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The New World Philosophy

There is some dispute about the exact wording of that short burst of invective between John L. Lewis and Philip Murray at the Labor-Management Conference.

One version has the UMW president saying "Nuts," and the head of the CIO coming back with "Nuts to you." But we prefer the following version:

Mr. Lewis: Nuts to you.

Mr. Murray: Nuts to you too, sir.

We like the second version for its slightly more scholarly expression, typical of these courtly adversaries.

We like it because Mr. Lewis isn't one to let one word do the work of three, and Mr. Murray isn't of a disposition to let Mr. Lewis get ahead of him in anything, even polite vituperation.

(After all, he did address him as sir.) We like it most of all because it sums up quite aptly some of the principal troubles of this troubled world.

The nuts-to-you state of mind tells it all. It marks the attitude of contentious factions of labor, of these factions toward industry, and of industry toward them. It can be seen in the Army-Navy wrangle over a unified command. It probably could serve as a brief history of the late London conference of foreign ministers, with Mr. Molotov reading Mr. Lewis' lines, and Messrs. Byrnes and Bevin taking Mr. Murray's reply.

The war inhibited the nuts-to-you state of mind something fierce. Heads of state and men of power realized that it was a rather dangerous attitude when security and survival were at stake. But now that victory is won, the old jealousies and animosities and suspended quarrels are, like June in the popular song of the same name, bustin' out all over.

Red-hot nationalism and power politics are working overtime. The Army and the Navy view each other with baleful and suspicious glare. Labor and management have retrieved their ball bats from the wartime parking place behind the door, and are belaboring the daylight out of one another.

Nuts-to-you seems to be a world philosophy, the order of the immediate postwar day. It doesn't seem to worry the heads of state and men of power that security isn't secure and survival isn't certain. But what of the world brotherhood of John Does and Joe Doakes—the millions of gobs and buck privates who fought the war and are coming home, and the millions of civilians who stayed behind and worked?

Well, they can't do too much about it. But at least all of them can shout. And when they all shout together they can set up quite a holler. So maybe it's time they raised their combined voices and yelled something like this to the heads of state and men of power—

"Nuts to you, sirs. Nuts to all of your empty words and baggling. Get on with the job!"

Q—Has the U. S. Navy always had a full Admiral?

A—No. The first was created in 1866

Q—What is the function of the city of Sochi?

A—It is the Russian resort for workers on the Black Sea. Stalin spent his recent vacation there.

Q—What is the world non-stop long distance flight record?

A—7158 miles, from Ismelia, Egypt to Port Darwin, Australia. The flight was made in 1938 by two British.

Q—How did soda pop originate.

A—A Philadelphia doctor introduced carbonated water as a medicine, and later fruit juice was added as a flavoring.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By **BREW FEARSON**

WASHINGTON—A special committee of Congress ought to be appointed just to watch the House Judiciary committee. More legislation designed to rob the taxpayer and harm the public interest is reported out of that committee than almost any other in Congress. Here is the latest.

House Bill 2788, just reported out of the Judiciary committee, would limit to a period of one year the time in which the federal government could prosecute various criminal acts. In other words, if a violator of the law could get away with it and remain undetected for one year after the transgression, the statute of limitations would have run, and he could not be prosecuted.

For instance, the proposed law provides that if anyone defrauds the government in disposing of surplus property, he can't be prosecuted after one year. It is already evident that surplus property is going to be one of the biggest sources of scandal in recent history, and it would be impossible for even J. Edgar Hoover to track down all irregularities in one year.

The Judiciary committee also proposes that if the director of a national bank violates the law and can get away with it for one year, he can't be prosecuted after that.

The same is true of copyright infringement, violation of civil rights statutes, fraud in registration of public lands, and violation of the wage-hour act. The latter case is particularly interesting. An employer could willfully violate the wage-hour law knowing that if he gets caught, all he will have to do is pay a fine for that one year. Yet he might have been violating the law for three, four or five years. Such a provision, according to labor department officials, would be an open violation to employers to thumb their noses at the wage-hour act.

Yet the House Judiciary committee solemnly recommended passage of the bill. It is now up to the full House and the Senate.

Truman's Haberdashery Past

President Truman didn't say anything about it, but he seemed a bit miffed at being ribbed so unmercifully at the National Press Club dinner over his past career as a haberdashery salesman. It must be admitted that some of the professional comers rubbed it in pretty hard. Eddie Cantor was one of them.

"It's nice having a haberdashery in Kansas City," the radio comic told his audience of cabinet members, supreme court justices, and newsmen. "But why bring it to Washington? This afternoon I dropped in to see the president, and as soon as I stepped into the White House, there was a statue of George Washington dressed in a pair of long underwear marked down to \$1.98.

"The president's secretary, Matt Connelly, walked up to me—very fancy—and said, 'The president will see you now in the bargain basement.'

"So I went down to the basement. No sooner did I take off my coat than the president was measuring me for another one. I said, 'Mr. president, I don't want a coat, I just want the honor of meeting you.' Then I made the mistake of sticking out my hand. Before I could pull it back, he'd sold me a pair of gloves. I'm not complaining. Some of the things I bought I can use. I say some of the things, what I'm gonna do with three dozen supreme court justice's robes, I don't know.

"Incidentally, we have five supreme court justices with us tonight; and I wonder if they realize how lucky they are to be supreme court justices. With those long black robes, there're the only ones who can sneak into work hiding a copy of 'Forever Amber'."

Mail Bag

Bill Leiser, Sports Editor, San Francisco Chronicle—I note your criticism of my story about the propriety of using a plane to fly two race horses from Los Angeles to San Mateo. But I don't agree with you. Regardless of whether the plane was surplus, you can't expect morale among GIs to be good when they see this sort of thing happen, and when they in turn have to stand up—as I saw them the other day—four long hours between St. Louis and Kansas City, or when they travel in day coaches all the way from San Diego to Wilmington, N. C. . . . Lieut. Condr. Nell A. Fox, commander, Naval Aviation Machinist Mates' school, Norman, Okla.—Congratulations on your recent reorganization which speeds up discharges of high-point men. . . . Maj. Gen. I. D. White, Fort Riley, Kans.—Thanks for the information that the German horses shipped from Bremerhaven on the S. S. Stephen Austin were not for Fort Riley. I now find that they were for the army's remount station, Front Royal, Va. My point still stands however, that the ship could better have brought soldiers home from Europe. . . . Sam Hahn, Los Angeles—Andrew J. Higgins, the big boat-builder, has now composed his tax difficulties with the treasury. Like some other people, he reached the income-tax deadline with a lot of capital advanced on war production, but arranged to pay up in installments. It was income tax, not social security. . . . Secretary of War Patterson—I appreciate your letter defending Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry and his job of demobilization. This was typical of your fine and constant loyalty to the men around you. However, I regret that I cannot agree that General Henry did a good job of demobilization. For years General Henry was familiarly known in the regular army as its greatest mechanic, an absolute authority on gasoline engines and automotive mechanics. Many pay tribute to his work in setting up the gunnery and mechanical school at Fort Knox, Ky., at the beginning of the present emergency, especially his development of mechanism for firing from moving turrets. He was always much more at home in overalls with a monkey wrench in his hand, and in my opinion it was a mistake for the late Gen. "Pa" Watson to persuade his chief, the late President Roosevelt, to have him put in charge of army personnel—the greatest personnel show the world has ever seen. I am convinced that the snarled demobilization program is one of the results.

White House Chaff

Seen and heard around the White House—Gen. Harry Vaughan, the president's military aide, standing in front of the executive office, hatless, an odd-looking silver cream pitcher in his hands, feeding the squirrels. . . . Ambassador to the U. S. . . . up to the White House in a dashing maroon limousine. Pinned to the inside of the door is a radio schedule by which Joe never misses his favorite programs.

"Sometimes I Wish I'd Never Discovered It!"



Theology School Receives \$5,000 Gift

Boston University School of Theology (Methodist) recently received a gift of \$5,000 to establish a permanent fund for scholarships "for study and development of better racial understanding." The gift was made by Joseph F. Ford, Boston manufacturer. The scholarships are to be named the "Oxman-Lichman Scholarships," in honor of Bishop G. Bromley Oxman, episcopal head of the New York Area of the Methodist church and formerly a professor at the school and a bishop in Boston, and Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman of Temple Israel, Boston. Both the Bishop and the Rabbi had worked together for a number of years on inter-faith bodies in Boston.

War Lingo Unfurled In Student's Tests

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—The war may be over, but the lingo lingers in the minds of Birmingham schoolchildren. Inquiring whether a child was ready to begin an examination, one teacher received a hearty "Roger!" as a reply. Asked in a written examination for the definition of a satyr, another pupil wrote—and correctly, too—"A god(j. g.)." Still another clever pupil used Gen. George S. Patton as a modern counterpart of Beowulf, who fought and braged and still won his battles.



Peggy Cummins, the 19-year-old blond screen actress pictured above, is carrying the script of "Forever Amber" around Hollywood these days but she won't say she's been assigned the part. Claims she's just a "candidate" for the role of Amber. Miss Cummins is a British actress brought to Hollywood by 20th Century-Fox.

Major Sports Take to Air for Transportation

WASHINGTON, The All-American star of most any sports event you can name is soon going to be the airplane. Straws already beginning to blow in the wind indicate that this medium of transportation is going to have a profound effect on the athletic world—perhaps more far-reaching than the introduction of the lively baseball, the forward pass, or the cannonball serve.

Eleven of the 16 major league baseball teams have signed up to do their traveling next year on the regular scheduled airlines. Amateur and pro-football eleven are using the aerial route for travel as well as touchdowns. Within the last few weeks, race horses have been flown between tracks, so comfortably that they were reported to have munched hay contentedly aloft. Hockey and basketball managers are arranging with airline traffic men to use the skyways regularly.

It doesn't take much imagination to visualize the effects of widespread air travel in the realm of sports. The winner of England's Derby at Epsom Downs can meet our Kentucky Derby favorite in a matter of days. South American mugs can perform at Hialeah or other tracks. Pacific Coast cities can be brought into the big baseball leagues. Thousands of fans who never had opportunity to see their favorite boxers, tennis players or golfers in person will benefit by stepped-up airline schedules made possible by the elimination of wasted traveling time.

It took the grim business of war to boost the airplane up to the point where it became attractive to athletic coaches and players. Gene Tunney set the fans and scribes agog in the dim days way back when he flew to his championship bout at Philadelphia. But generally sports mentors were a bit leery about having their charges take to the air. The sky timetables didn't connect enough cities, delays could prove disastrous with packed stadiums waiting for an airborne team that might be held back by headwinds or line storms. And trainers weren't quite sure how high altitudes might affect their men's digestions.

But the remarkable advances of air transport during the war have changed all that. If hundreds of thousands of wounded soldiers could be flown home comfortably across the Atlantic and the Pacific, any qualms about the health of flying athletes disappeared. If transport routes can be operated clear around the world on clockwork schedule, fears of delays vanished.

Even before the shooting stopped, war-sighted sports moguls were making plans for post-war air transportation. Bringing the boys back home from overseas is still the major concern of anyone

New Senator?



Conservative Charles C. Gossett, above, Democratic governor of Idaho, may resign to clear the way for his appointment to the U. S. Senate vacancy caused by the death of Sen. John Thomas, Republican.

connected with the management of air carriers, whether military or civilian. But concrete plans are being made for the days soon to come when all the planes necessary will be available. And even now considerable use of the airplane for sports transportation has been made in cases when craft are available and could not for various reasons fit into the homebound military trek.

Travel by air has been authorized for Navy athletic teams and the Army Air Forces football league teams have been traveling by air. A special Constoga cargo plane was chartered to carry the Philadelphia Eagles pro football eleven with a ton of their equipment to Buffalo and return. On the collegiate side the University of Detroit football team was scheduled to fly to Memphis for their clash with Mississippi State.

There is no speculation connected with the purchase of Victory Loan Bonds. You loan your money to your own Government at a good rate of interest, with repayment of principal guaranteed. What could be more secure?

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

THE most popular "brotherly ties" are the ones he lets you wear.

Fuel Administrator Ickes says there should be enough coal to go around this winter, if we'll take the grades we can get. Maybe we better warm up to that idea!

Noise is a racket made by the whole family while you are talking on the phone.

A dentist says teeth are the cause of our worst ills. Meaning, without them we wouldn't have a toothache?

We had plenty of reports of crops being killed. Old Jack Frost had to have his little nip!

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some day in this postwar world the politicians and statesmen are going to wake up and discover that any speech lasting longer than 10 minutes is a waste of everybody's time, including the speaker's, unless he has something to say.

The newspapers long ago discovered the charm of brevity and all but the dullest now limit their stories to 500 or 1000 words, unless they have something to report like the downfall of Germany or the dropping of the first atomic bomb.

The radio has also discovered brevity. Only Bob Hope and a few of his stripe can hold an audience for half an hour, and even they have to be interspersed with music.

But the politicians still drool on, boring everybody to death. And the amazing thing about this is that with all the interesting things there are to talk about in this world the politician still prefers to deal in banalities.

With this gentle introduction, it should now be safe to report that the world's champion thrower of cliches has just been discovered in Washington in the person of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Clement R. Attlee.

THIS comment can be made without being rude to a visiting dignitary. Maybe the P. M. was just being smart. Why waste a good speech on that bunch? But just get a load of how Mr. A. can coin corn:

"Great honor you have done me, Churchill (applause). Resplendent services rendered the cause of freedom. Friendly connections your great country Roosevelt (applause) Truman (no applause)."

"Impressive ceremony of Armistice Day. Shoulder the great responsibilities of high office. Spare others the ordeal we have endured. Eisenhower (loud applause). MacArthur and Nimitz (drowned out in the applause for Ike)."

"Brotherhood of man without distinction of race or creed. Raise the standard of life. Ample room in the world. Good neighborhood. Science. Facing the future with courage. Era of increasing co-operation. Closer friendship between our great democracies. Milton and Shakespeare. Lincoln and Jefferson. Bring home to all the people civilization can survive" (deafening applause).

SO it was nice to have a look at the new Prime Minister and see that he had a fringe more hair than Sam Rayburn. But here was the official spokesman for the British Empire with a golden opportunity to sell a bill of goods that needs selling. Things that Congress ought to know and the American people ought to understand.

Anyone reading or listening to Attlee's speech got only a passing reference to the atomic bomb. Only generalities about Britain's labor government. Not a line about Palestine. Not a bit of explanation of what British troops are doing in Java. Nothing about discussions on the British loan. Only a line about India. Nothing about relations with Russia. Nothing, in fact, worth hearing.

Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Harold Strable visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Strable and his grandfather, James Christenson, on Sunday. He was returning from St. Louis where he had received his army discharge. He will go on to California for the winter.

Mrs. Lou Herman had a birthday in November. The neighbors remembered her with a party and a cake with the correct number of candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weyers are the parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, Nov. 13th.

The former Cora Baker, now Mrs. Enos Hughes of Omaha, visited at the home of Mrs. Bailey from Thursday until Sunday.

Roy Paul Williams is working at the Hall Grocery taking the place of Miss Idella Buell. It is reported that Ted Hall, the original proprietor, will soon be coming home from his Pacific theatre.

George Lenz has purchased the Stewart farm south of Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Moore of Omaha and their son, James and his wife, visited at the home of Mrs. Moore's father, L. F. Langhorst, this week. James is soon to leave for Okinawa where he has a position of directing airplane traffic.

The members of the Masonic order attended the funeral of Mr. Oberle at Eagle on Wednesday afternoon and conducted the services at the cemetery, the deceased having been a member here.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clements attended the State Bankers convention at Omaha in company with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Julian of that city.

A deal has been made whereby a family from Columbus, Neb., purchased the cafe from Mr. Pierce and they will soon take charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keckler of Weeping Water, went to Lincoln on Friday evening where a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Greene was served by his daughter, Doris Greene Lamb and Mr. Lamb.

A school of instruction was held at the Masonic hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening and the Eastern Star ladies served a 6:30 dinner in the basement.

Maude Creamer entertained a group of friends at her home Wednesday evening to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Ralph Creamer and Mrs. Ruth Monning.

The W.C.T.U. met at the home of Mrs. Wiegert on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Lind in charge of devotions and Mrs. Wade as lesson leader. Mrs. Charles Marshall was a guest.

The Rebekah Lodge members entertained a delegation from Louisville at their Tuesday evening meeting.

A large crowd enjoyed the performance of the "Mystery Man" at the Community building on Tuesday night. The show was sponsored by the Gouch product dealers. The sleight of hand tricks were well given.

Mrs. Charles Marshall was hostess on Wednesday afternoon to the Eastern Star Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dehning are in Rest Haven Home in Weeping Water for the winter.

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