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## Plattsmouth Improvements

(Guest Editorial by Milo Price)

The City of Plattsmouth, like many other cities, could be improved. It is not difficult to imagine changes which would make Plattsmouth a better, more desirable place in which to live both at work and at play.

Perhaps the greatest civic need is an auditorium adequate for the needs of a community of five or ten thousand people. It is desirable to have an adequate auditorium available for what ever programs and organizations there may be that need such facilities. Having the facilities available would increase the number of calls for such a building.

In addition to these somewhat haphazard uses that would be made of a good community meeting place, some civic organization should assume the responsibility of making the building more useful. One really outstanding program should be available each month to the people of this territory. Good programs of many kinds often stop in Omaha. A few Plattsmouth people see some of them, but not enough to much broaden the outlook of the total population of this city.

Think of the improvement that would result in our own educational activities if every coach and teacher had the chance to have the students actually meet a star or artist in the very field of the teacher's efforts. What would an annual basketball game between professional players or college players do for our high school basketball team, if it were right here in Plattsmouth. To really see and talk to nationally known players and look forward to doing so again next year would stimulate talent and aid coaching far beyond our present realization. The annual appearance of a really good musical organization would give the local music teachers a chance to kindle a fire in students who now never really awaken to their possibilities. So it would be with speaking, dramatics, dancing and dozens of other desirable activities.

People insist upon doing something, and usually doing it with other people. Many people do not have any great desire to indulge in the so called finer things of life, but they would swim, skate, dance and bowl in desirable surroundings, if they were available.

Plattsmouth needs and could have a good outdoor swimming pool, skating rink for both ice skates and for roller skates and a good place to hold dances. Children do not grow up doing nothing; they do worse than nothing or better than nothing. A few opportunities to do better would reduce the number who do worse.

Taking a handful of children away to a camp each summer is not going to help much, especially when the handful come from the families having some ability to direct their children without camps. It should be natural and easy for Plattsmouth children to swim, skate, bowl, play ball and dance right here in the center of town with good well planned supervision always on the job.

Plattsmouth needs first of all a City Auditorium. Those who object to the cost might well investigate the cost of keeping part of our population in various state institutions. Cities with a well rounded recreation program spend more tax money for recreation but spend less for crime, delinquency and insanity.

Go to the court house and ask for the official figures on the number of persons we have in state institutions and then decide whether or not some tax saving methods are not truly criminal.

Plattsmouth young people need and deserve a city auditorium and a swimming pool; the people of Plattsmouth can not afford to allow the city to continue to take chances upon the well rounded development of tomorrows' citizens.

# The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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

Drew Pearson Says: Truman adheres to FDR's hard peace policy; Britain softened by commercial interests; Nazi executions demand caused Pell ouster.

SAN FRANCISCO—On April 25 and 26 this column revealed that one day after President Roosevelt was buried, a meeting was held in the state department at which his previous policy of a hard peace for Germany was reversed.

State department appeasers proposed a new line favoring a soft peace. On April 27, one day following aforesaid publication, President Truman called an important meeting in the White House. Attending it were Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Under-Secretary of State Joe Grew, Undersecretary of the Navy Bard, assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, and Leo Crowley, federal economic administrator.

At the meeting Truman laid down a fat rule that Roosevelt's previous hard peace policy was not to be changed.

This hard peace policy is basically that laid down by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau last autumn, following Roosevelt's discovery that the army and state department had been planning appeasement. The Morgenthau plan calls for the wiping out of all German industry which could contribute to war, the taking over of the nazi educational system, the banishment of nazi school books, and a long occupation.

President Roosevelt himself contributed one pet idea of his own, namely that military music be banned in Germany for the next decade or so. He believed the playing of military music aroused people's warlike emotions. Instead he proposed giving the Germans an extra quota of Wagner, Beethoven, Strauss, etc.

The White House has had indications that the Russians also will go for a hard peace. Big remaining question mark is the British. Many of their banks and business firms collaborated closely with the nazis before the war, and after this war they will control the most highly industrial sections of Germany. What they will do with these areas remains to be seen.

Note—Up until the middle of last week, Postmaster General Frank Walker was scheduled to be the U. S. member of the Reparations Commission. But at the last minute he walked into the White House and asked to be excused. Frank has had several deaths in his family, was deeply moved by the death of his old friend F. D. R., and would like to retire to private life. Ed Pauley, who will take his place, says he will let the state department handle his transportation but otherwise will not listen to their soft peace ideas on reparations.

Friends of handsome Senator "Long Tom" Connally attribute publicity rivalry between him and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan as the reason for the leak about armistice talks with Himmler. For years the genial Texan has helped battle Roosevelt's foreign policies through the senate. But last fall Roosevelt began playing up to Vandenberg as one of the leading ex-isolationist republicans with considerable influence in the senate, and at one meeting of senate leaders it was especially noticeable that Roosevelt went out of his way to defer to the Michigan senator.

It was: What do you think of this, Van. And what do you think of that? Until the neglected senator from Texas was obviously piqued.

At San Francisco, Vandenberg, also has been grabbing the ball and running with it. By all odds he has been the dominating member of the American delegation. Stettinius has sat somewhat in his shadow. Vandenberg is the man most sought out by newsmen. He is also the delegate who had advised other American delegates that their strategy should be put out one good story to the newsmen every day.

Meanwhile Senator Connally has said little, rawed wood. But the other day when news reached the delegation from Washington that Himmler had approached Churchill regarding a surrender, it was too much for Long Tom. He got even for all the news tips Vandenberg had been feeding out by handing newsmen the story.

One little-noticed difference between the U. S. and Great Britain on one hand, and Russia on the other hand, at San Francisco is the western allies attitude toward punishing war criminals.

It may get squeezed out in the discussions between Stettinius, Eden and Molotov, but the Russian state department squeezed out Pell as head of the American delegation to the war crimes commission in London. This commission is charged with working up dossiers against axis war criminals and seeing that they are brought to trial instead of organizing World War III. During the past year, sincere, gray-haired Herbert Pell maneuvered himself into a position where he was scheduled to be head of the whole allied war crimes commission. Instead he was thrown out.

The real inside story of Pell's ouster has never before been told. What actually happened was that at one of his last commission meetings in London, Pell proposed that every German holding nazi party membership cards from Number 1 to 100,000 (the men who originally founded the nazi movement) be put to death without trial.

This proposal so infuriated appeasement-minded British members of the commission that they tipped off state department pals in Washington, who went to work on Pell and caused his early removal.

Although several months have passed since Pell's ouster, nothing has been done to give America real representation on the war crimes commission, despite the recent hideous nazi atrocities.

Here is the general conversation which took place between President Truman, one-time Missouri farm boy accidentally hurried into the presidency, and Foreign Minister Molotov, who made a trip to Germany, in 1939 which we understand was his first trip outside his own country.

The first 15 minutes of their 40-minute conversation dealt with regrets over President Roosevelt's death and Truman's delight that Molotov had come to the United Nations conference. Then the conversation turned to Poland, and Truman reminded Molotov of the Yalta pledge that some of the London Poles would be brought into the Lublin cabinet in order to make it a democratic government.

Truman said that since Yalta this pledge not only had been ignored but that Russia had made the Lublin government as now constituted an accomplished fact by signing a long-term alliance with it.

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## County Salary Bill Again Before Legislature

Attempts to Kill and Amend Bill to Grant New Raises Fails as Bill Advances

LINCOLN, Neb., (UP)—The legislature was off again on the county salary bill late yesterday. Only one motion to kill—the third since the proposed legislation dropped up on general file—was advanced. Offered by Sen. William Hern, Chadron, and defeated 11-24, it evoked comment from Sen. Frank Sorrell, Syracuse.

"I guess that ought to satisfy 'em."

Sorrell, chairman of the government committee which correlated approximately a dozen bills seeking salary raises for county officials into the single ill-starred measure, has been vociferous in supporting the proposition. With every motion to kill, offered each time the bill comes up for discussion, he has increased his efforts to persuade senators to show patience in discussing the multitudinous phases.

Amendment flooded the legislative clerk's desk, a majority seeking increased wages for the county officials, and a slim minority lowering once-amended provisions to conform. The procession of senators to the front of the chamber moved Sen. Don Hanna Brownlee, to comment:

"Everyone has his friends taken care of, and the result is that county salaries are all out of line."

Advanced from general to select file, the bill was amended to provide the following changes:

- Counties of Class 2—County Judge, Counties with 2,750-6,500 population—County judge, \$1,600-\$1,700; county clerk, and county treasurer each \$2,000-\$2,100; sheriff, \$1,300-\$1,400.
- Counties of 6,500-13,000 population—County clerk and county treasurer, each \$2,200-\$2,300; sheriff, \$1,500-\$1,600.
- Counties of 13,000 - 16,500 population—Register of deeds, \$1,600-\$1,700; county superintendent, \$2,100-\$2,200; county judges, \$2,200-\$2,400; county clerk and county treasurer, each \$2,200-\$2,400; sheriff, \$1,750-\$1,850.
- Counties of 16,500-20,000 population—County assessor, \$700-\$800; sheriff, \$2,000-\$2,100.

## LAST EXAMINATION

Announcement from Wayne O. Reed, Superintendent, State Department of Public Instruction: The special examinations for the Temporary Certificate will be conducted in the State Capitol Building, Lincoln, on Saturday May 5, 1945.

This is the last examination for the school year of 1944-45.

## BARBS

LONG before Hitler's house was blown up it crumbled about him.

The average American gal buys 3.5 hats per year. Oh, that's what we've been seeing—the 3!

The goal of the United National Clothing Collection is high up in the millions of pounds—and part of that weight is on your shoulders!

A scientist says we will all be dead in 20,000 years. Just for the fun of it, let's wait and see.

Adolf once had a beautiful view at his chalet near Berchtesgaden. Now it's a beautiful view to us.

## Americans Wed In Aleutians

HEADQUARTERS, 11th AAF, ALASKA. — (UP) — Marjorie Jean Burt, Duluth, Minn., and Warrant Officer Russell J. Yeager, (5920 Southwest Ave.) St. Louis, Mo., April 26 became the first American couple to be married in the Aleutians at a ceremony performed by a navy chaplain, it was disclosed today.

They exchanged monel metal rings made in a navy machine shop and spent their honeymoon at the quarters of Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson, commander of the 11th army air force.

Mrs. Yeager, a Red Cross worker, will return to the United States because service men's dependents may not live in the territory. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Burt, (5414 E. Superior), Duluth.

Wednesday evening City Treasurer M. D. Brown and his son, S. M. 2-c James Douglas Brown, home on leave from the navy, were in Council Bluffs.

They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, the latter a sister of Mr. Brown and aunt of James.

## Holland To Receive Food From the Allies

Relief Given Through Agreement to Allow Allied Aid to the Famine Ridden Dutch

PARIS. — (UP) — The Germans opened Holland to allied food trucks and ships today under a mysteriously arranged truce agreed upon by both sides to provide immediate relief for the famine-ridden Dutch people.

Hundreds of allied trucks, piled high with food and relief supplies, began rolling through the Canadian First army lines into German-occupied western Holland at seven a. m. today, when the local truce went into effect.

The convoy brought in an estimated 1,000 tons of food to be distributed by Dutch authorities without interference from the Germans. Official spokesmen said it was hoped to maintain this tonnage daily by road, augmented by whatever food could be dispatched to Holland by sea and air delivery.

Dispatches from Canadian First army headquarters said the first allied relief ship is now enroute and is expected to reach Rotterdam shortly.

At the same time, 25 allied medical teams were standing by behind the Canadian lines, ready to enter Holland immediately with equipment for scientific feeding if necessary to aid those Hollanders in advanced stages of starvation.

The truce, promising immediate help for some 3,500,000 Dutch men, women and children in imminent danger of death from

## ABE MARTIN

When a woman ties a handkerchief around a dime it's a sign she takes no chances. It's what a feller thinks he knows that hurts him.

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## WINDSORS ARRIVE

MIAMI, Fla. — (UP) — The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived here today on a journey which may take them back to Europe and possibly to the Britain he once ruled.

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## EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—They got the 1320 delegates and advisers squeezed into the 1300 seats on the main floor of the Opera House for the opening session of the United Nations Conference all right, but things were different nine flights up, behind row "L" (for last) of the second balcony above the dress circle.

That's where the 1200 members of the press corps overflowed to when they couldn't all get into the 500 seats for which there must have been issued 1500 tickets.

It was more fun. You couldn't see what went on down below, but the acoustics were perfect and the company was swell. People like Gracie Allen and Madame Genevieve Tabouis and Charlie Michelson and Bill Cunningham and Ernest Lindley and nearly all the well-powered pundits of the foreign press got shoved up to this second balcony and didn't like it a bit. If they write nasty pieces about what went on, you'll know why.

Only one correspondent in the world had a better vantage point. That was Dorothy Thompson, who seems to be experting this conference from London. Boy, that's going where you can get a good perspective and detached view.

BUT it was pretty detached up there behind Row "Last" of the second balcony, too. Some distinguished foreign-looking gent who had come early to get a good seat but didn't bring along a book to read while waiting for things to get started, and while an unseen band played such inappropriate music as "Lover Come Back to Me" and "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise."

The Military Police—the sissies—were all stationed down on the main floor where they could show off. But up on the second balcony things were in charge of the ladies of the Red Cross in gray uniforms and the girls of the Junior Red Cross in middie blouses, dark skirts and bobby socks. And they just weren't equal to the job.

"You can't stand or sit in the aisles," they kept insisting. So the people kept right on standing in the aisles. And when people whose view was cut off by the studees yelled, "Down in front!" the people who had been standing in the aisles, set in the aisles.

WHEN everybody finally got put to his own dissatisfaction, a kind-hearted lady loaned me her opera glasses and looking through them, away down there about a half mile away, it seemed, were little men on a great big stage.

The program said they were Secretary Stettinius, Governor Warren, Mayor Lapham and Alger Hiss and they probably were, but you couldn't tell even with opera glasses from behind Row "Last." Anyway, the four little men on their mustard-colored chairs looked lost in all that space.

Comes the new world order, us second balcony pioneers will have to see to it things are arranged different.

starvation, was agreed upon at a hitherto-secret meeting of high allied and enemy officers Monday.

The conferees, headed by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Arthur Seyss-Inquart, nazi commissar for Holland, met in an unnamed Dutch village to arrange the relief deliveries.

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