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Much Ado About Suckers

A newcomer has stepped into the spotlight recently occupied by Messrs. Lewis, Petrillo, Curran, Bridges and others suspected of having an undue personal influence over the public weal and woe. It is none other than Uncle Mike Jacobs, the New York boxing promoter.

Mr. Jacobs has roused the interest of Rep. Donald O'Toole, a Brooklyn congressman, and Assistant General Wendell Berge since the Louis-Conn exhibition of biff and ballet the other night. It seems that they entertain some thought that Uncle Mike is a monopoly.

Mr. O'Toole called the eight-round maypole dance for the heavyweight championship a fraud and a swindle. He asked Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan to hold up the boxers' purses and start an investigation. He told Mr. Eagan that "it is the duty of the commissioner to protect the public."

All of which may be very public-spirited, but we don't think the bout was either a fraud or a swindle. Those words carry a connotation of secrecy and deception. But the various elements of the fight weren't concealed from anyone who took the trouble of reading the newspapers.

It was no secret that neither Louis nor Conn had had a professional fight in five years. The fact was duly recorded that both rusty gladiators had wanted warmup fights and that Mr. Jacobs had said no. It was known and published that both boxers owed the promoter six-figure sums.

So the suckers who paid \$100 a ticket had reason to suspect that they might not get their money's worth. There was ample information at hand to protect them from exploitation.

But they laid it on the line, thousands of them, because the truism about one being born every minute still holds good.

But it might be pointed out that only 45,000 suckers, instead of the predicted 75,000, turned out for young Mr. Conn's pasting. And it might be predicted confidently that Uncle Mike has offered his last hundred-back-top attraction. There's a limit—even for suckers.

Congressman O'Toole's heart may bleed for the dopes who shelled out nearly \$2,000,000 for the fight. He may feel a glow of righteous wrath at Mr. Jacobs' promotional tactics. But we suggest that there are other, more useful outlets for this public servant's crusading zeal.

The public really does need protection from such things as inflation, depression, domestic chaos and atomic war. We believe that Mr. O'Toole and his colleagues might concentrate to good advantage on trying to provide that protection. Their part in that job, if conscientiously done, would leave no time for tilting with windmills.

Q—What is the nation's biggest Army separation center?
A—Fort Dix, N. J.

Q—When was the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima?
A—Aug. 6, 1945.

Q—How many weather forecasting centers are maintained in the nation?
A—Twelve: Washington, Boston, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Billings, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Burbank.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON
WASHINGTON—Civilian Production Administrator Jack Small, worried over race-track construction while veterans are denied homes, has now sent orders to his branch offices to spur veterans' housing.

Some of these problems were discussed with Small at a recent closed-door meeting with representatives of the major Veterans' groups, when Wesley Pearce of the Veterans of Foreign Wars broached the subject of the new race track in Monmouth County, N. J., which is being built with CPA okay.

"Now, wait a minute," interrupted Small. "That particular race track was started before we had established effective building controls.

"You can't blame me," he insisted "I admit that it was a mistake. But it was started last November, before we instituted these stop-orders on non-essential construction. The materials were already on the ground. The contractors couldn't get by with anything like that now."

Small did not, however, explain why the race track hadn't stopped by the CPA. Just before the meeting broke up, VFW's Jim Gillan asked Small about the 250-room addition to Washington's Shoreham Hotel which was OK'd by the CPA on the shallow grounds that the added 250 rooms were needed to promote "foreign relations."

Gillan pointed out that it might have been smarter for CPA to divert bathtubs, bricks and other building essentials into building homes for veterans, inasmuch as visiting diplomats already enjoy a high priority on Washington hotel accommodations.

"We have plenty of bathtubs," replied Small, "and a new type of non-essential flooring material for the shoreham which won't interfere with construction shortages."

Before veterans' spokesmen could pin him down on the number of essential housing items going into the Shoreham annex, including bricks, the CPA boss announced that he had an appointment with the secretary of war and ended the conference.

Getting The OPA
OPA administrator Paul Porter was being quizzed by Senator Homer Caperton, the Indiana "Music-Box Master," regarding the renewal of price control.

"We don't want to destroy price control," said the Senator from Indiana. "We just want to reform it so it will work. I don't see why you fellows don't co-operate."

"Senator," replied Porter, "you remind me of the fisherman who had just pulled in a wopper and then said to the fish, 'hold still. I'm not going to hurt you, I just want to gut you a little bit.'"

Horse-Trading at Paris
Secretary Byrnes' cabined reports to President Truman regarding the big four conference have been reasonably optimistic. Both the Russians and Byrnes seem willing to do a little horse-trading. In fact, it was horse-trading that brought about the arrangement to evacuate Soviet troops from Bulgaria.

One victory Byrnes scored was on the evacuation of Soviet troops from Bulgaria. Here's how it happened behind closed doors in Paris.

The entire Italian question was being thrashed out, and the conversation between the two men went like this, Molotov asked Byrnes:

"What's this I hear about you Americans enlarging all your airfields in Italy? Could you be planning to pull something of a permanent nature there?"

Byrnes merely smiled and said:
"What's this I hear about the new Red army air bases in Bulgaria? Were you Russians planning to settle down and stay there indefinitely?"

"Where did you hear that?" asked Molotov. "Oh," replied Byrnes, "we have our sources." "Well," replied Molotov, "I wouldn't believe every rumor you hear about what's happening in our area."

"In that case," Byrnes snapped back, "don't believe everything you hear about what is happening in our zone."

This conversation gave birth to further discussion which finally led to the important agreement to evacuate all foreign troops from Italy and Bulgaria.

Getting Bevin's Goat
In the same discussion, Molotov turned to British Foreign Minister Bevin and asked if, while the issue of evacuating troops was under discussion, the British might not like to talk about evacuating their 57,000 troops from Greece.

"That's none of your damned business," snapped Bevin.
Note—Some observers wished that Secretary Byrnes had supported Molotov in urging that the British army be withdrawn from Greece. If so, there might have been results.

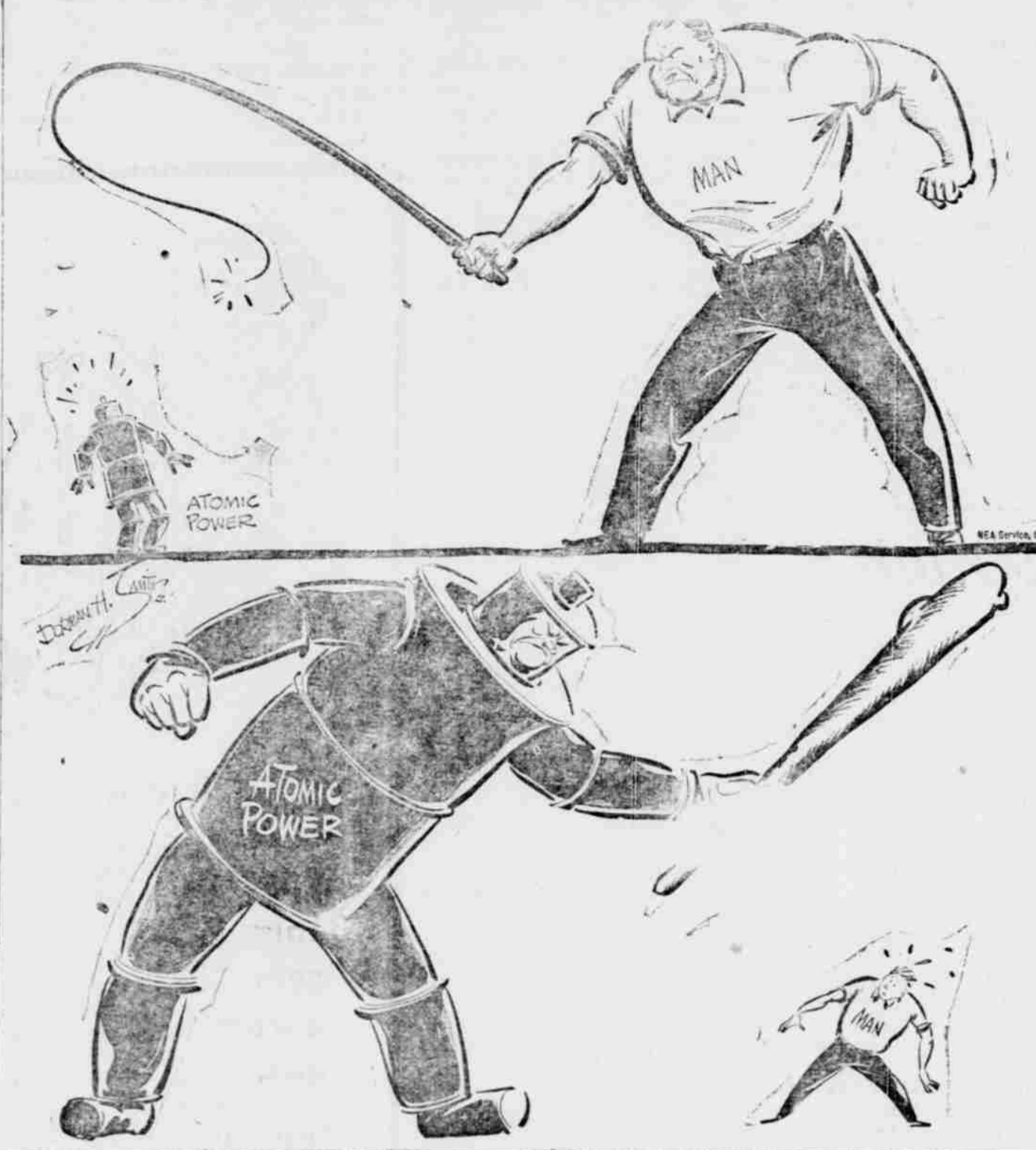
Paris News Blackout
Here's what happened behind closed doors in Paris during the fight which led to the big four news blackout.

British Foreign Minister Bevin first proposed the blackout. Secretary Byrnes protested. He pointed out that he had to keep the American people informed of what he did in Paris, and he warned that everything would leak out sooner or later anyway.

Bevin, however, said flatly that if Britain was to get together with the other three powers on Trieste, the negotiations would have to be secret. So, reluctantly, Byrnes agreed to ending the news leaks on what is happening at the conference.

Note—At the same meeting, the big four named Andrei Vyshinsky, Gladwyn Jebb of Great Britain, and Ben Cohen of the State Department as members of the commission to investigate disposal of Italian colonies.
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The Real Test at Bikini



Real Estate Transfers

W. G. Renwanz to Bernice H. Landon, NE 1/4, 5-11-9.

Edwin E. Hadley and Ethel to S. G. Hadley and Emma and Ethel L. Elgese, 4-10-13.

Jennie Tudy Ehlers and Herman to H. R. Porter and Anna, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, Block 19; Lots 1 to 9, block 12; lots 10, 11, 12, block 11, South Park addition, Plattsmouth.

D. W. Hawthorn, Tr. to Charles G. Bablan, lots 7 and 8, block 18, Plattsmouth.

Lavern B. Blacksher and Pauline to Bullis W. Karr and Cleota, 46 W. 13 1/2 St. lot 21 and all lots 22, 23, 24, block 2; lots 4, 5, 6, 7, block 3, Browne's sub-division, Plattsmouth.

Ira A. Ferguson to Charles N. Hansen, lot 1 and 2, block 1, White's addition, Plattsmouth.

W. N. Brink, sr., and others to H. P. Gannaway and Helen, lots 7 and 8, block 45, Young and Hays addition, Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Kate Oberle to Harley Smith and Bertha, part of lot 12, SE 1/4 SE 1/4, 20-10-9.

Lloyd Ward and others to Cordelia E. Wiles, lots 1 and 2, block 66, Weeping Water.

Alba B. Hobson to J. M. Hobson and Esther, lots 5 to 12 inclusive, block 1, Fleming and Race's addition, Weeping Water.

Spencer J. Marshall and Pansy to Chris Hansen and Myrtle, lots 1 and 2, block 99, Weeping Water.

Bullis W. Karr and Cleota to T. H. Pollock, lot 63, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and lot 46 SE 1/4 SE 1/4, 13-12-13.

E. A. Wiggenhorn to Carl H. Wiggenhorn, undivided 1/2 interest W 1/2 SW 1/4, 7-12-10.

R. B. Elster and Barbara to C. H. Wiggenhorn, undivided 1-6 interest W 1/2 SW 1/4, 7-12-10.

Miriam A. Wiggenhorn to C. H. Wiggenhorn, same as above.

Gertrude A. Hays to O. E. Bornemeyer and Eugenia, lots 1, 2, 3, block 26, Elmwood.

R. G. Livingston and Anna to G. E. Pickrel and Beth, lot 775, Louisville.

Home Owner's Loan to H. G. Hughson and Frances, lots 9 and 10, block 96, Plattsmouth.

Richard J. Kraft to Charles Pankonin, north 6 inches of east 60 feet, lot 231, Louisville.

R. C. Bryant and Lilly to Kenneth C. West, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Elmwood.

H. J. Starkjohn and Margaret to H. C. Daugherty and Leah, west 44 feet, lot 4, block 48, Young and Hays addition, Plattsmouth.

Washington Report

by HOWARD BUFFETT
Congressman, 2nd Nebraska District

Foreign loans, gifts, and hand-outs have hamstrung effective efforts to get federal finances under control. So the public spending boom goes on. We in the middle west, outnumbered, are unwilling passengers on a ride that will end in the ditch.

To fulfill my responsibility to you, have persistently tried to inform you on the outlook. Government spending that is diluting the value of the dollar continues. Eventually that dilution will end, but not until a crisis brings a showdown.

Signs of the coming showdown are appearing. Look about you. Can you exchange money in a legal way for corn, soybean meal, lumber, automobiles, etc.? The answer is generally "no." The OPA has destroyed free and honest markets.

During this period of inflation there is only one wise course. Fight by your voice and your vote to secure honesty in government. Beyond that, protect yourself. Understand what is going on and operate accordingly.

Will prices ever return to pre-war figures? My answer is no. Except for temporary ups and downs, prices will not go down again in your lifetime or mine. The huge federal debt and the continuing war costs have kited the cost of living permanently, and OPA concealment efforts are about washed up.

Three years ago I made a prediction in the House. I declared that when the people discovered the cruel effects of governmental inflation, a cunning effort would be made to shift the blame to Congress. That forecast was made when inflationary subsidies were begun by Roosevelt in defiance of Congress.

Now that forecast is being fulfilled. Mr. Bowles is blaming Congress for the rise in the cost of living. Like a man shouting fire in a crowded theater, Bowles is doing his darndest to start a stampede. When it occurs, he will say "See, what did I tell you!"

But it appears the American people are "on" to Mr. Bowles, so after some cruel headaches we can work out of our difficulties and save freedom and opportunity in America.

'Corpse' Comes to Life
THE DALLES, Ore. (UP)—A police officer thought he had a suicide on his hands when he looked in a car window and spied a body, a gun and a red blooded officer tried to open the door, his "corpse" came to life. The man was a prison guard. He had moved his gun to relax and had fallen asleep, and knocked over a jar of strawberry jam.

Shorter Work Weeks For City Employees
CHICAGO (UP)—Additional cities are reducing the work week and granting vacations with pay to white-collar workers, according to the International City Manager's Assn.

The number of cities in which administrative and clerical employees work less than 42 hours a week increased six per cent last year. More than half of the 933 cities with populations of more than 10,000 surveyed for the 1946 Municipal Yearbook now operate on a white collar work week of less than 42 hours, the association said.

Larger cities generally have shorter work weeks than smaller cities, according to the survey. Seventy-six per cent of the cities with populations of more than 10,000 have work weeks of less than 42 hours, more than half the cities in the 10,000 - 25,000 population bracket still operate on a work week in excess of 42 hours.

Vacations with pay averaging two weeks in length are granted city office employees in 97 per cent of the 933 cities over 10,000 included in the survey, the longest paid vacation granted by any city is 26 days. Unskilled laborers in municipal employ are given paid vacations in 74 per cent of the reporting cities.

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—A new case testing the power of labor unions to make arbitrary rules governing conditions of employment is getting under way before a National Labor Relations Board examiner in St. Petersburg, Fla. It may well be a case that will go through federal courts to the Supreme Court for final settlement.

The St. Petersburg test case grows out of a newspaper printers' strike. It involves two local newspapers, the Evening Independent and the Times, and News Printing, Inc., a jointly-owned company which prints both papers in the same plant, though the papers themselves are independently-owned competitors.

The charge on which these publishers are being examined is violation of the Wagner Act in refusing to bargain collectively and attempting to dominate a labor organization.

But the basic issue is whether the newspapers—or any other employer, for that matter—have the right to demand arbitration in a labor dispute over working conditions. And the underlying issue is whether any union can refuse to submit to arbitration union rules which tend to limit production.

THE St. Petersburg strike began on Nov. 20, after several months of negotiations which produced no settlement. The strike involved only the printers, not the pressmen, stereotypers, engravers, or editorial and business staffs.

Prior to the strike, News Printing, Inc., had operated as an open shop, but under the rules and working conditions of the International Typographical Union. Among these rules is a requirement for what has become known in the trade as "dead horse" composition, or typesetting. It is the newspaper equivalent of "feather-bedding."

What it means is that everything appearing in a newspaper must be printed from type set within the plant. If a paper wants to print type from engraved or stereotyped plates, a similar amount of type must be set up in the plant, even though this type is not used.

The St. Petersburg publishers proposed that continuation of this "make-work" rule be submitted to arbitration.

BUT another "law" of the St. Petersburg Typographical Union provided that no disputes should be submitted to arbitration.

The employers insisted, as their "law," on arbitrating. And the strike dragged on.

One curious aspect of the showdown fight is that neither of the St. Petersburg papers can be called reactionary by any standard. Both papers opposed the Florida state "right to work" amendment, the open-shop law which has created such commotion in labor circles.

Attorney for the newspapers in the NLRB hearings is Thurman Arnold, former head of the anti-trust division of the U. S. Department of Justice. It was Arnold who tried to break up union curbs on production by prosecutions for restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws.

Joyce Taylor of Lincoln spent last week-end with her cousin, Betty Jo Frohlich.

At the dinner held at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening honoring the fathers and sons, Edward Gerhard was given a prize as the oldest father present and Clinton Westlake as the youngest father. All present enjoyed the dinner as well as the program that followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner West and daughter of San Mateo, Calif., who are visiting here, spent the past week with the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gay, at Des Moines and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard West near St. Louis, Mo.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD
ROCKETS, MAKING EXCURSIONS 50 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH'S SURFACE TO GATHER WEATHER DATA, WILL BE COMMON IN THE NEAR FUTURE!

CHINGOOK SALMON
MAKE THOUSAND-MILE TRIPS TO THEIR SPawning GROUNDS, YET TAKE NO FOOD DURING THE STRENUOUS JOURNEY.

QUIZ KORNER
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ANSWER: Giacomo Jocante Casabianca, whose father commanded a French ship against Lord Nelson in the battle of the Nile.

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C. E. WESCOTT SONS

Eagle
Miss Dorotha Keil

Mr. and Mrs. George Hathaway of Union visited their aunt, Mrs. A. E. Allen, and cousin, Mrs. R. B. Morgan, last Thursday.