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The First Job in Greece

The President's request for aid to Greece must have raised in many minds a question which one newspaper expressed thus: "If the Greek government really represents its people, why it is now in peril of collapse unless rescued by us?"

Very likely a truthful answer would be that the present Greek government is not really representative. Most American correspondents in Greece at the time of the elections gave the impression that the voters chose a return of the monarchy as the lesser of two evils.

There seems little doubt that the monarchy is reactionary and intolerant. American writers covering the border fighting in northern Greece, including one representative of strongly anti-Russian papers, have stated that the government lumped all opposition under the single label of communism. As a result many sincere, anti-Communist Greeks of progressive views seem to have been hounded by the government into an opposition directed and supported by Communists.

But to say that the present Greek government is not representative does not destroy Mr. Truman's position. Let us take the question quoted in the first paragraph and substitute "British" for "Greek."

The British government really represents its people. Yet it must foresee the possible danger of economic collapse. Otherwise, it scarcely would be pulling out of Greece and appealing to the United States to take over.

Collapse of the Greek economy, however, would surely be followed by political collapse. The anti-Communist opposition to the monarchy would be as exhausted and helpless as the monarchy itself.

The grave diplomatic implications of Mr. Truman's speech have tended to overshadow the tremendous task facing American dollars and American technical experts in Greece. The country is agriculturally unproductive over the great bulk of its area. It is industrially undeveloped.

Obviously there is a vast emergency job to be done—in agriculture, reclamation, reconstruction, roads and transportation, business, industry, banking, and almost every aspect of livelihood. Perhaps when this job is far enough advanced to put Greece on her feet, a more representative government can be formed.

It is doubtful that the American government would long support a reactionary regime under its direct protection. It is also doubtful that it would oppose a more socialistic government than our own, provided that it represented the free choice of a free majority.

But these considerations are for the future. The immediate need is to stave off economic collapse in Greece, strengthen the country's defenses, and prevent the imposition of a totalitarian government by outside force.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — For months operators of race tracks, roller-coasters and gambling casinos have been letting veterans housing take a back seat while they thumbed their noses at building controls. Today (March 31) however, the famous Tanforan race track near Palo Alto, Calif., is scheduled for a slapdown from forthright U. S. Judge George B. Harris in San Francisco.

Behind this is some highly interesting background showing how a little group of men, if sufficiently ruthless, can give the government the run-around, while the boys who lived in foxholes continue to pound the pavements looking for apartments.

The story begins back last June 2, and June 22, when this columnist called the attention of Civilian Production officials to the wide-scale swarming of building controls by the Tanforan race track and suggested that something be done about it.

Something was done—despite the screams of anguish from the race-track boys, who not only denied this column's allegations but threatened a libel suit and all sorts of dire consequences.

Civilian Production officials promptly issued an order stopping the use of new building materials in the reconstruction of the track which had been used by the navy during the war. To some builders this action would have been sufficient to remind them of their alleged patriotism. They would have remembered all the fine wartime promises made to the boys who were winning the battles, and hung their heads in shame. But not the Tanforan race track crowd. To them watching the ponies romp home and listening to the cash register clink was much more important than keeping wartime pledges.

Appealing to Washington So they appealed the government's order, and again were turned down. Then they appealed a second time, going into federal court to ask that the government's order be set aside. In October U. S. Judge Adolphus S. Sure said, no, Tanforan was permitted to use its own salvage materials, but nothing more.

But the Tanforan race tracksters were avaricious, also tenacious. In December they filed a new appeal in San Francisco and also went over local officials' heads to Washington. And though Washington turned them down, they quietly went ahead with their building plans, spending an alleged total of \$300,000 on new materials during the period they were under orders not to spend anything.

For some reason, however, the government did nothing about this—until very recently.

Criminal Action at Reno At Reno, Nevada, however, officials were more forthright. On June 22, this column reported that lumber from the Tanforan race track "went to build a gambling house at Lake Tahoe, Nev., owned in part by E. W. Heple, Tanforan's contractor. The Tanforan people claimed all this lumber went to veterans." The Merry-Go-Round stated, "But this is not true. Actually part of it went to the gambling joint in direct violation of a CPA order."

This column was also denied—with special vigor. However, the payoff came when U. S. District Attorney Miles Pike in Reno brought a criminal action against Heple and his associates in the "Tahoe sky harbor casino." They were fined \$7,500.

Meanwhile, near Palo Alto, Calif., Herbert Hoover's hometown—the Tanforan boys continued to fix up their race track, grandstands, cafeteria, paddock and barn at a total reported cost of around \$2,000,000—despite the repeated orders of the federal government. Their flouting of the government appeared so willful that rumor got around that they had an "in" with somebody very high up.

So far this rumor is unconfirmed. It remains a fact, however, that while criminal action was brought by the U. S. District Attorney in Reno, no criminal move was made by officials in San Francisco.

Finally, however, officials bestirred themselves and started civil action. Instead of punishing Tanforan for their willful violations, the Civilian Production Administration merely asked Judge Harris for an injunction to stop building operations. The injunction was granted.

This was on Feb. 14. But even an injunction by a federal court did not seem to faze the race-track boys. For on March 21, Judge Harris cited Tanforan officials for contempt of court for allegedly willfully violating his restraining order. The hearing on this violation takes place today.

However, the interesting thing about this contempt citation was that the judge himself initiated it. He ordered the U. S. Attorney, Frank J. Hennessey, to prepare the citation. CPA officials apparently were standing on the sidelines doing nothing about Tanforan's continued use of building materials, so the alert judge decided to move himself.

U. S. Attorney Hennessey, asked why he had not prosecuted the Tanforan crowd, explained: "We had received no report on the violation. We are not supposed to make investigations, but to prosecute after the investigation is made, and we get a report on it."

CPA officials in San Francisco, when asked why they hadn't recommended prosecution, said:

"All our reports have gone to Washington. We have referred everything to Washington for their decision."

Asked whether it was usual to let an offender off with civil action rather than criminal punishment, CPA officials again passed the buck to Washington.

In Washington CPA Counsel Harold Price admitted that the Tanforan report was on his desk and explained that it was such a lengthy document he had not had time to study it. Told of San Francisco rumors that someone high-up had tipped off the Tanforan racing fraternity that there would be no criminal prosecution if they ignored building controls, Price said: "They never got any such indication from us."

Nevertheless, the fact remains that for some unexplained reason there has been no criminal action against Tanforan.

Lobby Learns Secrecy There was a day when the operators of the power lobby made headlines. Now the boys have learned that if they work quietly behind the scenes they get much further.

So without benefit of headlines the other day, the power lobby started its all-out drive to keep the federal government out of the power business altogether.

On the house side of the capitol, members of the Reclamation Association demanded that the federal government stop spending money on reclamation and power projects in the west, while on the senate side Senator Elmer Thomas, the Oklahoma democrat and cotton speculator, submitted a bill which would take the federal government out of the power business entirely, except for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Thomas would even have the government sell all the power from its present dams—including the huge Grand Coulee, Shasta and Bonneville dams—to private companies at cost, with the private companies then permitted to sell power to the public after taking their cut.

In the past, the cheap power provided by federal power projects has forced the private utility companies to lower rates. Actually, this has resulted in increasing their business. However, Senator Thomas would not let the private companies charge their own rates (subject to nominal regulation by the federal power commission) and turn over to them the cheap power produced by the government.

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South Ashland

Mrs. John Remmenga

Mr. and Mrs. William Zeigenbein and Rickie of Crete, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sandy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards.

LaVon Vance spent Saturday night with Joan Richards. Joan Richards spent Sunday with LaVon Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Finke of Walton spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stander. Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Nesson of Marquette, Neb., spent Monday morning at the Cecil Stander home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bundy and boys were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sowards. Mrs. Harold Richards, Mrs. Kenneth Roeber and John spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Bruce Sowards.

Ernestine Gilmore of Omaha, spent Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. Harry Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bornman, Jr. and Ruth Elaine spent the week-end at the George Bornman Sr. home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Keller and family spent Sunday afternoon at the George Bornman Sr. home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stander were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roeber.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roeber and John were shoppers in Lincoln, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reister of Manley spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roeber.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Keetle and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farmer on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farmer and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Keiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Yardley and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roeber. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gakemeier were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Remmenga took Mrs. C. Remmenga to the home of her son, Neal Remmenga on Friday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brinkman of Palmyra.

Chalk Carter and Mrs. Lloyd Anson called on Mr. and Mrs. John Jones on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Campbell and children called on Mr. and Mrs. John Jones Friday evening.

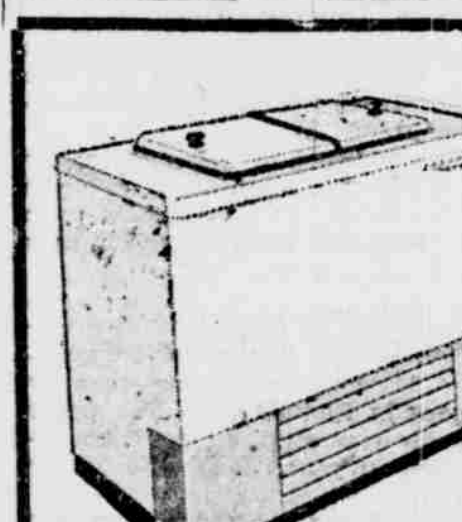
John Bricker of Lincoln was a Tuesday called at the Harry Bricker home.

Joyce Farmer spent Monday evening with the Harold Kellogg children.

Mrs. Henry Klipp called on Mrs. Harold Kellogg Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson and girls spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sandy.

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ville Sandy at Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters and Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson attended the Legislative Ladies League dinner dance at the Student Union building in Lincoln on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stenberg and twins, and Mrs. Emma Olson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rager and Lois.

Mrs. George Bachman and children spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weitzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fries spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers. They also spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rager.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau of Omaha were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bricker. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Babbitt of Sutherland, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Babbitt and boys of Erule, Neb., and Paul Babbitt of Lincoln came Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman.

Miss Phyllis Moore of Omaha spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Armstrong were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman.

John Yost and son, Lloyd of Champion, Neb., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman were also guests. Eachman home were Mr. and Mrs. Myron May, and Marsha Meson.

Monday, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman and Mrs. Emma Jones drove to Glenwood, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bontz called and Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pager were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Neukam.

Mrs. Ed Jipp and Sandra Kay spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parks.

Frank McReynolds spent Thursday night with Sam McReynolds. Mrs. Willa Weldon and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield and Sam spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Metheln in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John Remmenga and Marjorie spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eckery of Alvo.

Union John McQuinn ate supper at the Mougey home last Friday evening. Later he and his brother, Richard attended the Youth Fellowship meeting at the Methodist

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