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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When friction rises pleasing to the eye,
Men will believe, because they love the lie;
But truth itself, if clouded with a frown,
Must have some solemn proof to pass her down.

—Churchill

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EDITORIALS

PROPAGANDA OF VILLIFICATION

It is rapidly becoming an accepted method of American propaganda to magnify trivial matters and to repeatedly denounce individuals and measures upon the theory that if enough noise is made, the public will be convinced that something is wrong.

This seems to be the tactics of many pressure groups and some individuals. It cannot be successfully combatted except by those in a position to know the true facts and, only then, if these individuals have the intelligence to present the facts and the courage to defend the individual or measure unjustly assailed.

In a government, like that of the United States, in which the people are represented by those elected by them, there is a need, it seems to us, for the people to have some faith in their elected representatives.

Certainly, it would be dangerous if one man, whether in Congress or out of it, could, by persistent attacks upon the integrity, loyalty and intelligence of a public official, create a situation in which the individual will be sacrificed, regardless of the conviction of the majority that he is a good official.

Undoubtedly, many officials have been put on the rack of public opinion and crucified by the insistent propaganda of a few vociferous critics. Finally, even the friends of the individual, and the individual himself, come to the conclusion that the good of the operation requires the elimination of the individual.

We do not agree with this theory, which is based solely upon the possible adverse political effect of the false propaganda. The fact is that integrity in public affairs requires that a just, loyal and efficient public service be supported and that the responsible authorities stand to any man unjustly accused.

In the long run, the propaganda makers will learn that their tactics are not successful. If they are allowed to win, regardless of the merits of the individual or measure involved, the nation will be run by a minority, which, through the years, will become smaller and smaller.

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WHY TRY TO GET THE VOTERS OUT?

In nearly every election, there is an organized attempt to persuade the voters to register and to participate in the election at hand. The consequence is that a large number of voters put their names on the books and go to the polls without having much interest in the issues at stake in the election.

We question the benefit to be gained by the republican form of government in the mass herding of citizens at the polls. There is no virtue in the size of the vote cast. It would be much better, in our opinion, to permit voters to follow their inclination as to registering and as to voting.

It can hardly be argued that a voter, lacking the interest necessary to spur him or her to qualify for the ballot box, is apt to become suddenly endowed with wisdom at the polls. It might be much better to permit elections to be decided by those who take an interest in government, are concerned with the issues at hand and prepared, as good citizens, to participate intelligently, in the election.

This view runs counter to that of professional politicians and do-good reformers. It follows the common-sense experience of practically every organization controlled by its members. On some questions, there is only slight interest taken by the members and on others, there is a large turn-out. The same rule naturally comes to mind in connection with elections. If a percentage of our potential voters is not interested in the issues to be decided at the ballot box, they might as well stay at home. The alternative is to see them herded to the polls, as a mass, voting as per instruction or inducement, and usually without intelligent concern as to the workings of their government.

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

A local boy's ambition is to be a musician. He would like to play second shotgun to Spike Jones.

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The ultimate in happiness is when you don't feel like scratching and you don't itch.

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Takes a girl with a magnetic personality to move a fellow with a disposition as hard as nails.

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The fashion people have just turned out their list of "best-tailored" women in the country. If we dared, we could give you a list of the ten "best-trimmed" husbands in town.

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A local gal just married a member of the fire department. He wasn't a volunteer—her pa made him.

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A honey producer down near Union was well pleased with his efforts this year. His bees didn't produce much honey, but they stung his mother-in-law twice.

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Wives who complain about having to go through so much never mention trouser pockets.

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The altar is where she stops making over him and starts making him over.

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A Plattsmouth man was in the dog house when he got in at 2 a. m. the other morning after playing golf with some friends. The Missus is OK now after he explained they were using night clubs.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Miss Helen Wescott accepted a position in Des Moines as secretary to the Rev. Dr. Mordy, pastor of Cottage Grove Presbyterian church there . . . Clelland Rettlesdorf was elected vice president of the Bellevue College Dramatic club; Chris H. Bulin was selected by the men students to represent them on the College Council . . . The district convention of the Royal Neighbors of America was held in this city with an attendance of 175 . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly observed their golden wedding anniversary with a party tendered them by their neighbors . . . Bellevue held celebration honoring first territorial governor and 75th anniversary of the taking the oath of office as governor of Nebraska Territory by Francis Burt of South Carolina. Mr. Burt died two days later . . .

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TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. J. H. McHaken departed for Wymore to make her home with a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Taylor . . . Miss Florence Leamy, stenographer at the Norfolk Packing Company, experienced a thrill of talking with Max and Buddy Baer in the lobby of an Omaha theatre, securing an autograph from Max, former world's heavyweight boxing champion . . . Alfred Gansemer of Murray was re-elected head of the Cass county agricultural conservation committee at their meeting in Weeping Water . . . Richard Rea, in service with the U. S. navy on the U. S. Mississippi, one of the large battleships of the Pacific, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rea for a week . . .

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THE ELUSIVE BUTTERFLY

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

JOHN L. LEWIS COMPLAINS ABOUT COAL STRIKE CONFERENCE LEAK; NAVY UNDERSECRETARY KIMBALL GETS SILENT TREATMENT FROM THE ADMIRALS; COURAGEOUS REP. HARDY EXPOSES MARITIME COMMISSION WASTED.

WASHINGTON.—John L. Lewis was so miffed about a Washington Merry-Go-Round account of his oratory at a recent closed-door session on the coal strike that he ordered his right-hand man, John Owens, to bawl out the southern coal operators for allegedly leaking the story.

Owens carried out his instructions, waving the newspaper clipping at Joseph Moody, president of the southern coal producers.

"We know you leaked the story," protested Owens. "Well, you're talking to the wrong people. These columnists all have their price."

Moody vigorously and correctly denied that he had been the source, but added: "Let's be honest. You were there and so was I. Won't you agree that the story was an honest and factual account of what happened?"

"But it didn't make Mr. Lewis look very good," growled Owens.

"Well, he didn't look good in the meeting," replied Moody.

BATTLE OF THE ADMIRALS

One of the angriest men in the battle of the admirals is the undersecretary of the navy himself, Dan Kimball.

Kimball was invited to an off-the-record meeting of 60 top navy officers in Monterrey, Calif., Sept. 12. Officially the meeting was a routine review of naval problems, but Kimball sensed something special was going on. For those present included Admiral Arthur Radford, lead-off man in the navy revolt, together with Vice Admiral Gerald F. Bogan. Therefore, Undersecretary Kimball made a brief speech, pleading with the admirals to lay their cards on the table.

"If you think we're not getting a fair deal," Kimball said, "then let's speak up. After all, I'm one of your own. I used to be assistant secretary of the navy for air. I know your problems."

Kimball told the admirals that President Truman had ordered waste removed from the defense spending picture, and that the defense budget would have to be cut two billion dollars by 1951.

"If you feel this is wrong," Kimball said, "speak up. I promise you we'll get a fair hearing. I can walk into Louis Johnson's office any time I want and get a hearing. So now is the time to talk."

The admirals looked down their noses, gave Kimball silent treatment. Yet it was at this very same meeting — without telling the undersecretary of the navy — that Admiral Bogan wrote his now famous letter complaining about navy morale. And it was at this meeting also that Admiral Radford added his postscript to the letter that touched off the powder keg in Washington.

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

Isolationist Nevadan—Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, rallied a group of senators the other day to vote against an amendment by Senator George Malone, Nevada Republican . . . "Let's get out there and vote," stirred Connally. "I don't know what it's about, but it was offered by Malone. So I'm against it." . . . Many senators feel the same way about the gentleman from Nevada, who is one of the leading isolationists in congress.

Unhappy Hindu—Prime Minister Nehru of India is irked at the state department for the man-killing tour of the U. S. A., they've arranged. During his 26-day stay he will see virtually nothing but banquet tables, formal receptions and luncheons. What he really wanted was a chance to get acquainted with the plain people of the United States so he could decide how India should line up in the future. But the state department disregarded this and arranged for 30 formal parties during the 26 days.

Feuding Senators—Washington's bumptious Senator Cain, a Republican, tried to make political capital on the senate floor over a $238 check paid by a group of universities to Senator Magnuson, a Democrat, also from Washington. The money covered Magnuson's travel expenses to New Orleans for a speaking engagement sponsored by the universities. What Senator Cain didn't mention is that he, too, has kept a few speaking engagements—has flown to Honolulu to take part in the town meeting of the air; to Walla Walla, Washington, to speak locally; and to Boston to speak before the apartment house owners. In each case, Cain's expenses were paid in full by the sponsoring organizations.

SHIPPING BONANZA

Capitol newsmen were skeptical when Representative Porter Hardy of Virginia announced there would be a complete and forthright probe of the maritime commission and its squandering of taxpayers' money on ship contracts.

So many congressional committees have been spreading the whitewash of late that newsmen doubted Hardy would make good his promise—especially since he hails from the big maritime area around Norfolk.

However, the courageous Virginian not only confirmed all that alert comptroller General Lindsay Warren had said about maritime commission waste, but went even further. Hardy produced evidence showing that the commission had entered into agreements with the U. S. Lines, American Export Lines, and the American President Lines for the sale of six ships for $70,000,000, though the ships had cost the government $150,000,000 to build.

The Hardy subcommittee also found that most of the $28,000,000 being spent for so-called "national defense features" on the six new vessels—at no cost to the purchasers—was an outright gift because many of these features can be utilized commercially in peacetime.

The report, supported by able expenditures committee chairman William Dawson of Illinois, urged that steps be taken to recoup as much as possible of this largesse to the shiplines; also that maritime laws be rewritten to prevent such extravagance in the future.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Russian troops are infiltrating into northern Iran in what looks like a new attempt to stir up revolt. The American embassy has cabled the state department that last week 400 Russians, disguised as tribesmen, penetrated into Azerbaijan province and distributed arms to the rebel tribesmen in the area . . . The Chinese Communist armies are about to win their greatest victory—diplomatic recognition from the west. This week, London and Washington are sending identical notes to the French, Belgian and Dutch governments asking agreement on a list of items that can be traded with the Communists. This list is refermred to in diplomatic circles as a "non-contraband" list. After agreement is reached on these lists, Britain, eager to trade with the Chinese reds will extend de facto recognition to the Communist regime in China. We'll be the last to act. But we'll recognize too.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

CURRENT DEBATE in the senate on the Anderson farm bill is expected to take up most of the time in the upper house during the next ten days or two weeks.

In the meantime, with the house back in session, committee activity took on added significance at this session, they were being set up for action at the second session of the congress which starts in January, 1950.

One measure important to veterans was approved by the senate finance committe without amendment from the house-passed version and would increase disability and death compensation rates listing total disability at $150 instead of $138 a month with partial disability rates at a corresponding raise. Payments to dependents of wartime casualties would be raised from $100 a month for a widow with one child to $105 plus $25 for each additional child instead of the present $15.

The government would pay 100 per cent compensation to World War I veterans for service-connected disabilities instead of 75 per cent, would make extra compensation benefits available to dependents of veterans with 50 per cent disability instead of the present 60 per cent, would extend time for compensation for [illegible] cases of tuberculosis and liberalize requirements for [illegible]ity incurred during confine[illegible] where felony or dishonorable [illegible] charge were not involved.

A senate judiciary sub-committee heard testimony on a house-passed measure to plug a loophole in the Clayton anti-trust act. The measure provides that one corporation may not acquire the assets of another corporation if the move lessens competition or tends to create monopoly. Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming told the committee that the bill would close a loophole "which is driving the country toward monopoly and totalitarianism."

"What has happened in Europe," Senator O'Mahoney said, "is proof that monopolies and cartels create unemployment and accelerate the drive toward a totalitarian state. Monopolies and cartels are the foe of free enterprise."

Senator O'Mahoney said the bill would not hurt small business as wording of the measure would put mergers of small business outside the prohibitions of the Clayton act. "Obviously," he said, "those mergers which enable small companies to compete more effectively with giant corporations generally do not reduce competition but rather intensify it." The measure is opposed generally by groups allied with the National Association of Manufacturers.

Two other measures affecting rural areas were considered by the senate agriculture committee during the week. One would remove the price support from dried eggs. Following a statement however by Ralph S. Trigg, president of commodity credit corporation, that the bill would break faith with the farmers who produced eggs this year in accordance with the support price, the committee announced no more hearings would be heard.

The other was a resolution to investigate the spread between prices paid for food by housewives and the prices paid farmers for the same food. Sen. Guy Gillette of Iowa, chairman of the sub-committee, said extensive hearings would be held within the next few weeks to find the reason for the stable prices to the consumer and the dropping income of the farmer.

Another measure with political repercussions was one introduced by Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan, a Republican, to increase the borrowing capacity of the commodity credit corporation by a billion dollars. Wolcott said the CCC would soon be scraping the bottom of the barrel for money available for farm price supports.

The Republicans do not intend to watch a "planned" surplus of farm products pile up this fall and then have Democrats go to the country on behalf of the Brannan plan during the campaign. Congressman Wolcott remarked that "additional funds must be made available at this session if the government is to keep its promises and commitments to the American farmer." He also said he would ask the house banking committee, of which he is a member, to investigate the operation of CCC. Congressman Brent Spence of Kentucky, Democrat, committee chairman, however said there would be no investigation or action soon.

Greenwood

Connie Osburn
Journal Correspondent

Mrs. Genevieve Wright entertained the Deal-A-Deck club at their night party Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers called on Mrs. Jiggs Kelly and Patty and Mrs. Williams Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emil Meisinger and Mrs. Robert Leesley and Buddy spent Wednesday in Springfield. Mrs Leesley called on her mother and Mrs. Meisinger called on Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens. In the afternoon open house was held at the Stephens home. Mrs Leesley spent the afternoon there also.

Miss Vivian Meisinger spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O'Rourke and daughters drove to Lincoln Saturday morning to see the big plane which was on display there.

Mrs. McCoffey called at the E. L. McDonald home Sunday evening. She was on her way to her home in Juniata, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meyers and children of Schuyler, Nebr., Blanche Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers.

Mrs. Ellen Kirk entertained the Twin Table club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landon are the parents of a new baby girl.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leesley and children were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheehan and family of Weeping Water, Nebr. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leaver. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leesley and Delores and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wright and family.

Mrs. Heinie Brehm entertained the Deal-A-Deck club at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Corrigan of Kearney, Nebr., who has been visiting her son, E. L. McDonald, left for her home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Keller and family were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen and son of Lincoln called at the Emil Meisinger home Sunday evening.

The H. W. A. club met with Mrs. Minnie Stradley Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Heinie Brehm entertained the L. C. C. night party Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meisinger took Mrs. Joe Leesley and Judy and Mrs. Dora Leesley to Lincoln Tuesday.

Sunday dinner guests at the Bernard Grady home were Mr. and Mrs. John Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Buzzy Gakemeier and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrans and Jackie.

E. L. and Rose McDonald attended a show and dinner in Lincoln Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meisinger and Vivian and Mrs. Alice Cameron and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green and sons in Omaha. On their way home they called on friends in Plattsmouth and Union.

YOUR brain budget

1. "On the playing fields of Eton" was said to have been won the battle of (a) Actium, (b) Gettysburg, (c) Waterloo, (d) Trenton.

2. "Mirror, mirror, on the wall," was spoken by (a) Max Baer, (b) the wicked queen in Snow White, (c) one of the witches in Macbeth, (d) Helen of Troy.

3. A canvasback is a (a) wild duck, (b) an old fogey, (c) a camper, (d) a bald-headed person.

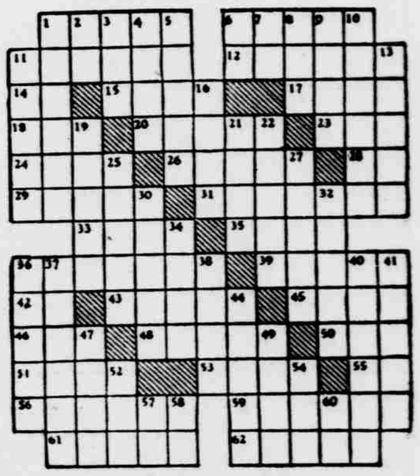
4. Swing music is associated with the following street: (a) Skid Row, (b) Basin Street, (c) Easy Street, (d) 42nd Street.

5. President Truman recently appointed to the supreme court (a) Bernard Baruch, (b) Paul V. McNutt, (c) Sherman Minton, (d) Thomas E. Dewey.

ANSWERS

1.—(c) Waterloo.
2.—(b) The wicked queen in Snow White.
3.—(a) A wild duck.
4.—(b) Lower Basin Street in New Orleans.
5.—(c) Sherman Minton.

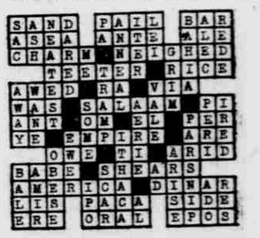
Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

1 Complete disorder
6 City in Nebraska
11 Trustworthiness
12 Deprived
14 Stand still!
15 Genus of succulent plants
17 Devoted to aircraft
18 South American wood sorrel
20 City in Belgium
23 Illumined
24 Idleness
26 Wife of Abraham
28 Symbol for calcium
29 Ancient war-chariot
31 Characterized by clear
33 Son of Seth
35 Withered reasoning
36 Chanted
39 Grasslike plant
42 501
43 Style of type
45 Vale
46 Devilkin
48 Religious ceremonie.
50 Performed
51 To execute
53 Every
55 Prefix: down
56 Large deep vessel
59 One who applauds (slang)
61 To gaze
62 To guide

VERTICAL

1 Herb of the iris family
2 That man
3 Girl's name
4 Obnoxious
5 Ceases
6 Siberian river
7 Pronoun
8 Constellation
9 Part of the foot
10 Continent
13 Complete
16 Epochal
19 Item of property
21 God of love
22 Wise men
25 Male singing voice
27 Engaged
30 Giver
32 Yielded
34 Prefix: half
36 Feeble-minded person
37 Rain cloud
38 To reckon chronologically
40 Engineless airplane
41 Ancestor
44 Approaches
47 Sprightly
49 Money assessed
53 Affirmative
54 Garden tool
57 Comparative suffix
58 Compass point
60 Symbol for tellurium

Answer to LAST WEEK'S Puzzles