

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Nazis' 'Process of Selectivity' Outsmarted by Polish Scientist

By BILLY ROSE

Whenever I'm in the mood for gargantuan gab, I hie myself over to a Russian tea room near Carnegie hall where refugees of a dozen nations sit around and give out with tall talk about the old days behind them and the new days coming up.

To give you a fitting instance, the other midnight I heard a macabre yarn from a gent who used to teach science in Warsaw, and while I don't know whether it's history or hokum, it strikes me as being worth my allotment of white space today.

During the last year of the war, there was a small concentration camp in east Germany which had been set up for two purposes: (a) to build an underground machine shop, and (b) to make available the required number of human guinea pigs for certain experiments being conducted by distinguished Nazi scientists.



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By SS STANDARDS, the method of selecting these guinea pigs was scrupulously fair. Each morning before breakfast, the 50 men in each of the wooden barracks would stand at attention until the commandant appeared with a list of their names. He would read off the top name on the list and the prisoner whose name was called would step forward.

The commandant would then hand two small leather disks, one marked with a white circle and the other with a black, to the "trustee" of the barrack for examination. Then the commandant would drop the disks into his hat, and the prisoner would draw one of them.

If he picked the one with the white circle he was safe until his name came up again 50 days later; if he drew the black one, he

would be shipped out that Saturday night.

In December of 1944, my tea-room friend—the scientist from Warsaw—was cattle-carried to this concentration camp and assigned to a barrack occupied almost exclusively by captured Russian soldiers. He was asked the usual questions, and when the Russians found the newcomer was a Pole, they quickly let him know that the fraternity of races as preached by Moscow was confined to Kremlin publicity handouts.

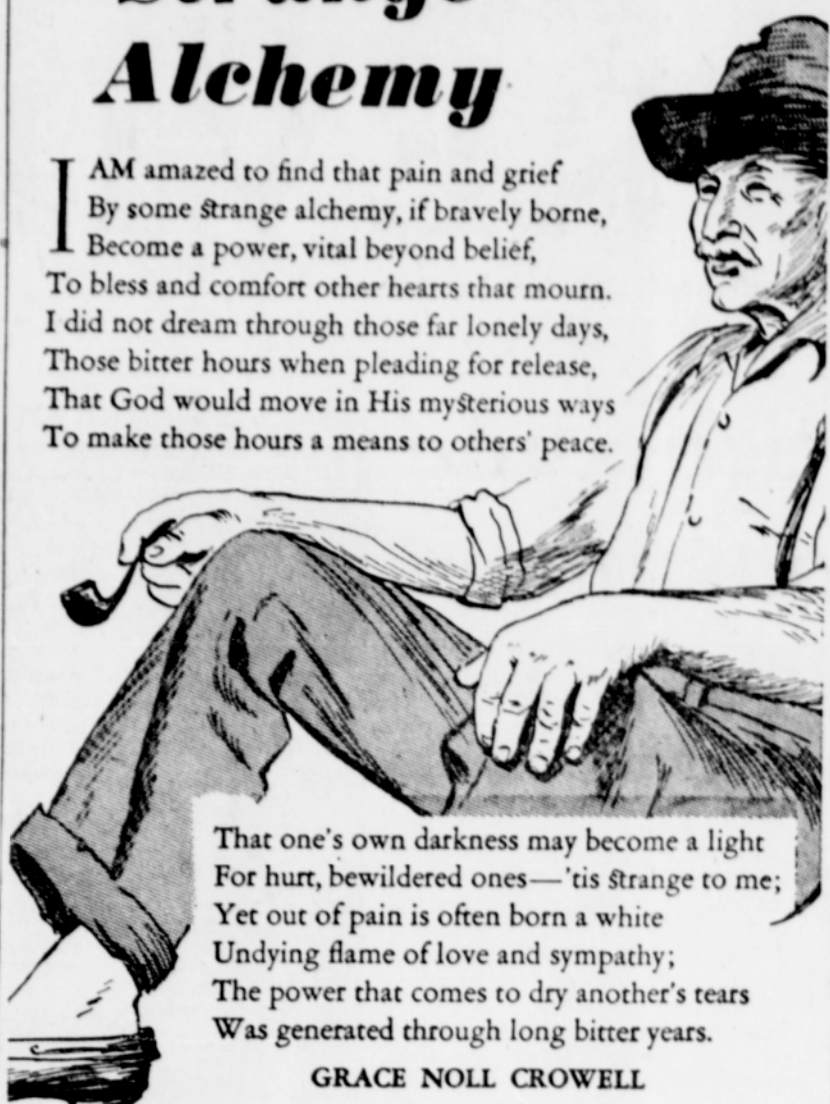
And when he further admitted he had never joined the Party—not for any big ideological reason, but simply because he was a scientist and had no interest in politics—the Red army men decided he was an enemy of the state and began to plot against him.

THE POLE, however, was more worried about the disks in the hat than the whisperings going on about him. Under the lottery system, it would be almost two months before his name was called, and since news had filtered into camp that the Russian forces were only a few weeks away, he kept telling himself that liberation might come before the date for the drawing. But as the days turned into weeks, and still no sound of far-away cannon, he resigned himself to taking his 50-50 chances with the hat.

The night before the fateful morning, the scientist was lying

Strange Alchemy

I AM amazed to find that pain and grief By some strange alchemy, if bravely borne, Become a power, vital beyond belief, To bless and comfort other hearts that mourn. I did not dream through those far lonely days, Those bitter hours when pleading for release, That God would move in His mysterious ways To make those hours a means to others' peace.



That one's own darkness may become a light For hurt, bewildered ones—'tis strange to me; Yet out of pain is often born a white Undying flame of love and sympathy; The power that comes to dry another's tears Was generated through long bitter years.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

awake in his bunk when he felt a tug at his blanket. It was a young Czech who had been badly mistreated by the "trustee," and who had often mumbled about getting even.

According to the kid, the comrades had figured out a plot to make certain the Pole would be shipped off to the Nazi experimenters. The "trustee" had cut a leather disk from his shoe and

made a black circle on it, and when the commandant asked him to examine the disk, his plan was to palm the one with the white circle and substitute his own, so that either would mean death to the non-Party man.

For a long moment, the scientist looked up at the slat ceiling of the bunk above him. "Thank you," he finally said to his friend. "I think I'll be able to manage."

Next morning when his name was called, he saw the "trustee" palm the white-circled disk and substitute another. But he pretended not to notice, and when the commandant held out his hat he smiled and selected a disk. "White or black," he said. "I'm going to have one good meal in this miserable camp." And before the officer could stop him, he popped the bit of leather into his mouth and swallowed.

The SS man frowned. "Crazy Pole," he said, "what good will that do? There is still a disk left in the hat. If it is black, you picked the white; if it is white, you picked the black."

"That is quite correct, Sir," said the scientist.

Star Dust

By INEZ GERHARD

IDA LUPINO, currently seen in "Woman in Hiding", is the first motion picture actress to shatter the calm of James Hilton, English author associated with Hallmark Playhouse. Recently she was to play an Italian role on a Playhouse broadcast. A perfectionist in the pictures she produces as well as those she acts in, she hired a voice coach and worked so hard that her doctor told her to "let up. Finally, less than 24 hours before air time, she threw over the whole idea—said she couldn't master those Italian intonations. A new script was hastily prepared for her, and Hilton was a candidate for the Shangri-La which he invented years ago.

Ralph Edwards has a large staff for getting details of the lives of people used on his NBC "This Is Your Life", but anyone may suggest a candidate. Need not be a well-known name, either. To be a talent scout for the program, you need only write a note to Ralph Edwards in Hollywood, outlining the reasons why your friend or neighbor's life would make an interesting story.

Bing Crosby, who has no love for appearing at big shindigs, will attend the dedication of a new athletic field, "Bing Crosby stadium", at Front Royal, Va., this spring. A poll of the 7,000 citizens chose him as "The Most Popular Entertainer of the Half Century" and he accepted. Crosby will appear for good causes, not for mere advertising or publicity.

Louis Calhern is growing younger. In "Nancy Goes to Rio" he appears as Jane Powell's grandfather, but in "The Tender Hours" he will be seen as her father. Ann Harding returns to the screen as Jane's mother.

Bob Hope fought to record his shows, but lost out. Then Charles Luckman, his sponsor's president, resigned. So Hope, hoping again, tried again, and again lost out with the new executives. His show will be taped only when necessary.

Farm Topics

Plywood Economical In Many Farm Uses

Brooder Houses Prove Utility of Material

Farmers are finding that the high strength and light weight of plywood makes it an economical and efficient material to use in portable farm buildings such as brooder houses, hog shelters, and range sheds.

A brooder house, a building magazine reports, should be of adequate size, warm and dry, and properly lighted and ventilated. To



Here is a "turkey feeder" that is easily and economically made from exterior plywood—weather can't harm it and it's easy portability appeals to farmers.

be economical, it should be relatively low in first cost, and yet be strongly built to give long life with out expensive and troublesome upkeep. For convenience, it must be easy to clean and move.

Portability, of course, is of prime importance. Some portable buildings, built by conventional methods, weigh as much as 2 to 3 thousand pounds. Farmers naturally hesitate to move a heavy structure frequently, and so invite exposure to disease. If moved often, particularly over rough ground, heavy buildings soon are loosened at the joints.

Ends Poultry Choke



Another poultry chore has been electrified and placed on an automatic basis as shown above. This time it is a feeding job which normally requires considerable time and personal attention.

It is being accomplished on an increasing number of electrified farms by mechanical feeders operated by small motors. The device illustrated here is fairly common in a number of larger poultry houses. Feed and supplements are placed in the top of the metal cylinder and then mixed by the rotating central shaft which has small paddles attached at the lower end. The shaft is lowered as the feed is ejected from the bottom of the cylinder by the spinning paddles.

Chemical Caponization Held of Limited Value

The question of whether chemical caponization is practical is one which poultry raisers ask most frequently. Many county extension services also receive numerous questions on the subject.

In experimental work, the treatment stopped fighting and crowing among the cockerels. "All things considered, it would appear that chemical caponization has very limited value at present."

Massachusetts Collegian Is Agricultural Winner

A 20-year-old Massachusetts college student whose two and one-half acre plot of potatoes grossed him \$1,300, has been named champion farmer-businessman of the country in competition with thousands of farm youths from more than 40 states.

He is Russell L. Sears, Jr., of Cummington, Mass., who was declared winner of the ninth annual production-marketing contest.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Tax Probe Reopened

LAST JUNE, after a huddle of lawyers in Birmingham, Ala., an important income-tax fraud case was sent back to the justice department in Washington where it was marked "Closed." "No prosecution."

The case involved Joe Mitchell and Sam Rippis of Mobile who were alleged to have profited from the sale of jewelry to army post exchanges during the war and then cheated the government out of income taxes.

But the lawyers' huddle in Birmingham decided that there was no case against Mitchell and Rippis, and sent it back for "no prosecution."

Six months later, however, on December 16, 1949, this column published the whole story of the Rippis-Mitchell scandal, including the fact that they were defended in Birmingham by Ben Leader, former law partner of U.S. Attorney John Hill, the man who was supposed to prosecute them.

Just a few days before this story was published, John Hill telephoned the justice department from Birmingham warning that "Pearson had one of his investigators in Birmingham probing the Rippis-Mitchell case." Three days later, when the story was published, Hill issued a general denial.

However, the justice department, with some of the new facts disclosed by this column, reopened the Rippis-Mitchell case. And the two men were indicted in Mobile.

Unemployment Picture

The council of economic advisers has presented a significant, secret, three-page analysis of the country's economic problems to the President. Here in brief is what Truman's advisers told him:

1. The major problem facing the country today is the sharp rise in unemployment:

A) During the month of January, unemployment set a record post-war high with 4.5 million out of work—almost a million higher than the previous month. Unemployment is now at 7 per cent of the total labor force as against only a little over 4 per cent one year ago.

B) The increase of a million in the ranks of the unemployed in a 30-day period is considerably more than would normally occur at this time of year.

2. Partly offsetting the poor unemployment picture is the high level of home construction, business loans and bank clearings. In addition, those people who are still employed have not received any appreciable pay cuts.

3. In general, the present situation, while warranting the closest study, is not as yet alarming.

4. The basic problem is one of expanding the U.S. economy fast enough to absorb the ever-increasing number of people available to work. During the year 1949, for example, the labor force increased by 1.33 million. Today's high level of unemployment is due to the failure of the economy to grow sufficiently during 1949.

5. The present economic situation calls for action along three major lines:

A) The development of a program to stimulate business investment, planning for large public-works expenditures and increased attention to local areas of severe unemployment.

B) Continued government spending in order to pour money into the economic stream (defense spending, social security, unemployment compensation, veterans benefits, etc.)

C) The rapid settlement of the coal strike before coal shortages send a chain reaction of unemployment throughout the nation.

Rankin Silenced

John Rankin, the wild-talking Mississippi congressman, has met his match on the house floor. It happened early in the morning of the long filibuster against FEPC.

Finally Representative Andy Jacobs, dubbed by colleagues "the Abe Lincoln of Indiana," wearily pulled himself up and remarked: "I'm getting a little tired of this Holy Willie prayer. You remember Bobbie Burns' Holy Willie, who thanked the Lord in a congratulatory vein that he, Holy Willie, wasn't wicked like his neighbors?"

This crack opened sleepy eyes, for few representatives are bold enough to take on the nagging Rankin. But Jacobs, recalling Rankin's outpouring against FEPC enforcement, continued: "He favored enforcement of the Taft-Hartley law and asked enforcement against John L. Lewis. He requested the President to invoke the Taft-Hartley law in the present emergency. A year ago, when labor legislation was being considered, the gentleman talked here so much about the right to work; today he does not seem to be too much interested."

JOLLY TIME ALWAYS POPS! CRISP TENDER DELICIOUS NO HULLS IN JOLLY TIME

Personal To Women With Nagging Backache

As we get older, stress and strain, over-exertion, excessive smoking or exposure to cold sometimes slows down kidney function. This may lead many folks to complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Getting up nights or frequent passages may result from minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or dietary indiscretions.

DOAN'S PILLS

CONSTIPATED? READ THIS HAPPY LETTER

"Had tried method after method to relieve constipation, until I lost faith. Then I saw an ad about ALL-BRAN. I started to eat this Kellogg cereal daily and was amazed at the results!" Mrs. Aspers, 312 Bailey St., Camden, N. J. Just one of many unsolicited letters from ALL-BRAN users. For you, too, there's hope for constipation due to lack of bulk in the diet. Simply eat an ounce of crisp Kellogg's ALL-BRAN daily, drink plenty of water! If not completely satisfied after 10 days, send empty carton to Kellogg's, Battle Creek, Mich. Get double your money back!

How To Relieve Bronchitis

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HOT FLASHES?

Are you going through the functional "middle-age" period peculiar to women (40-50)? Does this make you suffer from hot flashes, feel so nervous, high-strung, tired? Then do try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms! Regular use of Pinkham's Compound helps build up resistance against this annoying middle-age distress!

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The Fiction Corner KNOLTON'S CASE By Richard H. Wilkinson

KNOLTON'S ACT was the result of two year's of planning. There was little chance that anything would go wrong. He had served as clerk at the lumber camp for two long years. And from the moment he first saw the payroll left unguarded in the office while the bank guard went out and a camp paymaster came in—from that moment Knolton knew that some day he'd steal that payroll and make a get-away.

The day that Knolton had chosen for the robbery was not unlike a thousand others. At exactly noon the payroll clerk came in and Knolton stepped into the office and deposited the heavy bag by Knolton's chair. Knolton greeted him carelessly, nodded at the bag and bent to his work. The guard went out. The moment the door closed Knolton's head came up. He listened intently. Outside he could hear the bank guard in conversation with Raymond, the camp paymaster. There wasn't a moment to lose.

Quickly Knolton lifted up the cover of his desk, removed from inside a bag almost identical to the one on the floor and equally as heavy. He made the transfer deftly, unhurriedly.

The door opened and Raymond came inside. He nodded briefly to Knolton, picked up the decoy bag and went out again. Knolton stepped outside and walked leisurely toward the river. Unobserved he climbed into the

came away, revealing a shallow hole. Knolton had dug the hole months before, along the undergrowth to grow over it so that no trace of his recent visit would be in evidence. He deposited the bag in the hole and carefully replaced the dirt.

IT WAS A MONTH before Knolton reached his destination; a tiny village hundreds of miles south of the lumber camp. Here he paused to rest with a friend. By now he had grown a beard. The friend provided dye, and Knolton changed the color of his hair from light brown to black.

Six months later Knolton, now known as Carl Hedman, with no trace of the one-time clerk showing beneath his perfect disguise, rode leisurely back toward the scene of his crime.

The lumbermen gave him no more than a passing glance. Satisfied that he had not been recognized, Knolton followed the river to the mouth of the tributary.

With pounding heart he mounted the ridge and paused to look. It was as if a hand had suddenly reached out and was squeezing him in a powerful grip. He stood rooted, mouth ajar, staring in stupefied incredulity at the country below. With a sense of horror he realized what had happened. The entire area had been logged by the lumber company, swept bare of every standing tree and piece of timber.

Every tree stump looked alike; none was larger or different from its neighbor. He surmounted great piles of slash, tearing at them frantically, hunting for the stump, the stump of the great pine tree.

Thus unmindful of his direction he came again to the river bank. And when at length he reached the top of another hill he paused to rest, overcome by fatigue. Too late he felt the slash pile beneath him slipping away. Too late he realized that the slash had been thrown on the brink of a precipice overhanging the river.

Knolton, with a pitiful cry on his lips, went over the brink. Far, far below he lay, a broken human body on the jagged rocks.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include: ACROSS 1. Mast, 5. On top, 9. Coin, 10. A young salmon, 11. Ravine, 12. Employs for wages, 14. An indentation of the sea, 15. Double (Bot.), 16. Began, 19. Type measure, 20. Roman money, 21. A sum of money, 23. Biting nail, 26. Poets, 27. A color of a horse, 28. Breeze, 29. Music note, 30. Province (Can.), 34. A covered way, 37. In what manner, 38. Reprove, 39. Very large, 41. Girl's name, 42. The glass of a window, 43. River of underworld, 44. Settlement, SW Arabia, 1. Gush out. DOWN 2. One of Canary Islands, 3. Portion of a curved line, 4. A cheer, 5. Plant insect, 6. Thin tin plate, 7. Odd (Scott.), 8. Make believe, 11. Fuel, 13. Dispatches, 15. God of pleasure (Egypt.), 17. Shower, 18. Man's nickname, 21. Price of passage, 22. Biblical city, 23. Tapestry, 24. Forces (sym.), 25. Radium (sym.), 26. Apron top, 28. Malt beverage, 30. Antelope (Afr.), 31. River (Eur.), 32. Memento, 33. Solemn wonder, 35. Young horse, 36. A confederate, 39. Resort, 40. Cushion.



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canoe which was hidden there, and pushed off.

By mid-afternoon Knolton reached a tributary and turned off the main stream. He paddled up this smaller waterway for more than a mile. He set the canoe adrift and headed inland, swinging southward. By dusk he had come to a virgin stand of timber, mighty monarchs of the forest as yet unscathed by the lumberman's axe. His steps led him to a huge pine, larger than the rest with thick undergrowth at the base. He parted the growth, pulled at a tuft of dirt. The tuft