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## ERNIE PYLE

"Brave Men" was the title that Ernie Pyle gave his last book. Now he is enrolled forever among them, the brave, ordinary unwarlike men who went forth from America's farms and villages and cities to do what the world's most horrible job in the world's noblest cause.

Ernie Pyle was one of them from the day he joined them. He lived with them, laughed and griped and suffered with them, and died with them.

Few soldiers had seen more of battle and death than he. Death had been near him in England and North Africa. He had felt the brush of its wing at Anzio and again in France. He endured the nearness of death until the shattering effect of its imminence drove him away from the front to rest.

But Ernie Pyle went back. He didn't want to. He feared that the law of averages was against him. He did not want to die, and was honest enough to say so.

And he didn't have to go back. No commanding officer ordered him forward. But he went back because he was a brave man and because he had a job to do, the important job of telling the parents and families and friends of millions of American boys in uniform what they wanted to know. He told them what the boys were doing and how they were doing it. He shared their pride and their sorrow as if he were one of the millions of families for whom he wrote.

It is as a dear and intimate friend of those families that he will be mourned. Americans loved Ernie Pyle as they loved Will Rogers, and for the same reasons.

A veteran newspaperman who never pontificated, an unpretentious Hoosier who never lost his small-town outlook, Ernie Pyle became not only the most famous writer of this war but one of the most beloved men of his time. He rightly deserved both the fame and the affection. That he could not have lived to enjoy both is another of the unnumbered tragedies of the war.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q—When did the first demonstration of radio control of machinery take place?

A—In 1898, when Nikola Tesla, Yugoslav scientist employed by Edison, demonstrated a radio-controlled boat. Radio was then two years old.

Q—What war-vital materials do the Japs get from British Malaya?

A—Tin, tungsten, iron ore, manganese ore, wood, rubber among others.

Q—What was the first method of lighting streets in America?

A—A lamp in the window of every seventh house, a method still in use around 1750.

Q—What is steatite?

A—A mineral twin of face powder and talc; used for insulation, crayons, building. It is found in Sardinia, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia.

Paul Revere was the greatest artist in the forming, shaping, and engraving of gold and silver in his day. He learned his trade as an apprentice in his father's shop.

The Cook County Hospital (Ill.) is the largest hospital under a single roof. A total of 3,300 patients can be taken care of at once.

The only commercial airport in the world that has dual runways in all directions is the Chicago Municipal Airport.

The most expensive book that the University of Chicago Press has printed is "Ancient Egyptian Paintings." It sells for \$175.

Indiana lost 74 men in the Spanish-American war.

# The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

(Lt. Col. R. S. Allen Now On Active Service)

Drew Pearson Says: Truman's committee work showed his liking for teamwork; Morgenthau tries to resign; Truman takes Republican advice; Will liberals back Truman.

WASHINGTON — Here is one tip-off as to how Harry Truman will operate as president of the United States—namely how he handled his old Truman committee.

A lot of myths have grown up about that committee, chiefly that it was run by Hugh Fulton, its counsel. Fulton was a good fact-finder, but it's sheer baloney that he ran the committee. Real fact is that it was a good committee and had some A-1 members. They all ran it.

Truman believed in teamwork. He didn't move without keeping his committee informed and having its support. He worked also with the republicans on the committee—Brewster of Maine, Burton of Ohio, Ball of Minnesota and Ferguson of Michigan—and they reciprocated.

A lot of people around Washington think it may be a good idea to have more of this kind of teamwork. During many years under a spectacular president, government officials had drifted into the habit of letting things slip because they knew "the boss would take care of it." Now Truman is likely to adopt the policy of letting every man handle his own burdens, and if things slip, getting a new man.

## MORGENTHAU RESIGNS

After the funeral services at the White House, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau called on President Truman and brought with him a letter of resignation. Truman read it over and said:

"But I want you to stay on with me."

Both Morgenthau and Truman were still grief-stricken by the sudden death of their mutual friend.

"Now you know how I feel, Mr. President," replied Morgenthau. "Roosevelt told me many times, 'Henry, you and I came down here together from Dutchess county (where both Morgenthau and Roosevelt have estates), and we will go back together.' Now he's going back and I feel I ought to go."

"But," maintained the new president, "you have a lot of work to do here and I want you to stay."

"Mr. President, I am glad to serve in time of war and I will do anything I can to back you up," replied Morgenthau, "but you are entitled to a free hand and to choose your own men. I have one boy with the Third Army in Germany and another of my sons is fighting off Okinawa right now. But I will carry on under two conditions: If you think I am the best man for the job, and if you will back me up 100 per cent. That's the way it was with Roosevelt and that's the only way I will stay."

"Well, that's the way it will be Henry," replied the new president. "I will back you up 100 per cent if you will stay."

In the end, Morgenthau agreed. Note—Though Harry Hopkins had the reputation of being Roosevelt's closest friend, actually just before the late president left for the Crimea conference, he told his last cabinet meeting: "Now if anything should happen to us while we are gone, it's up to Henry Morgenthau to call the cabinet together."

## TRUMAN HIGHLIGHTS

Should there be a vacancy on the supreme court, President Truman's first choice would probably be his old friend, Sen. Carl Hatch of New Mexico, author of the Hatch Act. . . . It seems odd for a democratic president to be taking advice from hard boiled republicans. But when the new president met with senatorial friends on his first day in the White House, he proposed addressing congress for only five minutes. Because of Roosevelt's death, he felt his message should be very brief. Republican Senator Vandenberg, however, urged a longer message, and other senators agreed. Truman accepted their suggestion. . . . Donald Nelson, whom Truman championed against Charles E. Wilson and army brass hats during WPB battles, is now sitting close to the White House. Just before Truman went up to deliver his first message, Nelson sat with Jimmy Byrnes to put the finishing touches on the speech.

Most people don't know it, but the "Murray-Kilgore bill" for reconversion was almost called the "Murray-Kilgore-Truman bill." The bill provided for generous temporary payments to labor during the reconversion period when there might be wholesale unemployment, and Truman strongly favored this pro-labor legislation. But in deference to Roosevelt, who then opposed it, the vice-presidential candidate did not put his name on the bill as co-author. However, he gave senators Murray and Kilgore plenty of quiet help behind the scenes. . . . Truman is being urged to appoint Vice Democratic Chairman Oscar Ewing the solicitor general. Just before he died, Roosevelt finally agreed with Biddle that Ewing, an Aluminum Corporation lawyer, wasn't the man. Now, however, democratic bigwigs are trying to get a reversal from Truman. . . . When the new president delivered his first message to congress, the White House ran out of tickets. So Truman's secretary, Mat Connelley, wrote six letters of admission on White House stationery and gave them to six old Truman fiends. However, congressional doorkeepers ignored the letters, tossed the six friends out.

## RIGHT OR LEFT TRUMAN?

Biggest political problem faced by Harry Truman is to keep the support of the huge segment of liberals which, rain or shine, for better or for worse, always followed Franklin Roosevelt.

FDR knew they could never leave him. During the first eight years of his administration, he was their idol. And during the last four years, when he swung to the right, the liberals had no place else to go. Roosevelt knew it and sometimes treated them like step-children. But they had to take it.

Since Roosevelt's death last week, however, some of his old liberal friends, among them labor leaders controlling huge blocs of votes, have been putting their heads together. Some have decided that if Truman swings to the right, they will bolt.

They figure that they have much greater political bargaining power if they are independent. In the old days the republican party was often more progressive than the democrats. Today Stassen of Minnesota, Warren of California and Dewey of New York are putting through some distinctly liberal measures. Therefore, if the Truman administration swings over to the conservative southern wing of the democratic party, the liberals figure they can do business with the republicans. (Copyright, 1945, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



## Weeping Water

MRS. THOMAS MURTEY, Correspondent

Mrs. George Ellis, Miss Katharine Ellis, Mrs. C. V. Wallick, Martha Wallick and Charles Wallick went to Nehawka Friday evening to attend the opera "Lazy Town" which was given by the Nehawka school, and in which Patty Ellis had one of the leading parts.

Again has the government had occasion to send a message telling of the death of one of our well beloved young men, while on duty with the armed forces. Thursday, just before noon, Mrs. Clarence E. Tefft received a message saying that her son, Ward Tefft, had been killed in action, March 28, in Germany, Sheldon Tefft, of Chicago, arrived late that night, to be with his mother, and his sister, Miss Esther Tefft, for a few days. Ward Tefft, 29, was born in Weeping Water and graduated at the Weeping Water High School, with the class of 1933, and from the University of Nebraska in the spring of 1937, where he majored in mechanical engineering. After graduation he was with the Westinghouse Company, at Pittsburg, later he went to Chicago, where he was with the Carnegie, Illinois Steel Company, until he entered the service of his country, in April, a year ago. December 15th last he was returned to duty with the 347th Infantry, in Gen. Patton's army. Memorial services were held Sunday morning in connection with the morning service. Ward was a member of the Congregational Church, and a faithful attendant at its services, when at home. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Clarence E. Tefft, two brothers, Sheldon, of Chicago, and Ralph, of Schenectady, N. Y. and one sister, Miss Esther Tefft. The sympathy of the entire community goes

out to the bereaved family. Ward Tefft Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Johnson Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Johnson, 89, widow of the late Albert A. Johnson, died early Thursday morning, April 12, 1945, at her home in Weeping Water. Mrs. Johnson was born in Illinois and came to Nebraska in 1862, when the parents bought the farm on O Street highway, one half miles west of Ft. George Filling Station, which is still occupied by a member of the Johnson family.

In the year of 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, at their home in Weeping Water. Mr. Johnson passed away the next year. One daughter, Mrs. E. B. Taylor is left to mourn her passing. Two sons, Asa and Addison, have preceded her in death. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor have made their home with Mrs. Johnson for several years. Two weeks

## ABE MARTIN



Some fellers chaw a se-gar like th' bit wuz under ther tongue. Who remembers when th' ole ice cream parlor wuz th' step-pin' stone t' th' altar? (Copyright, John F. Dille, Co.)

## EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An unofficial yet highly authoritative opinion that the White House has no power under existing law to make executive agreements which would grant foreign airlines the right to operate in the United States is appearing in the forthcoming April issue of the George Washington University Law Review. Publication of this opinion may have important bearing on Senate Foreign Relations Committee consideration of the postwar international civil aviation convention drawn up at the 54-nation conference in Chicago last fall.

This G. W. U. Law Review article is something more than just another one of the endless series of long-winded differences of opinion among lawyers. It was written by Arne C. Wiprud, special assistant to the Attorney General in charge of transportation cases for the Anti-Trust Division. Wiprud is the man who did much of the spadework for the Department of Justice suit against the western railroads on charges of conspiracy to fix rates.

"UNDER existing law," writes Wiprud at the end of his exhaustive research into all U. S. aviation laws and treaties, ". . . the conclusion of executive agreements to affect an exchange of operating rights is without legal basis. Such executive agreements, to have legal validity, would require the adoption and ratification of a treaty between the governments concerned."

If the Wiprud argument is correct, the White House would have two choices. Either to recall the agreements and send them to the Senate in the form of treaties for ratification, or else ask Congress for new legislation, an amendment to the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 which would give the Administration the power to do what has already been done.

ARNE WIPRUD is not the only lawyer in government who takes the view that executive agreements permitting foreign aircraft transport rights within the United States are not within existing law. Sen. Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina, delegate to the Chicago conference and chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, has testified before the Foreign Relations Committee that he believes the interim agreement and possibly the first four freedoms—covering the right of an airline to fly over foreign territory, to land for service, to put down and pick up traffic from and to its own country—are within existing law.

But on the fifth freedom Senator Bailey has his legal doubts. This fifth freedom would grant any international air carrier the right to put down or pick up traffic from and to other countries than its own country and the country to which it was flying.

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Bids must be submitted on blanks that will be furnished, and will be opened at the meeting of the City Council at 8:00 o'clock P. M., April 23, 1945.  
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ALBERT OLSON  
58-4-5,12,19 City Clerk

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