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The Animal Kingdom

Let us not be too skeptical or scornful when we read of Ben, the talking dog of Royston, England, or of the Gazelle Boy of Trans-Jordan. For it may be that evolution is creeping up on us, and that Ben and the Gazelle Boy have been sent to warn us to redouble our efforts to curb high-powered human ingenuity before it's too late.

In case you missed the stories on these two phenomenal characters, Ben is a terrier who was visited by Reporter Robert Musel. When Mr. Musel began munching on a chocolate bar, Ben said: "I want one." The Gazelle Boy, reportedly captured by hunters, is said to be a teen-age lad who was reared by a herd of gazelles, can run 50 miles an hour, lives on a diet of grass, and acts and cries like a gazelle.

(It should be added that Mr. Musel is not only a veteran and voracious reporter but also, we are assured, a strict teetotaler).

You may call these stories fantastic. But there was once a time when humans couldn't say "I want one," and when they most certainly were a lot faster than they are today.

In the course of time homo sapiens slowed down to a walk and learned to talk a great deal. He became progressively accomplished. He learned to live in houses. He trained his neighbors of field and forest to do a lot of his work. He devised increasingly refined and devastating ways to kill his fellow man.

Eventually he came up with the ultimate weapon, potentially capable of wiping himself off the face of the earth. And just at that time there appeared a dog that could talk and a human that could outrun almost anything on two or four legs.

One theory has it that man gained mastery of the earth through his possession of a thumb. So maybe nature is fiving to pass the power of speech along to a creature who has no thumb for making atomic bombs, and to give him the chance to grow up to be the boss of a more peaceful world.

The Gazelle Boy? Well, perhaps evolutionary intuition figures that the final atomic blowup might leave a few humans as well as a few dogs on earth. The humans would have to yield the floor to the talking dogs, but at least they'd be able to outrun their canine overlords.

We heartily advise the statesmen charged with solving the problems of atomic energy control to ponder this speculation and then do something about it. Otherwise, that old phrase about the world going to the dogs may come to sound ominously prophetic.

Q—If the armed forces were merged under a single command, what would happen to Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy positions?

A—They would probably be merged under a single head, Secretary for Common Defense.

Q—Who is Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee?

A—Elbert D. Thomas of Utah.

Q—What was history's most disastrous earthquake?

A—Chinese historians record one that occurred in 1556 which took an estimated 830,000 lives.

Q—What was the estimated weight of the water column thrown up by the underwater atom bomb test?

A—10,000,000 tons.

Q—What city is the world's pepper center?

A—Singapore.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By NEW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—To evaluate the factors behind the present massing of Soviet airborne divisions along the Baltic sea and the dangerous jockeying of Russian-British forces in the near east, it's necessary to scrutinize certain captured documents which have come into the hands of the American army in Germany.

The U. S. army has now got hold of the minutes of extremely important conversations between Hitler's Foreign Minister Ribbentrop and Stalin's Foreign Minister Molotov in which the Russians debated entering the war on the side of Germany—i. e. the price was high enough. The Germans are most methodical record keepers, and the complete history of these diplomatic conversations was faithfully recorded.

They show that in 1940, about six months before Hitler double-crossed Stalin by invading Russia, Molotov came to Berlin and discussed with Ribbentrop the terms Germany was willing to pay to secure Russia's entrance into the war to crush England.

Significant fact is that the Russian price was almost identical with the goals Moscow has set for itself today: a sphere of influence in Bulgaria; also in Romania; control of the Dardanelles; domination in Iran, Iraq and the Gulf of Persia; a base in Saudi Arabia; and of course the Baltic states and one-half of Poland which, in 1940, already had been given Russia.

The Dardanelles and the near east were the easiest problems Molotov and Ribbentrop had to solve. Hitler was quite willing to give this area to Russia, but not Bulgaria and Romania. Germany wanted to expand in the Balkans herself. That was where the negotiations languished. Hitler by that time considered the Allies virtually defeated, and Molotov went home without signing up as a Nazi ally. What Russia Wants Today

Importance of these captured documents is the fact that Russian ambitions have not changed. Despite the fact that we have established a United Nations to safeguard the world Moscow remains the same in negotiating with the allies today as in 1940 when negotiating with the world's bloodiest cutthroat—Hitler.

Big question which Moscow's former allies face is: with the Russians risk war to get control of the near east? Actually that is the question behind all the trouble in Palestine. That is also the question behind atomization of the British flag in the near east and the sending three crack British divisions to the Gulf of Persia. It is the question which could plunge Europe into another war.

To answer the question it is necessary to know something of what goes on inside the Soviet Union. There appear to be two schools of thought in Moscow—one for war and one against. The former group is headed by Marshal Beria, a Georgian who is a close friend of Stalin's and is former chief of the NKVD (secret police). This group believes that now is the time to strike at Turkey and Trieste even if it means war with the United States and Great Britain. This group believes that with the U. S. army demoralized and the American people sick of war, the United States would not come to Britain's support as far away as the near east. The Red army therefore should move immediately regardless of the consequences.

The other group of Russian leaders is opposed to any showdown now. They believe Russia should wait a year or two—even more if necessary—until they have developed the atomic bomb. They figure this can be done fairly soon because of the German scientists they have put to work on all sorts of new weapons—including the mysterious radio-controlled rockets now zooming over Sweden.

Which side will win out is anybody's guess. However, certain underground rumblings inside the Soviet indicate that the path of war will not be any easy one.

One factor the Soviet war group will have to overcome is apathy on the part of the Red army. Russian troops are tired of war, somewhat disillusioned over the benefits of communism and many would resent being called once more into battle.

Russian soldiers arriving in Vienna were amazed at the apartment houses for workers erected by the previous socialist government of Austria. They were equally amazed at the comparative luxury of western civilization, even in battered Germany. Probably this is one reason for the intense anti-capitalist propaganda campaign carried on by the Moscow press and radio against Great Britain and the United States. That campaign has tried to convince Russia's 199,000,000 citizens that they are surrounded by a ring of envious capitalist enemies and that their only chance of survival is complete reliance on the Kremlin. Unfortunately this campaign, by tearing down the once sincere wartime friendship for Russia which existed in this country, has helped make such a situation partly true.

Restless Red Generals "Another factor the Soviet war-urgers may have to worry about is some of the red generals. Stalin, who has had a lot of experience with red generals, is reported to have been uneasy about certain of them. Certain heroes previously touted as saviors of the Soviet have mysteriously disappeared from the scene. The great Timoshenko, hero of the early defense against Hitler, is heard of any more. Marshal Konev, the man who conquered Austria, has dropped out of the picture. Marshal Zhukov, the hero of Berlin, has been transferred, though some say to the more important command of Odessa, jumping-off place of any campaign against Turkey.

Finally, the Soviet economy is anything but prepared for war. Russian industrial production, partly gutted by the Nazi invasion, is only a drizzle compared with the needs of the Red army in wartime. This may be one reason for the frantic production of Russian arms in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Soviet-occupied Germany.

The big question—to be established in a future column—is whether Russia's former allies shall call her hand and risk war, or shall they appease, stall for time, and gamble on the future.

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Dove-of-Peace Hunting Expedition



UNDER THE DOME

NEW PRICE CONTROL BOARD plans decent burial for OPA with members loosening up controls as much as possible, as fast as possible.

BOOM AND BUST TALK is general, but business, government and labor officials think it's exaggerated. Prices are rising fast, but they look for a pause, then some decline and readjustment in late 1947, early 1948.

TRUMAN'S ADVISORS plan further cuts in government spending, but whatever's done won't balance the 1947 budget.

FARM ECONOMISTS say the agricultural outlook is better than at anytime in history with 1946's farm cash income to total \$23 billion. It'll be somewhat less for 1947, but not much.

ROUTINE USE OF AIR MAIL by the nation generally is expected by postal officials when air mail postage rates are reduced to 5c cents Oct. 1.

INDUSTRY WILL BE KEPT ALERT for future war production. Government's idea is experimental war contracts to manufacturers, trial runs, other schemes designed as practicing for war production, all to check what plants could do in time of war. Next time U. S. will be ready.

SELECTIVE SERVICE will ask Congress for laws requiring all males from 18 to 45 to register, report change of address, etc., same as in wartime. Idea is to have finger on manpower the minute war threatens.

RECALL OF FORMER OES CHIEF COLLET back to Washington by Truman was surprise even to Collet. Insiders say his appointment as aide to OWMR Boss John Steelman means administration is readying a new fight on inflation with Collet one of the top planners of strategy.

U. S. WILL RETURN ITALY'S LUXURY LINERS now used as hospital and troop ships when it's assured no other nation will claim them as reparations. For same reason; proposed \$100 million U. S. loan to Italy has been temporarily shelved.

DEMAND FOR G. I. TERMINAL LEAVE PAYMENT in cash will be renewed soon as Congress reconvenes. Talk is many senators now favor first House version of bill which calls for payment in cash.

CIO-PAC INFLUENCE IN PRIMARIES has been negligible with result White House-CIO alliance is chilling. Truman advisors also feel CIO support of Administration's legislative program was more damaging than helpful.

POLITICALLY HOT NEW DEALERS like Secretary Wallace, Senators Pepper and Murray have been told by Senate Leader Barkley to "take it easy," go underground until after the November elections. Party leaders feel their "leftish tag" not only played into hands of republicans but aggravated the democratic split.

OPA ESTIMATES RAILROAD RATES will be liked about 10 per cent, which is in addition to the 6 per cent already granted. If they are, steel companies will ask for another boost to offset increased freight costs, which probably get it.

MIDWEST CONGRESSMEN are steamed up over CPA set-asides of tractors for UNRRA shipment to Europe. Rep. Johnson of Illinois charges that 14,500 new tractors badly needed by U. S. farmers have been shipped to countries dominated by Russia.

RETURN OF COAL MINES to owners still being blocked by UMW Chief John L. Lewis. Lewis refuses to sign same contract with operators he signed with the government. His motto is "No contract, no work." Reason is he's got new demands up his sleeve.

RIISING COSTS have also hit operation of labor unions. Labor leaders, among other reasons, have quit beating the drum for strikes because it takes too much money to maintain soup kitchens for striking members.

U. S. OIL EXPORTS to Russia during first five months of this year totaled about 600,000 barrels. Quantity sent Siberian ports since April is said to have increased sharply. Officials, remembering scrap iron sent Japan in 1940, are watching closely.

Wabash

Theresa Colbert

Mrs. J. H. Smith and Roberta were among those attending a demonstration of a pressure cooker at the home of Mrs. Earl Messel-hiser last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards were supper guests of Mrs. Vera Richards in Lincoln Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colbert and Theresa were callers at the Clarence Pool home at Weeping Water Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Munford joined relatives for a picnic supper Saturday evening at Pioneer park in Lincoln. The occasion was a celebration of three birthdays of those attending: Mrs. Keith Munford, Mrs. Lettie Munford

and Johnny Munford. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Munford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murfin and Tommy and Mrs. William Murfin attended a Weisheit family reunion Sunday at the home of Jess Holka at Elmwood.

Gayle Towle, with two companions, left Sunday on a trip to Yellowstone park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith and Roberta were Omaha visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanley shoped in Lincoln Wednesday.

Tests show that 300 bushels of sweet potatoes fed to dairy cows will produce as much milk and butter fat as 16,36 tons of sorghum silage.

Wyoming Cattle brands often are used as decorations in linen, chinaware, and stationery.

Weeping Water

Mrs. Thomas Murty

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green of Elmwood and their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Jansen, and daughter, Rae Lynn, of Madison, Wis., visited at the Ralph Keckler home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wiles visited friends in Plattsmouth Saturday and remained for the Wiles picnic which was held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sloan and daughter, Juda, returned home Monday after a week's visit at Leavenworth, Kans.

Earl Wiles, jr., has been enjoying a two-week vacation, one week of which was spent visiting relatives at Ashland at the Melvin Wiles home and at Plattsmouth with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Wiles. Mrs. Wiles and their baby daughter accompanied him. This week they are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Day of Bradenton, Fla., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Day while Mr. and Mrs. Brad Day of Bradenton are visiting at the Eugene Day home.

Mrs. Wilbur Long and daughter, Sarah Jane, of Alva, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hinds. Miss Beth Hinds, who has been visiting at the Long home at Alva this summer, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lohnes and two sons, of Flaudra, S. D., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lohnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Baldwin.

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Pryor and daughter, Mary Ann, returned home Tuesday after enjoying a two-week vacation in Minnesota.

David Olive received his discharge from the navy last week at St. Louis and returned home Saturday. He had recently been located at Corpus Christi, Tex. David and his brother, George, who was discharged from the army several years ago, were in Lincoln last week completing arrangements to attend the University of Nebraska this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boedeker and Mr. and Mrs. John Jochem returned home Wednesday from a week's automobile trip which took them to Hot Springs and Rapid City, the Wind Cave, Mount Rushmore and Mount Coolidge, the National park at Halsey and the lumber mills at Rapid City, S. D.

The Womans Association of the Congregational church met in the basement of the church Wednesday with Mrs. Ole Olsen presiding and Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Victor Wallick, Mrs. J. M. Ranney and Mrs. Swain Nielsen as hostesses.

Mrs. Charles Spohn was the devotional leader and Miss Esther Tefft had charge of the program, which completed the study of Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Deering of Omaha, Ia., visited at the home of Mrs. Deering's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keckler, on their way to Norfolk, to attend a medical convention.

Mrs. R. S. Shields of Omaha

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—For the next three months the wailing wail of the Congressional candidate will be heard through the land.

There isn't much you can do about it, but if you want to be a heckler and have a little fun there are a number of mighty embarrassing questions which can be put to your quiz-kid candidate. They will determine how good a congressman he will be, and whether you want to vote for him or for the other fellow.

Most of these questions relate to unfinished business which the President is sure to mention in his State of the Union message to Congress next January.

1. Do you, Mr. Candidate, favor abolition of rent controls?

2. If this country should find itself facing higher prices for everything next winter, would you support tighter price-controls and extension of the controls beyond June 30, 1947?

3. Are you in favor of balancing the budget at the earliest possible moment?

4. Do you favor keeping taxes at present levels to reduce the national debt?

5. Are you for or against the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, which would establish national health insurance, paid for largely by deductions from workers' earnings?

6. As you know, Mr. Candidate, this country needs more housing not only for veterans but for everybody. Would you vote for a long range program which would have the government aid in building low-cost housing?

7. Mr. Candidate, do you favor merger of the War and Navy Departments into a single Department of National Defense?

8. How do you feel about extending the draft law, if that should be necessary to provide sufficient armed forces for fulfilling U. S. commitments overseas?

9. Would you be in favor of drafting into the armed services any one who took part in a strike against an industry seized by the U. S. government?

10. Will you support the United Nations organization through this and then, or do you believe in less international co-operation?

11. Do you favor international control of atomic energy? Or do you believe that the U. S. should retain complete control of the secret of atomic energy for as long as it can?

12. Would you favor a billion-dollar loan to, and other co-operation with, Soviet Russia? Just what are your views on the Russian situation anyway?

If these questions don't give your candidate a bad half-hour, nothing will incidentally, what are your own answers to this quiz?



A divorce suit is the latest development in the "Enoch Arden" case of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cales, of Oakland, Calif. In May, 1944, Mrs. Cales was reported killed on Okinawa. Three months later, her husband, Mr. Cales, was reported killed in action. In September, 1945, she learned her husband was alive. Her second husband got an annulment and the Cales were reunited. Now she is seeking a divorce, alleging that the Okinawa experience so changed her husband that they no longer are compatible. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Cales are pictured at their 1945 reunion, with their son, Craig.

has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Michelsen, sr., for the past week.

Mrs. Sterling Amick and Delano were Omaha visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson left Monday morning for Alinsworth to visit Mrs. Gibson's sister, Mrs. George Gregory. They were accompanied by two other sisters, Mrs. Thessie Kelly and Miss Amaha Hiatt, both of Lincoln. They returned home Thursday evening.

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Man Strips Wife As Crowds Watch

ATHOL, Mass. (U.P.)—happened on South street and hundreds of persons gathered to watch.

During an argument, a band stripped his wife of clothing.

The couple was taken to a and fined \$30 for disturbing peace. Police said the wife was wearing only one stock when they reached the scene.

To Unlearn Secret Of Social Science

CHICAGO (U.P.)—Social science teachers must knock out guesses, misconceptions and half-truths from students' minds before they can teach a single thing, according to S. I. Hayakawa, associate English professor at Illinois Institute of Technology.

"Students are in much the same position as a primitive witch-doctor would be if he were to enroll in a medical school—he would have so much to unlearn before he could begin learning," he said.

"The teaching of the social sciences has been complicated by the fact that everyone is a 'social scientist' of sorts, with his own theories about justice, social obligation, human nature, the reasons for crime and poverty as he has picked them up from parents, newspaper editorials, political oratory and comic strips," he said.

Fair Officials Face Problem

DES MOINES, Ia. (U.P.)—State fair officials, who usually don't have any trouble getting their dinner halls manned, are faced with a real problem.

Several ladies aid societies which customarily operate the halls to make money for church purposes have decided not to do so this year.

Reason: their church debts were paid off during the war years and they see no purpose in taking on the big task of feeding fair visitors.

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