

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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### WILLKIE AROUSES G.O.P. CHIEFS

While Wendell Willkie made front page news in London favoring the lend-lease armament bill, a group of potent midwestern Republican leaders met to discuss what to do about him.

That most of the G.O.P. chiefs are hot under the collar because their erstwhile standard-bearer is behind the Roosevelt measure is putting it mildly. They are so sore they could bite nails. He put the Republican party on the spot on this highly charged issue—the last thing the boys wanted to happen.

### THE NEW BRAIN TRUSTER

Tom Corcoran is famous for many things, one of them being his lack of punctuality. Always rushed with innumerable jobs, he got hours behind with his engagements, and his favorite time for catching up with correspondence was Sunday afternoon and night.

Corcoran's first-born daughter arrived several days after the doctors had predicted, and the dynamic braintruster took the delay very hard. But not his beautiful wife, Peggy.

She was calm and certain everything would be all right. Afterwards a friend asked her why she had been so confident.

"Oh," smiled Peggy, "who ever heard of a Corcoran being on time for an appointment?"

### LORD HALIFAX POSES

From the point of view of the press, Lord Halifax has got off to a good start.

After his talk with Hull, Halifax invited the press into the diplomatic reception room, where with his one good arm (his left hand is missing) he lit a cigarette and answered questions with a deep voice and a wan smile.

Oddly at this conference was the presence of the German newsman, Kurt Sell, correspondent for the official Nazi news agency, D.N.B. Sell busily took notes while Halifax was saying, "When the history of this war comes to be written, it will say that Hitler lost the war in June of 1940."

### PERKINS VS. EVANS

Agriculture department liberals, led by Milo Perkins, aggressive chief of the surplus marketing administration, have been gunning for Evans' scalp ever since the European war shut off cotton and wheat export markets, thus aggravating the economic plight of small farmers who make their entire livelihood from these crops.

Perkins wants to meet the loss of foreign markets by less emphasis on "cash income"—the guide-rule of big, commercial farmers—and greater emphasis on the food stamp plan for disposal of surpluses at home. His group contends that small growers should be made more self-sustaining by less crop control, and by more diversified farming for domestic consumption.

Evans looks coldly upon any departure from the "cash income" principle as rank heresy, and views the food stamp program as a deterrent on farm prices, rather than a benefit to needy in the cities and a way to dispose of surpluses on the farm.

That Perkins' program stands high in the favor of Wickard was shown when the latter publicly advocated the policy, as soon as he was sure he would remain as secretary of agriculture.

### NEW AAA WAR

The Agricultural Adjustment administration, has long rocked by backstage rowing. This year's is the fourth since the AAA was created in 1933.

AAA Administrator Rudolph M. Evans plus certain aides have been accused of being in opposition to Secretary Claude Wickard's announced policy of increasing federal aid to small, under-privileged farmers and tenants.

Evans has never enthused over such a program. He has consistently preached that the way to achieve higher commodity prices was through government loans and AAA benefit payments—a system that has netted handsome dividends to large commercial farm operators but has reduced few mortgages for the little fellow.

Before Evans, there were the explosive George Peek, first AAA boss, who departed in 1934; Chester Davis, who rowed with Wallace; and Howard R. Tolley, Evans' immediate predecessor, who was shifted to the bureau of agricultural economics. All were "liquidated" following bitter policy rows over this same issue.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Among the habiliments Jack Garner packed up when he left Washington was a suit of evening clothes. "What use will you have for those fancy duds in Texas?" a friend asked. "Oh," replied Garner, "we still have weddings and funerals there."

The Capital Times, Madison, Wis., official daily of the LaFollette Progressive party, and once a staunch supporter of Senator Wheeler, is now blasting his position on the lend-lease bill.

# Walter Winchell

NOTES OF A NEWSPAPER MAN:

This is the tale of a Hollywood big-shot, whose relatives and whose wife's parasites descended in droves when the gold started to pour in.

Lucille Johnson, the thrush, who tells it, says they stayed and stayed and stayed and stayed and stayed. . . . One day, however, one kinsman, who had been living off the pair for seven years, up and died, and they gave him a fancy funeral. . . . Returning from the cemetery, the wife tried to console her groom, who was very depressed. . . . "After all, honey," she cooed, "your uncle was a pretty old man." "Your uncle was a pretty old man?" "My uncle?" he screamed, "I thought he was your uncle!"

Quentin Reynolds, who recently returned from the London bombings and blitzes, was speeding to a rehearsal for his engagement at the Strand theater. A cop stopped him. . . . "Where you going?" he asked, "to a fire?" "Nope," said Quent, "I've just returned from one."

Old Acquaintance Dep't: Thirty-three years ago Billy Evans of the song and dance team of Evans and White, got Madeline Ruffolo her first stage job dancing in a vaudeville unit at the request of her father, a vet trower. . . . Evans it was who held her hand (she was 13 at the time and wore long dresses to fool the Gerry society) before she made her first entrance.

And Evans it is, who greets her each evening at the Broadhurst theater, where he is backstage doorman for Ed Wynn's hit ("Boys and Girls Together")—and where little Madeline Ruffolo is—wardrobe mistress.

Here is an example of the Nazi method to frighten Americans. . . . A Chicago paper the other day carried this ad in its amusement ad columns: "Little German Theatre—Exclusive First Showing of 'Blitzkrieg Im Westen'—Time Magazine says Americans who see this film will get an inkling of what sort of national war effort by the United States would be necessary to face the German army or to help Britain to do so."

The Daily Worker's review on that show is almost as hilarious as the hit. . . . The Communist organ's reviewer reported: "Theodore Roosevelt's pomposity always needed a bit of deflating, and this play does the trick."

The dope. He refers to John Alexander, one of the dim-witted members of the family in the play, who isn't T. R. He just thinks he is!

Enrica Soma is 11 years old. Her folks own Tony's Wife, a West Fifty-second street joint. . . . In the current issue of Stage, the 11-year-old Enrica is the author of a drama criticism. . . . Tony was boasting of her genius. . . . "We knew," he said, "she had the makings of a critic when she was six—because she always walked out when her older sister started doing recitations."

### MAN ABOUT TOWN

Earl Browder's lawyers sent Am-torg a bill for \$10,000 for defending the No. 1 Commy. . . . They got a letter of thanks, plus a check for \$15,000. . . . President Camacho will send his brother to Washington as ambassador in mid-Feb. Camacho has cancelled his planned visit to the U. S. . . . Dewey's office is so busy—several assistants have been summoned home from Florida holidays.

Is the London Daily Mail trying to get the home office to persuade Churchill to hop here on a good-will flight? . . . Hurray for the suggestion in that letter-to-the-editor column: "That ex-Senator Rush Holt is now eligible for the draft. Why doesn't he enlist?"

Clarence Hathaway was expelled from the Commy party because he gabbed too much while drinking sasafra, which he does often.

The fall Grace Moore took on the Monte Carlo floor convulsed Charlie Chaplin, who made a fortune at the racket. . . . Sam Goldwyn's latest: "Do me a favor and don't do me no more favors!"

When a well-known Chicagoorilla was drafted last week the wags said: "It'll be the first time he ever shot anybody for nothing!"

Time will win the annual advertising award for its series on the workings of a newspaper. They were written by Millie Reardon of Young and Rubicam.

The N. Y. Times has quit reviewing foreign flicktures—except French films. . . . Sign observed in a travel bureau: "Visit Italy" under which a wag added: "By joining the Greek army!"

The ASCAP-BMI sitchecayshun: Definitely no consent decrees on either side. The gov't has boiled down the issue to only one point: clearance at the source (whether the networks or individual stations pay). The threatened criminal action will be indefinitely delayed.

## Mercy Ship Loads Up for France and Spain



The Red Cross ship, "Cold Harbor," chartered from the United States Lines, takes on supplies at Baltimore, Md., for Spain and unoccupied France. Her destination is Cadiz, Spain. This will be the first relief shipment to those countries, which have requested aid. The ship will pass through the blockade under arrangement with the British.

## Strike 'Army' Patrols Defense Plant



Pickets outside the plant of the International Harvester company, in Chicago, where a strike of C.I.O. workers affected some 6,000 workers of the tractor works, and tied up United States orders for defense materials. The demands made by the union were a minimum wage of 75 cents an hour and compensation for army selectees.

## Testify in 'Lend-Lease' Bill No. 1776



Earnestness, sincerity and patriotism are revealed in these candid camera "shots" of four national figures as they testified on the "Lend-Lease" bill. They are: upper left, J. P. Kennedy, retiring ambassador to Britain. Lower left: Hugh Johnson, columnist. Upper right, Norman Thomas, socialist leader, and William Knudsen, defense production chief.

## Rations for the Channel 'Watchdogs'



There is no let-down in Britain's preparations to meet invasion, if, and when, it comes. Every hour defense works about the coast of Britain are being more and more strengthened. This photo, taken somewhere in England, shows gun crews checking and storing a new supply of ammunition for the 9.2 "watchdog" in the background.

## Greek 'Strong-Man'



This soundphoto shows Alexander Korizis, governor of the National Bank of Greece, named by King George II of Greece as successor to George Metaxas, Greek premier, who died suddenly. There will be no changes in cabinet or war policy.

## Gerard Testifies



James W. Gerard, U. S. ambassador to Germany during the World war, as he appeared before the foreign relations committee. He said Germany is out for world conquest.

## Back to Texas



Former Vice President John Nance Garner packs his bags and leaves Washington for his home in Uvalde, Texas, a few hours after the inauguration of President Roosevelt and Vice President Wallace, winding up a 36-year political career in the nation's capital.

## Wins D. S. A.



Robert A. Boyer, winner of the 1940 Distinguished Service Award, presented by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Boyer, as head of Ford Research department, has developed a process to make plastic automobile bodies.

## HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

- If milk boils over on the stove, sprinkle the spot with salt. This will at once remove the disagreeable odor. . . .
- An old piece of velvet makes an ideal polishing cloth for silver or furniture. . . .
- Parsley flavored with hot water keeps its flavor better and is easier to chop. . . .
- Baking powder biscuits and cookies rise better and brown more evenly on baking sheets than they do in pans. . . .
- Keep cheese in a well-covered dish or it will become dry and tasteless. . . .
- Steamed leftover fruit cake served with a lemon sauce makes a delicious dessert.

## INDIGESTION

Gas trapped in the stomach or duodenum may act like a hair-trigger on the heart. At the first sign of distress smart men and women depend on Bell's Aural Tablets to get the gas free. No laxative but made of the fastest-acting medicines known for acid indigestion. If the FIRST DOSE doesn't prove hollow-factor, return bottle to us and receive DOUBLE MONEY BACK, ETC.

## EAR EXERCISER AIDS DEAFENED

Our ears in common with other parts of our body need exercise and stimulation. If we do not use our ears they become dormant and eventually useless. The Falcon Aural Exerciser is made to exercise the ears along the same principle that sound is created, through waves of rarefied and condensed air. The Falcon Aural Exerciser speeds up sound vibrations and helps strengthen the ears to function as they should. The Falcon is simple to use. Electrically operated, inexpensive to purchase. For full particulars write to Falcon Aural Exerciser, Suite 516 Twoby Bldg., San Jose, Calif.

## Youth Through Spirit

If spirit wills, the heart need not grow old; we live by thought and feeling, not by days.—L. Mitchell Hodges.

**Black Leaf 40** KILLS LICE

Cap-Brush Applicator makes BLACK LEAF 40 GO MUCH FARTHER

JUST A DASH IN FEATHERS... OR SPREAD ON ROOSTS

Full Age  
What has this unfeeling age of ours left untried, what wickedness has it shunned?—Horace.

## "FAMILY OF ELEVEN"

and all take ADLERKA when needed." (W. N.-Iowa) When partly digested foods decay, forming gas, bringing on sour stomach or bloating, try ADLERKA. Get it TODAY. AT YOUR DRUG STORE

Man's Error  
In men this blunder still you find, all think their little set mankind.—Hannah More.

## Nervous Restless Girls!

Cranky? Restless? Can't sleep? Tire easily? Because of distress of monthly functional disturbances? Then try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Pinkham's Compound is famous for relieving pain of irregular periods and nervous, cranky spells due to such disturbances. One of the most effective medicines you can buy today for this purpose—made especially for women. WORTH TRYING!

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## Through Trials Together

Trust no one unless you have eaten much salt with him.—Cicero.

## THE TRUTH SIMPLY TOLD

Today's popularity of Doan's Pills, after many years of world-wide use, surely must be accepted as evidence of satisfactory use. And favorable public opinion supports that of the able physicians who test the value of Doan's under exacting laboratory conditions. These physicians, too, approve every word of advertising you read, the objective of which is only to recommend Doan's Pills as a good diuretic treatment for disorder of the kidney function and for relief of the pain and worry it causes. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove waste that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole body suffers when kidneys lag, and diuretic medication would be more often employed. Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warn of disturbed kidney function. You may suffer nagging back-ache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all played out. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won world-wide acclaim than on something less favorably known. Ask your neighbor!

## DOAN'S PILLS