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Come On, Plattsmouth, Let's Go

Right now is the time for every citizen in Plattsmouth to make up his mind what kind of a town he wants this to be. Right now is the time to decide which side you want to represent.

The choice is simple. Is Plattsmouth to settle back and relax while old age gradually saps its strength; or would you rather develop its potentialities so it becomes more vigorous and prosperous?

Is Plattsmouth to be a town your children will want to leave because they can make a better life for themselves somewhere else; or would you rather see them able to find the opportunities they want and deserve right here?

Is Plattsmouth going to be overshadowed by smaller, yet more progressive communities; or would you rather see it assume its responsibilities of leadership in community development?

Is Plattsmouth to be a town without adequate recreational facilities, without a place for public meetings, without a spirit, without a will to grow; or would you rather be able to stand up to a stranger and point with pride at what you have instead of apologizing for what is missing?

Is Plattsmouth to sleep contentedly like a cat on a warm stove, hoarding its energy and resources; or would you rather see it get up and go after the things it needs to make it a better place in which to live?

Yes, the choice is simple. But merely recognizing the need for improvement is not enough. Civic development will never take care of itself. It needs the help of the individual.

The individual is you. When you've made up your mind what kind of town you want Plattsmouth to be, say so. Don't just leave it up to the few people in public office to decide for you. They are your employees whose only job is to serve you. Tell them what you want. Let them know what you expect them to do.

You're giving the orders. So, come on, Plattsmouth, let's go.

Accused and On Trial

Once again a series of discussions vital to the lives and welfare of all people has been carried on in secret. But fortunately the doors of Lancaster House in London, where the Council of Foreign Ministers has been meeting, are not leakproof. So this conference, like so many other, has been reported by means of rumors, whispers and confidences.

What the world, and particularly this country, has heard through these "leaks" has not been encouraging. Veteran and usually imperturbable reporters have written darkly pessimistic stories. Day after day they have told of angry words and widening rifts. About the most cheerful thing they could say was that the difficulties are perhaps not insoluble.

What has happened in London is, in a way, more significant than the historic proceedings in San Francisco. There the discussions covered only the general structure of a world peace organization. Difficulties were expected though when they appeared they were of such proportions as to threaten a blow-up of the whole conference for a few anxious days.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov is said to have remarked angrily during one meeting: "You would think I was accused and on trial."

If the pessimistic reports are accurate, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Evin certainly stand accused of starting to re-establish hostile spheres of influence which, as they well know, are breeders of war. They stand accused of forgetting the

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By BREN PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Last week this column revealed that two military intelligence colonels in Washington warned their superiors that the Germans were about to launch the disastrous Belgian bulge attack in December 1944, and urged that General Eisenhower be put on guard. It was also revealed how this advice had been ignored with the result that American forces in the Ardennes forest were caught off-guard and their thin line of defense wiped out, resulting in 60,000 casualties and weeks of further warfare.

An additional chapter to this tragic blunder can now be told.

On December 10, 1944, six days before the German surprise attack, Col. B. Albert Dickson, chief of intelligence for the Second army, wrote a strong report to his superiors warning a German offensive was coming. His report, labeled "No. 37," is in the files of the war department and is available to any senate committee wanting to get the real truth regarding this blunder which cost so many American lives.

Colonel Dickson reported that from interviewing captured German prisoners, he was convinced they were planning a big attack. He reported a new spirit of jubilant enthusiasm on the part of the Germans he interviewed, a new determination to escape and go back to fight in the offensive. He even reported that the Germans were training men to infiltrate behind American lines as American soldiers.

It will be remembered that later, Nazi troops were found dressed in American uniforms behind our lines.

Colonel Dickson even prepared a map showing villages where German reserves were billeted in preparation for the Belgian bulge attack. And he urged that they be bombed out immediately. This recommendation was never followed. If it had been, the story of tragic American losses would have been different.

Instead, the 12th army group wrote a report on December 12, refuting Colonel Dickson's report of Dec. 10. It replied that such an attack could not happen.

Later, on December 16, Shaeff, the headquarters of General Eisenhower, wrote a G-2 "appreciation," stating that a German surprise attack could not happen. However, Dec. 16, the date of this report, was the actual day it did happen.

So, later in the day, Shaeff hastily withdrew this "appreciation" and substituted three other pages in its report. The original report, therefore may not be available to a congressional committee. However, if the senate asks for the "after action" report on the bulge battle it will find that it contains in black and white the story of how the army was warned the Nazi attack was coming, and was even urged to bomb the waiting German reserves, but completely ignored that warning.

Note—U. S. casualties in the bulge were 60,000 compared with less than 3,000 at Pearl Harbor.

Truman Deserts FDR

How drastically Harry Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark are deserting one of Franklin Roosevelt's principles was indicated by a recent incident which few people noticed.

One of the great battles Roosevelt fought was against the big utility companies. But the other day, a judge appointed by Truman to one of the most important courts in the country handled a case, even after his confirmation, on behalf of one of the Big power companies. He is Judge Wilbur Miller, recently appointed to the U. S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia, which handles more important test cases than any other appeals court in the nation.

However, even after Miller was confirmed by the senate he appeared last week before the Federal power commission on behalf of the Kentucky Natural Gas company.

This makes it unanimous. For both of the other two judges Truman appointed to this important appeals court, Ex-Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri and Barrett Prettyman, also have been attorneys for the big power companies or have been anti-public power.

Truman Betters FDR

In the White House about the same time, Donald Nelson, former WPB boss, called on his old friend Harry Truman. Nelson now represents the Independent Motion Picture companies, such outfits as Walt Disney, Frank Capra, Walter Wanger, Sam Goodwin, Dave Selznick, who, when they produce pictures, can't get them shown because the big five own and control the theatres.

They claim that the big five have one of the tightest monopolies in the country, the equivalent of a newspaper owning all the newsstands in a city so no other paper can be sold.

Twice before, the justice department has started to break up the movie monopoly, but each time outside higher-ups in the persons of Jimmy Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins have intervened.

So Donald Nelson inquired of Truman just where he stood on the motion picture case, and whether the compromise consent decree proposed by the movie moguls, which hushes the whole thing, was in conformity with Truman's past record on anti-trust.

The president replied emphatically that it was not. In this case he seemed ready to go further than FDR. He said he wanted no compromises.

"The case will go to trial," he said, "or else."

principles of world security to which their governments are committed, and of being jealously and fearfully nationalistic, and stubbornly power-minded.

They stand accused of insincerity in their claims of "independence" and "full representation" in present Baltic governments. They are on trial for betraying the prayerful wishes of the ordinary people who fight and suffer and die in wars by pursuing a course which could render the United Nations Organization impotent even before its first meeting.

They Thrive Only in Darkness



LOVE BRAVES AN ATOM BOMB

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ESCAPE TO ARIZONA

CAROLYN was at a telephone. "Hello! Hello, Ken? Listen, Ken, I've got to talk to somebody. I—I want you to be my guest at lunch. . . . No, I'll pay or I won't go! I asked you first, and I'm famished."

They understood each other; they didn't need to talk. Both knew Ken had loved her and hadn't ever said so in words. "Ken, you're the nicest somebody in the world."

FEDERAL TAX CALENDAR

For October, 1945
October 2—Excise taxes: Returns for August 1945 due and tax payable.
October 10—Withholding tax: Tax withheld from wages during September 1945, if more than \$100, payable to an authorized depository. Employer, however, at his election may pay same to collector on or before October 31.
October 15—Corporate income and excess profits tax: Return due and one-fourth of tax payable for fiscal year ended July 31, 1945. One-fourth of tax payable for fiscal years ended October 31, 1944, and January 31 and April 30, 1945.
October 31—Old-age benefit tax: Return for third quarter of 1945 due and tax payable. Unemployment tax: One-fourth of 1944 tax payable, if employer elected to pay in quarterly installments. Withholding tax: Return of tax withheld from wages during third quarter of 1945 due and tax payable. Excise taxes: Returns for September 1945 due and tax payable. Information returns: Return of tax withheld from interest on corporate bonds (tax payable June 15, 1946).
The entire furnishings of a 16-room house weighing 18,000 pounds was flown recently across the continent overnight under the direction of Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Co. A single airplane carried the shipment, leaving La Guardia Field late in the afternoon and unloading at Los Angeles the next morning.

Fans Paying \$200 For Series Seats

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Cubs, pennant-winningest club in major league history, returned home to a baseball-crazy city today where fans were paying as much as \$200 for a single box seat for the world series.
The Cubs won their 16th National league pennant Saturday, when Hank Borowy beat Pittsburgh, to set an all-time high for both leagues and break a Cub-Giant tie which had stood at 15 since 1938.
But of more importance to the fans, many of whom met the team at Union station this morning, was that the Cubs had climaxed a comeback story of one of baseball's grandest guys, Manager Charles Grimm.
In the brief span of a year and a half, the banjo-strumming Dutchman lifted the Cubs from the National league cellar to a championship.
Dismissed as Cub manager in 1938, Grimm was brought back in May of 1944 to succeed Jimmy Wilson when the Cubs were floundering in last place. The upward swing was lightning fast. The Cubs scooted to fourth place in 1944 and a pennant this year, thereby establishing a new National league mark.

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The recruiting sergeant and petty officer are about to take their places again as familiar fixtures on court house squares throughout the land. But what a difference there will be. Gone will be the call to the rough and ready life and high adventure. This is another age. And the Army and Navy and Marine Corps, and probably the Coast Guard too, will be offering the young man—of all things—Social Security. Join the Marines and get social security. Join the Navy and see your benefits pile up. Rewrite the words to the old bugle call. "You're in the Army now; you're not behind the plow. You're gonna get rich," and so forth.

Did you know, for instance, that a young man of 18 to 20, existing in the armed services today, can retire after 30 years of service at the ripe young age of 48 or 50 and live on a pension? If the recruit is reasonably smart and minds his gut and polish he can rise to the equivalent grade of a master sergeant and retire on \$145 a month, which is clever and not hay.

NEXT to this social security song, the recruiters will be singing the endearing young charms of 2—training for a technical career, 3—education through courses in the armed services extension university, 4—travel. It will look like a life such as rich men used to offer their ne'er-do-well sons. And when the Navy comes along with its old offer of a girl in every port, the line becomes positively sybaritic.

First thing you know, the taxpayers will be complaining about having to support so many strong, healthy males in such luxury. Seriously, the services are finding it necessary to adopt this new line to get any takers. The Navy needs half a million volunteers and the Army may need twice that number. Recruiting falls off after every war. Reform of Army and Navy life is necessary, therefore, and the soldier, sailor and marine have been visibly elevated in the social scale over the past 30 years.

PREVENTING the next war will be increasingly a job for technicians in all grades to push the buttons and operate the gadgets. That's why the appeal has to be made to a higher type of young man. Whether all these blandishments will work, remains to be seen. Plenty of people are skeptical. Four and five years of war are a lot of war and most men have had a bellyful. Yet a special campaign will be waged to secure enlistments from men now in service. These who have put in five years have only 25 more to go before retirement.

They will be offered bonuses in mustering out pay, immediate furloughs home, bonuses for length of service on re-enlistment, no reductions in rank, choice of branch of service in which to "study" and choice of country in which they wish to serve.
If inducements such as these don't produce the required number of volunteers, it will mean continuation of the draft.

Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Charles Gonzales came home Saturday night from camp in Texas, to spend his furlough with his father, Clark Gonzales, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Golden have moved into the home they purchased this summer from Mrs. Gertrude Hayes.

On Wednesday evening the churches of the community tendered a reception for the teachers in our school. It was held at the Methodist church with Rev. Melvin Ziehek presiding, and Rev. C. H. Lind giving the address of the evening. Special numbers were rendered consisting of a solo by Marianne Parish, with Mrs. Tolman accompanist, and a violin and piano number by Anna Niek.

The latter part of the week to see their son, Richard, who is in army school there, and to bring him and two other Cass county boys home for a short visit here.

Mrs. Lee Coon visited Mrs. Allen at Nebraska City on Thursday.

Wm. Hoyle sold his property in west Elmwood recently to Mr. Holka who has been living there for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gannaway returned Tuesday morning from a trip to Cedar County, Mo., where they visited relatives. They report the Nebraska corn as looking better than any they saw on the way.

Dr. Williams has received word that his three sons are all on the way home from the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and son of Cheyenne, Wyoming visited their parents and other relatives this week.

An interesting and helpful S. S. board meeting was held at the Methodist church on Sunday after the members had a fellowship dinner together. Mrs. Bronn is from Germany and is on furlough.

Cpl. Howard Vogt arrived home from Germany and is on furlough.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NEXT: What is the world's largest artificial body of water?