ago.

The statisticians credit the increase in early marriages to "favorable economic conditions and the relative freedom with which boys and girls mix socially." Economic conditions are probably the major factor. Boys and girls have been mixing pretty freely for three decades now — remember the gay '20s?

But it is only recently that a boy can be besieged by employers on graduating from college or find it fairly easy to command good wages on leaving high school. An economic factor that should not be overlooked is that this is also relatively true of the girl.

A great many of today's young marriages are founded on a man and wife working. In this trend cupid has it good now. It may bring him trouble later.

### TOO MANY FRONT

Boulder, Colo. (AP)—Richard J. Mussil was fined \$211 for having more than the legal 10 trout in his possession.

He told the judge the 248 trout confiscated in his deep freeze by game and fish authorities were being saved for a big fish fry for his friends.

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