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Teachers' Pay

One out of every six school children in this country will be the victim of an incompetent teacher during the coming year. That is the estimate of Dr. Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education Association. The average parent might feel that Dr. Givens is conservative in his figure.

A principal reason for the large and rapidly increasing proportion of incompetent teachers, Dr. Givens says, is because we refuse to pay enough to get and keep good teachers.

School teaching has ceased to be an interim means of support for high school graduates waiting to be married. Today, even in the low grades, teaching demands professional training on top of a reasonably adequate general education. The cost of becoming a teacher, in time and money, is enough so that the profession is adopted generally as a career, not a filler.

The situation is dramatized by the troubles of Norwalk, Conn., where 225 of the city's 236 public school teachers have returned unsigned contracts and demand that a higher pay scale be negotiated by the Board of Education with the Teachers' Association.

The current scale ranges from \$1700 up to \$3200. The teachers want a minimum of \$2900 and a chance to work up to \$4500. The board of education says that this would cost \$300,000, which for Norwalk would require a tax increase of around \$7 per person, or about \$20 for a family of three.

Teaching is not an easy job. Given the basic education, the technical training, the willingness to keep always learning herself, the teacher must have that very rare attribute, the ability to pass on what she knows; she must have a world of patience, perseverance, imagination, sympathy, tact.

Not all teachers have all these, but all good ones do. The ones who lack one or more of those qualities are part of the price we pay for not attracting and keeping the best in our schools.

But when inflated living costs outstrip pegged salaries, when the teacher becomes convinced that he or she can live better on factory wages than on school salary, we lose our best teachers. In justice to our children, it is time we decided what we are going to do about the situation.

Q—What is beer malt made of?
A—Barley.

Q—Does the government sanction payment to "stool pigeons"?
A—It does in income tax cases, at least. Congress votes the Bureau of Internal Revenue \$100,000 a year to pay for tips on income tax violations. Payment is up to 10 per cent of amount recovered.

Q—Where is Isle Royal National Park?
A—Houghton, Mich.

Q—Was Mount Wilson, location of the famed Wilson Observatory, named for Woodrow Wilson?
A—No, it was named for Benjamin Davis Wilson, who blazed a trail up the 5,710-foot mountain in 1864.

How long is the Mississippi River?
A—About 2,500 miles. Length varies with shifting of the river's bed, however.

A—Where is most American iron ore mined?
A—Seven-eighths comes from the Mesabi Range of northern Minnesota.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, his column will be written by several distinguished guest columnists—today's by Carroll Reece, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.)

The American people, the tired of being pushed around by their public servants. They are tired of being deceived by those in whom they have reposed public trust. They are tired of being offered political bribes of their own money. They are tired of living in a perpetual state of phony emergency. They are tired of seeing the value of their hard-earned dollars decreased by a spendthrift administration which for fourteen years (most of them peacetime years) has spent more than it had to spend.

Americans are tired of paying unnecessarily high taxes to support a prodigious and stupid bureaucracy operating on the basis of so elegantly phrased by one of its chief exponents that the people are "dumb and dumb" to understand what their bureaucratic chaplains were doing. They are tired of seeing the policies of a "State Department" of the United States dictated by a group of counter-revolutionaries who are actually exponents of an alien and radical totalitarianism whom have been exceptionally diatribe, to say the least, about fixing out nationalization papers.

The foregoing observations are based upon information acquired up to and including today's date. The conduct of this column during a series of trips which have taken him into almost every corner of the United States during the past four months, a concise summary of these observations is that the people of the United States have organized to get the present government of the United States out of their collective hair.

On the basis of that appraisal of the determined objective of the people, here, in the language of the former proprietor of this column, is a "prediction of things to come," namely:

Republican Constructive

The American people, for two principal reasons, will elect a republican congress in November. 1. Because they have come to realize that the Republican party offers a constructive and practical program for getting the government out of the people's hair and the republican members of congress by their record votes as well as by their public declarations during the past two years have proved that this program will be written into law as soon as a republican majority takes control of congress.

2. Because the present Democrat administration (which is anything but Democratic) has proved its utter inability to bring about a program of peace, prosperity and free economy at home or a respected position of the United States abroad. And republican program for the restoration of an American system of representative republican government in the United States has been accepted and supported by public declarations of republican spokesmen. Congress and citizens who are sincerely interested in knowing the details of that program have had ample opportunity to learn them—and they will have additional opportunities as the campaign progresses toward a decision in November.

In this connection, mention should be made of the administration propaganda line to the effect that the republican program is negative and destructive rather than positive and constructive. (According to latest official figures there are more than 40,000 official press agents on the federal payroll and some of them are skilled craftsmen and, probably, they have been able to deceive some gullible citizens who do not realize that their own taxes are being spent to deceive them.) It should be remarked, however, that when a dentist pulls an abscessed tooth, the operation may be described to the tooth and the abscess but it is quite constructive to the patient.

That the present Democrat administration is an abcess on the body politics is proved by many evidences of its disintegration and decay.

There is the case of representative May of Kentucky, democrat chairman of the powerful house committee on military affairs, involving indications of the misuse of public funds—plus evidence that ammunition supplied to American forces abroad was defective and caused needless sacrifices of American lives during the battle of the Bulge.

There is the case of Democrat representative Coffee of Washington State who admits receipt of \$2,500 from a successful bidder for a war contract and who insists the \$2,500 was a campaign contribution and not a payment for services rendered although it was reported under the name of campaign contribution not as income.

There is the case of Democrat Representative Curley of Mass., under conviction by a federal court but nevertheless elected mayor of Boston by the political machine of which he is the boss.

There are the formal and public assertions of comptroller General Warren, a lifelong democrat and former member of the House, to the effect that billions of dollars of public funds were wasted during the war because of the administration's slipshod methods of handling war contracts.

And finally there is the public announcement of the Fendegast pac machine alliance formed under the public sponsorship of President Truman himself to "purge" democrat representative Roger Slaughter of Missouri who had refused to follow the lead by lending the prestige of his high office to Mr. Truman confirmed assertions repeatedly made by republican spokesmen to the effect that the choice presented to the voters this year is a republican Congress on the one hand and a Congress controlled by the Pac on the other. For that clarification of the issue the nation owes the Truman-pac party line in Congress.

I Now Pronounce Thee . . .



UNDER THE DOME

From the Pathfinder
NAVY MAY HAVE A DEFENSE against the radiant effect of the atomic bomb. If it works it will "de-charge" the energized air which would be simpler than sheathing ships with lead or other resistant materials.

FARM LEADERS IN CONGRESS will recommend the trash heap for scarcity program, increase restrictions and marketing quotas, they say, makes a better farm program.

WORST PRODUCTION YEAR in nation's history is seen for fall harvest season. A predicted shortage of 50,000 to 70,000 box cars a week by October will hold up reconversion, waste considerable food.

HIGH-RANKING ALLIED MILITARY OFFICERS (mainly U. S. and British) are bandying the word "war" around too loosely for it to be ignored.

TO OFFSET SUDDEN ATTACK, the U. S. will embark on a 5-year program of preparation for war, but details will be fed to the public only piecemeal.

ROCKET TO BE FIRED AROUND WORLD is one aim of Army Ordnance in current experiments. New fuels to be used will be so hot they'll melt in but new alloys now being tested as materials for missiles.

YUGOSLAV INCIDENT in itself is trivial, not worth risk of war, but is one of a series of actions by which Russia is consolidating power in Eastern Europe, and trying to find out whether this country will let the Russian power go on expanding.

U. S. DIPLOMATS AT PARIS say Russia wants to give U. S. people the impression that peace-making in Europe is impossible, that we'd better get out. This would leave Russia a free hand.

HOUSING OFFICIALS think demand for housing will slacken faster than is generally believed because public doesn't have purchasing power to fill its needs and the rate of population increase is slowing.

AS FOR HOUSING PROGRAM, it's seriously lagging with back-stage bickering among Housing Expediter Wyatt, Civilian Production Administration and OPA about ready to break into an open dog-fight.

IT'S CLEAR NOW why Congress was so anxious to get home. Primaries have proved that many political fences are in bad repair. It upsets continue nation may wake up with Republican-controlled House, possibly a Republican-controlled senate.

REPUBLICAN PROMISES OF LOWER TAXES have stirred Democratic Congressmen to put pressure on the administration to back down from its stand of "no tax cuts now." If Truman agrees, personal income taxes will be reduced by not over 5%. Republicans are promising 20%.

THOUSANDS OF TAX-CHEATERS are about to be rounded up. The government has about 16,000 specially-trained agents to do the job.

ANNUAL WAGE is much discussed by AFL and CIO. Ground-work is being laid to make it a major part of wage negotiations when existing contracts run out, most of them next winter and spring.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS AGREE that increased man-hour productivity is the only way to step up overall output of goods, because present methods and employment are just about touching the ceiling.

MEAT SHORTAGE AND BLACK MARKET are sure to return now that control has been put back on, but will not be quite as bad as they were in June.

LEGAL MEAT PRICES probably will be 5-10 per cent higher than June 30 levels and the government will try to hold them there at least until the end of the year.

COTTON TEXTILE PRICE CEILINGS are sure to go up again by September. Cotton prices keep going up, so textile prices will have to, so far too.

SUGAR REFINERY PEOPLE say it will be at least a year before any appreciable improvement will be shown in available sugar supplies.

Bust of Nimitz to Grace Texas Fair

DALLAS, Tex. (U.P.)—A bronze bust of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, native Texan and chief of naval operations, has been cast and will be placed in the Hall of State on the Texas Fair grounds in Dallas.

It will stand beside similar busts of Gen. Sam Houston and other famed Texans.

Nimitz will attend presentation ceremonies in Dallas on Dec. 7, the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Millet is a warm season crop and normally is seeded in North Dakota in late June or early July.

Classroom Film To Train Children In State Schools

NEW YORK.—When the children of Nebraska start back to their high schools Monday morning, they will find that their curriculum for this year will be enriched by extensive use of specially selected motion pictures, it was divulged by Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., who was guest speaker on tonight's weekly broadcast of a news commentator (Drew Pearson) over a national network Nebraska Teachers College, and by the University of Extension Division, Department of Public Instruction, Teaching Film Custodians, Inc., and Carnegie Corporation of New York. It will be developed through the Universities of Nebraska and of Omaha and four State teacher training colleges, each of these six institutions working with four high schools in their respective areas.

Nebraska A Test State

Nebraska is typical of the prairie states in having a system of small secondary schools in which an enrollment of 100 pupils and a faculty of from three to six teachers is common, according to Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, associate professor of education at the University of Nebraska, who is serving as executive secretary of the policy committee formed to develop the project. As a result the standard curriculum is very narrow, he said, and motion pictures are being introduced in an effort to stimulate student interest in such broad new subjects as aviation, the United Nations and the principles and implications of atomic energy. It is hoped that the Nebraska project will lead the way to a wider use of educational films throughout the areas.

Sixteen millimeter sound films will be shown in school assemblies and also will be integrated into classroom work to dramatize history, science, mathematics and other regular studies, Dr. Sorenson said. In an American history course, for example, films on the Declaration of Independence, Lincoln's Gettysburg address and other stirring events may be shown. Teacher-student guides to help the children derive the full educational value of the films will be developed, too, particularly for new subjects like aviation.

Exchange Set up

To make as possible available for the project, a master circulating film library is being set up at the University of Nebraska and smaller exchange libraries will be established at the other five centers. In order to develop the maximum educational returns, each of the participating high schools will be encouraged to concentrate its film activities in a single field, such as science, health or social science, during the coming year selecting different fields in subsequent years.

The results of the program for

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—The deathly calm which has settled on the nation's capital with Congress and the President out of town and most of the cabinet members vacationing is causing great suffering.

Among those hardest hit are the numerous members of the brotherhood of professional luncheoners. Next to being the cocktail capital of the world, Washington is probably the top luncheon town of the globe, too. During normal times you can find four or five luncheons being thrown at any of the big hotels daily.

This has developed a special group of people who volunteer a good part of their existence to keeping these functions well attended. Members of this fraternity can be lesser government officials, diggers, embassy clerks, female and male social climbers and wives of ambitious bureaucrats who attend under the pretense of helping their husbands but who are only ruining their wastelands.

SOME members of the brotherhood are such skilled artists they have even been known to pay off social obligations this way. They invite friends to go with them and handle the crashing masses with such finesse that the guests—once removed—don't realize what has happened.

But lean days have arrived. The number of luncheons being thrown has dwindled disastrously, principally because there are no "names" left in town on which to peg them. Congress is gone and the President is gone and so are the swarm of satellites whose only excuse for being in Washington is because the former two are here.

The net result is pandemonium in the ranks of the brotherhood. And the few brave persons who are giving luncheons are really catching it.

Breast of turkey or Lobster Newburg are the best drawing cards. It's easy to check before with the hotel chef and find out what's being served. The warning is out now, however, and the few noon affairs that are being given are sticking to mock chicken legs, baked short-ribs and cold plates. There are still overflow crowds, however.

THE Columbia Broadcasting System and its local station, WTOP, in cahoots with the Famine Emergency Committee claim the only victory in the present crisis. They double-crossed the brotherhood. They threw a "famine" luncheon with the main dish consisting of 50 calories worth of dandelions, abetted with 25 calories worth of zucchini. The menu was kept a secret.

The party was at the swanky Skitter. It took a lot of talking on the part of WTOP to get the hotel to serve it. The Skitter is known for its excellent cuisine and hates to jeopardize its reputation even for a stunt. The menu was supposed to be a typical Greek diet. The peculiar vegetables CBS asked to be served were out of season so the affair cost just as much as if turkey had been served but everybody was satisfied except members of the brotherhood. The hotel that went up when the apologetic waiters uncovered the limp dandelions and slimy zucchini—a green stuff that smells like squash—rattled the windows in the Carleton Hotel across the street.

Red General to Hang
LONDON (U.P.)—General Gregorie Semenov, former leader of the White Russian guard and five other counter revolutionists who confessed plotting against the Soviet Union for Japan and Germany have been executed radio Moscow announced Saturday.

Semenov was sentenced to hang and the other five to be shot by a firing squad.

"Eabs" Hutton Receives Divorce
HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—Heiress Barbara Hutton gets her final divorce decree Saturday from movie star Cary Grant. Her first husband and will be legally free to look for a fourth wife.

The one time "poor little rich girl" testified at her divorce trial a year ago that she and Grant, a former cockney acrobat, had nothing in common and never would have.

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN
WHEN a woman speaks of her new suit these days you don't know whether she has bought or brought one.

A GI in Japan complained to General Eisenhower about the food being served. When he said "mess," he meant just that!

Wool is to be treated with DDT before it is made into clothing. If it's any consolation to the moths, we can't get a new suit either.

Some manufacturers say the shortage of material for pockets is holding up suit manufacture. Maybe, after paying for a suit, you won't need the pockets.

If more people really wanted to get up in the morning, more people might get up in the world.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

The 200-INCH TELESCOPE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MOUNT PALOMAR, IN CALIFORNIA, WILL GIVE US A VIEW OF THE MOON COMPARABLE TO THAT OF VIEWING THE CHALK CLIFFS OF DOVER, FROM ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

Quoting Odels
ON LABOR DAY MOST PEOPLE DON'T WORK, Says DONALD ZIEHL, North Tarrytown, New York.

The Little Brown Creeper BUILDS ITS NEST BEHIND PIECES OF LOOSE BARK ON DECAYING TREES.

Next: A high mark in railroading.