

EDITORIALS

ANOTHER STEP TO SOCIALISM?

There is much comment today over the present administration's leanings toward "Compulsory Health Insurance" a neat package tied up for the little fellow that is intended to give relief from medical expense for himself and family.

Compulsory Health Insurance is nothing more nor less than socialized medicine on a gigantic scale—a scale so large that not even the promoters are in any position to estimate the cost. It's a monstrous payroll deducting plan that could easily take another \$3 to \$10 each week from the working man's pay check.

It could easily mean that you would be deprived of the right to select your own physician, as is true in England, Germany and Russia where the monster has secured a foothold. Your ex-serviceman husband, brother, or son can explain in a few unprintable words what happens when they run you through "the line."

It's time the American people wake up. It's time to stop thinking you can get something for nothing. It's time we start looking after the government instead of having the government look after us.

GROWING PAINS

Plattsmouth is on the list of those communities that are experiencing "growing pains" and a good many people are surprised at the many points wherein they feel the pain.

Looking back over the past year, Plattsmouth bows to no one in the progress it has made. In fact, this city has enjoyed a most healthy increase in business transacted at this point. Many merchants report increases for 1948 are running 10 to 25 per cent above 1947, and this in the face of a downward trend in many sections of the country.

During the year much new construction has been completed, and a good deal more has gotten underway. Four new business buildings are now occupied. Numerous new houses have and are being completed that is easing some of the housing load and considerable more are planned for 1949. Indications are that Plattsmouth is on the march!

TIME TO SHIFT GEARS?

Merchants in some cities are still crying because sales volume fell off from its peak. Others are taking a second look at what the buying public seems to want and are planning to supply it.

It's the old merchandising principle that if the consumer won't buy a certain product or pay a certain price, the wise storekeeper stocks the product he will buy, finds some way to offer goods at prices the consumer will pay, and lets him know about it through advertising.

The thinking of some is to be deplored. All that is needed is a well-planned and aggressive merchandising campaign and here the goods to back it up. Both customers and goods are available.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Buildings on the farm of G. R. Eveland near Elmwood were destroyed by fire, as well as grain and large tank of gasoline. Mrs. W. F. Evers was installed as new Worthy Matron of Home-Chapter No. 189 Order of Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cacy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary January 5th. R. A. Kirkpatrick of the Union Pacific gave an illustrated lecture at the McNard Community club meeting, with Roy O. Cole chairman of the program. Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca retired as commissioner from the second district. J. A. Canwell opened up offices in the Gund building. Miss Rachel Robertson entertained at a dancing party on New Years eve at her home for eight couples.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

With retirement of George L. Farley to become county commissioner, Co. Treasurer John E. Turner reorganized his force for the year, with Ruth Patton as deputy, Henry Woster and Helen Libershal as clerks. The first pound of butter produced at the Cass County Co-operative Creamery was presented to Arthur J. Weaver, governor of Nebraska at Lincoln, by a committee from the local Chamber of Commerce.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Our pastor says it takes a woman to make a home. And, we might, add, it only takes a couple of them to break one.

The man who has no secrets from his wife has either confessed or been found out.

Which reminds us that most wives will listen to reason but they hate to hear the same one too often.

Most games of scrub the kids start on the corner lot end up at the kitchen sink.

It's bad enough to go to law with your troubles, but it's worse to go to in-laws.

We've learned from experience that it is usually the wrong road that has no turning.

We're glad the fresh pumpkin pie season is about over. They always look as if they needed cheering up.

A bridge expert says there are no natural players. We suppose it takes practice to kick the right person under the table.

A common loafer is a good bad example.

They say that burlesque isn't as popular as it used to be. We doubt, though, that it is on it's last legs.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

ACTOR ROBT TAYLOR BLASTS UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE; WHITE HOUSE SEES UN-IMPORTANT CALLERS; SENATOR MCKELLAR NOW FEUDS WITH HIS COLLEAGUE FROM TENNESSEE.

WASHINGTON—One of the most high-lighted witnesses ever to appear before the Un-American Activities committee was glamorous Robert Taylor, star of "Escape," "Stand by for Action," "A Yank at Oxford," "Bataan," "Billy the Kid" and many other pictures. His testimony made front-page news across the country.

What never was published, however, is that witness Taylor also wrote the Un-American Committee a scorching private letter blasting its tactics and accusing it of merely being interested in publicity. Taylor's letter is something congress may want to consider in relation to the committee's procedure in the future.

Taylor was asked to testify regarding the picture "Song of Russia" in which he acted. His testimony, taken in private, was later published, following which Taylor wrote this blistering letter:

"I've never cared a whole helluva lot for politicians, whether they be republican or democrat. And I've certainly never believed it inherent in my job as a motion-picture actor to aid in feathering any of their nests for them via publicity from my name—a name, by the way, which I have worked—hard to build and maintain without any blemish.

"My last appearance to testify was valuable only insofar as publicity was concerned; my appearance in Washington can be valuable purely for the same reason. I firmly believe this to be utterly ridiculous and a waste of time, both for me and for the committee!

"These investigations, the way they are being run in Washington at the moment, remind me more of a three-ring circus than of a sincere effort to rid the country of a real threat.

"There's nothing any of us are going to tell them in Washington that the FBI didn't know five years ago. Maybe it's easier to call twenty friendly names from Hollywood than to have a look at the FBI files! Maybe it's better publicity for the home-state electorate too!"

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS

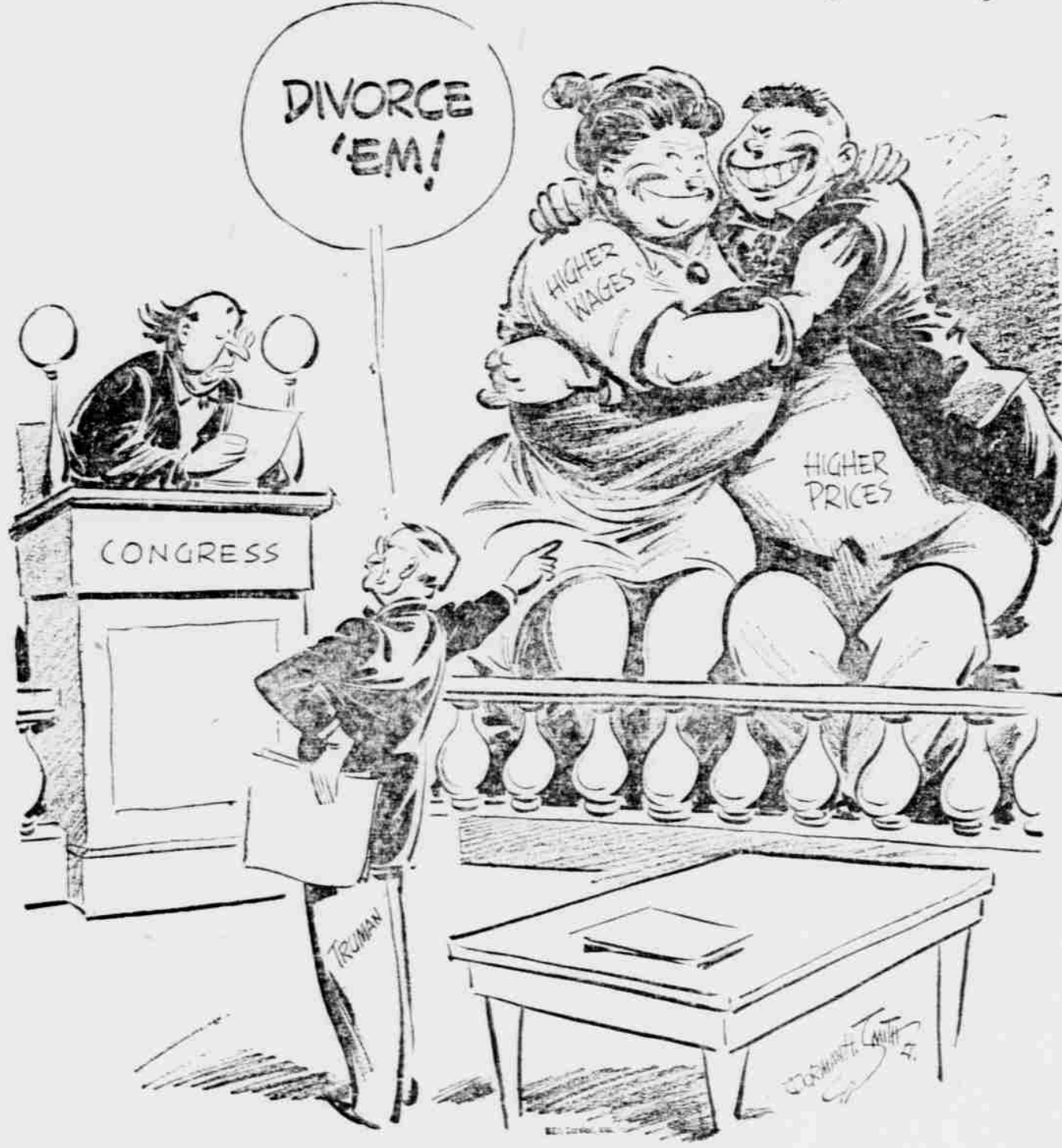
President Truman has been running true to form when it comes to White House visitors. He hasn't changed a bit since election. If members of the Turkey Growers Association are in town, or a big distiller or a vounster who has received a prize in school, they get in to see the President—if they ask for an appointment. But important leaders don't see the President—because they don't ask.

In other words, the people Truman sees are largely a hit-and-miss matter depending on his secretaries and his military aide. The President himself rarely reaches out and seeks the advice of people who are experts or those who have advice worth listening to.

For instance, on the list of White House callers recently were Louis Rosenstiel, head of Schenley's Distillers, and Frank Verbest, brewer of Blatz beer. Both men had bet wrong on the election, and wanted a chance to make their peace with the little man who won.

Rosenstiel was so sure Dewey would win that he retained Herbert Brownell, Dewey's campaign manager, as his attorney, and invited Dewey for "a yachting cruise after his victory." But having been wrong, Rosenstiel contributed to the democrats and asked for a chance to go in to see Truman.

Certainly Not on the Grounds of Incompatibility



On the other hand, Ex-Secretary of the Interior Ickes took off his coat during the campaign, traveled out to Montana at his own expense, made powerful speeches which swung liberal votes to Truman. He showed this loyalty even though he thought Truman would probably lose.

In return, two months after election Mr. Truman, until this week, did not even invite Mr. Ickes to the White House to think him for his help.

ANOTHER TENNESSEAN FEUD

The White House is caught in a rip-roaring feud between the two Tennessee senators—Oldster Kenneth "Sluggo" McKellar and Freshman Estes Kefauver.

So far McKellar hasn't taken one of his famous pokes at the Junior Senator from Tennessee. But before Kefauver so much not took office, McKellar opened up with a verbal volley. The Senate Dean suspected that Kefauver would want to appoint several Tennesseans to federal jobs, so he fired a blistering, six-page letter at him.

"Several Tennessee newspaper people have told me," blasted McKellar, "that you are very anxious to cooperate with me. . . . And the intimation was that I had refused to cooperate with you. I wonder what your idea of cooperation is? Is it that you want to do all the 'operating' and leave the 'CO' to me?"

Anxious to get alone, Kefauver called on the irate McKellar and tried to pacify him. But the peace mission backfired, and McKellar broke loose with a new charge—that Kefauver hadn't done anything to help re-elect President Truman. Kefauver chided McKellar for this, pointed out that, on the contrary, he had campaigned for Truman ever since his opening speech.

MCKELLAR APPEALS TO TRUMAN

The Senator Tennesseean, unpacified, then carried the feud to the White House. Writing a letter to Truman he completely twisted Kefauver's remarks. "I am informed," McKellar wrote the President, "that Mr. Kefauver is claiming to have helped you in Tennessee. This claim is without the slightest foundation. The papers which supported him, with one exception, were against you. . . . And since the election he has admitted to me personally that he had not mentioned your name except in his opening speech, and in the newspaper account of that first speech, he merely said he was going to vote for you as the lesser of two evils.

"I am informed he is now circulating the report that the White House has given orders to look only to this recommendation in making Tennessee appointments. I do not believe this and I think he is attempting to perpetrate a wrong on the various executive department."

Learning of McKellar's letter, the younger Tennesseean sent a letter of his own to the White House, briefly citing the record of his own speeches for Truman.

The President apparently sided with Kefauver for he sent back an understanding letter saying he had been in politics too long not to appreciate the true situation in Tennessee.

NOTE 1—Actually McKellar did little more for Truman than

to announce at the last minute that he would vote the straight democratic ticket. When the votes were analyzed most of the Dixiecrat strength came from McKellar's stronghold in Western Tennessee.

NOTE 2—Anxious to get along with his cantankerous colleagues despite this row, Kefauver voted for McKellar as President pro tem of the Senate.

pastor, heard the following summary of their past year's work read, last Sunday: 5 weddings, 10 confirmations, 21 baptized, 7 new members, 7 deaths. On January 2nd, four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neuman, of Eagle, were confirmed.

Mrs. Thede Davis was hostess at a most delightful New Years dinner, at her home, Saturday when her guests were Attorneys Dwyer and Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Little and Mrs. Peter Anderson. Your writer was invited, but was unable to be present, so a bountiful trucky New Years dinner was delivered at my door. There was not a good thing left out of that basket, and we will never forget the kindness which prompted the sending of the basket.

Weeping Water

Mrs. Thomas Murty

Open house was held at the home of Mrs. Don Philpot, on New Years Eve, when she was assisted by Miss Donna May Philpot, Jack Philpot, Jr., and by Virginia Philpot, who had invited six of her schoolmates, as her guests. At this party were to be seen Mr. and Mrs. Howard Philpot, Mr. and Mrs. Art Berthold, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Philpot, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hopkins, and a group of University students, who were home from the holidays, including Ruth Ann Hinds, Gertrude Olive, Donna May Philpot, Caroline Kunkel, Harold and David Myers, Tom and Corky Hopkins, Louis Baker, Harley Rector and Reginald Colbert of Denver. Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nissley Marshall, also.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baier, Jr., are the parents of a baby daughter born December 13th, at Bryan Memorial hospital. The baby weighed more than seven pounds, and she has been named June Elizabeth.

Russel Newham has sold the bowling alley to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliot, who have taken possession of the business.

There was a delayed Christmas dinner, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hy Kirchoff, when they entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jacobson and family, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. William Minderman and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Minderman and family, all of Otoe; John Kirchoff, of Ames, Iowa; and Henry J. Kirchoff, Weeping Water.

The North Branch Lutheran church, Rev. G. Bergstrasser,

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tefft came Friday, and remained until Sunday, at the home of Kenneth's mother, Mrs. Lois Tefft. On New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris entertained at a shower and a watch party in honor of the Teffts, whose marriage occurred the day after Christmas, at the bride's home, at Burwell, Nebr. Twenty-eight guests were present, and the happy couple received some very beautiful gifts.

Janet Kalasek, of Plattsmouth, was the guest of Joan Bender, from Monday until Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris entertained Mrs. William Coppel, Lee Coppel, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norris, Jack and Joan, at dinner, Sunday, at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson entertained at a New Year's dinner, when their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bender, Joan Bender, and Mrs. George Domingo.

The Women's Birthday Club will meet this (Thursday) evening, at the home of Mrs. Guy Hopkins, to celebrate the birthdays of three of their members, Mrs. Oscar C. Hinds, Mrs. Arthur Fitzpatrick and Mrs. L. E. Johnson.

Alec Squires, of Superior, has been the guest of Merle Davison and his mother, Mrs. Lois Davison, this past week. He expects to remain the rest of this week, visiting relatives here and in adjoining towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts spent New Years, and the day following, with Mrs. Robert's parents, at Cedar Rapids, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper went to Lincoln, Sunday, and brought home their son, Clayton, who underwent an appendectomy, last week, Monday



ALTHOUGH President Harry S. Truman at his press conferences and in his public appearances here in Washington appears to be in an amiable mood, full of the forgiving spirit of the holiday season, those closest to the President declare there has been no softening in his determination to push through his entire program pledged to the people in his campaign.

These observers declare the President doesn't want to "punish" anybody but at the same time he will not tolerate opposition from within his own party on the program he has sought for more than two years to extend, amplify and create new legislation which he regards as for the best interest of the masses of the people.

For this reason it is apparent that some of the more-grown congressional bills must be eliminated. So the President is looking toward his leadership in the senate, notably vice-president-elect Alben Barkley, to eliminate the filibuster menace in the senate, and to speaker-elect Sam Rayburn to clip the wings of the powerful rules committee.

Fast action on some few measures and months of hearings over others will be the rule in the new congress. For instance, export control expires at the end of February. Immediate attempt to strengthen this control to prevent some of the fraud practiced under present law will get priority. The economic recovery administration and its program must be renewed in April.

The reciprocal trade agreements do not expire until June but there will be an attempt to repeal the 90th congress' provisions and extend the law for three years.

A new set-up, almost immediately, for the house un-American activities committee is in the cards. Congressman J. Hardin Peterson of Florida, a committee member, wants to make it a joint senate-house committee. Rent control runs out at the end of March and a new rent control extension law will be one of the early actions.

It is a foregone conclusion that the Hope-Aiken long-range farm price support law will either be amended or knocked out for a new Democratic law. Leaders in the fight for rigid party support will be Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma in the senate and Congressman Harold

D. Cooley of North Carolina in the house.

Public housing and slum clearance will be reintroduced in much the same form as the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill in the 80th congress and likely it will pass. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, and Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina will reintroduce the measure seeking to lift federal taxes off oleomargarine.

Chairman Elbert Thomas of Utah of the senate labor and public welfare committee, will lead the fight for federal aid to education. Senators Murray of Montana, Wagner of New York, McGrath of Rhode Island, and Rep. John Dingell of Michigan will spearhead the fight for extensions of the social security program.

Also, Senators Wagner and Murray and Congressman Dingell will reintroduce the administration national health insurance bill. Senators Murray, Wagner and Senator Claude Pepper of Florida together with Congressman John Lesinski of Michigan will lead the fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law and the passage of a substitute labor bill.

Congressman Helen Cahagan Douglas of California, Emanuel Celler of New York, and Senators McGrath and Pepper will lead the fight for the civil rights program. Senator Spessard Holland of Florida will offer a measure to outlaw the poll tax by constitutional amendment instead of by law.

Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah will lead a bi-partisan group to raise wages in a new minimum wage law. Senators Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Murray of Montana, Chan Curney of South Dakota, Glen Taylor of Idaho, Harry P. Cain of Washington, Owen Brewster and Margaret Chase Smith of Maine will lead the fight for valley authorities.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana will lead the battle for stability price and rationing control.

A split in the cards over the excess profits tax proposal. It is believed that senate finance chairman Walter P. George of Georgia is opposed to imposition of the tax although he has indicated he wants a look at the budget and the expense sheet first. Senator O'Mahoney and Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado will likely lead the fight for the tax.

they returned to Lincoln, and brought their younger son, Roland, home after surgery had been performed on both knees. Both of the boys are reported to be getting along as well as possible.

The Leaders meeting of Cub Scout leaders will be held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Twila Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boedecker entertained at a dinner, New Years Eve, honoring the birthday of their daughter, Mrs. John Jochim, when their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Melinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vonler, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schleifert, Mr. and Mrs. John Rieke, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jochim. The evening was spent playing pinocle.

Lloyd Truman, of Newport News, Virginia, was a New Years day evening guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt. Mr. Truman is a nephew of Mrs. Hunt.

Dewey Boedeckers have moved into their new home on the O Street Highway. It is the farm formerly owned by the Myer estate.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hanlan entertained guests at dinner on four evenings last week. Tuesday evening, they had Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mutter and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson; Wednesday evening, their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ranney, Miss Margaret Ranney and Mrs. Charles Spohn; Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook were their guests and Friday, Clyde Fitzpatrick enjoyed dinner at their home.

Walter Powers spent Christmas at home with his family, helping to care for their twin sons, who were quite ill for a few days. Walter is a train dispatcher, at Jefferson City, Mo., and the family expect to move there as soon as they secure a home in that city.

Wednesday evening, Supt. and Mrs. R. C. Porter, and their four daughters were dinner guests at the J. M. Ranney home.

Crossword Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57.

ANSWERS: 1—(c) Dr. Syngman Rhee. 2—(c) \$10,000. 3—(b) 8. 4—(b) Grandstand. 5—(b) Justice Vinson.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 10-57.

ANSWERS: 10 Coalitions. 11 English dramatist. 14 Island. 16 Electrified. 20 Beat. 22 Climbing plant. 23 Introduction. 24 Deer's horn. 25 Character in "Henry V". Part 2: 27 Birds. 28 To press. 29 Half an em. 30 Hypothetical. 33 Racehorse. 38 Noxious influence. 41 Scottish author. 43 Chess piece. 45 Abandoned. 47 To progress with difficulty.

Your brain budget

- 1—Who heads the Korean government in American occupied South Korea? (a) Chiang Kai-shek, (b) R. V. Soong, (c) Dr. Syngman Rhee. 2—Mouse milk is used in treating certain types of cancer. One quart of mouse milk is worth (a) \$50, (b) \$3500, (c) \$10,000. 3—There will be (a) 3, (b) 8, (c) 13 women members of the new congress when it meets in January. 4—Congress is responsible for one expense in connection with the inauguration. That expense is (a) parade, (b) grandstand, (c) inaugural ball. 5—Whom did President Truman want to send to Europe before the last election? (a) Gov. Walgren, (b) Justice Vinson, (c) Secretary Forrestal.