

Naval Scene

Scribe Says Matthews Hasn't Had Chance to Prove Ability

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WASHINGTON, (NEA)—Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews has a little more than a month in which to batten down the hatches on his deck in the Pentagon before the next storm can hit.

There's not much more that the navy rebels can do until the house armed forces committee makes its report on the hearings. The committee won't meet until sometime after the first of the year, when congress reconvenes. How long it will take the committee to act after that is anybody's guess. Chances are it will act quickly. But the longer it waits the more time Secretary Matthews will have to scatter and silence the rebels.

Of course he and Secretary of Defense Johnson hope that the worst is over and that there's clear sailing ahead. However, neither man is taking any chances. While they have all this breathing spell they're doing all they can to prepare for what might come.

Right now the committee's staff is briefing the 3000 pages of testimony which were read into the record. That is being done so that members won't have to wade through the whole transcript, much of which is repetitious criticism of the B-36 bomber, in order to prepare a report or take whatever action they decide upon.

Hangs in Balance
It is agreed that what the committee recommends will be a major factor in determining how comfortably Matthews will serve out the balance of his secretaryship.

Matthews is committed to carrying out the decision of the joint chiefs of staff to reduce the size of the navy. If the committee disagrees with this basic policy, or recommends that some proposed cuts be restored, the secretary will find himself trapped between Johnson and the rest of the navy.

Johnson has made it clear that he isn't going to back down on the plan to make the navy smaller. It's up to Matthews in the unification law to carry this out. But if the admirals and captains know that they have the house armed services committee on their side there will be no holding them back.

Perhaps with his eye still on the White House, Johnson has very neatly dumped the most unpleasant aspects of the problem in Matthews' lap. It was the President's decision, on Johnson's advice, to remove Admiral Denfeld as chief of naval operations. Either one of them could have legally accepted the

responsibility for this decision and thereby have lightened Matthews' load. Instead they ordered him to do it and let him decide how and when.

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However, this particular chore probably didn't bother Matthews too much. Denfeld had led him to believe that he would testify for the cause of unification before the committee. Instead he threw his lot with the rebels to the complete embarrassment of Matthews.

If the committee finds that the Navy rebels were completely in the wrong and supports the decision of the joint chiefs, that the present strategic picture calls for a reduced navy, Matthews has a fighting chance to make good, most experts agree. It will be then perfectly clear to the admirals that they can do nothing but accept a lesser share of the country's military budget.

So far the secretary hasn't had a chance to prove his executive ability. First, he started out with the staggering job of learning what the navy was all about. But before he ever got well into this task he was swamped by revolts around him. He hasn't had a chance to come anywhere near establishing a normal operating procedure.

Almost none of the problems which he has found himself involved in were on his creation. Pentagon observers agree that he has been the victim of a vicious situation. They even agree that it's difficult to look back and say that he might have changed this or that decision for the better. Even the admirals won't say that former Secretary John L. Sullivan, a stout navy defender, could have done much better than Matthews.

Mail Privileges Cut Suggested

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) has suggested that newspapers and magazines getting second class mail privileges give up their "\$400,000,000 handout" to help cut down the government deficit.

"If the newspapers which carry editorials about the need for balancing the budget would come up to the altar and say we don't want any subsidies for ourselves, and we want to be Christians," Douglas told reporters yesterday. "It would have a more salutary effect than anything else."

In fairness to the newspapers, he added, he wanted to point out that magazines are the chief gainers from the second class mailing rights.

It Pays to Use the Want-Ads!



High fashion styles will shine on ski slopes this winter season. For riding a ski-tow or for warm-ups at the lodge, a coat of blanket-plaid fleece is lined with white alpaca from hemline to helmet (far left). Slalom experts will approve a peplum pleated Byrd cloth jacket, worsted gabardine ski-pants and a matching white helmet lined with white jersey (center). A fiery red wool cloak, poncho-styled, is weather-proofed by lining of navy nylon taffeta (right).



Slick Ski Styles

What ponchos, blankets and miners' helmets have in common this fall is their influence on ski fashions.

The difference between the poncho designed for ski runs and the swash-buckling Spanish-American cloak which inspired it is a lining of nylon taffeta that repels wind and water. Navy blue nylon makes the lining, fiery red wool the poncho which is link-buttoned at its cape sides to create the effect of sleeves.

Shown in a recent "Fashion of the Times" revue, this Fred Picard design shared honors with other ski styles which this year stress maximum warmth, minimum bulk.

A coat of blanket-plaid fleece, lined with white alpaca is slim-cut to eliminate bulk.

The miners' helmet that goes to skiers' heads goes courtesy of George Thiolere. This designer lines a helmet of white Byrd cloth with white jersey, pairs it off with a matching jacket, peplum pleated. Teamed with these are pants of beige worsted gabardine.

George Mikan holds the high scoring record in seven of the 11 arenas he played in last season in the Basketball Association of America.

Fate Takes Ironic Hand In 'Suicide'

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 19 (AP)—You will now witness the most desperate attempt at suicide ever made by man," shouted the circus announcer.

From a tiny platform 96 feet high, Jan Vogel, 37, billed as the "Great Stanelly," leaped from a trapeze 10 feet away.

As always, he missed the trapeze and started to fall. And as always, he had a rope tied to his ankle to check his plunge.

But last night the rope broke. He fell to the floor as more than 9000 persons in the audience gasped.

Attendees quickly rushed him from the arena of municipal auditorium and the show went on. Many persons in the crowd thought the fall was part of the act.

Vogel died shortly afterward in a hospital. Formerly of Amsterdam, Holland, he had been in this country about a year.

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BOOKS PASSAGE FOR U. S.—Zinka Kunc Milanov, Yugoslav opera singer whose name has been linked with Marshal Tito by the Moscow press, gestures in Paris travel agency as she books passage for the United States. Her husband, Maj. Gen. Ljibomir Ilic, former diplomat, is at left. The Moscow Literary Gazette recently said Mrs. Milanov was the woman on whom Tito was showering gifts and attention and added that she was an American spy. She has said the charges are "just silly."



Churches Adopt Television

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 19 (AP)—Now the churches are going in for television. Twelve national leaders of Protestant churches put on a show yesterday. They produced, directed and acted in a 1-minute program on a Syracuse television station.

The Protestant radio commission plans to produce religious films in conjunction with the Protestant film commission. They will establish a national library where local television stations may obtain religious films.

APPLES

PORTLAND, Nov. 19 (AP)—The federal government will buy its last apples of the season in Oregon next month. The apple purchase program calls for buying 10 carloads in this state. The government has already purchased 43.

Want Ads don't cost—they pay!

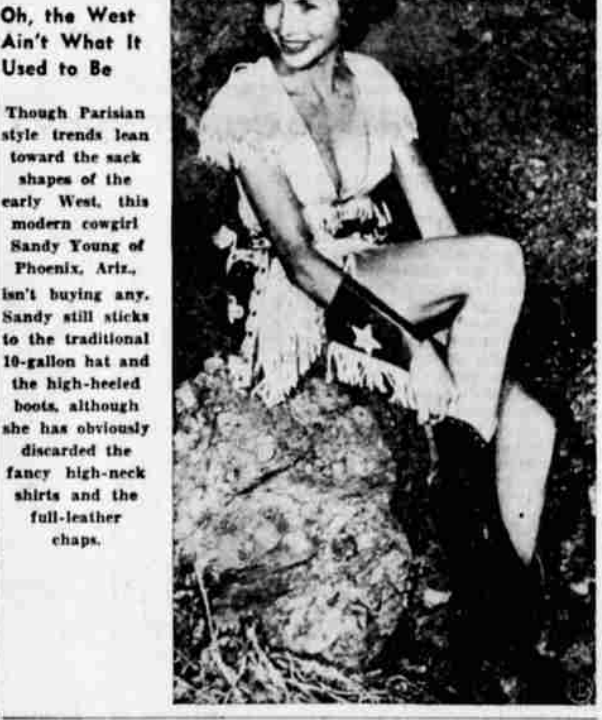
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LOOK HERE—Just the thing for keyhole kibitzing is this red satin, visored evening cap with an elongated schepole. Parisian Designer Schiaparelli, in a surrealist mood, turned out the fantastic topper, complete with a weird, diamond-clip eyebrow.



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Oh, the West Ain't What It Used to Be

Though Parisian style trends lean toward the sack shapes of the early West, this modern cowgirl Sandy Young of Phoenix, Ariz., isn't buying any. Sandy still sticks to the traditional 10-gallon hat and the high-heeled boots, although she has obviously discarded the fancy high-neck shirts and the full-leather chaps.

CIRO perfume advertisement featuring a list of scents: REFLEXIONS, SURRENDER, DANGER, NEW HORIZONS. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$25.00. Star Drug, 5th and Main.

Auto Industry Future Murky; Many Closures

DETROIT, Nov. 19 (AP)—Because of the steel strike the automobile industry faces a spotty future.

A spot check showed today that manufacturers, with steel supplies short, will be going through with curtailments as planned before the strike ended.

It isn't all bad, but it's not good, either. Production of 1950 models is being interfered with. Some plants are closed, others will be closed.

Loss Undetermined The exact loss is undetermined, but it will be extensive.

One source in the industry places it at 475,000 vehicles. Seven car makers have switched over to 1950 models. Only one of these—Nash motors—is now closed.

Other New Ones The other new models include Fords and Mercurys produced by the Ford Motor company, and Hudsons, Studebakers and Packards. All have continued in production through the steel strike and shortage, with relatively little or no curtailment.

But Ford closed down its Lincoln division November 11. A week earlier Chrysler shut down plants producing Dodges, De Sotos and Chryslers. At the time Chrysler said it would keep Plymouth operations going until Thanksgiving.

The firm managed by channeling its available steel into Plymouth production. However, a Chrysler representative said today Plymouth division lines would close down next week—either Wednesday or Friday.

Next week will see the shutdowns of Buick and Oldsmobile divisions of General Motors, as well as Plymouth and Pontiac.

Other auto makers whose operations are at a standstill are Willys-Overland, Kaiser-Frazer and Reo, a truck manufacturer. Kaiser-Frazer says its shutdown is not linked with the steel shortage, however.

Chevrolet, GM's biggest division, began layoffs in its Flint, Mich., manufacturing plant yesterday in preparation for inventory and model changeover. Work on the 1950 cars is scheduled to start in December.



ATOMIC "ASH-CAN"—British scientist Robert Barker, 26, places the core of the "aspatron" into the copper container of the portable "atomic pile" which he invented. The young physicist claims the ash-can-type apparatus can produce radioactive isotopes as good as those made in a huge, full-size atomic pile.

TAFT-HARTLEY CLEVELAND, Nov. 19 (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) said today that President Truman ought to invoke the Taft-Hartley law if a renewal of the coal strike seems likely when the current three-week truce expires December 1.

To Buy or Sell—Use the Want-Ad!

Large advertisement for Pheasant restaurant featuring a menu: Cocktails, SEAFOOD-CRAB-SHRIMP-FRUIT OR CHILLED TOMATO JUICE, Assorted Relish, JELLIED CONSOMME OR SOUP DU JOUR, Salad, Chicken Fried PHEASANT, ENGLISH BREAD SAUCE • WILD RICE, VEGETABLES • HOT ROLLS, ICE CREAM • SHERBET • HOME MADE PIES, COFFEE • TEA • MILK. Includes Vic Distad's trumpet and saxophone advertisement.



SMOOTH-RIDING TRACTOR SEAT—How to take the jerks and bumps out of tractor driving has plagued engineers for years. This new tractor seat with a pair of rubber torsional springs mounted underneath was developed by U. S. Rubber to solve the problem. The springs are the cylindrical objects mounted below the arrow. As the tractor rides over rough ground, these springs—rather than the rider—twist and turn with each jolt, cushioning the shock for the operator.

Santa Suggests a SINGER Vacuum Cleaner advertisement. Features: Exclusive SINGER features make the SINGER Vacuum Cleaner today's best buy—for Christmas... for years and years to come. Cord rewind—reels in cord automatically. Cord reel—stores cord for you. Twin fans—mean easier, faster clean-up. Floating brush—eliminates brush adjusting. Streamlined housing—only 8" high for greater "get-under-ability". Budget Terms. Beat the Christmas rush. See it—try this wonder cleaner today. SINGER SEWING CENTER 418 Main — Phone 8402