

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round —

Johnson Builds Bonfire Under Acheson Urging Support of General Chiang

By DREW PEARSON

Chiang's Friends Helpful

Six state department stenographers were kept busy last week retyping and toning down the American white paper on China. Hastily censored out were allegations labeling certain relatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as crooks.

Inside reason for these sudden changes was a long and continuing argument between Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. For three months Johnson had been building a bonfire under the state department urging it to support Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang.

Johnson is a personal friend and former attorney for Dr. H. H. Kung, brother-in-law of the generalissimo and reputedly one of the world's wealthiest men. At cabinet meetings of the super-secret sessions of the national security council, Johnson constantly, continually needed Acheson.

For a long time there was no result. In fact, when Acheson returned from the Paris conference, he ordered his staff to work out a new blue print for American-Chinese relations which was to be strongly anti-Chiang.

Acheson Outvoted

That blue print was placed before the national security council. After a vigorous debate the vote went against Acheson—about 5 to 1. Those voting no were Johnson, the

treasury department and heads of the armed services. They favored continued support for Chiang Kai-shek's regime no matter how graft-ridden.

Swinging the decision against Acheson were two factors:

1. A statement by Mao Tse-tung, leader of Red China, that he was a Moscow-loving Communist;

2. First indications that Chinese Reds planned rough treatment for American personnel, as later proved by the beating up of U. S. Vice Consul William Olive.

Instead of Acheson's proposed hands-off policy, the joint chiefs of staff recommending a ring of defenses around Red China. This ring will consist of the Japanese, Formosa-Philippines island chain, plus Siam, Burma, India and one small part of South China where Chiang Kai-shek will be defended to the last ditch.

General MacArthur has called his vigorous support of this general idea—which, incidentally, will cost a large and so far unestimated amount of money.

Pegler Probe

Young Congressman Jack Kennedy, of Boston, was elected as a fighting, aggressive champion of labor. He is also the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, ex-ambassador to London, an admirer of columnist Westbrook Pegler.

And when Pegler called labor leaders "despots, criminals and Communists" at a congressional hearing, young Kennedy resigned from the sub-committee, after first protesting in the manner in which Chairman Andrew Jacobs of Indianapolis, was grilling Pegler.

"Why don't you let somebody else ask some questions?" asked Kennedy. "Representative Sims (S.C.) would like to ask a few."

"You've got your ideas and I've got mine," shot back Jacobs. "You'll get your turn after I get through."

New York Politics

Former-Gov. Herbert Lehman and New York boss Ed Flynn have been playing cat-and-mouse over who will run for Bob Wagner's senate seat.

They told two secret huddles, during which Flynn tried to get Lehman to announce his candidacy for the senate immediately. Flynn didn't say so but, if Lehman announced right away, the way would be clear for Flynn's friend, Brooklyn Borough

President John Cashmore, to be Democratic candidate for mayor of the world's largest city.

Lehman, however, knows he'll have a tough fight to win the senate seat in November, so he wants a strong candidate on the ticket with him for mayor—and not John Cashmore. That is why he refused to announce until assured who his running mate will be.

News Capsules

Senate office scramble—John Foster Dulles' arrival in the senate has started a scramble for offices. 25 senators are planning to trade offices—just to make room for the new senator from New York. What happened is that under the seniority system Dulles is low man on the totem pole and not entitled to the choice of office vacated by Senator Wagner. Next in line is Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

Quilt Sale Nets Hospital \$293

Frances Ernst entertained members of the Eagle Creek 4-H club at her home Sunday, August 7. All members present answered roll call by saying in unison the flag salute and the club pledge.

Our leader gave us a number of useful hints for salad combinations and nutritious sandwich spreads, after which we were taught the proper method of setting tables, and judged canned beans.

We learned from our leader that the proceeds from the chenille bedspread which we raffled off for the benefit of the St. Anthony's hospital building fund amounted to \$293. Mrs. Charles Karel held the lucky number. We wish to thank all who helped to make this raffle a success, especially Mary Ann Hickey, Deloris Jilg and their helpers, La Vonne Miller, Rita Jilg, Shirley Ross, Joan Hickey, Patty Tomlinson and Mary Turner. They did a real job of selling tickets.

Our next meeting will be with Harold and Lois Ann Peterson on Sunday, August 28.—By Gene O'Neill, news reporter.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Midshipman Edward Condon, USNR, who is at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, arrived Saturday to spend about a month with his mother, Mrs. Hope Condon, and family.

The woman's extension clubs' food sales, which were held Saturday, July 30, and Saturday, August 6, were "very successful." The response from the public was most gratifying, officials said.

Miss Viola Golson, of Brewster, was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Klingler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mills and son, Herschel, and Mrs. Ralph Pearson, of Washougal, Wash., arrived Friday to visit Mrs. Mills' son, Fay Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marcellus and the Raymond Eby's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Malley, of Chambers, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Edna Coyne.

Ticklers



"Why don't you bring the boy friend around some time? What's the matter, are you ashamed of him?"

Tense Scene Noted in Doctor's Office

By A. Stroller

It was a tense, dramatic scene.

The doctor was late. Generally, he came to his office promptly at 9 o'clock, but this morning he was considerably late and there were a number of people in the waiting room.

The doctor's office was not located on the principle business street of the town nor on

any business street for that matter. As a matter of fact, it wasn't in the business section at all, but in the residential section. It occupied what was originally a barn and, then, a garage and the building had been completely remodeled. It now includes several modern rooms, the waiting room, some consultation rooms, offices, etc. It is roomy and up-to-date.

And this doctor, who has only been in the Nebraska town for a few years, has a large practice. He has ability and an agreeable personality and his business has grown.

By George

Every morning the waiting room begins to fill up long before 9 o'clock, when the office hours start.

It reminds one of that saying of Emerson's about people "beating a path" to your door if you have something to offer which they need. People have literally beaten a path to this physician's door and you can see automobiles parked out in the street very early in the morning.

And that day the doctor was late and the waiting room was rapidly filling up. There were a number of seats in the room and most of them were occupied. A table was piled with magazines and various patients were looking at them and nervously turning the pages, hastily glancing at the pictures and doing a little reading in here and there.

It is doubtful that any of

them really knew what they were reading.

One was impressed with the variety of the patients as well as with the number. There were old men and women, middle aged men and women, young people and children. There were well-to-do people, poor people, cripples, expectant mothers and many other kinds of patients, all nervous and anxious, waiting for the door to the inside office to open and admit them.

Finally, a pleasant faced girl in a spotless white uniform did open the door and the waiting patients started to enter one by one in turn.

It was an interesting scene and suggested that not all the dramatic episodes of life occur on the crowded streets or in the noisy, colorful places of business and amusement.

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American Legion Ballroom . . . O'Neill

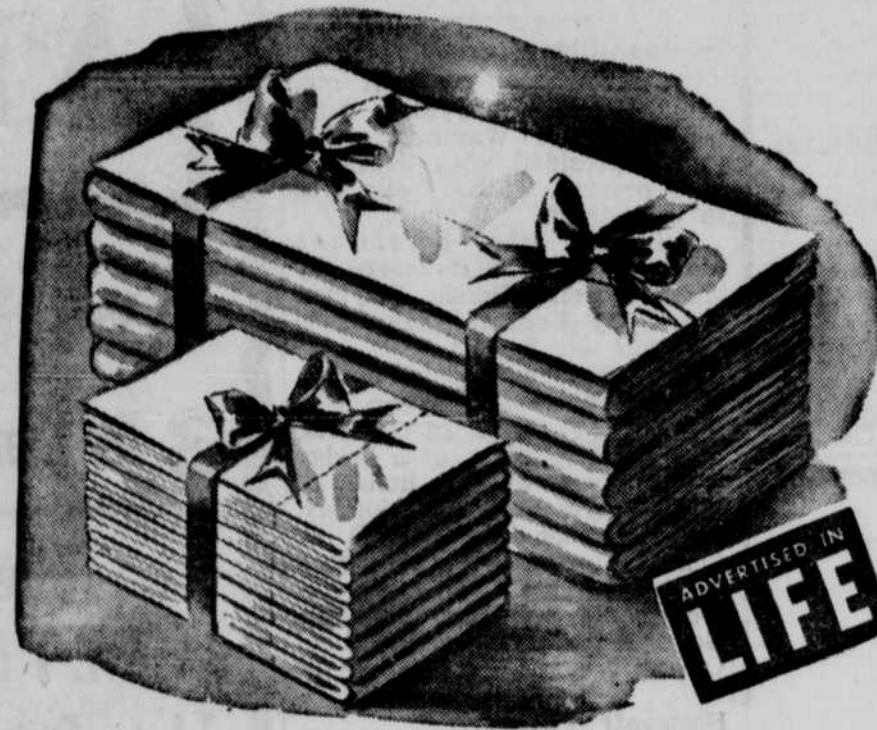
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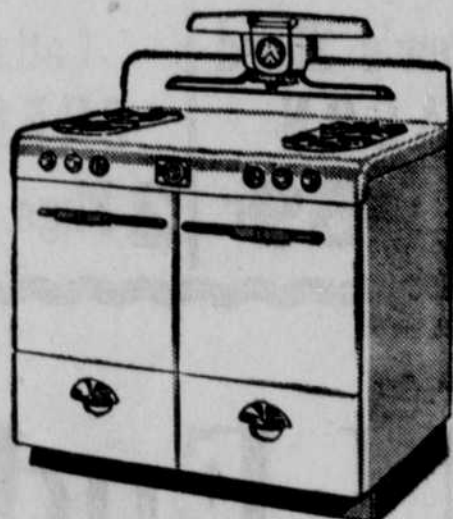
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