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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON—Franklin D. Roosevelt recently was comparing his father with the man who succeeded him in the White House. His general conclusion was that Harry Truman certainly is not lacking in courage.

"Father never stuck his neck out of the way Truman does," said young Franklin. He never wrote a letter to congress demanding that they pass the FEPC. He was all for the FEPC and the anti-poll tax bill, but he left other people get out in front and carry the ball.

It was hard for friends to say whether young Franklin was paying tribute to Truman's courage or his father's sagacity.

One fact that many people don't realize is that Truman's position regarding racial injustice is strong partly because he has two conscientious southerners at the head of his justice department.

The Attorney General, Tom Clark, is from Texas, while the head of the criminal division Lamar Caudle, is from North Carolina.

Both have been vigorous in attempting to prevent racial injustice. When the race riots broke in Columbia, Tenn., for instance, Caudle, unable to get airplane transportation, drove all night in his car to reach the scene of trouble.

Again when Isaac Woodward, a negro veteran, was permanently blinded after an altercation with a South Carolina policeman, Caudle as chief of the justice department's criminal division—brought a criminal action against the policeman. Such a step by the federal government is almost unprecedented, and the fact that it was taken by a North Carolinian, with the support of an Attorney General from Texas, is significant.

NOTE—Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia and other southerners argue that the race problem can best be handled by southerners themselves.

Army Reneges on Furloughs
When the army puts on its next enlistment drive it is going to have a hard time with certain G. I.'s who recall the promises made the last time they enlisted. One of those promises was that those who enlisted for a year would get thirty days' extra furlough in addition to their regular thirty-day furlough. It was on that basis that they enlisted for one year and one month.

Now, however, they find that the extra furlough is not going to be forthcoming. It's out the window.

War department circular 51 cancels the re-enlistment furlough promised to G. I.'s, and there is nothing the men who took the army at its word can do about it.

The war department explains that it was forced to cancel this furlough under the armed forces leave act passed by congress last summer. In other words, the army says, that after it promised the extra thirty days' leave, congress took it away. This was done when congress voted to put enlisted men on the same proportionate basis as officers regarding terminal leave, at which time it also voted that enlistment furlough leave counts against terminal leave.

How much the army did to guide congress on this legislation is not known. Usually the army can be quite potent on Capitol Hill. At any rate, a good many thousand enlisted men who signed up for a year are now sore as blazes and will think twice before signing up again.

Prima Donna Baruch
Elder statesman Bernie Baruch's feud with Henry Wallace isn't the only one he has been waging lately. He was careful to call a press conference and make sure that his Wallace row hit the headlines. But he hasn't wanted publicity regarding the backstage feud he has carried on with Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson over the same subject—the atomic bomb.

The spectacle of the rampant Mr. Baruch stridently defending his prestige as an elder statesman has made some people around the state department wonder: Is Bernie an elder statesman or a prima donna? Bernie, who personally is one of the most-loved people around Washington, simply can't bear to have his authority challenged. To differ with Bernie is a personal affront, as even his great and good friend Jimmy Byrnes discovered. At one time Bernie was seen rowing with Jimmie.

The Acheson dispute began when the state department made the mistake of releasing the Acheson-Lilienthal report on atomic energy shortly before Baruch was appointed to be U. S. atomic delegate to the United Nations. Had the Acheson report been held up and handed to Baruch privately, he could have issued it himself and doubtless it would be official U. S. policy today.

Baruch, however, called in his Wall Street experts, John Hancock of Lehman Brothers and investment banker Ferdinand Eberstadt, who worked out a separate atomic energy policy. For more than a week afterward, Baruch and his advisers met secretly with Acheson at Blair House, across from the state department, trying to reconcile their conflicting view points. They are still at it. And Bernie has "virtually indicated that he

won't play ball unless he gets his way. NOTE—Acheson's position on atomic energy control is much nearer Wallace's. No Money for Finland
Finland has been known to Americans as the little country which always paid its debts. Now, however, the U. S. is getting the reputation among Finns as a country which breaks its financial promises.

What happened is that one year ago Finland sent a trade delegation here to arrange for a \$70,000,000 loan from the export-import bank. The loan was promised, and on the basis of this promise, the Finns made purchases amounting to \$35,000,000 in the United States, with partial commitments for the remaining \$35,000,000.

Part of the deal was that Finland was to secure coal from this country which in turn would help increase her newspaper production. Many American newspapers made arrangements to buy this extra newspaper.

However, something has now caused the state department to reverse itself. The export-import bank loan to Finland has been held up.

Actual, though unannounced reason for the reversal is the fact that Finland is now in the Soviet sphere of influence and it is feared that any financial help would indirectly aid Russia. However, there is considerable difference of opinion regarding this. Some government officials maintain that the Finnish people are overwhelmingly pro-American and that a loan would more than offset what indirect aid might go to Russia.

So far, however, the Finns are still waiting. **MERRY-GO-ROUND**

The New York Times and other papers panned Walter Winchell for allegedly causing the stock market crash when he quoted General De Gaulle as believing there would be war between the United States and Russia. However, the same papers did not give Winchell a line of credit when De Gaulle in his speech last week confirmed Winchell up to the hilt. De Gaulle warned the French people of a clash between an "ambitious grouping of Slavs" and a "young America overflowing with resources." Time magazine last week went further than any other newspaper or newsmagazine by calling the President of the United States a liar. While a lot of us don't agree with the President, and a lot of us may consider him inept or even clumsy, nevertheless he's our president, and we only de-grade the position of our country when we call the head of the nation a liar. (Copyright, 1946, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Clash of Atomic Opinions

In his speech before the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission in June, Bernard M. Baruch said: We of this nation . . . are prepared to make our full contribution toward effective control of atomic energy.

"When an adequate system for control of atomic energy, including the renunciation of the bomb as a weapon, has been agreed upon and put into effective action and condign punishments set up for violations of the rules of control which are to be stigmatized as international crimes, we propose that:

"(1) Manufacture of atomic bombs shall stop.
"(2) Existing bombs shall be disposed of pursuant to the terms of the treaty, and
"(3) The (International Atomic Development) Authority shall be in possession of full information as to the know-how for the production of atomic energy."

This seems to state clearly that this country would participate in the Baruch plan for atomic energy control. Yet it must be ambiguous. For the recent conference of progressives in Chicago has seen in it a requirement "that other nations accept binding agreement not to conduct research in to the military uses of atomic energy and to disclose their uranium and thorium resources while the United States retains its technical knowledge and engineering freedom, until the international system is working to our satisfaction."

Such an interpretation of the Baruch plan seems less a criticism of the plan itself than a doubt of our government's good intentions of living up to its agreements.

The basic difference between the thinking represented by the Chicago progressives and by those favoring the Baruch plan is whether we shall destroy our stock of atomic bombs before or after an international control system is set up and details of our atomic bomb manufacture are made known.

The first group feels that to delay the destruction of the bombs would be to give a green light to all-out international production for atomic war. But since this country would agree, with other countries, to renounce atomic explosives as a weapon before the bombs were destroyed, the only cause for alarm would be a belief that the United States government's word was worthless.

To release the details of atomic bomb manufacture before a control system were firmly established would seem to be more of an invitation to an armaments race than the Baruch plan.

Not the Least of Its Accomplishments



Elmwood

Mrs. Grace Pihlan

Sunday guests at the Pihlan home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gosthy of Murdock, his mother Mrs. Carrie Gosthy of Trenton, New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buell.

Mrs. Jay Stanton fell Monday evening and sprained her ankle, necessitating the doctor's care. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Krause returned this week from a two week trip to Louisiana where they visited their son, Arlin in camp there.

Mrs. Lyle is in Missouri near Kansas City, where she went to attend the wedding of a niece. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jungs came down from Schuyler to visit home folks. They report having spent two pleasant week ends at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Bliss, the Methodist pastor there, who preached there several years ago.

John McKay received a letter from his grandson James McKay who was with the Navy Department in China that he has received his discharge, and expects to land in San Francisco about October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittemore attended the big ball game at Wesleyan Stadium Saturday night. Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brockman were her husband E. J. Whitman, and Mr. Whitman of Madison, Kansas, and their daughter Patricia.

Monday was church cleaning day for the Methodist ladies. Over thirty of them and three men worked and scrubbed, and enjoyed a noon covered dish lunch together.

Rev. and Mrs. Haist moved into the Evangelical parsonage early this week. David Cook and Boyd Clements came down from University and enjoyed evening dinner at the Cook home one evening last week. It isn't always easy to find eating places in Lincoln at regular times these days.

Monday evening a group of committee members met at the Methodist parsonage for consultation about the new year plans and work. Mrs. Lind assisted by Ramona

Jones served pleasing refreshments. Mrs. John Wood was taken ill while at services in the Christian church Sunday.

Mrs. Ivan E. Armstrong took her granddaughter to her home in Grand Island Wednesday. She visited at the Willis James home returning on Friday.

Mrs. Theodore Farmer of Chicago and Mrs. Robert Mann and two daughters of Plattsmouth were Monday dinner guests of Mrs. I. an Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clary and children of Omaha spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ernest of Elmwood and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bundy and boys were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sowards.

Mrs. August Klemme and Mrs. John Beck of Weeping Water spent Friday with Mrs. Orle Sowards. Mr. and Mrs. John Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Orle Sowards spent Sunday evening in Omaha.

Willajean Mansfield arrived from Los Angeles, Calif., Thursday morning for a visit with her

parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mansfield of Hartley, Iowa spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bockelmann spent Thursday evening at the Earl Mansfield home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield, Willajean and Sunny attended the Gilmore-Keiser wedding at Ashland Sunday afternoon at the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore and boys spent Sunday afternoon at the Fred Rueter home in Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roebber, Darlene and Mary Lou Burger and Mrs. Herman Gakemeier and Eugenia were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roebber. Mrs. Leonard Roebber and Larry visited Mrs. George Vogler, Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ernestine Gilmore of Omaha and Miss Eugenia Samuelson of Fremont spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson and family spent Sunday afternoon at the Harold Richards home. Joan Richards spent Sunday night with Mary Alice and Marjorie Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ziegenbein of Crete spent Sunday at the Harold Richards home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sandy of Greenwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards Sunday evening. Mrs. Raymond Nelson and Mrs. Harold Richards accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sandy to Wahoo Wednesday evening where they attended an Eastern Star meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Waldart called on Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman Thursday evening. Delbert Lesley was a Sunday

Shade of Sycamore

By PERCY MARKS Author of "The Plastic Age" "A Tree Grown Straight" Etc.

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THE STORY: Gayle, daughter of a college professor, has just become engaged to handsome, rich Bartlett, famous athlete and scion of wealth. Visiting his home and parents for the first time, she is frightened by the splendor in which they live. She is further dismayed when Mrs. Bartlett explains that formal announcements will have to be sent out, and the newspapers notified. She promises Gayle the help of her secretary, Miss Holland.

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BART and Gayle left Sycamore a little after 4 o'clock. It was Bart's plan to drive her back to New Haven, but Gayle was insistent that he put her on a train in New York. Finally he agreed on condition that she have dinner with him before she took the train and it was almost midnight by the time she got home.

Rose was asleep when she entered the apartment, and when she awoke the next morning, Rose had already gone.

Gayle was glad. There was much she wanted to tell Rose, but now she wanted to be alone. There was a letter, a very long letter, that had to be written at once to her mother, and she felt that she must be entirely by herself when she wrote it. An hour before she had left Sycamore, Miss Holland had given her the announcements to the newspapers. "It seemed simplest to me," the little woman had said, "just to type them out. The envelopes are addressed. All your mother will have to do is mail them. I think I'd better order the formal announcements too. It is late, but they will do them almost overnight for Mrs. Bartlett. I'll address those for Mr. Bruce's friends before I send them on to your mother. Then you'll have nothing but your own to attend to."

"You'll send the bill too?" Gayle had asked, grateful but ready to be offended.

"Oh yes. Don't you think that is the best plan?"

lance too around the lips. "She's made him look like a spoiled brat," Gayle thought indignantly.

LATE in the afternoon Rose returned. "Hi," she said, dropping into a chair. "Giving up art for Paradise?"

"Not by a long shot," Gayle replied. "I just felt like taking a day off."

Rose lit a cigaret, inhaled, and then blew long streamers of smoke out of her nostrils. "Well, how did it go?"

"I'll tell you all about it at supper," Gayle said, "but right now I've got a bone to pick with you. I've been waiting all day long to pick it, too." She pointed toward the drawing on the easel, and her lips grew tight in indignation. "I looked at that a long time this morning, and I saw what you did. That was a dirty trick."

Rose crushed her cigaret in an ash tray, ground it down, and then asked, "Dirty trick? What are you talking about? That's one heck of a good job."

"It's a libel, and you know it is. You meant it to be."

"What's libelous about it?" "You've made him look like a little boy. You've made him look pet-petulant and—stuck up. You know you have." She looked around for her purse, found it, then snapped back the zipper with trembling fingers and fumbled among the clutter of small articles until she found Bart's check.

"Here," she said, holding out the check to Rose. "Look what he sent you. He would have made it five times as much if I'd let him. I hope his generosity makes you ashamed. It ought to, anyway."

Rose accepted the check, read the amount, and dropped it on the table beside her. Her pale eyebrows lifted in amusement. "Generosity? Oh come off, Gayle. There's no generosity in writing a figure on a piece of green paper. He didn't earn the money. He won't have to give up anything because he's spent it. And I'll tell you something else: that's one heck of a good picture. It's worth anybody's hundred bucks."

(To Be Continued)

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA-Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—The best guess on the number of atomic bombs the U. S. might be able to produce is contained in the new United Nations' scientific report on control of atomic energy. It is a deduction based on three previously known facts which the experts put together for the first time.



Edson

estimate so far.

The real reason U. S. coal mines are still in government hands, have not been returned to the private owners, is that Northern and Southern operators can't agree on a formula for taking back their properties. Meetings of the operators are far stormier than sessions between the miners' union and the operators.

THE inauguration of Jesus T. Pintero as the first native-born mayor of Puerto Rico will probably go down in history with the feast of Belshazzar as one of the biggest parties ever thrown.

About half the people on the island (pop. 2,000,000), came to San Juan for the inaugural day parade. The affair was supposed to be a great triumph for democracy and the common people of Puerto Rico, in that a native son was made governor.

But 5000 invitations went out to politicians for the reception at La Fortaleza, the governor's palace, that night, and after that the affair broke up into smaller parties. These parties are just now beginning to taper off, weeks after the inauguration.

HAROLD E. STASSEN'S 12-point Program for Progress, printed recently in Collier's magazine, was something less than a big success. It was a vast improvement over the official GOP statement of party principles drawn up by a congressional committee. But in drafting what was obviously intended to be a good middle-of-the-road program, Stassen ended up by straddling every fence in the country and actually made some elements sore.

The weekly newspaper "Labor," which circulates principally among the more conservative railway brotherhoods, called Stassen's labor plank "one of the most menacing threats yet made against the American labor movement." All Stassen called for was strict accountability of union funds, prohibition of the use of union funds for political purposes, a labor court to settle jurisdictional disputes, and a ban on jurisdictional strikes.

afternoon visitor at the Wesley Miller home.

Mrs. J. A. Claussen of Chicago has been visiting her sister Mrs. Wesley Miller. Lorraine Bricker of Norfolk was at the Harry Bricker home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rempena, called on Mrs. Getrued Boller in Ashland Sunday. Mrs. Ashley Boller and baby returned from the hospital, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hookkma of Nelegh called on their niece Mrs. Ashley Boller at the Bryan Memorial hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Borman, drove to Omaha after Bennett Borman, who Monday had undergone an appendectomy operation at the St. Joseph hospital last week.

Journal Want Ads For Results

• BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

HOME garden flowers now are in full bloom and the nice part about it is that you can have your pick.

Being short of cash makes it hard to impress some people with your wisdom.

Some of the men who got married only last June are already carrying umbrellas.

Books are the important things in college, says an educator. Yep—bank books and date books!

A youngster gets to do a lot more things by telling his parents about them afterwards instead of asking permission in the first place.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

OWLS

CONTRARY TO LEGEND, ARE AMONG THE DUMBEST OF ALL BIRDS! HOWEVER, THE SAME MAY BE SAID OF ANYONE WHO DESTROYS OWLS, SINCE THESE PREDATORY BIRDS FEED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON SMALL RODENT PESTS.

Quoting Oods
"A STUDENT CAN BE IN SITTING AND STILL BE OUTSTANDING," says WILLIAM F. WILDERN, Dayton, Ohio.

SNAILS
CAN WALK ON THE UNDER SIDE OF A SURFACE FILM OF WATER.

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NEXT: Where "feathering the nest" is no figure of speech.