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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

The intrigues of the 16th and 17th centuries were as nothing compared to the back-biting age of the 19th. If you don't watch out, you'll be stabbed in the back by every passer-by.

The latest thrust comes from the grim old town of London where British philosopher Cyril E. M. Joad has cut loose with a few ill-chosen comments about the "hand" that feeds him. The pompous savant's barbed remarks are hurled in the general direction of American children in the apparent hope that there will be a general spluttering which will hasten the American public as well.

The good doctor gets off to a good start on his tirade by observing that US children mature too rapidly. He follows this up with the statement, and I quote: "Because they are spoiled and abhor exercise, they grow up stoop-shouldered. Their pale, pasty faces are due to the incredibly high temperatures, which by means of central heating, they maintain in their houses."

The professor was shocked and horrified at the sight of a plate-load of American war baby children arriving in his native land to visit their British grandparents. He did not like the way they dressed, their independence or anything else about them. In commenting he said "... I am sorrowful that the English mothers of these tots should have had the native good taste which we hone there so rapidly corrupted."

Okay, prof! You go ahead and thank your way, we will stick to our theory that you are crying sour grapes and not let it ride our conscience too badly. Your lack of central heating may be picturesque to some tourists but it's also damned uncomfortable. We'll leave it to the coming Olympics to prove whether our "pale, pasty faced" youths are as "spoiled" as the eaters of "Merrie Olde England." And as for the independence angle, there are quite a handful of American taxpayers who would be quite

happy to see a little more independence in the British people, and not so much jostling to get the feet in the mud. There is a touch of the pasty-faced, heat-loving American has set up for Europe to wallow in.

But then I don't suppose we should be too hard on the old boy. He closes his demagogic tirade with the statement that most of his friends (and we presume himself) turned 29 without ever having had a drink or kissed a girl. Anyone with that lack of initiative is little better than a whistler in the dark at best. Or a potential guest at a literary tea.

The second blast to come across the seas is trumpeted by the British clothing manufacturers who have started a move to prohibit their members from dealing with any salesman who shows up in their shops with a togs-clad youth or one wearing dirty ducks, but this idea of insisting on a hat is a direct threat to the freedom of man. I suppose the next thing they will do is insist that the idea of America and hope we will back them up on this as we have in everything else.

Rise, men of England! You have a tough enough row to hoe without knocking under to the business tycoons over your personal head gear or lack of it.

If the British manufacturers are so particular about hat wearing are we to understand that they will do the same for the idea of America and hope we will back them up on this as we have in everything else.

Certainly if a salesman comes into your office the least he can do is remove his hat and either toss it on a chair, keep it in hand and crumple the rim or just hold it aloft. If he is to remove his hat, he should be allowed to wear a small, plain, white, no-frills hat. It would serve the same purpose as a hat as business is concerned.

Or are the hat manufacturers and dealers at the bottom of this deep dyed plot?

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DES ADDISON

Final tabulations from 352 of the country's leading department stores, according to the National Retail Dry Goods Association, showed an average dollar volume increase in business of one per cent in 1951 over 1950.

Volume was up a hair, but stockholders of the concerns didn't do so good.

Average markon ("Markon" is a name for the spread between the net cost of merchandise to the retailer and to the customer, on which the store operates) dropped from 39.7 per cent in 1950 to 38.6 per cent in 1951.

The result was that profit dropped from 3.7 per cent in '50 to 2.4 per cent in '51.

About the same thing held true for specialty stores. NRDCA reported.

Specialty store volume was up 2 per cent; markon was the same, dropping 1.1 per cent; profit dropped from 3 to 2 per cent.

Profit and markon (or the older term "markup") are sometimes confused. Markon is the difference between buying and selling from which all expenses, save the initial cost of goods, is paid. Profit is what's left, when all the smoke clears away, as payment for the effort and risk.

Put in dollars and cents, it figures out like this:

Of every dollar you spent in a department store (average of the 352 stores) 59 cents went to the supplier; 38.6 cents to salaries,

rent; taxes and so on; 2.4 cents went to the owners.

Speaking of business—when you think of the tremendous number of differences that are settled every day by the old, standard means of barter, negotiation and contract, it seems too bad that more public business can't be settled directly the same way.

For instance:

Pick out these statements, made by the water users on the public business of water use last week:

John Boyle, testifying for Copco: "... the company would have to have extension of its 1917 agreement with the United States... if I were to go ahead with the Big Bend project, the company would be agreeable to some extension of the 7-mill power rate, which a 1917 agreement with the United States made available for irrigation pumping in this area."

Bill Gannon's letter to the Chamber of Commerce:

"It is believed that a majority of the water users would favor a program such as the following: ... the contract between the United States and Copco be extended according to all of its original terms, EXCEPT as to charges for power for irrigation purposes. Charge for power for such pumping should be reduced in a ratio at least equal to the prevailing interest rate on the \$3,000,000 of value."

Assuming that these statements represent the thinking of the users of water (agriculture and power) all that remains to negotiate a contract to protect the interests of both sides.

The farm water users would have to negotiate through the bureau of reclamation and, as Bill Gannon pointed out, the time to do it is before water rights are extended or granted to anybody.

Commie Chief Airs Protest

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The chief Red armistice negotiator protested Tuesday that the United Nations Command killed two Communist prisoners of war and wounded eight on Kojia Island last week.

The protest coincided with an official U.N. announcement that two North Korean POWs were killed and nine wounded on the prison camp island last week in a series of isolated incidents.

The complaint was in a letter from North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior Communist negotiator, to Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, head of the U.N. truce team.

It was delivered by liaison officer to Panmunjom just before the delegations held their fifth successive secret session on the truce-blocking issues of prisoner exchange. The conference lasted 48 minutes.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U.N. Command spokesman, said the tone of the meeting was "objective."

The delegates will meet again Wednesday at 11 a.m.

A London report that the U.N. is considering an offer by India to help settle the armistice deadlock was denied by the U.S. State Department and the British embassy in Washington.

"It's simply not true," a State Department spokesman said.

Railroader Dies Here

A retired railroad official Harry Blaise, who moved here from Portland three years ago, died unexpectedly yesterday afternoon at his ranch home on the Lakeview Highway.

Blaise was trainmaster and general yardmaster for the Portland, Seattle and Spokane Railway Company at the time of his retirement.

His widow and a daughter, Mrs. Carmen Embree, survive.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced by Ward's Funeral Home.

IRAN EXPORTS SAG
TEHRAN (AP) — Iran's exports were almost double her exports for the year ending March 21. Imports amounted to \$219,000 while exports reached \$34,000. This adverse balance of trade was aggravated by the fact that Iran's usual oil income virtually disappeared as a result of nationalization.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

EVERY MACHINE SHOP HAS ITS PRIMA DONNA WHO PESTERS THE BOSS TO BUY HIM VERY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT...

AND AFTER SAID BOSS GOES INTO THE RED FOR TOOLS NOBODY ELSE CAN USE... WHAT DOES SAID EMPLOYEE DO? KEE-RECT!



Bruce Blossat

The action of Congress in finally approving an extension of the authority to impose wage and price controls reflects sensible caution regarding the immediate future of the U. S. economy.

In practice the government actually has been fitting some of the controls imposed at first. The chances are that this trend will continue. Then why not kill the control powers right now, as the House has voted to do?

The argument against it is the fact that defense spending still is mounting and has not yet reached its peak. The outlook therefore is that inflationary pressure may be greater this fall and winter than at any time since the Korean war began.

In spite of the professed fears of many congressmen, there is no particular harm to have at hand the power to control prices and wages, so long as that authority is not abused.

Obviously the wiser heads in Congress, who held this view, prevailed in the end. They extended control powers until next May 1. In the ensuing days we shall see exactly what pressures are put upon the economy by the rising spiral of inflation. We shall have ample time to observe soberly and carefully the operation of U. S. business in the weird confusion of half war-half peace.

No Money For Ice Harbor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A closing-hour drive to obtain funds to start Ice Harbor Lock and Dam on the Snake River in Washington state met defeat as Congress hastened to adjourn Monday.

However, Senate leaders promised Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) who spearheaded the drive, they would try to get the money early in the 83rd Congress.

The \$60,000 appropriation for Ice Harbor was linked with the defeat over a \$4,000,000 item the Senate had approved for the Hartwell Dam on the Savannah River between South Carolina and Georgia.

The House eliminated both items from the Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Bill.

Sens. Maybank (D. S. G.) and John Johnston (D. S. C.) had threatened filibuster against the bill unless the Hartwell Dam Appropriation was restored.

They dropped the fight when the supplemental appropriation bill was amended to request the AEC to investigate the importance of the dam to the giant Savannah River atomic plant and submit a report to the next Congress.

Senate leaders said they would try to get funds for the Hartwell Dam and gave a similar promise to Magnuson who protested the House action on the Ice Harbor project.

Magnuson said the project was as important as the Hartwell Dam because it would supply additional power for the Atomic Energy Commission's atomic plant at Hanford,

Hal Boyle

Wilbur Peble, America's most average citizen, reports a quickening pace at the Republican convention in the following letter to his wife, Trellis Mae:

CHICAGO (AP) — Well, honey, this is no longer any place for an innocent bystander.

Things are moving fast. I was run over twice this morning on my way to breakfast. First, I was bowled over by a hit-and-run Taft parade. Then, while getting up, I was struck in the head and tromped down again by a fellow carrying a bass drum in an Eisenhower band.

When I finally did make it to the curb, I found ten campaign buttons stuck in me—three for Taft, three for Ike, and one each for Warren, Stassen and MacArthur.

The tenth button said, "Harry Will Carry." There must be a Democratic spy loose somewhere among these Republicans.

But it would be hard to find him here, as the Republicans are acting like Democrats are supposed to act. The elephant has lost his lorraine, and the GOP now stands for "Good Old Pandemonium."

The rival factions are accusing each other of every crime possible—including political cannibalism.

The fellows who are kicking themselves here are the committed delegates—those already pledged to support one candidate or the other.

"Nobody is bothering to romance us," one said. "Boy, the thing to be is an uncommitted delegate. They are like a pretty girl being courted by two of the town's best bachelors.

"It's not right now if I were uncommitted I could have my breakfast in bed, get my son sent to Yale and maybe hold out myself for a place on the Supreme Court."

I was unable to attend the opening session in convention hall, as the fellow who gave me a ticket grabbed it back when I made the mistake of announcing I was an independent voter.

"You got some crust, brother," he said. "I thought you was a delegate from Pennsylvania and naturally we want the fellows from Pennsylvania well taken care of."

While I was watching the proceedings on a television screen in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, an old lady came up to me.

"I can't tell them apart," she said.

"Who?" I asked politely.

"These fellows, Taft, Eisenhower, and Stassen," she said. "My eyes aren't so good, and on television they all look alike now."

"I guess it's because they are all kind of bald. One thing about Abraham Lincoln or General Grant, if they were alive today a body

Two-Year-Old Wants Cigars

NEWARK, N. J. (AP) — Little Jimmy McLaughlin has exacted a solemn promise from his mommy for his second birthday, Aug. 3, a big box of Italian stogies just for himself.

Jimmy — blue eyes, blond hair and always ready to talk a blue streak — was getting a little tired of mooching his father's cigars.

He began smoking when he was eight months old.

"He picked up daddy's cigar one day," said his pretty 25-year-old mother, "and there's been no holding him ever since. He's unbearable all day long unless he has his early-morning cigarette."

She estimates his daily consumption at six cigarettes and one cigar.

Jimmy, who has been carrying on conversations since he was one, says he likes it and girls in addition to cigars and wants to play baseball for the Giants.

The comment of his physician, Dr. Nathan Zuckenberg: "Definitely a precocious child."

Officer Makes Surprise Visit

Mrs. Lawrence Birk, 4334 Boardman, was surprised recently on a birthday anniversary with a call from her only son, 1st Lieut. E. L. Birk, now Aide to General Bixby, Commanding officer, U.S. Army Forces in Nurnberg, Germany.

The call came through at 3 a.m. and Mrs. Birk was particularly interested in the exchange service and the voices of foreign operators heard while the call was being completed.

The lieutenant's grandmother, Mrs. Maude M. McClay lives on the Merrill highway.

BUSINESSMAN AIDS PICKETS
MT. VERNON, Ill. (AP) — A dry-cleaner was picketed last night to organize his employees into a union. Owner Ed Meek put a big umbrella and a chair in front of his business. His sign explained: "For the comfort and convenience of our pickets."

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GABRIELSON OPENS GOP CONVENTION—Republican National Committee Chairman Guy Gabrielson is shown as he called the 1206 delegates to order. Officially opening the 1952 Republican convention in Chicago.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

Patients frequently misunderstand what the doctor tells them and perhaps that is the reason for the following question from a correspondent: "Can you explain why a physician would cure this infection, but I hate to give it?"

No, I cannot explain this statement unless it refers to cortisone or ACTH, which are sometimes used to combat certain kinds of infections.

However, the question does raise the subject of hormones, what they are and what they can do.

First, what is a hormone? It is a chemical substance which is produced in some organ or gland inside the body. Hormones are emptied directly into the blood stream and carried to other parts of the body, where they produce definite effects.

Some of the better known glands which produce hormones are the thyroid, the pancreas and adrenal glands in the abdomen.

Congressional Vote Reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — How Oregon members of congress were recorded as voting on recent rollcalls.

On passage over President Truman's veto, 57-20, of McCarran immigration bill: Cordon for, Morse against.

On amendment by Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) to defense appropriation bill to cut 200 million dollars from funds for Air Force maintenance and operations, defeated, 43-33: Cordon, Morse for.

On ratification, 72-5, of peace treaty with Western Germany: Cordon, Morse for.

On passage, 64-16, of bill to permit minimum (fair trade) agreements: Cordon for, Morse against.

On passage, 191-142, of Senate House compromise bill extending the defense production act, with price and wage controls, through April 30, 1953: Angell, Norblad for, Ellsworth, Stockman against.

On passage, 307-121, of bill to continue present method of computing parity prices for basic agriculture commodities: Angell, Stockman for; Ellsworth, Norblad not voting.

On passage, 347-99, of resolution providing \$75,000 to a special committee for investigation of foundations: Ellsworth, Norblad, Stockman for; Angell against.

Local Woman To Milwaukee

Mrs. Mary Chinn, 1321 Johnson, was called to Milwaukee last week by the death of her father, Norris Clift Davis, native Oregonian who died June 30, following a heart attack. He had been a city fireman in Portland for 27 years.

Surviving are his widow, Amelia Davis, Milwaukee; two daughters, Mrs. Chinn, Klamath Falls and Helen Harvey, Milwaukee; one son, John Davis, Portland; also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Thursday in Peak Memorial Chapel Milwaukee.



Klamath Man Dies In Calif.

H. V. McCourt, former Klamath area lumberman, died Monday morning in San Francisco following a long illness.

His sister, Mrs. Wilfred E. Lamm, left Klamath Falls Sunday night to be with him.

McCourt was in his early 70s. He lived here many years ago and was associated with Tolland Watt, his nephew, in the Deschutes Lumber Company at Mowich and later at Redding.

Funeral services are to be conducted Wednesday morning at the Green and English Funeral Home, Masonic Street at Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

In addition to Mrs. Lamm, another sister, Mrs. George Watt, survives.

CRUISER SAILS

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. (AP) — The British Cruiser Birmingham sailed from Portsmouth Monday for duty in Korea.

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