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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
THIS fellow Harry Truman has a way of sticking to people he rates as friends that presents a heart-warming picture of Mr. Truman as a man, but is disturbing for a public official who at times seems to be a poor judge of the meaning of real friendship.



EPLEY

To our way of thinking, it is not loyalty to use a "friendly" relationship with the president of the United States in a way some people have obviously been using it. No real friend of anybody in power, big or little, will create a situation that makes him and his official group vulnerable to criticism and suspicion.

One of the penalties of public office, for a sincere individual, is the necessity of placing friendship on a different basis than that which exists in private life.

People who are the genuine friends of public officials do not expect these things from them. If given themselves positions of trust and authority, they follow scrupulously a course that will protect their benefactor and friend from public suspicion and distrust.

If, on the other hand, they use the friendly relationship or the power given them in a way that invites suspicion and distrust, they are not true friends and should be told to close the door as they go out.

The gent who first said a public office is a public trust had something.

Purge Kick-Back

NOT unexpected is the resentment exhibited by many grangers to the so-called "purge" which came out of the recent session of the state grange. This feeling is vigorously expressed in the resolution adopted by the Klamath county Pomona grange and released today for distribution to other Pomona groups for consideration of similar action.

At the state grange meeting, political death was threatened against 22 legislators who voted for House Resolution 7 at the recent legislative meeting. Many of the most able men in the legislature were marked for punishment, including Ed Geary and Henry Semon of Klamath county.

House Resolution 7, which incidentally did not pass, provided for a distribution of petition signing requirements on initiative and referendum issues on a congressional district basis.

The station mailing has always been remarkably popular here. The northbound box at the depot has been loaded, night after night, and big pieces of mail have adorned its exterior. Lots of people have made it a habit to mail in the slot on the side of the mail car. It simply got to be a Klamath tradition.

But it's all over now. P.O. officials tell me that

Arnold Puts OK On B-36 Bomber

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (AP)—The B-36 bomber, which is under investigation by a congressional subcommittee, had the approval of Gen. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, wartime air force commander.

The retired general made that statement yesterday in advance of the committee's inquiries on the west coast concerning the long range bomber.

"Political favoritism and business relationship had nothing to do with

the mail clerk who used to operate on the West Coast has been shifted to the Shasta Daylight, and the West Coast carries mail on a "closed pouch" basis. Material mailed in the northbound box in the evening waits over until there is another train later with a mail clerk.

Mail can still make the night West Coast north. But it must be mailed at the post office by 9:15 p. m. This writer, who has been a consistent depot mailer for years, and a lot of other people, must change their ways.

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

M. R. WILLIAM B. WOODBURY writes me as follows:

"We knew Dr. William Wirt intimately and liked him as a neighbor and associate. He had a nice property here to which he brought his family year after year when his duties as superintendent of the public schools at Gary, Indiana, were over till fall term. Dr. Wirt also had at one time extensive and valuable real estate holdings in Gary. When he divulged the chatter that went on at the party at Georgetown the 'new deal' set out to 'get him'."

"Henry Ford (the late) furnished him with legal counsel in person of former U. S. Senator Jim Reed of Missouri, democrat, who was one of the ablest and most powerful lawyers in American public life at the time. Even Reed was mowed down with scant courtesy and Dr. Wirt was made out to be an irresponsible fussy budget!

"We knew here of his intensive patriotism and felt he was telling the truth which was, of course, distasteful to the red lunatic, fringe so zealously courted by the late F.D.R.

"After trying to make a monkey out of Dr. Wirt before the committee of the U. S. senate and holding him up to ridicule to the country, they did not stop there. The bank examiners were turned loose on the banks in Gary and elsewhere, who had advanced money on the Wirt real estate operations. His loans were called, his properties sold and he was ruined. His property here at Diamond Point was sold for taxes, his two children, a son and a daughter, and wife impoverished, and Dr. Wirt and his wife died of a broken heart."

Wallace Laughed Charges Off

PRETTY tough, that. And then I came across a clipping in which Congressman John O'Connor, who was the second ranking member of the committee that heard Wirt's charges, said:

"The procedural motion, which I personally presented, limited the hearings to an examination of Dr. Wirt under oath to bring out the names and the exact statements of his informants. Over the protests of the minority members, any examination of 'other persons,' connected in any way with said activities, was precluded.

"Dr. Wirt was not allowed to have his counsel cross-examine witnesses, nor was he called in rebuttal after they had presented their 'well-staged' denials.

"I use the word 'well-staged' advisedly because it was known that at least six of them met and rehearsed their denials of what they had told Dr. Wirt."

"Many of the men, now up on disloyalty charges, who object to the methods of the house committee on un-American activities, were responsible, in 1934, for the destruction, physically and mentally, of this fine American, Henry Wallace, for instance, laughed Wirt's charges off, by saying:

"It is amazing the state of mind that newspapers can create at times."

William Wirt, himself, said, in 1934:

"I am not seeing red, nor am I going around looking under beds for fascists and communists, I am not engaged in a manhunt.

"I just want to call national attention to the fact that so-called 'intellectual radicals' are changing government without a revolution of bloodshed."

"I believe that, as American citizens, we should be permitted to discuss government openly and freely and change the form if we want to do so..."

Told The Truth

IF we look at that picture in 1949, we know that Dr. William Wirt of Gary, Indiana, was telling the truth and that he was distressed for telling the truth. His main targets were Henry Wallace and Rexford Guy Tugwell. Where are they now?

Henry Wallace is the darling—and also the prisoner—of the communists, following every twist and turn of their international policy, and Tugwell is forgotten as a political figure, although he was for a short time resurrected to head the resolutions committee of the 1948 progressive convention.

When the Wirt episode is studied in retrospect to the testimony of Louis Budenz, Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Henry Julian Wadleigh, and with what is being disclosed at the trial of the 12 communist leaders in Judge Medina's court in New York, it is clear that the United States was being fooled by some of its officials in the 1930's. Fouted is a mild term for betrayal.

SIDE GLANCES



"Florence feels so out of things—all her friends at camp have had terrible experiences and she hasn't even been rescued from drownine!"

STATIC

Static is full of tips today, thanks to a caller-in and Oregonian's Behind the Mike.



William Moyes, skipper of Behind the Mike, divulges the information that one New York source gives the Stop the Music stickler as "L i m e r c k & S o n e."



Red Hurd CBS Tuesday nights, is "Nobody Loves a Fat Man."

The latter item recalls a friendly, but hot, argument that waged in the newsroom here during my tenure as keeper of the night desk.

I wrote some squib about the Fat Man being edged off the air by the Gillette fights and, if I remember correctly, stated that the deluge of calls objecting to the incident, disproves the saying that "nobody loves a fat man."

Many here said I was wrong, some agreed. The dissenters said the saying goes: "Everybody Loves a Fat Man."

Remind me to ask a fat man.

The timely issue to be argued on the "On Trial" program tonight over ABC is "Should the President's Military Arms Program Be Adopted?"

Judge Alexander Holtzoff of the U.S. District court for the District of Columbia will preside over the radio moot court.

A panel of outstanding New York lawyers and witnesses will argue the question. The time is 9:30 p.m.

"The First Hundred Years"—per usual—will present a humorous twist to the Thursday, 7:30 p.m. program. The newly-married Chris and Connie Thayers settle down finally to a normal married life.

Chris returns to his job and Connie experiences her first pick as a housewife. And that's where the catch comes. Connie continually calls Chris at his office to ask him for help out of her dilemma.

It's an ABC program.

It's a long time to keep you waiting but most of the readers will have recognized the picture by now, even with the hat. Also it's one

THE GALLUP POLL

3-Cent Postal Rate Hike Draws Disfavor

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., Aug. 17.—If it comes to a question of raising first class postage rates to cut down the operating deficit of the United States post office department, the least public opposition would likely come from increasing the penny postal rate to 2 cents and the airmail rate to 7 cents.

Greatest public opposition would likely come if the rate on regular mail were boosted from 1 cent to the present 3 cents to 4 cents.

Those are the findings of a coast-to-coast survey of public attitudes by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

Although Postmaster General Donaldson has declared that he has no intention of trying to make the department self-supporting, there is a move to cut down the growing loss in postal operations.

Bills to increase second, third and fourth class rates and to boost post card rates from 1 cent to 2 cents were introduced in congress early this year. Increases in regular first class letter rates and air mail have also been discussed from time to time.

Here is how voters questioned in the Institute survey react to three specific proposals regarding first class postal rates:

"The post office department is operating in the red. President Truman says that U.S. postage rates should be increased so that the post office department can break even. Here are three different plans. Would you approve or disapprove of:

"a. Raising the rate on a penny postcard to 2 cents?"

"b. Raising the rate on regular mail from 3 cents to 4 cents?"

"c. Raising the rate on airmail from 5 cents to 7 cents?"

Here is the vote:

Table with columns: Post-Rate, Ap-prove, Dis-approve, Opin-ion. Rows: Postcard 2 cents (7% Ap-prove, 41% Dis-approve, 52% Opin-ion), Regular mail 4 cents (33% Ap-prove, 59% Dis-approve, 8% Opin-ion), Air mail 7 cents (51% Ap-prove, 40% Dis-approve, 9% Opin-ion)

The post office deficit in the fiscal year of 1948 was \$310 million, as compared to \$260 million the previous year. A drive is now on to boost postal workers' wages, and this is expected to add some \$237 million more to post office expenses.

Postmaster General Donaldson's proposal to increase second class rates used by publishers and third and fourth class rates used by direct mail advertisers projected a storm of protest from the publishing and advertising world.

Publishers declared that the new rates, if adopted, would put an intolerable extra cost burden on the distributing of newspapers and magazines.

Germany harmless, but she should be inside the western union because if allowed to stand alone, she might either enter the Russian sphere or make a third attempt to dominate her neighbors."

Already Germany, which before the war was the economic keystone of central Europe, is making remarkable strides toward recovery. She was a great industrial nation, and bids fair to be one again in due course despite the penalties imposed on her by the Allies because of her aggression.

Thus the prospective struggle will lie between two industrial powers. Here the similarity stops, however, for as things now are the contest will in effect be between a socialist state and a capitalist state.

The new Germany stands politically for "free enterprise," whereas Britain is in the midst of her "make or break" experiment in socialist government. Of course both regimes might change in new elections, but that's the present situation.

Testing Block So those who are trying to figure out which is better—socialism or capitalism—will have a concrete demonstration for guidance. It probably won't settle the argument, but it will be illuminating.

Britain achieved her greatest strength as a capitalist nation, and it was as such that she twice faced Germany in world wars. New she is in process of creating a paternal political structure which aims at providing security for the individual from birth to death. Free enterprise is not a part of the program.

There are those who point to Britain's present economic crisis as a mark of Socialist failure. However, as I see it there is little justification for such an estimate.

John Bull's difficulties are the result of the strain of two world wars, and not of any one political creed. The Socialists inherited the crisis.

Therefore the efficacy of British socialism (if it remains in power) will have to be judged by the manner in which it deals with this crisis, and by the way in which the party handles the great political-economic struggle that seems to be boiling up with post-war Germany.

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The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

This column yesterday expressed the view that the outcome of the parliamentary elections for a new government in western Germany constitutes a rebirth of that nation—a beginning of its revival as a power.

If we accept that as a valid premise it opens up startling possibilities. Foremost is the strong probability that we shall see development of a fierce rivalry between Germany and England for leadership of western Europe. Britain already seems to be taking note of this likelihood. For example, the London Daily Express, after referring to charges of German abuse of the Allied occupation powers, says bluntly:

"Before it is too late the British should get tough with the Germans, who have not given up the hope of working our humiliation and ruin. Great Britain's authority must be restored and this will occur only when she is seen to be strong in her own right."

The Daily Mail says: "German nationalism still lives and the influence of the Nazis is still great. The western Allies must be more careful than ever to keep a watchful eye on future trends."

Important Question "Mr. Churchill's raising the question of German admission to the council of Europe is of great importance. The Allies must keep

method of getting persons to struggle through this daily grit. Yep, that's Aaron Boe. He looks just the part now.

Aaron, commercial manager for KPLW, returned yesterday after a honeymoon trip from Reno (where he was married to Dorothy Anker in the St. Luke Lutheran church) to Salt Lake City, through the Yellowstone National park, to Portland and back to Klamath Falls.

Congratulations to the charming couple from the static department.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Police Chief Casper Leding plans to question a deaf mute held in Portland about burglaries here.

Leding said a Columbia River Packers' association nightwatchman had been slugged here June 30, 1948. Waterfront police later fired two shots at a fleeing man.

The same night a dairy and the Astorian-Budget office were broken into.

Held in Portland is Glenn Hendrickson, who had scribbled a note about hitting a nightwatchman in Astoria.

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POLIO REPORTED AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 17 (AP)—The state health department said today 109 new cases of polio were reported last week in Texas. This raised the year total to 1448 cases in 181 of the states 284 counties. The week before, 121 new cases were reported. Want Ads don't cost—they pay!

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