

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.

Oddity 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.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

DRAFT EFFICIENCY

A quick glance at the selective service administration's record to date indicates it is going forward efficiently and well and with general popular approval. When you stop to consider that what we are dealing with here is outright conscription supposed to be in direct conflict with our Anglo-American traditions of democracy and personal freedom, this condition speaks volumes for the excellence with which the job has been handled. This is a cause of understandable satisfaction to this writer, because the whole system follows without many important changes the plans and policies worked out by trial and error during the World war.

The biggest single causes of dissatisfaction are army medical rejections after draft boards' acceptance and the lack of uniformity among the thousands of local boards in taking or deferring married men. In this respect the law leaves Mr. Dykstra with less discretion than we had. The fact of actual dependency of wives and children rather than the fact of marriage is made the deciding circumstance. The question of dependency is one of the relative degree to which a family is dependent on its head. The law puts that up to the local boards and not to the director.

Where the wife and husband both have jobs, is she "dependent"? Where the wife and husband have ample income apart from his work, is that dependency? Where the husband is a no-good bum who never took the trouble to support his family, should he escape service on the ground that he is married?

If the answer to such questions is left entirely to the local boards, there is bound to be a very wide difference in result. This created the toughest problem in the World war draft also. It makes more noise than the facts warrant. Then there were 4.8 million married registrants. About 4,400,000, or 90 per cent, were deferred. Many of those not deferred had no claim filed for them either by themselves or their wives. In hundreds of cases, a wife would drag some worthless loafer in and demand that he be taken. In some of these cases the demand was recanted on the ground that the threat of service had made a perfect husband.

The net result of that experience was a gradual and continuous relaxation of the rule in favor of not breaking up families wherever it could be possibly and justly avoided.

'LOOSE-END' BILL

Two apparent absurdities attend the arguments for the Morgenthau "loose-end" bill, now being so hotly debated.

One is the insistence of certain sincere congressional advocates that the bill does not surrender to the executive the constitutional safeguards against dictatorship—the famous congressional "power of the purse."

In our own and English experience, it is the strongest weapon of democracy. Our Constitution gives congress alone the power to declare war and to "raise and support armies." To this latter highly important grant the Constitution attaches a condition, "but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years."

Under the "loose-end" bill, the President is given authority to transfer to another nation any "defense article" he desires. The words "defense article" are defined to mean any conceivable military or naval resource which the United States owns or may hereafter acquire. When this is attacked as a surrender by congress to the executive of its power of the purse in war, the answer is made that the bill appropriates no money and hence, that congress, through its power to appropriate, still controls action under the bill.

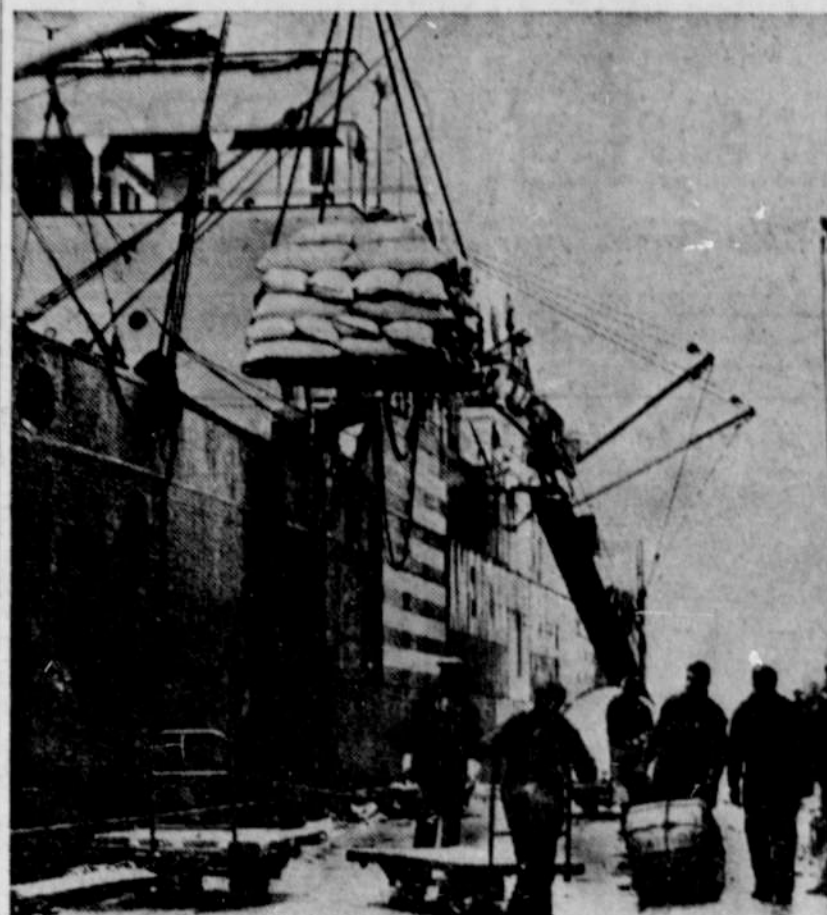
Right off the bat, it is apparent that as to the many billions of dollars worth of military and naval equipment that this country now has, the answer simply is not true. The bill gives the President authority to transfer it with no further appropriation whatever.

Neither is it necessarily true as to gifts of new equipment. It is true, under the bill, that before he could, for example, order a new battleship built, expressly announced as a gift to China, he would have to go to congress for authority. But there is a loophole that is as broad as a barn door. In this crisis, congress has refused no appropriation to build armament for the United States and it is as sure as sunrise that it will refuse none in the future.

But, if this bill is passed, not a nickel can be spent on armament by this government, which would not automatically fall under the proposed grant of presidential power, to transfer that armament to another country as soon as it is finished or even before. He doesn't have to go back to congress for appropriations before he can transfer American equipment and resources.

It is an even more complete surrender of the power of the purse in favor of other nations than would even be openly requested by a President in favor of the United States.

Mersey 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.

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.

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.

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.

Testify in 'Lend-Lend' 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.

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.

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.

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 washed 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

may affect the Heart

Gas trapped in the stomach or gullet may act like a hair-trigger on the heart. At the first sign of distress smart men and women depend on their Tablets to get gas free. No laxative but made of the fastest-acting medicine known for relief. If the FIRST DOSE doesn't prove full-on better, return bottle to us and receive DOG'S BARK MERRY BLACK, 25c.

Rise to Fall

As the blessings of health and fortune have a beginning, so they must also find an end. Everything rises but to fall, and increases but to decay.—Sallust.

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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!