

# History Doesn't March Straight

Editor's Note: Few of us standing to sing the National Anthem, wonder about its history. But as we prepare to celebrate this country's birthday on the Fourth of July, let's take a look at the song's lively past—and at the controversies still swirling around it.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — History doesn't march straight ahead as it seems to in books. Often it stumbles about, sometimes with delightful results.

Did you ever stop to think, for example, how fortunate it was that during the War of 1812 the British were in such a hurry? They hustled Dr. William Beanes off to prison so fast he didn't have time to grab his wig or, more important, his spectacles.

If they hadn't been in such a rush, one of the most famous of all patriotic lines would never have been written.

"O Say! Can You See, By The Dawn's Early Light?"

That's the unbespectacled Dr. Beanes anxiously peering at a shore dimly seen and putting the question to Francis Scott Key aboard a British ship in Baltimore Harbor.

This is the time when we get ready to celebrate Independence Day.

With a long weekend coming up, there'll be quick vacation trips, firecrackers, baseball doubleheaders, watermelons, brass bands and, at night, the rocket's red glare as it bursts in the air.

At many of the more strictly patriotic gatherings there will be at least a few moments of attention for the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," an old tune that still has enough life in it to kick up a fuss in Congress.

Which takes us back to the eye-straining Dr. Beanes, a prominent Washington physician and patriot.

The British had invaded Washington and burned it in August, 1814. Capturing three British refugees, Dr. Beanes had them thrown in jail.

Later the Redcoats totes away the unfortunate Dr. Beanes as a British prisoner.

All this helped to stir the patriotic fervor of Francis Scott Key, who had opposed the war

that was to produce his stirring poem.

Roger B. Taney, who was to become Chief Justice, described Key in this way:

"A tall, gaunt fellow, as lean as a Potomac herring, and as shrewd as the shrewdest."

Strongly religious, Key had wrestled with the idea of entering the ministry. Religion lost, and he became a first-rate lawyer.

But his religious fervor was to show up in his poetry, and his "Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee" still appears in some hymnals.

During his busy later legal life Key defended Sam Houston in a famous trial before the House of Representatives. He was also a conciliator for Andrew Jackson in an argument involving Alabama, and a passionate spokesman in a case now remembered only as "A Negro named Ben seeking his freedom."

As this nation drifted toward war, Key became deeply disturbed.

When he was chosen to deliver the oration before the Washington Society of Alexandria, Va., a high honor, he mournfully spoke on "The deplorable condition into which the American people had fallen as a result of their vice and stupidity."

Then came the British invasion, and Key stopped fretting over deplorable conditions to worry over more immediate problems. When he was asked if he would attempt to obtain Dr. Beanes' release, he accepted.

Although Key was successful, the British were cautious. They held both Key and Beanes aboard ship while plans were made to attack Baltimore.

Key spent the night of Sept. 13, 1814, in agony as the British guns boomed. During the early morning hours the tension heightened as Dr. Beanes kept asking: "Can you see the flag? Can you see the flag?"

Then, when Key did see the flag still flying over Ft. Mifflin, he poured his feelings into the poem he jotted down on an envelope.

On Sept. 21 it appeared in the Baltimore American. Soon it was being sung in taverns and theaters.

It was an old tune, one that had been used for "Adams and Liberty" during the Revolutionary War. Unfortunately, it had even an older history, even, by some standards, a shady past.

The tune had been composed, probably by John Stafford Smith, for the Anacreontic Society of London, a drinking club. Many have protested that a tune for raising the cup is hardly proper for raising the flag.

Yet anyone who bothers to hunt up the original words for the old song, looking for hawdy versifying, may have trouble understanding those protests.

One verse should be ample: "To Anacreon, in heav'n, where he sat in full glee."

A few lines of harmony sent a petition that he their inspirer and patron be;

When this answer arrived from the jolly old Grecian — Voice, fiddle and flute, No longer be mute; I'll lend ye my name, and inspire ye to boot;

And besides, I'll instruct ye, like me to intwine

The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus's vine."

In this less poetic age that sort of thing might drive, but would scarcely lead, a man to drink.

Although both the Army and Navy officially adopted "The Star-Spangled Banner," it was not until March 3, 1931, that President Herbert Hoover signed the bill that made it the national anthem.

Well, you might think that would end the matter, but it hasn't.

A few years ago Rep. Joel Brody (R-Va) was asked by some high school students for the official version of the anthem. He began rooting around, and found there wasn't any, although the Library of Congress has more than 571 copyrighted versions.

This led to the present troubles. For during an attempt to give an official wording a typographical error was made—but let Sen. Nelson Dilworth (R) of the California State Senate explain his reaction.

"One proposal," he told his colleagues, "would change the word power from capital to a small letter. In this case the word refers to God and to make it a small letter is atheistic."

Brody scurried back to the printers, dodging indignant complaints as he ran for a new "Capital P" bill. This time he included explanatory to show he's not intent on undermining the American way of life.

Another suggestion has been made by Rep. Carroll Kearns (R-Fa), a graduate of the Chicago

Musical College. He has worked out basic harmonies, in various keys, to help conductors abroad—and he, too—knows how to play the piece.

Kearns points out one difficulty in "The Star-Spangled Banner" is that each of us understands all too well.

"The trouble is that it was written in too broad a range," Kearns says. "No one is able to reach all the high notes and all the low notes."

Kearns got some excellent support at a House committee hearing on May 21. Luch Monroe, who has sung the song more than 5,000 times all over the world, told the congressmen:

"Audiences have difficulty with one high note in the middle and again in the end."

Her recommendation: Adopt a version worked out by Paul Taubman, a New York musician, which makes the piece more singable.

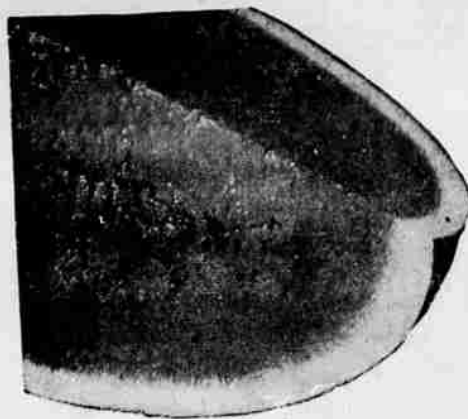
Put a word of reassurance, whether or not an official version is adopted, no violence will be done to the anthem. You'll never get a congressman to vote against "The Star-Spangled Banner," especially in an election year.

A final observation: One proposal involving the historic old tune has nothing to do with either the words or the melody. Rep. Katherine Price Collier (D-Georgia) has a bill that would simply insert this sentence into the law of the land:

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Put that baton down, professor. Let the riot go on.

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There were 16,000,000 board feet of ponderosa pine which sold for \$15.10 per thousand feet; one million board feet of white fir and other species at \$1.55 per thousand; and an unestimated amount of old deads at \$1 per thousand. Appraised prices were \$14.50 per thousand on ponderosa pine and \$1.55 per thousand on white fir and other species.

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At 2 p.m. on Monday in the Lakeview Working Circle the Mud Springs sale in the Drews Valley District had the Lakeview Lumber Products Company as the only and successful bidder.

The Lakeview company purchased 36,288,000 board feet of ponderosa pine, minimum \$29.50 per thousand feet; one million white fir and other species at \$1.55 per thousand; and unestimated amount of old deads at \$1 per thousand.

On July 14 there will be an oral auction at 2 p.m. in the office of the Fremont National Forest in Lakeview. This will be the Forest sale on the Big Run area, Alder, Lake County, but in the Mud Springs Working Circle.

There will be 4,500,000 board feet of ponderosa pine, minimum \$29.50 per thousand; 300,000 board feet of white fir and other species at \$1.55 per thousand.

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