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THE KREMLIN'S PROMISED CAPITALISM

The Kremlin seems to have now discovered Adam Smith long ignored theory, the principle of "material self interest" as a prime incentive to increased production, which is really the basis of long denounced capitalism. This is due to the decline in production on the collective farms and industries of Russia since the Red revolution, for slavery and coercive terrorism destroys the incentive that freedom generates. Material incentive has long vanished among the Russian people.

The Marxism theory of "each according to his need" the principle of equal shares and pay for all, have never been in force in Russia, though utilized as bait to induce acceptance of Communism. Instead the Kremlin introduced progressive price rates of the speed-up system, in both industry and agriculture.

The official Kremlin magazine *Kommunist* has published an article entitled "The Principle Of Material Incentive—The Lever of a Mighty Advance in Agriculture." It deals with the necessity of developing keener material self interest among Soviet farmers, declaring: "Personal material self-interest as a result of one's own labor raises production to a higher level."

Peter Proskolov, at the anniversary of Lenin's death January 21, proclaimed:

"Lenin taught that tens and tens of millions of people can be brought to communism only on the condition that the enthusiasm of the masses of the people, born from the great revolution, is combined with the principle of personal incentive, personal interest and economic consideration." He then went on to advocate the "principle of material self-interest."

The Kremlin's ideological espousal of "material incentive" is not its actual use in Russian economy but its elevation to the status of Marxian dogma to spread hope among the people—probably also a false hope. And the reason for Malenkov's stressing the principle of self-interest is simply to get farmers and workers to produce more in a shorter time through incentive and rewards in the hope of improved standard of living. Recent Russian history will probably repeat itself with unfulfilled promises of the dictators.—G.P.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

This is "Brotherhood Week," sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, whose purpose for being is to promote better feeling between those of different racial and religious backgrounds.

It is to be doubted that the observance will sink very far into the national consciousness, for the average person is a little bored at all this talk of "brotherhood," a subject that has been current ever since Cain and Abel and the celebrated question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" To which the answer was "no" for many, many centuries, but to which it is now a more and more insistent "yes."

But at the risk of boring the cynical, who have an easy means of avoiding boredom by simply reading something else, we wish to add our testimony to the need for more of what this group seeks, genuine brotherly feeling.

People have not gained in mutual understanding and the mutuality of sympathy understanding would bring. The great problem of the era is spiritual, not military or economic. And we have a problem because too many are still answering Cain's question the way Cain did, or what is worse, acting on that view.

But the promotion of better understanding cannot be accomplished by one organization or in a week or a year. It must have the active support of many more and it must be continuous. But it will pay off in foreign wars and domestic breakdowns prevented and in a better life for all.

RED CHINA'S FOOT IN THE DOOR

Georgia Senator George is always worth listening to when he speaks, whether it is on domestic or foreign policy. He now says Russia got the only thing it wanted or expected at Berlin, inclusion of Red China in the forthcoming Asia conference at Geneva.

George says Russia has long sought to get China recognized as one of the major powers, but has been blocked repeatedly by the U. S. Now for the first time the U. S. agrees to meet Red China on a basis of equality at the Geneva conference to seek to solve Asia's problems. He regards this as a prelude to eventual recognition of China by the U. N. and even by the U. S.

Whether this proves true remains to be seen, but it need not and should not prove true as to the U. S. until Red China reverses its ways of doing things and shows genuine evidence by deeds, not mere words of intent to discharge the responsibilities of a great power.

This will not be the first time we have met Red China at the council table. We have done so repeatedly in Korea, with perhaps as much success as we will meet in Geneva.

But George has sounded a timely warning. The U. S. should not relent in its determination against recognition of Red China. However we cannot refuse to talk, any more than a kidnap victim's family can refuse to talk to the kidnaper.

BRITISH FOOD RATIONING TO END

The British government has ordered the end of food rationing effective next July when meats come off the list. They are the last remaining item.

This marks in a very real way the "end of the war," in the tight little isle which has had food rationing long after it became only a memory in most of the belligerent countries. It probably remained longer because the Labor government believed in government controls and felt no need to lift them.

Economic conditions have improved under the Churchill regime and one control after another has been taken off. Lifting of controls is usually both the result and the cause of improvement, for they add to incentive to produce and encourage the consumption that stimulates further production.

The British certainly deserve this break after living under a war or modified war economy since 1939.

SPEND MORE AND TAX LESS?

It is a little surprising to note that Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee had to "brush aside Democratic moves" to slash most excise taxes by 50 percent and to cut individual income taxes by two and a half billion dollars a year.

Can any of these be the same Democrats who are insisting that we are in such a serious business recession that the government must prepare to spend money on a vast scale to prevent a depression? If this is anything faintly resembling a possibility it would be folly to cripple the government's sources of revenue. For the budget, it should not be forgotten, is not yet balanced.

Perhaps it is too much to expect politicians to be consistent, especially in election years, but those who insist on heavier spending should not be calling for drastic tax reductions. At least not unless chaos is their aim.

Herbert Hoover insists that he sees no sign of a new depression, and we think even the most confirmed new dealer will admit that Mr. Hoover should be able to recognize a depression if he did see one.

SITUATION NORMAL



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Revenge Prompts Langer's Campaign Against Warren

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—In order to understand Wild Bill Langer's battle against the confirmation of Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States you have to know something about one of the most independent, unpredictable, colorful and cantankerous members of the U. S. senate. You also have to know something about that little motive called revenge, never quite absent in politics.

First, let it be noted that this writer, who predicted May 24, 1953, that Earl Warren would be appointed chief justice, believes he should have been confirmed long ago. I disagree most emphatically with both Langer and my contemporary, Westbrook Pegler, who claims Warren is not fit to sit on the supreme court because he once wrote a letter to James Petrillo, head of the Musicians' union.

Warren has one of the finest records of any man in public life today, as has been noted time after time in this column, and the republicans would have won had they nominated him for president in 1948 instead of Tom Dewey. However, politics being what it is, and the senate having been given the power to pass on judicial nominations, let's take a look at the motives of the colorful and unpredictable senator from North Dakota. They were two:

Motive No. 1 was to show some of his colleagues what it's like to smear unsubstantiated charges on the Congressional Record, as McCarthy has been doing. Few republican senators have protested when McCarthy poured all sorts of reckless and unverified charges into the record against Gen. George Marshall, Dean Acheson, and scores of others. Langer, who has never gone along with McCarthy on these, figured that what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Motive No. 2 was to retaliate against his fellow republicans for what they did to him. Langer Danegler? Not many people know it, but when the republican senate convened one year ago, Langer was the only republican not permitted to take his seat, despite one of the most devastating reports ever submitted against a fellow senator.

But when a group of republicans from North Dakota, headed by Joe Bridston of Grand Forks, came to Washington to protest Langer's election, various republican senators did their best backstage to assist him.

Finally, Langer was allowed to assume a precarious position as chairman of the judiciary committee, but under the embarrassing position of having its staff investigate him. For almost a year, republicans looked upon McCarthy as Nevada, a democrat, as more the chairman of this key, judic-making committee than was Langer.

Langer's Worst Enemy
Meanwhile, the Eisenhower administration appointed as assistant secretary of the interior, Fred Aandahl, the man who not only had run against Langer for the senate but who had called him a communist. Aandahl even got a \$1,000 contribution from Roy Cullen, the Texas oil millionaire, to defeat Langer. But when he failed, the Eisenhower administration kicked Langer in the political shins by elevating Aandahl to one of the key spots in the interior department.

These were some of the reasons why the lone-wolf senator from North Dakota hated his time until definitely entrenched as chairman of the judiciary committee. By January of this year, he knew

no one could detour him. So he proceeded to pick the second biggest target in Washington, the chief justice of the United States, in order to show disdain for his own republican party.

Here are sidelights on the man the GOP leadership will have to cope with for five more years as head of the judiciary committee.

Langer once collected \$25,000 from Boston Columnist Bill Cunningham following a libel suit. The lawyer who collected the money for him was Joseph B. Keenan, who when assistant attorney general had once convicted Langer for conspiring to solicit political contributions from federal employees. Langer was sentenced to 18 months in jail, but never served. He appealed, went to trial two more times, and was cleared. He and Keenan, who prosecuted him, became close friends, and Chief Justice Warren will probably have no better friends than Langer after he is confirmed.

Langer was elected governor of North Dakota immediately after his conviction. He is the only senator who boasts in his own, self-penned congressional biography that he was arrested. . . . Langer's court troubles caused the senate to scrutinize his election carefully the first time elected in 1946, but thanks to the votes of friendly democrats, he was seated. . . . Langer has voted as much with the democrats as with the republicans, and in 1950 seriously considered leaving the republican party altogether. It was his key vote on the judiciary committee which defeated the 1947 move to probe the Kansas City vote frauds. Langer's Cellophane

In 1949, Langer told a stormy republican caucus that there were three types of republicans—conservatives, self-styled liberals, and real liberals, such as himself. . . . He has consistently fought for small business, began battling long ago against the use of federal funds for schools which practiced discrimination, probed the newspaper monopoly and telephone company profits, and introduced a housing bill even ahead of Senate Taft. . . . Senator Langer chews cigars without taking the cellophane wrapper off, never smokes them, which caused Senator Magnuson of Washington to remark: "Why don't you buy five-cent cigars, the cellophane tastes just the same." . . . President Truman, on whose campaign train he rode in North Dakota, once appointed Langer's nephew, Morgan Ford, to the U. S. customs court in New York. Incidentally, Governor Warren also paid a friendly visit to Truman's campaign train in the same 1952 election.

Now 68 years old, Langer's health is not what it used to be. Elected for a six-year term, he will be 73 when that term expires and until that time he will run the judiciary committee chairmanship pretty much as Pat McCarran did—namely, as he pleases—the public will hear a lot more about lone wolf Langer in coming months and republican senators wish ruefully there was something they could do about it.

NAB LADDER THIEF

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—San Francisco's ladder man was back in jail today.

Police said Edward Bartell, 38, had been arrested again for stealing a ladder.

Officers have picked him up frequently in the past after he posed as a painter to "borrow" a ladder. He sells the ladders.

Washington Full of Leaks as a Sieve

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington is a plumber's paradise: it's full of leaks.

Somewhere, some place—inside or outside the Army—seems to be leaking information to Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) about what happens in one of the Army's most secret operations: its own hunt for Communists.

Army officials have pointedly told him the information he has made public so far is nothing they didn't know about already.

How does he know about it? He isn't saying. But since he does know, the Army now may be spreading nets in Pentagon corridors to catch any pigeons carrying messages to the senator.

Twice now within a month McCarthy has held hearings on cases in which the Army apparently made decisions only a few days before the senator began talking about them publicly.

The first was the case of Dr. Irving Peress, a New York dentist, who, the Army says, refused to answer questions about subversive organizations to which he might have belonged.

The second was that of Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, a 48-year-old telegraphic-typewriter operator in the Pentagon. A former FBI informant described her as a Communist. McCarthy says she handles secret messages. The Army says she doesn't, and never did handle any she could decipher.

Take Dr. Peress: He was commissioned a captain in October 1932 and that same month refused to answer questions. Nevertheless, in January 1953 he was called to active duty and in October 1953 was promoted to major. On Dec. 30, 1953, the Army decided to discharge him. Why? The result of an investigation of him, the Army says.

At any rate, on Jan. 18, 1954, the Army told Peress he'd have to get out by April but could quit sooner. Twelve days later, on Jan. 30, McCarthy called Peress to a hearing but says Peress refused to answer on grounds he might incriminate himself.

Three days later Peress asked the Army for an honorable discharge and got it. That was Feb. 2. On that day McCarthy announced he had just sent a letter to Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens demanding Peress' court-martial. He apparently didn't know Peress was being discharged.

On Feb. 16 Stevens replied, telling McCarthy Peress had left. On Feb. 18 McCarthy called Peress back, got no answers, and then the same day quizzed Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, who had been Peress' commander at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

Citing orders against giving out security information, Zwicker refused to answer most of McCarthy's questions. But, before finishing, the general told the senator he hadn't produced anything new.

Mrs. Moss, the telegraphic-typewriter operator in the Pentagon: On Feb. 5, the Army says, it shifted Mrs. Moss from one kind of job to another as a result of an earlier investigation.

Yesterday McCarthy held a hearing on this case. It was only after the hearing that the Army gave out the information on the investigation of the woman.

A former FBI informant, Mrs. Mary S. Markward, testified she had known Mrs. Moss as a Communist in the early 1940s. Mrs. Moss' alway, George E. C. Hayes, told reporters Mrs. Moss takes the position she is "not now and never has been a member of the Communist party."

McCarthy said that as late as yesterday she was handling "top secret" messages in the Pentagon. The Army promptly said she not only didn't have access to secrets yesterday but never had.

Hunting Accidents

Baker Democrat-Herald

The state game commission has compiled the annual total of hunting accidents and has found that the list has increased by two over that of last year. In spite of all efforts to secure more careful hunters there were 30 gun accidents. Of the victims, 17 will never again draw head on game, and some of the others should not.

Exactly half of the 30 accidents were due to accidental gun discharges. Practically all of these were violations of basic rules in handling a gun. It is still more tragic that 11 of the 13 accidental discharges injured or killed others than the careless gun handlers. It shows how important it is to know the habits and the mental attitudes of one's hunting companions.

titles of the welfare state, it might see to it that it is doing what it should with its primary job of policing.

If your house is small

You can actually make your small house seem bigger and more spacious without building or remodeling. If you know a few of the basic principles of good decorating and space-saving furniture arranging you can do it simply and inexpensively. In the March issue of Better Homes & Gardens magazine you'll learn how to make your small home more spacious, more comfortable, more attractive. Read "How to live in a small house and like it," in March Better Homes & Gardens. It's on your newsstand now. Get a copy today!

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Girl of 11 Has First Date, With a Real, Live Boy

By SAUL PETT

NEW YORK (AP)—A charming 6000 tax exemption I know recently had her first date.

We'd better call this girl Jane since that isn't her name. But as she is now 11 and knows her rights, her father can no longer write so freely. She might sue for invasion of privacy.

Most girls in her class went to the square dance in the school gym with other girls. But Jane was invited by a real, live boy, name of David, age 12, "and what's more," she said, "he's paying the 35 cents for my ticket." For years, Jane has been a willing target for any dollar diplomat.

By way of preparation, she fought for and won a new, full, quilted skirt "that swirls out in a heavenly way." She fought for and lost a pair of silk stockings. She asked for and got 50 cents to buy David a soda after the dance "since it's only fair."

On the big day, she had her hair washed and set and for the first time in her life tolerated the curlers long enough to make order out of chaos.

An hour before David's scheduled arrival, she was fully dressed and shining like a new queen. With royal majesty, she refused to let any but herself peek through the front window curtains to see who was coming up the front walk.

She was especially adamant that her eight-year-old sister, a pigtailed pixie called Kathy, be held under strict surveillance throughout.

"When's he gonna slip the ring on your finger?" Kathy said. "Ma, make her shut up!" Jane shouted.

"When's he gonna pop the question?" Kathy persisted. She is clearly a girl who has watched too much television, has an exalted notion of her sister's age and besides, harbors a secret desire to share her room with no one.

Kathy was wrestled into silence and Jane ran up to her room, announcing that we were to tell David she'd be down in a few minutes. The door bell rang and Jane was down before the echo died. "Hi, David." "Hi, Jane."

"Come meet my father and mother." There was no mention of her sister.

David was a solid young man with curly blond hair and smart, Navy pen jacket. Remembering my own self-consciousness at his age, I resolved to set him at his ease.

"I'm very glad to meet you," he said, and shook my hand with startling firmness. I was about to mention the Dodgers' chances this year, when David, looking me squarely in the eye, inquired about my health, encouraged me to talk about my old jobs around the house and assured me his father had much the same problems. In no time at all, he had me at my ease.

As they were leaving, Jane's mother asked somewhat timidly, "I thought, 'What time can we expect you back?'" "About ten," David said. "I always bring my dates back about ten."

There seemed to be no arguing with that. At 10:08 I just happened to no-

tice, they returned. David said, so long, and Jane said, so long and "Gee, I had a wo-owonderful time!"

There was something so direct and fresh about their goodnights. How long, I thought sadly, will it take before she learns to be devious, to say not quite what she means?

About her evening, Jane told us only a little: That the dance was wonderful, that David insisted on paying for the sodas and she used her money for comic books. And then she rushed upstairs to write in her diary.

Two days later, it was all over. David wanted to buy her stamp collection but Jane thought the offered price was outrageously low. They still aren't speaking, and I keep worrying that Jane really loved her for herself but had his eyes, all along, on that stamp collection.

Salem 43 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

February 24, 1911
A Capital Journal headline of 43 years ago declared "Radium is the fountain of youth" and carried a story to sustain the head that had originated in Paris from the pen of Prof. Gabriel Petit at the veterinary school in Alfort.

Max Dill of Kolb and Dill had an engagement at the Grand in the presentation "Lonesome Town."

During the chapel prayer of Purser Sherwood at Wilamette university an intermittent ringing alarm clock had sounded forth with a great clatter as the prayer opened. The prayer stopped and 53 did the clock. When the prayer was resumed the alarm resumed, too. Presently both the prayer and clamorous alarm ceased to be heard and proper authorities set about to find the offender who placed the alarm clock in the chapel.

Capital Journal for February 24, 1911, carried this acrostic advertisement about Salem Beer: "Some people ride the bicycle. And some in autos course. Life is full of mixed desire. Elect then what you most desire. My choice remains the horse."

But when in search of pure delight Effervescent, clear and bright Everyone can read the cheer Right in these printed verses here."

Southern Pacific's colonist's fare from Chicago to Oregon had been placed at \$33, from Omaha, \$25.

Articles of incorporation had been filed by Metolinis & Prineville railroad for construction of a line between those points.

BEAUTY QUEEN IS 91
SAN JOSE, Calif. (UP)—The San Jose Cosmetologists association has chosen a queen to reign during National Beauty Salon Week.

The queen, chosen from among the faithful customers of San Jose beauty shops, is Hannah Jones, 91.

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