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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Everlasting peace is a dream, and not even a beautiful one.

EDITORIALS

DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR

One finds a few choice tidbits in the news grist of the day, such as the debate between Yale and Princeton debating teams on the question: "Resolved, a woman should choose death before dishonor."

The question is far more important, however, because in a society of civilized individuals, men, as well as women, are expected to choose death before dishonor, but the definition of "dishonor" is not confined to defense from sexual attack.

If some wise philosopher-scientist can someday discover the source of human progress, we suspect that the answer will center around the men and women of conscience who respond to the promptings of an "inner voice" and prefer "death before dishonor."

LEGISLATION BY EXECUTIVE FIAT

Any American, interested in the present form of the federal system of government, will be concerned over the implications of the announcement recently made as to FHA loans and segregated housing.

The pattern of our constitution sets up a three-part government, legislative, judicial and executive. The passage of laws was vested in the congress, their interpretation in the courts and the execution in the president.

The regulation announced by an administrative officer does what congress refused to do. In passing its housing act the congress definitely rejected a proposal that an anti-segregation proviso be attached. Now, the executive department, by its own fiat, seeks to write in the law what congress refused to put into it.

The minority groups that applaud the action of a president, in dangerously approaching an unconstitutional form of law-making by edict, should not overlook the fact that a constitution protects the rights of a minority and that when this safeguard is abandoned, there is no restraint upon the will of a majority.

There should be no misunderstanding of this fact. The day may not be distant in the United States when there will be a majority in power which does not cater to the electoral votes of organized minorities. If constitutional government has disappeared, under the clamorous begging of minorities, what will happen then?

CHINESE SITUATION UP-TO-DATE

Uncensored dispatches from Korea, sent by correspondents who recently left China, report increasingly heavy bombing of Chinese seaports from which the Communists are expected to launch invasions of the last island strongholds of the fading Nationalists.

The Chinese Reds meanwhile are moving offensively toward Chungking in an effort to push the Nationalist Government from one of its few remaining strongholds. A dispatch from that temporary capital of the Nationalists, tells of the arrival of Senator William F. Knowland, of Cali-

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Fleas have lesser fleas to bite, says the poet. Maybe even the lowly flu germ feels preyed upon.

Our high-speed camera has shown us that it takes only one-fourth of a second to wink the eye. It's the quickest way we know of to get into trouble.

The poor man of today isn't nearly so poor as was the case several decades ago. The money he hasn't got isn't worth much anyway.

Driving up to the house of a family here recently to deliver the seventh baby, the doctor almost ran over a duck. The father claimed it wasn't a duck. He swore it was the stork with his legs worn off from making so many calls.

Overheard in a beauty shop: "Well, I wouldn't say something about her unless I could say something good, and, Oh Boy! Is this good..."

If you have to direct speeding traffic along modern highways you should be equipped with a locomotive headlight and a machine gun.

It will do you little good for the doctor to tell you after your health is ruined how you could have avoided the collapse.

A magazine writer suggests that our government be disbanded and given a fresh start every ten years. Or, the Hoover prescription in the big, economy size.

fornia, who, with Major-General Claire P. Chennault, conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Both of these Americans advocate assistance to the general.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO

Louis Sedlak, Harold and Carl Renner arrived from Los Angeles for a visit with home folks... First fine was given to motorist here under new driver's license law for failure to secure permit to drive; amount of fine, \$50 and costs... "Dick," faithful old horse that for eleven years had served as the motive power that hauled the wagon of the American Express Company under the pilotage of Lester Burrows, was "retired" from service and sent to Chicago; he was replaced by a Ford truck of the latest model... Mrs. R. P. Westover entertained the Plattsmouth Woman's club at a Christmas party at her home... The large cedar tree on the south front lawn of the court house was beautifully illuminated for the holiday season, courtesy of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company, who arranged the tree for the Chamber of Commerce... The first living Christmas tree in the United States was planted at Crete April 25, 1923, under the auspices of the Children of the American Revolution. The soil in which the tree was planted came from Memorial Constitution Hall and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and historic places in Saline county.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

JIMMIE BYRNES TELLS TRUMAN HE'S NO CAESAR; EVEN THE UNDERWORLD IS NOW ABLE TO EVADE INCOME TAXES; LOS ANGELES GAMBLING RING IS MYSTERIOUSLY ABLE TO KILL TAX CASE.

WASHINGTON. — Accidentally this column has got mixed up in the row between President Truman and his old secretary of state, Jimmie Byrnes.

Some time ago, Byrnes wrote this columnist a letter regarding the circumstances under which he resigned from the state department. It was this writer's belief that Byrnes, who had done a great job as secretary of state, had been eased out because of friction and jealousy which even then was evident between the two men.

Jimmie Byrnes, however, contending that he resigned purely because of ill health, sent Truman a carbon copy of his letter to me. And Truman sent him in reply a significant letter which ignored the issue of why Byrnes resigned, and dwelt instead on Byrnes' conversion to Dixiecratism.

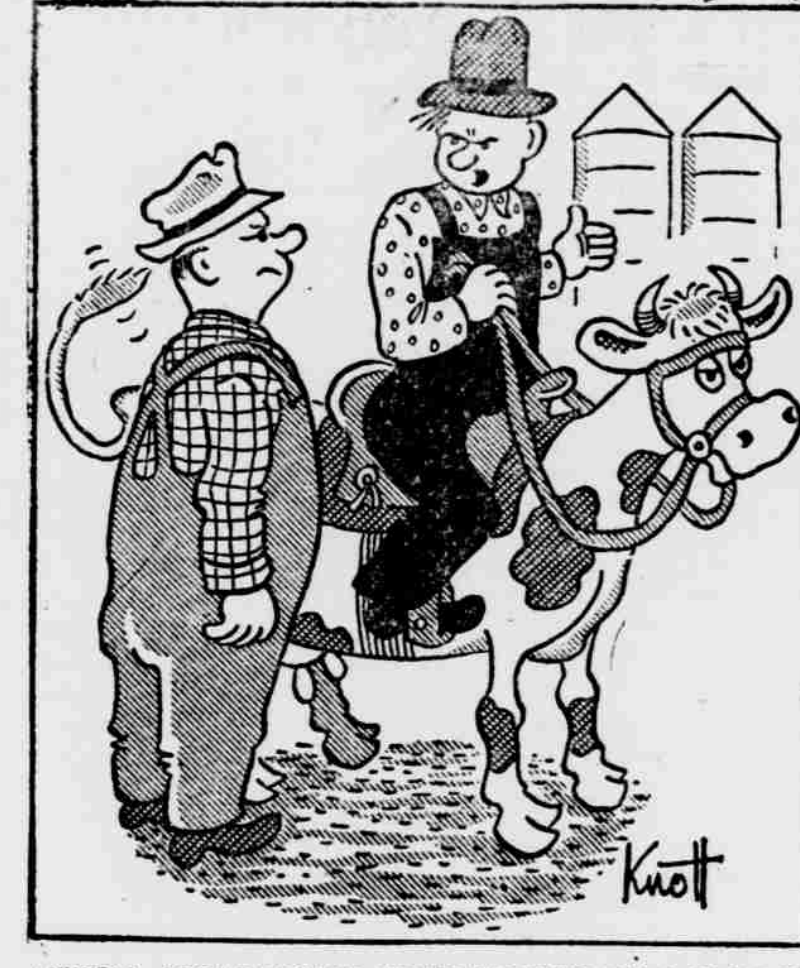
"I have read your Washington and Lee speech," Mr. Truman said, and then went on to comment on the manner in which Mr. Byrnes was deserting the political philosophy of Roosevelt and Truman. As an afterthought, the president wrote at the bottom of the letter the following postscript:

"I now know how Caesar felt," he said, referring to Brutus's famed stab in the back, "when he said 'et tu, Brute?'"

When Mr. Byrnes replied to this letter, he addressed himself chiefly to Truman's postscript. He explained at some length that he did not consider himself a deserter from the Democratic party, but remained a devoted supporter of its fundamental principles. Then Byrnes polished off his letter with this crack:

"I am not a Brutus, and neither do I consider you a Caesar."

Laff of the Week



"WELL, I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER WORKED ON A FARM BEFORE."

In the opinion of this columnist, tax fraud and tax evasion are now more prevalent than at any time in years. This means, of course, that those who do pay their taxes have to pay more to make up for those who don't.

There used to be one category of citizens against which the treasury never pulled its punches—the underworld. It took an income-tax case to send gangster Al Capone to jail, while various underworld figures have been caught in the income-tax mesh after all other avenues failed. Today, however, even the underworld is safe from income-tax prosecution—provided they know the right people. Here is a case in point.

Most notorious gambling network in southern California operates under the name of the Guarantee Finance Company of Los Angeles, which serves not only as a respectable cover, but loans money to bookies and acts as a payoff center. Recently Los Angeles county indicted 12 members of this cover agency.

Prior to this indictment, however, the federal government through conscientious internal revenue agents on the west coast had caught four of these big-time gamblers in what appeared to be a clear case of tax fraud. Governor Warren's forthright California crime commission was responsible for the original sting.

The crime commission had seized some of the gamblers' books and turned them over to the T-men. Before doing so, however, the California crime commission specifically asked the U. S. treasury whether it would be willing to cooperate in cleaning up the California gambling racket, and got an affirmative answer.

Accordingly, T-men Dan E. Goodykoontz, internal revenue intelligence agent for San Francisco, Ralph Reed, another intelligence agent, and Walter M. Campbell of the chief counsel's office in San Francisco, got busy. The evidence they assembled appeared conclusive.

PROTECTION MONEY In 1948, the Guarantee Finance Company listed in its income-tax return \$248,000 paid to "Lopez," and another \$108,000 paid to "special." No further explanation of these huge expenditures was given, but it appeared from treasury investigation that \$108,000 was paid to runners, and that the \$248,000 to "Lopez" was probably paid for police protection.

The gambling company's 1947 income-tax return was somewhat similar, with \$247,000 paid to "Lopez" and \$109,000 paid to "special."

After preparing what they considered an airtight case, the west coast T-men came to Washington where they recommended the prosecution of Marvin Kovey, Albert Kogus, Harry Rockwell and Phil Cobert, the chief partners of the Guarantee Financing Company.

In Washington, a treasury conference took place between the three west coast T-men, together with Charles Oliphant, general counsel of internal revenue; W. H. Woolf, head of the intelligence unit, and Riley Campbell in charge of internal revenue's penal division. It seemed certain from this discussion that criminal prosecution of the above-named gamblers would be recommended to the justice department.

One other official attending this conference was assistant commissioner of internal revenue Daniel A. Bolich, who has been seen in New York in the company of the famous gambling king, Frankie Costello.

PULLING THE RIGHT WIRES But simultaneously with the departure of the west coast T-men for Washington, there also left Los Angeles for Washington one Harry Sackman, a certified public accountant, since then in-

Blue Devils in Victory Over Glenwood Rams

Continued from Page 1 line. Plattsmouth had five out of six and Glenwood five out of eight. The box score:

Box score table with columns for player name, fg, ft, pf. Includes players like Roilan, Cole, Wondra, McCormick, White, Janecek, Koubec, Ahrens, Huebner, Brookhouser, Ashbaugh, Hodge.

Box score table for Glenwood with columns for player name, fg, ft, pf. Includes players like McDole, Raynor, Thomas, Denney, Davis, Schoening, Crouch, Edwards, Collier, McManigal.

Officials—Bus Seyler, Wesleyan; Pat Harris, Auburn.

The fans had a real bargain in basketball for the evening. The Plattsmouth Junior high quintet cleaned up on the Glenwood Juniors by the score of 32 to 16 with Jon Schuetz featuring the local play by massing eighteen points.

The reserve game between the two teams developed a real battle that required an overtime period to give Plattsmouth the long end of the score, 20 to 18. In this game Bob Waldra was high point man for the locals.

clear up the expenses of the summer band program. Mr. Friest also told of the distributive educational plan of the state department of education, giving the opportunity of the schools to carry out a program of vocational training that allowed the students taking the program, to secure valuable training in business, in addition to the regular school work.

Mr. Stanley in his opinion stated that education on salesmanship was badly needed now that the war is over, that the consumer was being given the place of the greatest consideration in business, that courtesy and efficiency was being required more and more from salesmen.

The state department was offering this vocational education feature to the school for nothing. The state was matching federal funds in this line to provide for the distributive system of training for the young people.

Salesmanship Courses Free To Schools

(Continued from Page 1) council meeting that the city would pay an additional \$100 provided the Chamber of Commerce would also pay in a similar amount as formerly. When the new levy of the city is made it might be possible to increase the levy to the former amount.

President Furse stated that the Chamber of Commerce had felt that as the city made this levy for the amusement fund, that it might be available to aid in the band deficit, and as the civic body had many uses for its funds, it had been decided at the time not to contribute the amount to supplement the city appropriation and for this reason the Chamber of Commerce had taken no action.

On motion by George Conis and seconded by Walter Gleason it was voted that the Chamber of Commerce now appropriate the sum of \$100 to match that of the city.

Superintendent T. I. Friest expressed the appreciation of the schools for the aid of the additional funds that would

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AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Be Different

WHEN LARRY ADLER was a boy in Baltimore he loved to push air through a harmonica. No one else in his family played one, but Larry played until he almost drove his family into the snake pit.

In 1927 he read in a Baltimore newspaper that the paper would sponsor a harmonica contest. Larry's eyes grew as big as flying saucers.

He had been selling magazine subscriptions, so he took three dollars of his savings and bought himself a new mouth-organ. It would do tricks that his old one couldn't manage.

Now he began practicing against the day of the contest; his family suffered; so did the neighbors.

At last the Big Night! Practically all of Baltimore was present! The judges were impressive, one being the music critic of the paper, another the head of the Peabody Music Institute, which was the last word—the very last comma—in music in Baltimore. The third was the conductor of the Baltimore Symphony orchestra. The Matterhorns of music.

The other contestants poured in, 23 in all, loaded, cocked and primed. Depressing! Some of them played exceedingly well, as well as Larry—maybe better—and Larry got lower and lower in his mind.

Larry noticed that all of them played jazz. For that matter, jazz was all Larry had planned in his repertoire. He said to himself, "I'm going to be different. At least, that will attract attention."

The only classical piece he could remember was Beethoven's Minuet in G. He had only his memory to depend upon, and his memory was as full of holes as a Swiss cheese. But he tore into it, did the best he could. Not very hopefully, for he knew he was bad, but he also knew he was doing something different. After all, there was a sameness to the selection of the other contestants, no one outstanding, no one too easy to recall.

When the judges returned from deliberation, they announced Larry was the winner. He was the only one who played a classical selection, and he was the only outstanding contestant.

material for the courses but might need aid in securing places of instruction.

Returns from Trip to South

Clyde Rosborough, who has been engaged in traveling in Kansas and Oklahoma for the Lugsch Cleaners of this city, returned home Friday. His trip has taken him over the greater part of the two states and visiting the schools. The Lugsch Cleaners athletic department has built up a large volume of business through the central west. Their clients are among some of the largest schools in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, as well as other western states.

Christmas is not a legal holiday in Kansas.

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Advertisement for SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD, By MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS, Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

THE FIRST PATCH OF GRAY hair, the first step-up in your dress size, the first time a saleswoman calls you madame instead of miss—all these signs disturb that self-deception we all cling to, namely, that our friends mean it when they say "You haven't changed a bit." But these are mild jolts compared to the one you get when your children first criticize your appearance.

Have they changed, you wonder unhappily, from the adoring youngsters who never stopped short of "the most beautiful mommy in the world" when appraising your looks? They've changed, but not in their affection—it's their eyes that see differently. For to a little child his mother's face is the whole picture—it's warm loveliness, the charm of your smile, the welcome in your eyes when he runs to you. By four or five a child notices and loves it if you use a pleasing perfume. So if you want to delight a small daughter or son keep sweet smelling sachets in your bureau drawers and use mildly scented powders and lotions and a delicate flower perfume. But it's still your face and the lovely scent that follows you which means beauty to the child.

When children start to school they begin to notice the way you dress. If teacher is young and wears bright colored clothes set off by earrings and bracelets your child will begin wanting you to look gay and to jingle, jangle a bit. Children are fascinated by painted nails and will be disappointed if

your hands look drab when you go out; so practice to become skillful in adding this last-minute touch for hand loveliness.

During the teens when boys and girls are apt to be distressed over their own unruly figures they become acutely conscious of your figure defects too. This doesn't mean main pencil slim—it's often the way you carry yourself that makes the difference between having son and daughter proud to introduce you to their friends and a bit evasive about bringing the gang to your house. They can be terribly chagrined if you don't hold your tummy in, or if you look as if nature had put a permanent bustle on you.

It is while your children are little, and still ecstatically pleased with your prettiness, that you begin guarding against letting them down when their older eyes compare you with mothers in fashion books or on the screen. That extra helping of dessert, those pieces of cake between meals, the candy box you nibble from while you do your housework—these are largely habits (half the time you don't even consciously enjoy them) but they may mean a lumpy figure when it begins to settle down in the thirties. These strong eating habits are easy to break when you are young by substituting fun, recreation, pleasant exercise for taste enjoyments. But by the middle years a pampered palate will demand rich foods. Nor can you easily find the zest to change sedentary habits by then.