

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Joseph P. McNarney, who is doing a better job as commander of occupied Germany than most people think, likes to sing. And when he comes up to Berlin for his regular visits with the other Allied commanders, he always engages in a song fest with the Russians.

As a result, the Russians have adopted a new song which they virtually regard as the American national anthem. They sing it on any and all occasions. They think it brings pride and pleasure to the hearts of Americans; and the Red army in Berlin, at least, is anxious to please Americans.

Actually, the song may bring great pride and pleasure to General McNarney, but other Americans privately are getting a bit weary of it. The Russians have learned the English words, and to the tune of "The Stars and Stripes Forever," here is what they sing as the new American national anthem:

"Three cheers for the Sam Jones Junior high school.

The best junior high in Toledo."

The fact that they have learned the words illustrates a point which some of our top-bracket statesmen don't always realize—namely, despite our difficulties with the Soviet government, we have no quarrel with the Russian people. Not much has been said about it, but relations between the American and Soviet armies in Berlin have been extraordinarily good. At first, the Russians were suspicious, didn't want any fraternization of their troops with ours. But that suspicion has largely disappeared. The Red army is a large, unwieldy, badly disciplined, very human cross section of the Russian people, and that part of the Red army which is in Berlin likes Americans.

PRUSSIAN JUNKERS

Robert Murphy, political adviser to General McNarney in Berlin, has secretly sent a bitter complaint to the state department because the Russians have redistributed the estates of the Prussian Junkers in the Soviet zone of Germany. The Russians have broken up some 10,000 large estates among about 275,000 peasants. Despite the fact that the Potsdam agreement specifically called for breaking up large estates, Murphy has warned Washington that this land reform in the Russian zone is endangering the western type of democracy we want.

WE DIDN'T DEFEAT JAPAN

Most people won't believe it, but in Czechoslovakia, a country not unfriendly to the U. S. A., the people have no idea that the United States had anything to do with defeating Japan. They think it was Russia that did it all.

Reason is that the Russian radio and propaganda machine has done a skillful job of propagandizing the Czechoslovak people, while we have done absolutely nothing to counteract it.

Reason we haven't told our side of the story is that congress has hamstrung the state department on shortwave broadcasting. The house appropriations committee cut the heart out of the state department's appropriation for propaganda, especially radio broadcasting.

MAILMAN SULLIVAN

Too little attention is paid in this politics-ridden capital to the quiet, unassuming officials who consistently do a bang-up job.

One of them is Assistant Postmaster General Gael Sullivan. Coming from Chicago and trained under Mayor Ed Kelly, Sullivan at first looked like a pure political appointee. In six months, however, he has become one of the most effective members of the little cabinet.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Both the Chinese Nationalists and the Chinese Communists are bursting to learn what's in the script for "The Life of Dr. Sun-Yat-Sen," a new movie to be made by Producer Lester Cowan. Perhaps General Marshall could use oriental curiosity to persuade both sides to get together. . . . Assistant Secretary of the Navy John Kenny is the latest to knife President Truman's atomic control policy. Kenny testified on Capital Hill that he was personally in favor of giving the military greater control over atomic energy—which was directly contrary to his commander-in-chief. . . . British Tories are urging ex-Prime Minister Winston Churchill to resign as Tory leader of commons and devote himself solely to writing his memoirs. They seem to feel he can be more useful in private life.

MERRY GO ROUND

It got little publicity, but President Truman pulled an A-1 man out of the navy when he made Comdr. Jim Reynolds a member of the National Labor Relations board. Reynolds is brother of famed War correspondent Quentin Reynolds, has been doing a good job handling the navy's labor relations. . . . Harold Ickes had his first censorship difficulties when the Washington Star didn't like what he wrote about Senator McCarran of Nevada, and omitted that particular column.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Three Unmarried Sisters

Bel Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"We all liked Harold, and could share Margery's disappointment when he wrote from the South seas to break his engagement."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"I HAVE three very attractive daughters, aged 29, 27 and 23," writes Mrs. Baker of Illinois. "Two are schoolteachers and one is head librarian of our public library. My only son was drafted five years ago, married the following year, and while he lives in our small town and everything is friendly enough, there is no especial sympathy between his sisters and his wife. He has two little girls who stay with us overnight occasionally. Otherwise we have small contact with his family.

"About three years ago, a young naval lieutenant paid marked attention to my middle daughter, Margery. Her sisters, Emilie and Barbara, found this rather amusing, but we all liked Harold, and could share Margery's disappointment when he wrote from the South seas to break his engagement. I believe she has recovered from this experience, but she has had no other admirer, and Bobs and Em have never had a love affair. I am writing to ask you if you can explain why, and also if you have any suggestions that will bring these lovely young women into the ordinary current of courtship and marriage?

"They are all nice-looking, pleasant-mannered, dress well and hold good positions. They have many friends, if no especial intimates. Their father was an invalid until three years ago, when he died. Since then, ours has been a happy, busy household of women. We love our garden, put up apples and peaches and berries from our few trees every year, love books, enjoy good radio and record music, take a deep interest in each others daily recital of events. We attend church, and the girls have a hundred small activities of ironing, embroidering, knitting, cooking, trying to win prizes for contests of all sorts, writing poems for competitions and so on.

Skeptical of Marriage.

"That they have a somewhat skeptical and humorous view of marriage and motherhood is natural; they see their friends burdened with domestic cares, nurseries, husbands not always easy to please, and they remember the exactions and difficulties of their father's peculiar nature. Perhaps they are unconsciously too exacting in their demands upon men, but then men don't come near enough even to be judged as possible husbands. Margery now blames herself for her broken engagement, as she wrote Harold about the closeness of the relationship among us all, and reminded him frequently that he was marrying the whole family. This may have seriously impressed a man at a long distance from home, a man who was not too well acquainted with his wife's people. "But I know, or I suspect, that it would make all three girls happy to have one of them marry well, and a man in the group might bring in other possible husbands. As their mother, I am completely content with this smoothly-running, harmonious household, but sometimes I suspect myself of selfishness, and wonder where I failed them, if I failed them. Please advise an adoring mother."

My advice to the adoring mother may surprise her. I am going to advise her to let well enough alone. She has more than her share of fel-



They have independence, comforts . . .

LEAVE THEM ALONE

A widow with three unmarried daughters is concerned about them. She says they are attractive and well educated. Two are teachers and the other a librarian. They have a pleasant home in a small city. While they have many friends, they have few close ones. Since their father died, these girls have been interested in church affairs, books, music and household matters such as canning and sewing. They enter various magazine contests, especially in verse writing.

Their ages are 23, 27 and 29. The middle one was engaged to a naval officer, but he broke the engagement while in the Pacific area. All the girls take a somewhat "skeptical and humorous view of marriage," disliking its worries, risks and problems. They were depressed by the long period when they had to care for their invalid father.

This mother thinks, however, that if one of them should enter a happy marriage, the others would be pleased, and perhaps follow suit. She asks Miss Norris how she can help to interest some desirable men. Miss Norris replies, rather startlingly, that the best course for her would be to do nothing. Perhaps these girls are best fitted for the single life. A marriage among them might be a mistake, and would very possibly destroy the present fairly happy situation.

city now, a lovely home, no money worries, a son and grandchildren, and three satisfied, busy, useful daughters. Why go out of her way to bring in some element that, with these girls' peculiar upbringing may well upset the appellation once and for all?

Some Like Single Life.

There are women who really like the independence, freedom, comfort of single life. To be sure, there are not often three of this sort in one family, but here are three who, with their mother, have evidently built themselves a snug and comfortable pattern of life. They smile with superiority at the idea of a man's dominion over and influence upon, his wife, of the undeniable responsibilities and fatigues of home-keeping and child-bearing. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred would have no patience with them and their opinionated position, and the hundredth man would be of the spineless sort that would fulfill their dearest expectations of matrimony.

If I were you, adoring mother, I would accept the idea of their bachelor-girl status, improve upon it with plans for a mountain or beach cabin, new collections and hobbies, pleasant ways of wearing hair or designing frocks that will express their own individualities. Let the idea of attracting men go; try instead to help the girls grow pleasant, gentler, less assertive and snug.

Their fate is probably singleness. But accepting that idea, and working from that angle, may well prove to be the bait that will draw them to truer and gentler ideals of womanhood, and so find for each one of the three a wider happiness with a real mate.

New Bible Well Received.

The Revised Standard version of the New Testament with a half a million copies sold since publication in February, has entered the bracket of the "best seller" field. Like all translations of the Bible the new version has been the center of controversy based on popular conservatism. One noted theologian, the late Dean William Ladd of Berkeley Divinity school, once told his class that "People want to read the Bible the way they have always read it," without any "tampering."

Woman's World

Selection of Suitable Fabric Important in Tot's Garments

By Ertla Haley

WHEN children are growing by leaps and bounds, it's sometimes a difficult job to keep up their wardrobes. If the mother is handy with the needle, the youngster is lucky because he or she can always be kept in suitable togger.

Just consider the position of the average family. Dad's shirts can always be converted into boy's shirts for junior, pinafores or dresses and blouses can also be used for dresses, blouses and skirts for the younger girls.

When making clothing for the younger members, particularly in using old material, suitability should be carefully considered. Some plaids and prints used for mother's dresses or dad's shirts may be perfectly stunning on the adult, but very poor for the young child.

If there is enough fabric only for a skirt, make that out of plain or print, with little straps if there is enough material, and let the child wear a blouse of contrasting material.

Classic Styles Popular

For Girl's Dresses

Fortunately little girl's dresses vary little from year to year. You can buy several good basic patterns and use them again and again, with just slight variations. If you are good at alteration, you might even use these patterns for several years, simply taking them in when you first get them, and then letting them out after a few months or years as the girl grows.

Jumpers with several changes of blouses are very much acceptable for the girl under and slightly over 10. If you are using a heavy material such as corduroy, be sure that the lines of the garment follow the rule of strict simplicity.

Princess style dresses with buttons all the way down the front are very attractive on the immature figure. This type of dress may be made



If you have some old shirts . . .

in any type of material and may also have a variety of trimmings. You'll want contrasting color tape on some, brie-a-brac on others and perhaps embroidery on still others if you have the time and are so inclined.

Growing girls particularly need gored or full skirts, the basque type being very popular. It will particularly please them if the garment has some grown-up feature like a plain colored bodice with a matching print in the skirt.

If your youngster is old enough, let her work out some of the decorative details of the dress herself. She may be interested in sewing a feather-stitch around a full skirt, for example; or perhaps, she has learned some interesting weaving or braiding at school with which she might like to trim the collar, pockets or sleeves.

Speaking of pockets, these are a very handy feature in the youngster's dress. Children just adore them, and they can easily carry decorative detail that will make the



Use them for daughter's dress.

dress unusually attractive and endearing to the little girl.

If you are making a dress out of old things of your own or out of dad's shirts, and find that you are short of material, you might try a band along the hem, around the sleeves and neck in a contrasting color. This will not only add length to the dress, but is a very smart feature in youngster's clothing.

If the girl is in the under 10 group and you are making skirts and

Sashed Slimness



A sashed waistline slims this full skirted sun-dress. Slit pockets are set in at the rounded neckline and the low-square neckline is held up by a wide halter. The jacket and top of the dress are made of red and "white coffee" striped balloon cloth.

blouses for her, consider them as separate garments. When you finish them, however, sew a tape around the waist of the skirt and place button holes all around it. Then sew buttons on the blouse so that the two can be attached together. In this way you prevent the blouse from gaping from underneath the skirt, and this is especially important if the girl likes active play.

Shirtwaist effects are popular in this age group and many tailored dresses can be concocted from shirts. If you have a blue or white shirt, parts of this might be made into the bodice and the sleeves while another shirt in a print might be used for the skirt.

Buttons are used extensively on children's garments because they are easy for the youngster to manipulate. Furthermore, they are economical and add decoration even to the simple dress.

Because of the many washings which children's garments must take, always select a sturdy material that will not lose its color or firmness of weave. A chiffon dress may be available for remodeling and it might occur to you to make a youngster's dress out of it, but neither the material nor its lack of wearability is suitable for the active girls under the age of 10.

Ironing Tricks

To iron sports dresses or blouses with an action back, use the small end of the ironing board. Iron the gathers toward the yoke then turn and face to the wide end of the board so you can iron down from the yoke to the waist.

When ironing seams, nose the iron under the seams (on the wrong side) to eliminate seam marks. When skirts are completely ironed, turn to the right side and finish off such details as lapels, pockets, cuffs and hem.

When gored skirts are cut on the bias, iron with the weave of the cloth, keeping them smooth and free of bulges at the seam. Iron gently, smoothing the fabric as you go along, and do not pull.

Pockets are important! Poorly ironed, they look like something that does not belong to the dress. Turn the garment to the wrong side, then to the right side and press carefully into place. Avoid a limp, hang-dog look in pockets.

To iron zipper plackets, close the zipper first and iron close to the zipper with the nose of the iron. Smooth out wrinkles on the zipper tape, but never iron directly on the zipper itself.

Iron tucks slowly until absolutely dry. For vertical tucks, pull taut and iron lengthwise. On horizontal tucks, start at the top and iron downward.

Summer Fashion Notes

Simplicity of line offers real beauty in summer styles; stress medium prints rather than too large designs.

Bathing suits are here to cater to each taste. There are very brief ones for sun-tanning; there are others that cover more of you if you want to be conservative, like the one-piece type, or the two-piece with bloomers, skirt and halter top.

Striped dresses are always cool and neat looking. Look for interesting buttons to relieve the tailored look.

Beach coats are popular, too, and a definite must for bathing activities, particularly if you change at home and want to walk to the beach. They're also protective when you don't want to expose yourself to too much sun.

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