

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Washington, D. C. UTILITY SENSATIONS

The hard-hitting Truman committee hasn't got around to the matter yet, but some hot sensations are in store when the committee digs into the dollar-a-year-man handling of the power phases of the war production program.

For years one of the hottest issues in Washington has been the power lobby. It has been repeatedly investigated, and several years ago, after fierce legislative battles, the federal power and holding company laws were enacted to curb the lobby.

The Truman committee has confidential information that today this lobby is more powerfully entrenched in the capital than ever before.

For months, it has been operating directly inside the government, formulating and running the power policy of the OPM, which was until last week the key war production agency.

The OPM power division is not only manned with utility officials, but they are still on the payrolls of private power companies. In other words, while presumably working for the government, they are actually paid employees of the utilities.

After being deluged with complaints that the utility-ruled OPM power division was secretly aiding independent rural power co-ops, the house appropriations committee questioned J. A. Krug, head of the division, on these charges.

Krug defended his staff, but the committee, unconvinced, ordered him to submit a detailed report on his dollar-a-year assistants, including the amount of salaries they are drawing from utility companies while working for the government.

Two months have elapsed since Krug promised to produce this important information and so far he has not done so.

All the committee has received was a cagey letter from John Lord O'Brien, former corporation attorney who is OPM general counsel, giving a list of the power division's personnel, but has nothing about their private salaries. However, the little information O'Brien did disclose speaks volumes.

It shows that no less than 18 key officials in Krug's division are dollar-a-year and "WOC" (without compensation) men, who are still on private utility payrolls.

Note: Appropriation committee members estimate that the total pay these men draw from power companies is more than \$250,000 a year. War Production Chief Donald Nelson has privately indicated he will houseclean Krug's unit.

### BAD FILMS FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS

Young Nelson Rockefeller, who on the whole has done a good job for Pan-American cultural relations, has bogged down badly on films for our Pan-American neighbors. His Museum of Modern Art, which was supposed to do this, has been laboring for nine months at a cost of \$15,000 per month to the government—and finally has brought forth a mouse.

Rockefeller and Jock Whitney are getting a large dose of criticism about this because they personally are interested in the Museum and have permitted an amateur group to run the show—into the ground.

Without benefit of competitive bidding or any system of checks and balances, amateur after amateur in the Museum has tackled the job of deciding what kind of films should be sent to Latin-America. Here is a cross section of the results so far:

"Better Dresses Fifth Floor," "A Child Went Forth," "The City," and "Power and The Land"—all utterly unsuited and without objective for South America.

Some reasonably good commercial films have been donated, such as "U. S. Steel," "Greyhound Bus," "General Electric Excursions in Science," and "The American Can Company's Silver Millions." Also Hollywood has handed over a group of pictures, such as "Eyes of the Navy," "Soldiers of the Sky," "The Battle," which are the best pictures that have gone to South America.

Meanwhile the amateurs continue to chatter and muddle over uplifting the films for our Good Neighbors—all at the expense of Uncle Sam.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Naval Secretary Knox has a bust of Theodore Roosevelt on his desk. Bakers in the army quartermaster corps are experimenting with "tomato bread," made by adding tomato juice or canned tomatoes (rich in vitamins) to the baking dough. New York air raid wardens are complaining that every order they receive is countermanded five minutes after it is given.

E. B. Craney, Montana radio man who is a close friend of Senator Wheeler, recently promoted, financed and successfully completed a Red Cross relief drive netting over \$60,000 in 24 hours.

Rep. William S. Hill of Colorado tried to drum up trade for pinto bean growers during his recent visit to Britain. He took with him a large bag of the beans and distributed them among British officials. "I hoped they might include pintos in lend-lease orders," Hill grins, "but the British still prefer their white beans."

# The Once-Over

H.I. Phillips

AUTO RATIONING

Q.—Why did you want a new car?  
A.—It's the only way I can get five new tires.

Q.—Are you aware of the restrictions?  
A.—No, but I knew something was all wrong. I called up several auto salesrooms yesterday and in no case did a salesman show up at my home inside of five minutes.

Q.—You already have a car?  
A.—Yes.  
Q.—What's wrong with it?  
A.—Nothing.

Q.—Then why do you wish a new model?  
A.—My wife thinks our next-door neighbor's car looks better.

Q.—The kind of car your neighbors have is of no importance.  
A.—That's what YOU think!

Q.—Only certain classes of people are eligible for new cars. Are you a doctor?  
A.—No, but my feet are just as tender.

Q.—Are you a farm veterinarian?  
A.—Is this a car rationing bureau or an Information Please program?  
Q.—Are you engaged in fire fighting?

A.—No; that's just an impression some people get from the way I drive.  
Q.—Are you engaged in crime prevention?

A.—No, but if you'll let me have a new auto I'll give any cop a lift from now on.  
Q.—Are you engaged in law enforcement?

A.—Yes, I'm a lawyer.  
Q.—I said "enforcement," not "evasion."  
A.—I didn't come here to be insulted.

Q.—That's all right; we don't mind doing it. Listen, do you regard a new car as a necessity?  
A.—Positively.

Q.—Give three reasons.  
A.—Well, first of all, I live four blocks from my office, and without a car I would have to negotiate the entire distance on foot. Second, we use the car to go to church.

Q.—How far is the church?  
A.—It's almost an eighth of a mile!  
Q.—What's your third reason for regarding a car as indispensable?

A.—My third reason is the most important of all.  
Q.—What is it?  
A.—If I didn't have an automobile where would I store all those outdated road maps and useless tools?

### RIMES ON PUBLIC DUTY

Folks who buy  
Defense stamps gladly  
Speed the day  
Our foes run madly.

Those who buy  
Bonds make more certain  
Hitler'll get  
An early curtain.

Ed Pearson, who has evidently been flat hunting, says he can't understand why the ads don't group apartments under three headings: furnished, unfurnished and underfurnished.

The United States department of agriculture is working on a motor fuel made from corn and potatoes. Juliet Colt says it is going to seem funny to ask the station attendant for six bushels of high test.

### CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRING SQUAD

A guy on whom I'd pour hot gravy is always asking, "Where's our navy?"

CAN YOU REMEMBER—  
Away back when a post-office clerk sold nothing but postage stamps at the stamp window?

Ima Dodo bought one of those U. S. auto tax stamps today and she says she is going to buy one every day and save them until maturity.

Canned beer may be discontinued due to the need for tin. It is okay with us. We never did like reaching into the icebox for a glass of beer and coming out with a can of tomatoes.

Moe Berg, Boston Red Sox ball player, has retired from the diamond to become a government good will ambassador to Pan America. This is most encouraging. We have long had a distinct impression that our team in that area was weak both in the field and at the bat.

Mr. Berg speaks nine languages. But the umpires were always able to defeat him in one.

We favor more baseball players in our diplomatic forces. You can't name one in twenty in our entire diplomatic service who has color, speed, punch or even a good throwing arm. We will never think an envoy is really good until we see some kids surround him and ask for an autograph.

Why ban those radio quiz programs? If the enemy gets as much wrong information from them as the American people do everything will be just ducky.

## Nazi Lowlands Loot Seized Here



Bruno Schachner (left), assistant United States attorney, and U. S. Attorney Matthias F. Correa are shown inspecting packages and diamonds seized in New York. They were shipped via Russia before der Fuehrer attacked that country. The gems are alleged to be part of the loot seized by the Nazis after they conquered the Netherlands and Belgium in 1940. The Pioneer Import company, called "Agents for the German high command," is accused of handling the loot at this end and dumping it on the American market. President of the company, Werner von Clemm, is married to a cousin of Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

## Knudsen Sworn In as Lieut. General



William S. Knudsen, former head of the OPM, was sworn in as a lieutenant general in the presence of Secretary of War Stimson. Knudsen will be in charge of production for materials for the war department. Photo shows, left to right, William S. Knudsen, Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, adjutant general, and Secretary of War Stimson.

## Resolve to Punish Axis Criminals



View of the scene in the conference chamber in London when representatives of nine Allied nations whose territories have been occupied by the Axis met to adopt and sign a resolution calling for punishment of Axis criminals after the war. Left to right, at the far side of the table, are China's Wang King; Anthony Biddle, U. S. ambassador to governments-in-exile; and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

## Meet for Hemisphere Solidarity



Foreign minister Oswaldo Aranha, of Brazil, president of the hemispheric conference at Rio de Janeiro, sits at the head of the table, right, during preliminary session at the foreign office of Brazil. In gray suit is Sumner Welles, head of the U. S. delegation. Next to Welles, holding his glasses, is Roriguez-Alves, secretary of the conference.

## Air Chiefs



Maj. Gen. Millard F. Harman (top) assigned as chief of air staff of the army air force. Below: Maj. Gen. Barton K. Yount, who will be in charge of turning out 30,000 new personnel for the 1942 airplane production program.

## 'Keeps Eye on Boy'



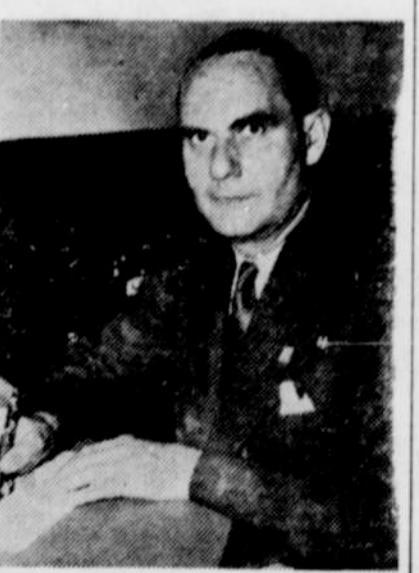
David Meskimen of Waterloo, Iowa, sergeant with the A.E.F. in Northern Ireland, and son, Frank, also sergeant with the A.E.F. "Just came over to keep an eye on the boy," said Meskimen Sr.

## Rubber—Goodspeed



From the alkaline deserts of the West, America can harvest half a billion pounds of natural rubber to offset the Jap grab at India, claims Dr. T. Harper Goodspeed, University of California scientist. He is shown here with "rabbit bush," the new rubber plant, which may reach life-saving status in this war.

## Goes to Bat for U. S.



William L. Batt, chairman of the new requirements committee created by Donald Nelson, war production czar, to allocate raw materials for war and civilian defense.

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Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them.—Washington Irving.

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We must not blame God for the fly, for man made him. He is the resurrection, the reincarnation of our own dirt and carelessness.—Woods Hutchinson.

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**Liking One's Duty**  
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**That Nagging Backache**

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Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

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