

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round —

Vets Going into Air-Freight Business Bugged Down in Government Red Tape

By DREW PEARSON

The Bernadotte Plan

Inside story of the origin of the Bernadotte plan now has leaked out.

The Bernadotte plan was developed at a highly secret meeting on the island of Rhodes just before Bernadotte was killed. Present were only four people—Sir John Troutbeck, British ambassador to Egypt; Robert McClintock, U. S. state department official; Count Bernadotte and Dr. Ralph Bunche, Bernadotte's deputy.

The British ambassador bluntly announced he had instructions from Foreign Minister Belvin not to support any

plan unless it provided for handing over the potentially wealthy Negev area to the Arabs.

Previously, the United Nations had awarded the Negev to Israel, and largely because of this, State Department representative McClintock refused to accept the Bevin proposal. McClintock described it as similar to the Grady-Morrison plan for the partition of the Holy Land which the United States had flatly rejected.

Coldly, Sir John Troutbeck replied that there would be no agreement on Palestine unless the Arabs got the Negev. Re-

sult of this disagreement was that Bernadotte and Bunche had to mediate not between the Jews and the Arabs, but rather between the Americans and the British.

Finally, McClintock agreed to cable Washington the text of the British proposals.

Significantly the Bernadotte plan never was discussed by the mediators with either the Israeli government or the Arabs. It came directly from Bevin as the British price for the acceptance of any plan for settlement in the Holy Land.

When McClintock got word back from Washington that the state department favored Bevin's proposal regarding the Negev, he was amazed. However, that's how the so-called Bernadotte plan was born.

Economic Forecast

Crystal-balling is a favorite indoor sport in Washington, not only with newspaper columnists, but with government economists. However while a columnist must publicly climb out on a limb when he predicts the future, economists frequently can keep their forecasts secret.

Right now, super-prediction on the nation's economic outlook for the next six years is reported in a top-secret file at the agriculture department. Prepared by the bureau of agriculture economics, the forecast deals chiefly with the years 1950 through 1954. Based on the assumption there will be no war, here's the gist of the economic forecast.

Depression—There will be no major depression in the next six years and no runaway inflation.

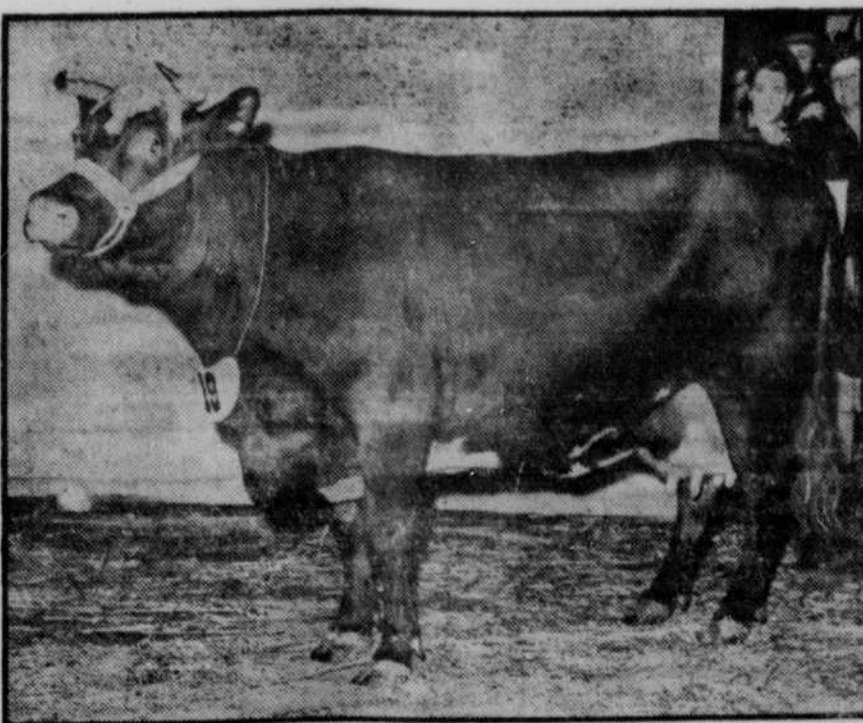
National Income—Barring an unforeseen sharp decline in employment during the 1950-54 period, money available for consumer spending may average as high as in 1948, with purchasing power 10 per cent greater, due to lower prices. Net farm income may drop 15 per cent, however, due to lower prices and continued high production costs.

Prices—A drop in consumer prices will average 10 per cent from 1948 on, during the five-year period, but the retail price level still will be more than 50 per cent above pre-war years. If unemployment (now about 1,900,000) reaches 9,000,000 at any stage, retail prices may drop 20 per cent below the 1948 level.

Employment—Unemployment could reach 9,000,000 but is not likely to go over 6,000,000. However, full employment (60,000,000) is a "distinct possibility" during some and perhaps all years from 1950-54. If productivity per worker continues at its present rate total national production by 1952 will be 8 per cent greater than 1948.

Red Tape Over Air

Veterans going into the air-freight business are still snarled in red tape, can't get government certification from the civil aeronautics board. In formal hearings, the board has been lined up almost solidly behind the airlines which are opposing the veterans.



BUTTERFAT QUEEN . . . "Kaberfold Rosette, the Eighth," who yielded 76 pounds of milk with 4.6 butterfat content at judging, walked off with the title of champion dairy shorthorn cow at the annual London Dairy Show. Rosette also won four other prizes in competition.

One CAB member, Harold A. Jones, was so eloquent in expressing the big airlines' point of view that the grateful American airlines counsel, Dan Gribbon, injudiciously let slip this remark in front of everyone:

"Mr. Jones, I don't think you could have put your company's policy into better words."

Jones coughed nervously, colored with embarrassment.

NOTE — The air force is building up an air-cargo fleet. Yet usually astute Seth Richardson, counsel for Northwest airlines, testified: "This whole proceeding is inopportune. There may be need for an air-freight industry five or 10 years from now, but not now."

Visit at Neligh—Mrs. M. R. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Graybiel, at Neligh.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Purple Pansy Troop II—Our regular troop meeting was held Monday, November 8, in the school lunch room. The dues were collected and the attendance was taken.

Several weeks ago we chose new patrol leaders: Janet Seger, leader of the Busy Snow Buns; Evalyn Asher, leader of the Milky Way; and Lynette Johnson, leader of the Wild Rose.

On November 1, we invested seven new members.

We started making handkerchief folders.

Our next meeting will be held Monday after school in the school lunch room. — By Mildred Crabb, troop scribe.

Depart for Oklahoma—Mr. and Mrs. John Murray and Henry Waldrop, of Weatherford, Okla., left Tuesday, November 9, for their home. They were called here by the death of Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. C. E. Adamson.

Many Faces Seen in Tourist City

By A. STROLLER

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Nov. 9—One of the pleasant features about life in a city like Phoenix is meeting people. Phoenix is what is called a tourist city in distinction from an industrial city and people come here from all parts of the country to spend the winter.

The Winters in Phoenix are mild in comparison with the Winters in colder climates. I occasionally look over the daily weather reports and note how cold it is in cities like Sioux City, St. Paul, Des Moines, Chicago, New York, etc., while, perhaps, on the same date, the mercury may be up in the 90s in this locality.

In the northern part of Arizona, of course, the climate is quite different and the mercury has already dipped to a low point this fall. In this part of the state it never snows and seldom freezes.

Well, anyway, the mild winter climate of Phoenix attracts people from all over the United States and even from abroad and hundreds of tourists come here during the winter season. There are many fine hotels, inns, auto courts and other places for them to stay and they spend a great deal of money here every season.

For a number of years, the writer has been connected with the YMCA and its cafeteria while in this city and he has been in a position to meet people who live here all the time or who just come here to spend the winter months.

It has been an enjoyable experience. He has met literally hundreds of people from practically every state in the Union and some real and lasting friendships have been formed. Obviously, he has met many tourists only casually—perhaps they will spend the winter here and that is all; but others have come regularly year after year and we have become well acquainted. In some instances, acquaintanceship has developed into friendship and letters have been exchanged after the visitor has returned home. Christmas cards have also been exchanged.

It is a good opportunity to meet all kinds and types of people from all over the country and even the world and the writer has enjoyed it immensely.

To illustrate how many people come to this town during the winter season, The Residents club of the YMCA holds a Christmas breakfast every year and most of the states are represented at it.

(Next week: A YMCA Conference.)

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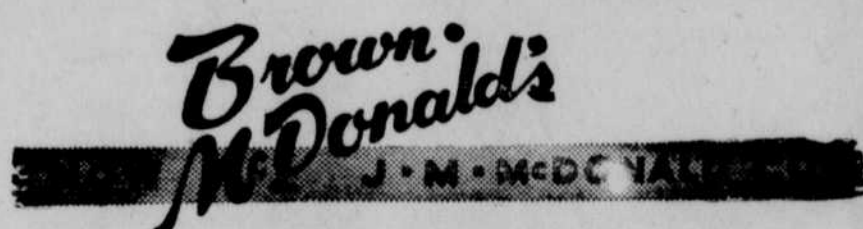
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