

### EDITORIALS

#### LIVE ALL YOUR LIFE

Walter Russell Bowie tells of a letter he received from a small boy who was just learning to write. The letter concluded with these words: "I send you my love, I hope you live all your life."

That sentence impressed Doctor Bowie so much that he wrote a book with this thought as its central theme. He entitled the book: "On Being Alive."

Most of us are not living all of our lives. We are not getting out of life all that we should. We go about oblivious to the beauties of nature, having eyes but not seeing. We meet people and fail to discover the treasures buried in their lives. We live in the little corner of the world and never thrill of adventuring into strange places. We listen to music without really hearing it. Often we are less than half awake to what life has to offer.

Many of us fail to experience the joy of aiding others so that they, too, may have a happier day. We sometimes become so miserly toward ourselves that we fail to ever feel the warmth within our bosom that comes when your contribution to a worthy cause aids in a job well done.

Perhaps we should heed the small boy's advice and wake up and "live all our lives."

#### THINK THE OLD TOWN IS TIGHT?

A person remarked to us the other day that Plattsmouth was a backward town. It was tight with its purse strings, although generous of heart and friendly in feeling. That its citizens failed to contribute to worthwhile projects that make and build a town.

This may be true of a small percentage of our citizens. It might be even more true in past years, that is, prior to 1946-47. Opportunities may have been passed during those years that would have made Plattsmouth a bigger and better city than it is today.

But, during the past two years we hardly think our business people in the majority could be called "tight." We'd like to point out a few of the contributions to worthwhile causes. We would also like to have a list of communities that can beat its record!

First on the list is the construction of the Memorial Athletic Field on Washington Avenue. While this project is far from completed, to date considerable more than \$10,000.00 has been spent on the field, all of it donations from business men and women, residents of the city, and a few of our rural friends. The balance when needed will be ready!

In its efforts to solve the housing shortage, a group of Plattsmouth business men and women have raised another fund of more than \$10,000.00 for the construction of near 40 homes in the new Hillcrest subdivision in the west part of the city. This project is underway at present and with the coming of spring, localities will see activity as they have never seen before.

Another project that required capitalization was the bringing of the Sothan Body and Manufacturing Company to Plattsmouth. Several local men subscribed to substantial blocks of stock in this company that has done, and is doing its part in adding to the pay rolls of the city.

Several thousands of dollars has been raised for the staging of the Kass County King Korn Carnival each year, all subscribed by donations of our business men at the rate of \$25 to \$150 each.

We could name several more if space permitted, donations to road funds, donations to church groups for special events, support of Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, Red Cross, March of Dimes, etc. Has Plattsmouth failed to come through?

At the present time other projects for the building of a better city and more pay rolls are in the making. It is going to require more money to see the projects through—The Journal doesn't think Plattsmouth business is "tight." We expect to carry the headlines proving again that a worthwhile plan can be put across in this city.

### DOWN MEMORY LANE

#### TEN YEARS AGO

Weeping Water was swept by worst fire in history of the town when the C. H. Gibson store suffered loss estimated from \$65,000 to \$75,000. Fire Departments from Louisville and Elmwood responded to call for aid and only one injury was reported, that to Bud Blair, Louisville fireman who was cut and bruised. . . Mr. and Mrs. D. C. York and sons, Joe and Randall, returned from a trip to the southland which took them to the Rio Grande valley of Texas where they formerly resided. . . Mrs. Eugene Nutzman of Nehawka was guest speaker at Auxiliary meeting at home of Mrs. Raymond Larson, district vice-president. . . City Treasurer M. D. Brown reported condition of city finances best in years with bonded indebtedness at a low figure. . .

### Furse's Fresh Flashes

When a man is born people say, "How is the mother?" When he marries they say, "What a lovely bride." And when he dies they say, "How much did he leave her?"

In a school essay on parents a small girl wrote: "We get our parents when they are so old it is very hard to change their habits."

One way to trim the budget would be to trim off some of the trimmings.

We do not have any poor relation that we know of, nor do we have any rich one's that know us.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, told her new boy friend there was just one thing she wanted to tell him before he went any further. It was, "Don't go any further."

A Plattsmouth woman, appearing before police court told the judge "That's my side of the story. Now I'll tell you his."

An idea won't work unless you do.

Alcohol will preserve almost everything but secrets.

A local minister asked everyone who would contribute \$5 to the church please stand up. Then he started singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Read this notice in a country weekly recently: "Anyone found near my chicken house at night will be found there in the morning."

Plattsmouth scored victory over Nebraska City in basketball, 38 to 30. Ray Wooster gaining high honors in the game.

#### TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO

Alois Kaufmann, 19-year-old, arrived from Walthaven, Baden, Germany to join his brother, Peter Kaufmann in this city. . . W. C. Schaus resigned as deputy to Sheriff Bert Reed to accept Federal position. M. G. Scott of Weeping Water named to succeed him. . . James M. Robertson named as president of trustees of the board of control of Nebraska Masonic Home association at Omaha. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carey of near Mynard closed their farming interests and moved into town.

### The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

SECRETARY OF ARMY ADMITS HE VIOLATES LAW; CONGRESS CALLS SECRETARY ROYALL ON CARPET RE-CONSCRIPTION PROPAGANDA; ROYALL TRIES TO SELL CADILLAC SEDAN ON BLACK MARKET.

WASHINGTON.—Bluff, genial Secretary of the Army Royall has a unique way of combining charm with an ability to put cabinet colleagues on the hot spot.

His retention of Ed Pauley as special assistant to the Army has caused Harry Truman more trouble than any other recent political bombshell. Perhaps more fundamental, though little noticed, has been the hole into which Royall placed his friend, the Attorney General.

He has given Attorney General Tom Clark the alternative of either prosecuting Royall or violating his own oath of office by failure to prosecute.

The law in question is Section 201, Title 18 of the U. S. Code which declares it to be a criminal offense to use Federal funds to influence legislation before Congress. The law is clear and categorical. It provides no exceptions or alibis.

Yet Royall has brazenly flouted the law in using more than \$50,000 of Federal funds to propagandize for military conscription. On top of this, when called before Congress he not only admitted he had violated the law, but said he had "No apologies to make."

First Congressional report on Royall's activities was made July 23 by the House Expenditures subcommittee, Rep. Forrest Harness of Indiana, chairman.

#### HOW THE ARMY LOBBIED

This showed that the Army had spent \$36,293 to produce a military training propaganda film, plus \$14,244 of the taxpayers' money to distribute the film. Also, the War Department had paid two civilians—Alan Coutts of New York City and Mrs. Arthur Woods, a former lieutenant colonel with a fine record in the WAC—\$25 a day plus expenses, to tour the country, drumming up public support for peace-time conscription.

The report also quoted former Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen as admitting that Mrs. Woods and Mr. Coutts were employed "To sell the (UMT) program to the public with the hope that the public would sell it to the Congress."

"Mrs. Woods admitted that she laid particular emphasis upon the spiritual values of universal military training in her discussions with Girl Scout groups," the Harness report stated, adding that she had endeavored to interest the national board of the Girl Scouts of America in showing "A Plan For Peace" at their meetings.

Harness also quoted the following paragraph from an Army-prepared "Outline For Veterans' Radio Panels": "The opposition to universal military training is generally not based on fact, but rather on such generalities as Democracy, morals, aggression, education, and pacifism. The chief opponents are parents, church groups, educators, subversive groups, and a large section of the public which does not think."

In other words, the Army was trying to tell



veterans what they should say in radio broadcasts supposed to be voluntary efforts of the veterans themselves.

The Harness report further charged that numerous people "of all walks of life" had been flown in military planes at the taxpayers' expense to the Army's UMT experimental camp at Fort Knox, Ky., where they were "conducted on tours of the unit by selected guides, who were able to sell the virtues of the plan under consideration."

#### Will Justice Department Prosecute?

This Congressional report was approved by the entire committee—both Democrats and Republicans—even including Jim Wadsworth of New York, father-in-law of Stuart Symington, at that time Assistant Secretary of War for Air. It was then sent to the Justice Department.

There it has been gathering dust ever since. Inquiries at the Justice Department last week brought the reply from alleged Information Officer Leo Cadison that "The FBI is still investigating." That, however, is not true. From other sources, it was ascertained that the FBI finished its report long ago and that it is highly unfavorable to Secretary Royall. It found him guilty of violating the law.

On top of all this, Royall was called before the House Expenditures subcommittee just a few days ago. This was when he brazenly refused to promise that he would not violate the law in the future.

#### Royall and Black Market

Secretary Royall also violated the spirit of President Truman's repeated attempts to hold down prices when he advertised his 1947 Cadillac sedan for sale at \$4,200 after he had paid \$2,925 for it. Royall first approached the Cadillac agency in Washington and asked them to buy the car. They offered him the regular list price. To do otherwise would have put them in the black market. But this high-up member of the official Truman family refused to sell for the legal price and advertised his car for sale at \$4,200. When this columnist and others called to inquire about the car, somebody got worried and it was hurriedly withdrawn from sale.

Note—The Army and Congress might find it worth while to study the plan of ex-Congressman Kent Keller of Illinois for an American School Army—a series of universities for underprivileged boys.

#### Big Business vs. Little

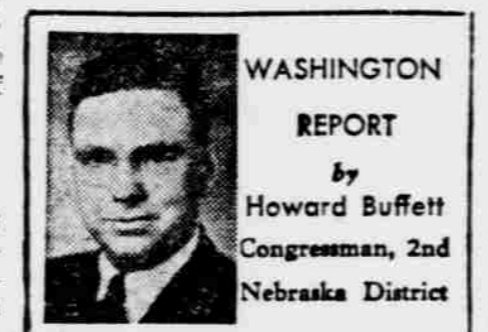
Most interesting Senate race of the year is shaping up in Wyoming, where Judge Thurman Arnold, the trust-busting ex-Assistant Attorney General, plans to challenge one of the biggest businessmen in the state, GOP Senator Edward V. Robertson. The issue of big business vs. little business will be laid right on the line between them.

Robertson, born in Britain, came to Wyoming at the age of 31 and married the daughter of H. H. Rogers, a partner of old John D. Rockefeller. The Senator now manages the Coe ranch, one of the biggest in the state and owned by his brother-in-law. Backed by the big cattle-men, Robertson has some of the most isolationist, conservative records in the Senate.

Arnold, who will oppose him, comes from an old Wyoming

family, once served as mayor of Laramie, had a sensational career in charge of the Anti-Trust division and as judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals. His economic theories are the exact opposite of Robertson's.

It will be interesting to see which one Wyoming voters pick to represent them in the Senate.



WASHINGTON REPORT  
by  
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Nebraska District

A constituent writes, "The most outspoken opponents of the Marshall Plan are to be found in the Cominform and in the Republican party. Unless you come out in full support of the Marshall Plan, I will vote against you."

Well, there's another vote gone. I am opposed to Marshall's "Operation Rathole"—not on details, but in toto.

Is Stalin for or against the Marshall Plan? Many who opposed Communism when Truman and Marshall were playing palisades with Stalin believe that Russia is secretly promoting the Marshall Plan. Their reasoning is impressive.

In Russia the people are controlled and regimented. Stalin is afraid of us because we have liberty and free enterprise. To carry out the Marshall Plan, we must be shackled by controls and regimentation—so say the sponsors. Then Stalin would have achieved his goal, people regimented everywhere—freedom eliminated. Think that over.

Stalin is certainly smart enough to know that his open approval of the Marshall Plan would kill it dead. He also knows that needling us in Europe by strikes and threats will help get the Marshall Plan passed. And those antics are exactly what he is doing.

The Marshall Plan has other attractions for Stalin. The Mar-

shall billions are to be given mostly to socialistic governments in Europe. What is the difference between Socialists and Communists? Well, as one writer puts it, Socialists wear neckties and shave oftener. They have better manners—at least they have some manners. Communists have none and are proud of it. But both make serfs of the people.

The Marshall Plan would fail worse than the British Loan. While it was failing, our economy would be wrecked by repressed inflation—and it was Lenin himself who declared that ruining the money of a nation was the surest road to Communism. Europe is in deep trouble partly because of past Truman-Marshall blunders. But the only people who can save Europe are the Europeans. Our meddling politicians only make matters worse.

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### EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

(One of a series on the Marshall Plan)

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (NEA)—President Truman's message on the Marshall Plan was sent to Congress on the last day of the special session, along with a State Department 240-page "Outline of a European Recovery Program." The question of just what it's all about has been lost sight of, however. In the meantime, critics of the Marshall Plan idea have been having a field day.

There will probably be a month of public hearings on the plan before Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees, another month of floor debate before a bill to authorize the European Recovery Program can be voted on, and then another month of hearings and more floor debate before money is appropriated to carry it out. It is only then that a definite answer can be given on what the Marshall Plan really is. If ECA—the Economic Co-operation Administration—is in business by April 1, it will be a miracle.

In all this fog of millions of words and millions of figures, the real nature and intent of the Marshall Plan are apt to be lost again. It therefore becomes necessary to keep clearly in mind just what the Marshall Plan fundamentals really are.

UNLESS you wish to become involved in a mire of trade statistics, administrative detail and political bickering, there are really four basic questions: Why is it necessary to have any Marshall Plan at all? Can the United States afford to finance it? Couldn't it be done some other way for less money? What would happen if nothing were done?

As to the first question, there are only two big industrial areas in the world—the U. S. and western Europe. Before the war, they made about 95 per cent of the world's manufactured goods. Only one of those areas is now capable of full production—the U. S. It is therefore called upon to produce more than its share. Until the European productive machinery can be put back in operation, the world's shortage of goods is bound to continue. And inflation—far more serious in other countries than in the U. S.—will also continue. The only choice for the U. S. is to restore European production.

Can the U. S. afford to finance this effort? The answer given is that it has made far greater efforts in the past, without harm. Seven items Europe needs worst will pinch the American economy. They are petroleum products, bread grains, nitrogen fertilizer, steel, industrial and farm machinery, and freight cars. Because these items are in short supply all over the world, furnishing them in quantity to Europe may force American prices still higher.

If it is felt that the U. S. cannot stand the impact of this full burden, it may be asked if the job could not be done for less money—by a smaller Marshall Plan, perhaps. The answer given here is that, as in any new business, the greatest danger of failure is in not giving it enough capital.

If it is then held that the U. S. should do nothing at all, the consequences of such a step must be carefully weighed. Soviet Russia wants the Marshall Plan to fail. Americans who oppose the Marshall Plan are thus playing the Communist game. The reason the Russians don't want the Marshall Plan to succeed is that the Communists want to control the western European productive area.

If the European industrial area falls to the Communists, the effects on the U. S. would be catastrophic. The inevitable result of this would be a major American depression. American production might be cut by a fourth—or \$50 billion a year. With that would come severe unemployment. The cost of the relief bills in the U. S. might easily be greater than the cost of the European Recovery Program.

Moreover, if the U. S. stuck to its traditional free-enterprise system it would have to prepare for another war. And the cost of national defense for America, alone in the world and without allies, might easily outstrip the cost of the Marshall Plan.

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