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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Philosophy goes no further than probabilities, and in every assertion keeps a doubt —I. A. Froude

EDITORIALS

"RUTHLESS AND BARBARIC"

One phase of the testimony of naval officers before the Armed Services Committee questions the use of the atomic bomb as "ruthless and barbarie" and "contrary to our fundamental ideals."

These are expressions used by Rear Admiral Ralph A. Ofstie, who declares that it is time for this country to study its strategic bombing program "in relation to the decent opinions of mankind."

the past, the indiscriminate use of the atomic bomb against industrial and transportation centers in any country inevitably of civilian non-combatants. While such things have occured in warfare before this, TEN YEARS AGO the general trend, among civilized nations, has been to limit the casualties of warfare, as far as possible, to the armed services.

The question raised is quite different from that raised on questions about military effectiveness of strategic atomic bombing. The objections will not carry much weight with those who are unconcerned about the brutalities of war and untouched by human misery unless visited upon their own kith and kin.

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JUDGE MEDINA'S LAST LAUGH

The trial of eleven Communists in a New York Federal court has ended after something like nine months, in the conviction of the defendants. The jury reached its verdict in seven hours despite the long and tedious ordeal of the proceedings.

Interesting as the verdict itself was the action of Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, who promptly sentenced five defense attorneys and one defendant who argued his own case, to jail sentences for contempt during the trial. If ever a judge was justimed in sending attorneys to jail for contempt, Judge Medina is the man.

During the long trial, the attorneys for the defense made every effort to make the trial a farce. They deliberately disobeyed the instructions of the Court, in connection with presentation of the evidence and in connection with arguments they wished to make. Until the jury made its findings, the judge withheld action but, once the trial was over, he had his day in court.

TOO MANY LETTERS

We see by the newspapers that the week of October 16th to 22nd was National Letter-Writing Week. This moves us to the thought that it might be a good idea, perhaps, for us to answer some of the letters which have been awaiting our attention for the past year or two.

After all, one may reasonably question the prolific habit of some letter-writers. Most of the epistles contain a lot of junk, which would be better left unwrit-

In the business world, particularly, the smart executive is a letter-writer to the nth degree. This curse of civilization is to be attributed in part to the invention of typewriters and in part to the ubiquitous talent of the modern stenographer.

* * * WAR FLEET OBSOLESCENT?

During the last war the United States built hundreds and hundreds of ships. When the conflict ended the nation had a tremendous reserve of vessels. Apparentdecade or two.

This seems to be a mistake, however, in view of the report of a Senate subcom-mittee which reports that our war-built merchant fleet is becoming obsolete. This is something of a mystery to this landlubber. It is surprising that vessels become worthless in less than ten years and to hear that a "replacement program" of ship construction may be in order.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

A Hollywood film star now declares that all the talk about him is merely "obl wives" tales.

If you can't get rich, and yet long to feel free and independent and arrogant. get a job driving a truck.

We have often been puzzled as to what the yesman says to a house-to-house sales-

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says there are "plenty of fish in the sea," but some of the young Galahads around here will have to get a better line or they'll all stay there.

* * * Perhaps before we give arms to other security. countries we should know who they are BRANNAN WEAKNESSES going to embrace.

* * Happiness is the perfume you can't parent. These shortcomings NEED FOOD pour on others without getting a few drops mainly concern the objective of on yourself.

A local farmer complains about not ent in the period of years se- "there is some merit to the pro- on this property would have to feeling well. All he needs is a little ex- lected as the starting point for vision that allows high level pro- be classified as an unconscionercise. He should spend about two months an income base or 'yardstick,' duction to continue in order that able low one, and I wish to adhere in town dodging automobiles.

A fellow here in Plattsmouth has been the future, the discretionary al foods as dairy products, meat, going with his girl for three years now. power to alter prices dictated by fruits, eggs, etc. The advantage as to whether the department He won't marry her, he says, because if he did he wouldn't have any place to go in the relicing formulas of the plan, lies in a probable stimulation the lack of built-in flexibility of needed improvements in the lack did he wouldn't have any place to go in the pricing formulas, and the diets of consumers."

Never worry about what you would do marketing controls and other would likely encourage and perif you get sea sick. You'll do it.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mrs. Robert B. Will was named as keep agriculture healthy, the provide a more integrated properties. It is president of the Legion Auxiliary . . . NAM diagnosis continues, "the choice of the base period 1939 to this country's soil and farm resources, than has any previous farm program even in times of the United States as a whole should make that kind of a grant farm program even in times of the people of Okaloosa Country to the people of Okalo Mrs. Robert B. Will was named as keep agriculture healthy," the provide a more integrated proto its new store room in Masonic building be pointed out that only with war. . Members of the Plattsmouth Woman's the price relationships existing Club enjoyed a very fine paper on the his- in these years were farmers as As we have pointed out repeatedly in tory of the city of Plattsmouth prepared a group in a position to lift their cautious, but believes the cost and given by Miss Amelia Martens of the social and financial standards school faculty . . . Father Stanley P. Jones, from the depths to which they rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, ac- fell following World War I. means the death and injury of thousands cepted call to church at Muscatine, Iowa. "It was the level of income * * *

Madge Garnett, member of the law to be depressing agriculture in prising NAM report, "congress firm of Fouchek and Garnett, spoke at the preceding twenty years. With could, through appropriations, the state convention of Nebraska Federa-tion of Women's Clubs at St. Paul's church, ditions improved more machin-Lincoln . . . H. L. Gayer was named to head American Legion at County meet, operations were introduced, the income." with Oliver Schiber of Union being chosen number of tenant farmers were CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES as vice commander . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gil- substantially reduced, schools, bert Prucha of Juneau, Alaska, were roads and other transportation guests of friends in the city, en route to facilities serving farmers were hard up that its credit is no New York and Washington, D. C. Mrs. expanded and improved." Prucha was the former Miss Golda Mason. teacher in the Central building here . . . Mayor Lushinsky and Chairman Gabelman out that past price supports have cordings, which Republicans in of the streets, alleys an dbridges commit-tee placed the city tractor at disposal of nan plan, on the other hand, the G. O. P. has fallen so far Robert W. Furnas, at the end workers at athletic field to help place the would help a much broader behind in its bills that the radio of a stormy term had decided field in shape for practice; Glen Vallery group of farmers. donated a disc to help in the work.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS:

NAM LENDS SUPPORT TO BRANNAN FARM PLAN; PRE-PARES DETAILED ANALYSIS WHICH IS SURPRISINGLY PRO-BRANNAN; POINTS OUT THAT MORE FARMERS WOULD BE HELPED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

WASHINGTON. — The last pressure group you would ever expect to support production controls or a pro- G. O. P. senator from Oregon, President Truman's fair deal is the Na- gram of 'scarcity production.'" is keeping his eye on the army tional Association of Manufacturers. In fact, if the powerful NAM says anything good about the White House, it's headline news. However, believe it or not, but the NAM is now sending its members a confidential analysis of the most controversial feature of the fair deal - the Brannan farm plan-putting it in a favorable light.

Without hysteria, the NAM has prepared a detailed, factual analysis of the Brannan plan, which is neither for nor against. But the sum total of these facts is surprisingly pro-Brannan.

Though not yet off the press, preview copies have been sent to several NAM members along with a letter explaining: "Many, even though they recognize the importance of the Brannan plan, nevertheless found it too abstruse for ready understanding. To help remedy this, the NAM research department has done a painstaking analysis of the plans, objectives, operations, etc."

Here then is what the NAM says about the Brannan plan:

"Qualified persons have pointed to several apparent advantages in using the ly, we had enough shipping to last us for a Brannan plan to support farm income. They emphasize its directness and simplicity of method, fairness of the period 1939 to 1948 as a starting point for an income base or 'yardstick,' encouragement to continued high level production or nutritional foods, logical classification of storable and nonstorable farm products. 'orderly marketing' provisions, financial coverage of farm groups hitherto inadequately provided for in farm programs,



weaknesses in the plan are ap- AMERICAN PEOPLE trying to narrow the gap bepracticibility of again resorting to subsidies, production controls, techniques of manipulation designed to implement the support of farm income . . ."

from 1939 to 1948 that enabled farmers to correct many of the

chiefly aided a few basic and congress make and send to the

able commodities such as meat. Committee can't pay. dairy and poultry products and Dual Naval Personalities grams in past years."

The NAM analysis also lauds ARMY SELLS LAND the idea of continued high-level FOR GAMBLING

and its importance to national Hence, the "greatest number of paratively free of productions to the taxpayers of Okaloosa "On the other hand, several and marketing controls,

The NAM report also points out that "the Brannan plan haps expand the operation of portant from the standpoint of Then the NAM proceeds to national security . . . It should whether we should have, in the answer some of these criticisms. be noted that if national se-"From the standpoint of those curity is to be an important part who believe that agricultural in the farm program of this prices must be maintained at country, the Brannan plan near wartime levels in order to would, if operated as designed,

> On the \$64 question-cost of the Brannan plan-the NAM is "would approximate 312 to 412 billion dollars exclusive of administrative costs . . .

"Although the Brannan plan so far does not contain a defined limit of cost within which maladjustments that were said it would operate," says the surditions improved, more machin- der this, or any other program

Broke G. O. P .- The Republican National Committee is so longer good in the capitol radio room . . . It has been the com-The NAM report also points mittee's practice to pay for reroom is now asking Republicans not to seek re-election, they se-It would support, the NAM to sign slips assuming personal continues, "income of the pro- responsibility for the recordings ducers of most of the nonstor- in case the G. O. P. National

fruits and vegetables. Thus, this There are two Lt. Sam Ingrams, plan would extend financial as- both naval reserve officers, one sistance in times of stress to a living in Hamilton, N. Y., the politics—young Garber handily large and important segment of other on active duty with the defeated his Democratic oppothe agricultural industry that navy's operation 23, the outfit nent, and went on to win rehas so far probably not been which is spreading backstage election in 1876. adequately provided for in the propaganda against the air basic farm programs of the forces. The first Sam Ingram country. In this respect, the is now leading a quiet life build-Brannan plan would probably be ing stadiums and swimming engaged in farming. He served more closely integrate with the pools in New York State and the in the Union army during the entire farm problem than has last thing he wants is to be Civil War, attaining the rank of been the case with the farm pro- identified with an army-navy captain in the 27th Iowa Infan-

production "without resorting to Wayne Morse, the energetic



"BE SURE AND KNOCK BEFORE ENTERING - MR. DILLINGHAM PRESSES HIS OWN PANTS."

a hot letter to Secretary of the Monday, October 24, 1949 Army Gordon Gray, scorching the army for "giving away" valuable Florida beach land to be built into night clubs, gambling casinos and resort facilities.

Thanks to Senator Holland of Florida, a special law was passed authorizing the army to turn over a three-mile beach strip to Okaloosa County, Florida, for a small per cent of its fair value. It was frankly acknowledged in the law that Okaloosa County would convert the beach into a gambling and bathing resort to raise revenue.

What the army did was appraise the property at the ridiculously low price of \$2,500, though some appraiser said it was worth \$65,000. This would permit Okaloosa County to buy the beach for only \$1,250 - a farm products would be com- saving to them, but a great loss County.

Wrathfully Morse wrote to the secretary of the army: "I have "Even though the prices of looked into the value of beach some of the perishables might resort property in this area of tween farm and nonfarm in- fall below their price support Florida sufficiently to assure come, the price distortions pres- standard," observes the NAM, myself that any such appraisal the unsoundness of attempting consumers may have a plentiful vise you at this time that I into project these distortions into supply of such highly nutrition- tend to follow very carefully this case in order to satisfy myself takes the steps necessary to see to it that a fair market value is placed on the property."

Declaring that he was authorized by the senate armed servseveral farm enterprises im- ices committee to protest, Morse continued: "I seriously question first instance, granted to Okaloosa county the right to obtain this property at 50 per cent of its fair value. I think a strong case could be made for requiring Okaloosa County to pay one to the people of Okaloosa Coun-

> "Unless a fair appraisment is placed on this property," the senator from Oregon wound up "I can assure you this will be the last bill that will ever receive unanimous consent in the senate authorizing the army to place its own appraisement on

property . . ." OUT OLD

by IRMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE BISTORICAL SOCIETY

When the Republicans were easting around for a candidate lected Silas Garber, a man 41 Nebraska only about four years.

Despite his youth and relatively brief residence in Nebraska-neither of which were serious disqualifications in pioneer

Silas Garber was born in Logan county, Ohio, and at the age of 17 removed to Iowa where he try. In 1870, accompanied by his brothers, Joseph and Abram, he came to Nebraska, homesteading in what is now Webster County. Joseph was the father of Daniel Garber, veteran Nebraska legislator.

Gov. Garber's early career in Nebraska is closely identified with Webster county beginnings. The election for organizing the county was held at his home, April 19, 1871. The next year the town of Red Cloud was laid out on the Garber homestead.

The future governor's first first public office in Nebraska was that of probate judge for Webster county. In 1872 he was elected to the House of Representatives of the state legislature. The next year he was appointed register of the land office in Lincoln and was serving in that capacity when nominated for the governorship.

In many respects, Gov. Garber's administration was one of the most important in the state's history. It saw the present state constitution drawn up and adopted.

His administration, too, encompassed a highly critical period in the affairs of the young state. The year of his election had brought one of the worst grasshopper plagues in the state's history, and when he assumed office many people were destitute, particularly in the western part of the state.

In his inaugural message Gov. Garber urged the legislature to provide adequate relief for Nebraskans stricken by the grasshoppers. He was particularly concerned that seed be provided

these days. He has just dictated THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL

e Carnegie

Worry Without Cause

NEEDLESSLY WORRIED! What a book could be written about that. Here's an example of what I mean. He is Gerald V. Myers, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Now we'll have to hop back in time. It is December 10, 144. Gerald Myers was sitting in a fox hole just outside of Geniveiller, France.



CARNEGIE

He had been in combat for three months and now was in an active sector where bullets were as thick as grapes in a California vineyard. That afternoon he had received a letter from his wife saying that everything at home was all right; at the bottom of the letter. the little daughter had painstakingly printed a message. Gerald had been overjoyed to receive it.

But now at 11 o'clock, sitting there in the dark and straining his ears for any movement of the enemy, he began to think about the welcome letter he had received and the loving postscript his daughter had printed. Then the thought came to him, "But suppose they are not all right now! They were all right when the letter was mailed, but many things could happen to them.'

Under tension as he was, these thoughts began to prey on his mind. "Even if one of them were dying," he thought, "I could not get back to them. I might never see her again."

He worried until he was relieved from duty, but next day this terrible worry was still within him; it felt like a stone in his stomach. His friends saw the difference and asked him what was the matter, but he didn't want to tell them that he was worrying about his family, so he said, "Oh nothing, I'm all right."

The strange thing was that he was in danger, every minute, night and day, but he was worrying about his family at home. But that is the way the human mind works.

He went to the chaplin and, very much embarrassed, told him that he was so worried that he was becoming a nervous wreck. The chapifn patted him on the back and said, "Sergeant, just remember this . . . mathematics are with you. Most worries never come to pass. We worry about worries more than we do about facts.'

The talk helped him. He got an outside point of view on himself. After a reasonable length of time he got a letter from home saying that things were going fine . . . but they were worrying about him. And he was worrying about them.

When the war was over, he went back. Nothing bad had happened at all.

And that's the way it is with most worries. We stew and fret about needless worries. The next time you are worrying, say to yourself, "Is this a needless worry? May I not be worrying about something that I can't possibly help and that is pulling me down?" Do this and it'll help you stop your needless worrying.

for the next year's planting.

Through all of his messages to the legislature Gov. Garber stressed the importance of en- Pvt. Francis D. Jenkins, Plat-

and term as governor, Mr. Gar- Medical Field Service School. ber returned to Webster county, where he lived until Jan. 12, Medical Center, Fort Sam Hous-

PURCHASES BULL

W. C. Renwanz, Greenwood, Nebraska, has recently purchased the registered Brown Swiss bull, Laddie Boy Bill 97037, from Legion attending the Louisville years of age who had been in H. E. Iske, Ashland, Nebraska, convention enjoyed a dinner at according to a report from Fred the American Legion club that S. Idtse, Secretary of the Brown was prepared by the ladies of Swiss Cattle Breeders' Associa- the Christ Lutheran church intion, Beloit, Wisconsin.

> The distance of a light year is about six trillion miles.

Trained for Hospital Work

couraging immigration and ag- tsmouth, son of Mrs. Blanche riculture and increasing the C. Jenkins, Lincoln Hospital, amount of information avail- Lincoln, Neb., is now a student able to the farmers of the state. in the Hospital Technician Pro-At the completion of his sec- cedure course being given at

A component of Brooke Army 1905, engaging in merchandiz- ton, Texas, this school trains ing, banking and stock raising. both officers and enlisted personnel for medical service in the

FEEDS LEGIONAIRRES

The members of the American stead of the Christian church, as was first stated.

Use Journal Want Ads.

Successful Parenthood

MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS

Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine would be to hire grandmothers small town is bound to have several as baby tenders, rather than young authors who could use a neat typ-

gest a few other money-making manuscripts. chores for the teen-age would-be baby sitters. An article in October SENIOR PROM called "You Don't Have to be a Baby Sitter" describes several interesting ways of building a bank roll to buy things a girl's allowance won't provide. Is your daughter fond of ani-

mals and does she take good care of her own pets? Then we suggest that she canvas the neighborhood for week-end jobs as caretaker of pets. Their owners would much prefer to leave them at home rather than take them to a boarding kennel or a cat or bird hospital, especially if they are going to be gone only a day or two. Giving the canary fresh food and water, feeding the cat and changing its box, walking the dog-you can charge by the job, so that the fee for looking in on a bird is less than providing for a dog's many needs. And giving dogs shampees is a special service that commands a good fee.

Encourage your daughter to acquire skill at the typewriter while she is still in grammar school. Then, long before she is old enough to work in an office, she can do special typing jobs at so much a page. Give her a list of your friends who are planning to give talks at ly typed on small cards, goes off may help decide a future life much better than one read from a work

girls, we feel called upon to sug- ist for the final draughts of their

Cooking has always been a way to make extra money, but with the competition you have to be good. You also have to spend time and ingenuity in wrapping your products attractively. But there is always a market for superior candy, wrapped beautifully, for cinnamon rolls and cookies with eye as well as taste appeal.

Girls who like arts and craft can take orders for bridge prizes and gifts. One younger girl does a thriving business by weaving pot holders on a loom. Sometimes girls can arrange with a handicraft or needlework store in the neighborhood to sell the articles for a small share of the profits.

One girl had a hobby of collecting pictures of costumes worn by the people of different lands. One day she bought little undressed plaster dolls for a quarter apiece and started making clothes for them, copying the costumes from the pictures she had collected. The dolls were so unusual and charming that a gift shop in her town agreed to sell them for her at \$2.00 each. The gift shop kept 25c on every sale and

she got the rest. Who knows? What your youngster their various clubs. A speech, neat- does now to earn extra pennies