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## EDITORIALS

### SAFETY RULES FOR SWIMMERS—

The National Safety Council has the following suggestions for swimmers who will be attracted to the old swimming hole in the hot days ahead.

Never dive into strange water.  
Know that the depth and bottom of the pool or stream are safe.

Swim only when accompanied by a good swimmer or lifeguard.

Watch for dangerous undertows and big waves in large bodies of water.

Don't swim beyond your strength.

Never rock a boat or call for help in the water unless you mean it.

Should you experience distress in the water, do not struggle frantically. Try to swim as low in the water as possible and as easily as possible.

To make a water rescue, use a boat, a pole, a rope, or a life buoy. Make a swimming rescue as a last resort.

Learn how to apply artificial respiration. If possible, take at least two lessons in life saving.

### CANT DO THE IMPOSSIBLE—

Endeavors to make across-the-board price cuts based on the idea of the Newburyport ten per cent price reduction plan, have considerable news value. They show a laudable desire by retailers to do everything possible that might help to solve the price problem. They are not, however, a permanent solution.

First of all, it is physically impossible for a store to cut prices ten per cent on many basic, low-profit items, without subjecting itself to a net loss. Therefore, cuts of substantial size are likely to be restricted to higher-profit merchandise whose influence on the cost of living is relatively small.

Secondly, it would be absurd to say that all the items you see in your retail store are overpriced. Many of them are priced as cheaply as they can be in the light of present-day manufacturing and retail costs. The overpriced item is gradually disappearing as a result of consumer resistance, the refusal of retailers to stock goods for which there is a poor market, and the inexorable processes of competition.

A number of retailers are now engaged in consultations with manufacturers on the related problems of price and quality. Progress, it is reported, is being made. The results achieved will be felt throughout the entire retail industry in the form of the lowest possible price for good merchandise. But the consumer must remember that the cost of production will largely determine the price. When it falls, prices will drop accordingly.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

Ten years ago this month Hon. Frances E. White and his daughter Miss Bertha visited here from Los Angeles. The old home of the Francis E. White family formed the first unit of the present Masonic Home here. Mayor Zigenbein and City Attorney Tyler of Nebraska City appeared before the local Rotary Club, speaking on the success of the commission form of government in their city. Hernan R. Neitzel, former resident of Boise, Idaho arrived for a visit with friends here and at Murock. C. A. Rosaneri departed for an outing in northern Missouri. E. H. Schulhof named as head of the Knights of Columbus Council. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson and family, enroute to the west coast, stopped at Denning, New Mexico for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wurl of Billings, Montana arrived for visit with Mr. Wurl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wurl. Mrs. Carl Balfour and daughter Kathleen of Union left for Washington, D. C. 70th annual convention of the First District Baptist church held in Union. Mrs. Agnes Chapman of Lincoln visited at Burkel home.

Thirty-one years ago, the children of St. Luke's church school gave an open air entertainment on the church and rectory lawn. Special train freight large group of Masonic Lodge members, to visit home here. Grand Master Frank A. Anderson attended 30th anniversary observance of local A. O. U. W. Barclay restaurant advertised "Good Meal for 25c, Chicken and Steaks." J. L. Carnicle,

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Business men of small towns are like horses. They get the most accomplished when they stop kicking and begin to pull together.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister from up the street, says her boy friend won't be on his knees when he proposes to her because she'll be on 'em.

When you say "There ought to be a law," look it up and you'll probably find there is one.

A Plattsmouth man says the modern girl wouldn't faint at hearing a risque story, nor at the sight of a mouse, but a sink full of dirty dishes will put her under for hours.

A local little kid reports they don't have mirrors at his house. He says they just look a the towel to see if they're clean.

One reason you don't see initials carved on the bride's new silver these days, is that they are not taking any chances with the pace we're going of having to discard them in the future.

I could never say a girl was as pretty as a picture unless she had a nice frame.

We saw a fellow slip and fall during the flood here last Wednesday and never spilled either of the three pints of whiskey he carried. He kept his mouth shut.

South Bend, erected a new residence of white pine...heavy windstorm visited Manley vicinity...Local Order of Improved Redmen re-decorated lodge building on lower Main street...Formal opening of the Airframe announced by Manager, Charles Peterson—Six reels of pictures shown...Coach shop and freight departments of Burlington shops had a ball game...Pete Herold pitched for freight car shops and Vern Long for the coach shop boys—score 8-3 for coach shop. Amateur check forger at work—passed checks at local store.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

Drew Pearson says: ARGENTINA HAS 5-YEAR PLAN FOR MILITARY EXPANSION; HOT ARGUMENT INSIDE STATE DEPARTMENT OVER SELLING ARMS TO ARGENTINA; NAM WANTS TO IMPROVE LOBBYING METHODS.

WASHINGTON—The final decision to sell arms to President Peron of Argentina and to oust Peron's enemy, Spruille Braden, as Assistant Secretary of State will probably go down in history as one of the most momentous the United States has made in many years. It was attended by some soul-searching conferences inside the State department with Braden lined up one side and various military advisors on the other.

Because the decision was so important, it may be well to review some of the backstage arguments put forward by both sides.

Chief point which big, burly Spruille Braden made to Secretary Marshall was that the United States and Argentina enjoyed perfectly normal relations in every possible way except one—namely the United States declined to sell Peron arms. We exchange ambassadors. We buy all the goods Argentina will sell us except fresh meat, and we have unfrozen all Argentina credits in the United States. However, argued Braden, Argentina is a dictatorship suspected by other Latin-American neighbors of having designs on their territory. Therefore, the United States should not increase her power by selling arms.

Others of Marshall's advisers, especially his old friends in the War department, maintained that if the United States is to build up an anti-soviet bloc in the Western Hemisphere it must cooperate with the Argentine army and navy.

Braden, in turn, brought out a copy of the document, indicating that President Peron planned to set up a vigorous fascist state right under the nose of the Pan American union.

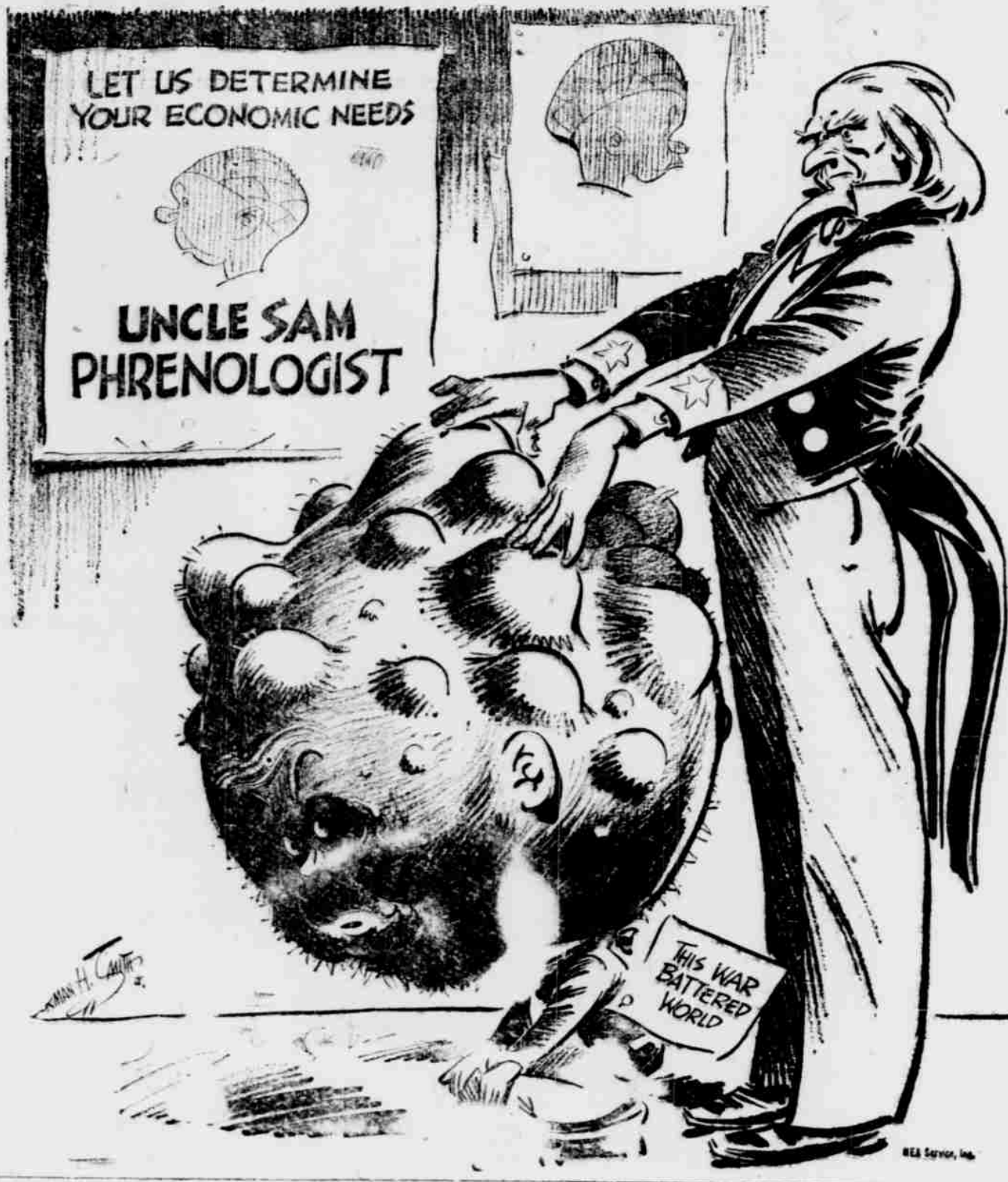
Braden also pointed out that Peron had had trained for a time under Roberto Farinacci, Secretary General of the Italian Fascist party, and that two of his chief supporters were Ludwig Freude, a German Nazi, and Heinrich Dorge, former adviser to Hjalmar Schnacht.

PERON'S 5-YEAR PLAN—The Peron 5-year plan, which Braden condensed for General Marshall's study, is a sweeping blueprint to build up Argentina as the most powerful military nation in South America. It calls for stepping up the Argentine birth rate, control of all raw materials in South America, dispersal of Argentine industry as a protection against bombing, intensive experimentation in atomic laboratories, control of the judiciary and other repressive measures.

Braden also pointed out that the 5-year plan was not merely a document on paper, but actually was being put into effect. Here are some of the 5-year steps Peron has already taken:

- 1. Control of the judiciary—four out of five judges on the Argentine Supreme Court already have been impeached. Peron did not even give them a trial. The fifth judge was a Peron stooge. Scores of other lesser judges have been ousted.
- 2. Control of education—Peron has already fired 700 professors from Argentine universities. He has also placed six national universities, hitherto centers of pro-democratic thought, under the control of six especially selected pro-Peron rectors. Finally, he has established his own national council of education with authority to run all primary and secondary schools. This is

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the pattern followed by Hitler and Mussolini when they came into power.

3. Control of labor—The Confederation General De Trabajadores, largest labor union in Argentina, has been taken over by Peron. No strike can be called if Peron opposes. Union men calling a strike are summarily fined, in some cases jailed.

### Freedom of Press ?

4. Control of press—while there is official freedom of the press, Peron exercises powerful indirect control by his supervision of newspaper unions, and the practice of levying large fines on hostile newspapers which violate official ordinances.

5. Control of movies and radio—the Argentine government now owns the two largest radio stations in the country. All other stations are required to submit advance radio scripts on political questions for censorship. Several motion picture houses have been closed for showing pictures disrespectful of the government.

6. Secret police—Peron has established his own secret police, based on the Nazi and Soviet pattern. Several hundred Gestapo agents are on the lookout for anyone hostile to the Peron regime. Result is that some of the top officers of the navy who were too "independent" have been dismissed.

7. Argentine expansion—in addition to increasing the Argentine birth rate, the Peron 5-year plan calls for selective immigration from Europe. Peron has sent two special commissions to Spain and Italy to select "racially pure" immigrants. His goal is to increase Argentine population from its present 14,000,000 to 100,000,000 in the next 50 years.

These were some of the things Braden put before Marshall and Truman in arguing that the United States could not afford to sell arms to a potentially fascist nation. In the end, he was overruled, chiefly on the ground that the United States needed a solid hemisphere against Russia and that not even Argentina could be left out of that solidarity.

Note—one factor contributing to Braden's reversal was Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who long has favored closer relations with Argentina. It was Vandenberg who helped bring Argentina into the United Nations at San Francisco.

Big Business Admits Lobbying—The National Association of Manufacturers operates one of the smoothest and most powerful lobbies in Washington—usually from behind the scenes. But recently they have come out with an amazingly frank admission. Not only do they state that they are lobbying, but they ask congressmen how they can strengthen their lobby.

The NAM has just circulated a letter to all congressmen who voted for the Hartley labor bill. Presumably the manufacturers considered these congressmen their friends. In the letter, they frankly asked various questions as to how the NAM could improve its lobbying methods.

Here are two of the more significant questions asked: "Would it be more helpful from your standpoint if NAM urged its members to sit up sentiment back home instead of

using national advertising?"

"When the next bill comes along in the Senate, would you like to see a similar advertising campaign by NAM supporting tax introductions?"

Note to constituents—in view of the NAM questionnaire, it might be interesting for a

congressman's constituents to send him a questionnaire inquiring what influences—such as campaign contributions—determined his vote on certain key questions.

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## Edson's Washington Column

BY PETER EDSON  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—In the first few days of Senate and House Labor Committee conferences to reconcile differences between the Taft and Hartley labor reform bills, the conferees got through only nine of the 68 pages in the Senate bill. At this rate, it wouldn't be safe to expect final action on a labor bill much before the Fourth of July.

First reports from the conference committees indicate the bill they will work out as a compromise won't be too tough. Industry-wide bargaining and welfare funds won't be banned. Most of the provisions of the Hartley bill which the National Assn. of Manufacturers wanted will be toned down.

In spite of this, the AFL and CIO lobbies keep up the chant that labor's rights are being crippled and the unions destroyed. This is, of course, part of the act. Every modification in the labor code proposed since the start of the war has been fought

by the union heads. They opposed the Smith-Connally war labor relations act with its provisions for cooling off periods and strike votes. That bill worked out to the advantage of labor.

Labor opposed the anti-Petrollo act. It hasn't made a bit of difference to either the unions or management.

DIRE things were predicted to happen if the anti-portal-to-portal pay suit bill became a law. It has and they won't. And the world won't come to an end if the President signs or if Congress passes over his veto the Taft-Hartley compromise bill.

As a matter of fact, the most effect this bill may have will be on Sen. Robert H. Taft himself. The bill in its final form will not contain many of the provisions which Senator Taft started out to get. Taft's ideas and Minnesota Sen. Joe Ball's still more extreme ideas got pretty well watered down through the efforts of Republican Sen. Irving M. Ives of New York.

Taft is chairman of the House Labor Committee, and whatever bill comes out will be his baby and bear his name. This labor bill is apparently going to be Taft's major achievement in this session.

Taft's long-range housing bill is stymied. The House doesn't want any part of it. Taft's ideas on federal aid to education will probably get now a for the same reason. Taft himself says his health insurance bill will not be acted on till next year.

There may be a couple of political theories as to why nothing should be done about these measures this year. First is that next year is election year and the impact of positive Republican action on public housing, health, and aid to education legislation will register more heavily on the voters if nothing is done till next year.

A SECOND theory is that the Republicans feel their first job this year is to cut taxes and make good on last year's election promises to economize. Passing half a billion dollars' worth of new appropriations for housing, health, and education wouldn't help.

So for this year, Taft's political reputation and the buildup for his presidential ambitions must rest on passage of the labor legislation, which—as outlined above—isn't so much his.

Taft may sincerely believe this legislation is not "anti-labor." He thought that of his original bill, which was much stronger than the measure passed by the Senate. The hope is that when this legislation becomes law it will be a stabilizing influence in industrial relations, without taking away anybody's sacred rights.

A hog weighing 140 to 180 pounds is usually chosen for butchering to get four or five port chops to the pound or hams weighing from eight to ten pounds.

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