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EDITORIALS

REJUDGING THE RAILROAD RATE CASE

Carlton A. Shively financial editor of the ew York Sun, recently discussed a curious phase the hearings on the railroads' application for creased freight rates. "At the recent rate hearg in Washington," he wrote, "no railroad shipcame forward to oppose the request for highrates. The opposition came entirely from govmment bureaus and from associations and state menissions, which latter will later have to sit judges of applications for increases within ates. The Association of State Commissions, for cample, took no vote on the question, but its ficers apparently instructed its attorney to opose the rate increases, which seems to have placd the state commissions in the prejudging chair." Some writers point out that it is extremely difcult to justify this attitude on the part of the overnment agencies. They also take the lack of pposition by citizens committees as a lack of inrest in the proceedings and a blanket approval I the demand of the railroads for the rate adustments.

This newspaper does not believe our citizens pprove the continuing spiral of prices, either n railroad rates, food prices, or any of the other housands of increases during the past few nonths. We believe it to be nothing more than n expression of futility on the part of the conumbg public. Their protests in the past have een thundered against deaf ears-the little felw has shouted loud and long, but in few intances has his voice been heard and recognized. The failure of the little fellow's voice to be

eard has been the determining factor in "get-

Furse's Fresh Flashes

It beats all where one local woman's search for "truth" leads her-it leads her to the crack in the window blind every time the girl down the street comes home with her date. . . .

One reason local cafes hire such small waitresses is that it makes their sandwiches look larger.

. . . Grandpa took his little three-year-old grand-

daughter down town here the other day for an ice cream cone. Walking back home, the girl was unusually quiet, so grandpa asked her if she didn't like her ice cream. She replied, "Yeth, but ith pity d-n cold, grandpa."

. Too many parents blame the bad manners of their kids on their associates and not on the way they are trained at home.

. . . Cleanliness may not be quite on a par with godliness, but in a crowd we'd rather be next to a clean person than a godly one. . . .

An orator swung his arms and shouled, "Let's get rid of Stalinism, facism, socialism, bolshevism, communism!" About that time one old boy in the back row stood up and shouted, "Let's throw in rheumatism?"

. . .

Foot prints on the sands of time are not made by sit-down strikers.

. . . Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says these new style low-cut dresses would just about show everything if you had anything. . . .

We don't judge a man by what he stands for. It's what he falls for, that counts.

Robertsons, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Goos, the J. W. Crabills. Several Plattsmouth folks spent Thanksgiving out of the city.

Among those were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Sedlak who were guests at the Clell Gansemer home in Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vroman keeping practices. At one point Truman on Russia who went to Chicago for the week end with Mrs. when Patterson ordered an as- President Truman used the European friends at that time, Vroman's parents, the O. L. Yorks. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warga were at the home of relatives in Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen and

daughter, Mary, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis at Falls City; County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Dorothy, were the exact status of Air Corps at Marquette guests of the C. B. Turners family. The Searl S. Davises spent the day with Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Mary M. Davis in Lincoln.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO



Arnold, Meyers' superior, was After that Meyers threw no to cancel, the President recalled fully aware of Meyers' book- more keys in hotel lobbies.

procurement.

Corps buying policies strongly

ey to help recontruct our

sistant to make a survey of Air clenched fist of the communists they might not be in such cri-Corps procurement practices, in talking about Joe Stalin the tical shape now," he declared. Arnold and Meyers even fought other day. Discussing world He went on to explain that he the survey and it was only by problems with John L. Golob, refrained from using his powers national commander of the Dis-Patterson was able to calculae abled American Veterans, Tru- because he didn't want to do anyman asserted:

This survey showed that Air cated to keeping the world at (Copyright, 1947, By The Bell "My life and my work is dedi- the wishes of Congress. resembled a man drinking col- peace. I'll do everything within fee and eating doughnuts. If he but"-he held up a closed fisthad half a doughnut left over. "We are prepared to use this if

patient in helping these

pay future dividends to

This, the President added,

sick nations are easy prey for

Truman didn't identify the cri-

gram, or say whether they were

in Congress. However, he

brought out that it would not

had he used his war powers af-

"Had I used some of that mon-

thing that might be contrary to

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EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C .- (NEA)-Text for today will be from the words of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, candidate for President in 1948. Quote:

"The President recommends that we extend and strengthen export control. Why, he has had power to control exports right along, only he hasn't exercised it in any effective way." End of quote.

This seemed like a challenging statement, worth looking into. Has the Truman administration failed to control exports? Does it have all the authority it needs? If not, what more power does it want? The situation stacks up about like this:

Authority to control all exports is given the administration in the Second Decontrol Act of 1947. It was passed last July 15 and became effective next day. It expires Feb. 29, 1948.

Main thing Truman wants is to have the act re-Edson newed. It's as simple as that. Since it usually takes Congress several months to act on a measure of this kind, it seems entirely proper for the President to ask for extension now.

The second part of Taft's charge, that the President hasn't exercised export control authority in an effective way is a more complicated story, but worth a look.

During the war there were approximately 3000 commodities under export control. Before an exporter could ship any of these items out of the country, he had to get a license from the government.

In extending export control authority last July, Congress laid down the policy that the government should "eliminate emergency wartime controls of materials except to the minimum extent necessary."

AS a result of this mandate from Congress the number of com-modifies under export controls has been steadily reduced. As of Oct. 1, only 352 items were under export control.

Congress took one other step to make sure exports were decontrolled as fast as possible. It cut the appropriation of the Export Supply Branch in Department of Commerce, which administers this program. During the war, Office of Export Controls had some 800 employes. It was cut to 120 last July, but now has 190. It can't employ more because it hasn't the money Congress appropriated \$675,000 to wind up the work by next Feb. 29. Of this, \$135,000 must be used to pay terminal leave of employes. That leaves \$545,000 to operate on. On one day last month over 5000 applications for export licences

were filed. On three other days the number was over 3000. What Truman apparently wants is appropriation for enough of an

organization to do the job it is supposed to do. A big change has come over this export control business. Up to

a year ago everybody-exporters, foreign buyers and the government -all wanted to get rid of export controls fast as possible. Now all the pressure brought on Department of Commerce is to tighten up controls and stop the outflow of searce materials.

UP to now, export controls have been applied only quantitatively and without regard to price or destination. Exporters were given licenses to export certain quantities of goods to any country they chose, in line with prewar trade patterns. Effect of these exports on U.S. supply and domestic price levels was not a factor. Under the President's proposed anti-inflationary program, these factors will be given more weight.

More consideration will also have to be given to charges of profiteering in exports. A license now gives the exporter a virtual monopoly. He can charge the buyers any price he can get. If importing countries are to be financed with U. S. tax money under the Marshall Plan, it will become all the more necessary to control prices on American export items, both at home and abroad. From now on it is expected there will be more emphasis in regulating

the flow of exports to specific countries where need is greatest and U. S. foreign policy interests will be best served. There is particular pressure from Congress to limit exports to Russia and her satellites. Even Taft will probably approve of that.

ing our house on fire", as one writer puts it. No League of St. Luke's church at her home . nore is their consideration for the "other fellow." lost everybody has joined in the wild scramble to hell with the wife and kids.

w our neighbor is getting along.

A severe shock will be needed to bring this Farier of Lincoln. nout-but it is coming in one form or another.

SECOND CLASS PATIENTS!

The beauties of compulsory health insurance recently illustrated in a large western city has that kind of a system in effect for icipal employes.

The director of the system sent a letter to all tors associated with it, pleading that it is in uncial difficulties, and making three remarkle requests.

First, he asked that doctors restrict the use of boratory tests, X-ray examinations and noral diagnostic procedures, and substitute "rouse examinations" for careful, scientific diag-

Second, he asked that they discourage patients with "minor ailments" from seeking professional edical treatment, and advise them to use home midies.

Third, he ordered that hospitalization be deed to system members except in the most crial cases, and except on specific authorization himself.

The executive committee of the local county edical society answered this by observing that either your doctor nor any reputable doctor can clear conscience agree to a demand that city ployes be denied adequate medical care and at they be treated as 'second class patients!'" at answer covers the ground completely. The fical result of any other policy would be what a happened under socialized medicine in Engid, where over-worked doctors must deal with n be given really individual attention and diag-

le would be a reflection of the condition in western city multiplied a thousand times. ben politics takes over medicine, the standards medical care inevitably go down.

JOWN MEMORY LANE TEN YEARS AGO

Thanksgiving was observed in Plattsmouth mes with dinners and family gatherings. nong those entertaining were The L. O. Min-Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lutz, The E. A. Webb family, Mr. and Mrs. mes Bulin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiles, Mr. and s. Michael Bajeck, Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick, dge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mr. and Mrs.J. Wiles,, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, Mr. d Mrs. Albert Kraeger, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. ammins, the Andy Robinsons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farley, the A. R. Noble mily, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek, the William A.

Miss Edith Dovey entertained the Junior Mrs. E. W. Cook was hostess to the St. Mary's . James W. Burnie elected to office of Guild get their hands on everything that is loose and exalted ruler of local B.P.O.E. lodge . . . Coach cycle. Steim of Indiana and Mrs. Steim visited over the In the case of the Air Corps, Our "house is on fire" but we do not believe week end with Mrs. Steim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. when the brass hats had too will burn down entirely. Some of these days J. E. Douglas . . . George Schoeman celebrated many pilots, they ordered more

wernment and citizens will come to their senses, his 81st birthday with a family gathering at his planes. When they had too many orkers will give an honest day's work for their home . . . Mr. and Mrs.John Thierolf of Cedar planes, they ordered more gasoages, capital will learn that prices must be in Creek entertained a five generation group at ie with the ability to pay and most of us will dinner. Guests included the Henry Dasher famaw up enough to have time to worry a little on ily; the Charles Dasher family; the Byron Barr's of La Platte and Grandfather and Grandmother

> Under the law of Shiah-a widely followed which Arnold acidly inquired: Persian religion-a man and woman can be married for any period of time they specify- port are there?" even an hour, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica

The Chinese Hung or Triad Society has the largest membership of any secret society in the world. It was founded in 386 A. D. to spread re- later was that there was a fourth ligion. Later it pecame a political organization. copy of the report. This was tak-

Deer are Wyoming's most numerous big game animal



DREW PEARSON SAYS.

GENERAL MEYERS KEPT THREE SETS OF ers one day in the lobby of a the war program on V-J Day, BOOKS ON AIR CORPS PROCUREMENT Dayton, Ohio, hotel. Meyers DURING WAR: GENERAL ARNOLD WAS threw his hotel key at the Colo-AWARE OF MEYERS' BOOKKEEPING nel and told him to give the PRACTICES; TRUMAN VOCIFEROUS IN DE- key to the hotel clerk. The SIRE FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON .- Now that the Senate War dered around like an office boy, Investigating committee has dipped into the walked away. An hour later the let the key drop to the floor and personal bookkeeping practices of Maj. Gen. Ben- Colonel, who is worth several nett E. Meyers, it might also take a good, pene- millions dollars, visited General cessive numbers of patients and only the few trating look at the way he kept top secret records Meyers in his office and said; of the Army Air Forces materiel command during "Benny, I'm thinking of buythe war. ing an airplane for myself after

Compulsory health insurance on a national The Senate committee has developed the fact the war. that General Meyers concealed hundreds of thousands of dollars of personal income. But if it looks thoroughly into the Air Corps, it will discover "and I'm thinking of hiring an that Meyers kept three sets of books on Air Corps Air Corps general to pilot it for procurement.

> Even such top-flight War Department officials as then Under-Secretary Robert P. Patterson had difficulty getting the true facts about the Air Corps buying program from Meyers. And when Patterson finally sent several aides to see Meyers to determine whether the Air Corps was wasting Federal funds, they learned that Meyers kept three sets of books.

Set. No. 1 told the true facts about the procurement program. This was for the eyes of brass hats only.

et No. 2 was for the White House and was cal, culated to show Roosevelt how able and brilliant top Air Corps officers were.

Set No. 2 was for the White House and was calwas designed to show Congress how hard up the Air Corps was and why it needed more money.

ARMY BOOKKEEPING Patterson's ex-assistants say that General Ha

he ordered another cup of cofwe absolutely have to. fee; if he had a cup of coffee left "I don't want to see any more over, he ordered another dough-

nut-thus making for an endless

abled veterans far their war dead." The President went on to say line and pilots. When the quanthat if the American people had tity of pilots, planes and gasoa better understanding of the line got out of proportion, they tragic condition of the countries

ordered more air bases we are trying to help, they would Patterson finally had the rebe even more generous port read to a meeting of Hap Arnold's air staff, following these countries are made up largely of old men and cripples. "How many copies of that re-

women and children," Truman said, "because of the great toll "Three," replied Patterson's war has taken in their manpow er. Therefore, we must be all the "Put them in the safe," said

Arnold turning on his heels and unfortunate countries to get storming out of the room. back on their feet." What Arnold didn't know until **Dividends** For Peace would en to Harry Hopkins by Isador the United States and to the Lubin, then a White House secworld in preserving peace, for

retary, Hopkins summoned Arnold to the White House and showed him the copy of the report charging Air Corps waste. tics of the European Aid pro-Arnold claimed there was no truth to it whatsoever. Meyers' Arrogance General Meyers' occasional

arrogance frequently angered Congress for emergency relief some of his associates. One successful Washington businessman who served the Air Corps with

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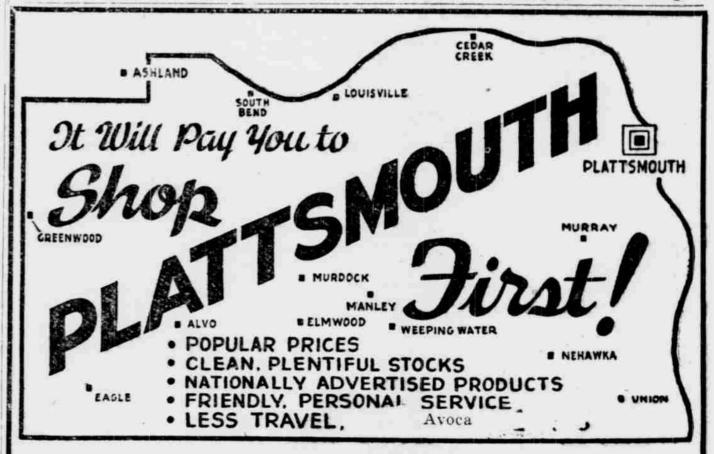
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crops of disabled vets," Truman continued. "We've had two huge the University of Nebraska, was crops from the last two wars, home over the weck end to visit and Mrs. George Berck and over the week end, a guest of Our European friends have had his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George daughter, Sharon Lee of Osce- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baumgart even greater ones. Their dis- Conis and his brother, Tommie, ola, Nebraska,

Guests at the Warren Scharf- Mrs. Earl Ossenkop of Lincoln John Conis, who is attending enberg home Sunday were Mr. was a visitor in Plattsmouth

and enjoying a short outing.



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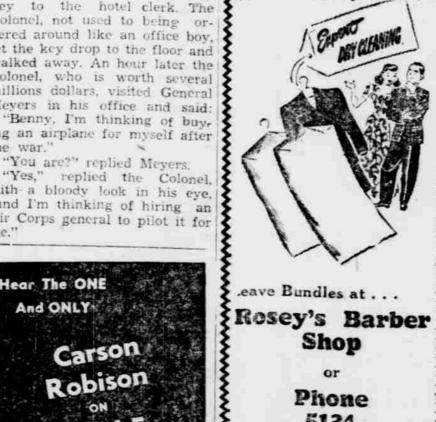
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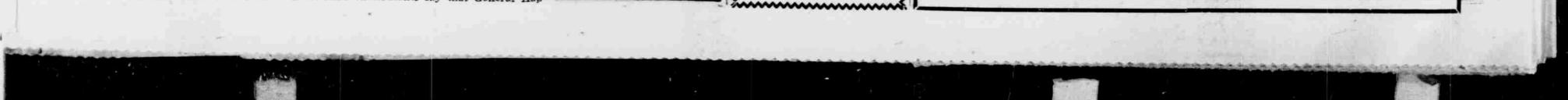
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all of which he asked Congress Colonel, not used to being or-

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