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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Reform must come from within, not from without. You cannot legislate for virtue.

—James Cardinal Gibbons

EDITORIALS

HOW TO BECOME INTELLIGENT

FOR individuals who want to become educated, it is interesting to read the views of those with whom they disagree and thus it is possible for them to learn something occasionally.

The man who is unable to justify his views, even to himself, against the argument of intelligent opponents, is in the lib and tucker stage and should not read. He ought to content himself with a bowl of mush and try to eat it without wasting it on his shirt front.

Of course, it is well, when listening to or reading any discussion, to understand the interests of those who partake in the proceedings. Human nature, being what it is, it is inevitable that most individuals are influenced by their monetary, social, political and other interests.

It is a waste of time to listen to any person whose only aim is to confuse your mind and befuddle your thinking by smart tricks of debate. There are many sources of sincere thought upon most subjects and it behooves you to seek them out.

It is well to remember that most arguments about human affairs revolve around conflicting definitions or inaccurate facts. Consequently, if you get into a discussion of any subject, be sure that what you mean by a key phrase or topic is the same thing that others mean. Seek, first of all, to secure the facts upon which there is agreement and approach the balance of the field with a desire to ascertain, rather than to prove, the facts.

TO DISCOURAGE HOARDING

OFFICIALS charged with the handling of our food products have been somewhat alarmed by the tendency of many citizens to unduly accumulate supplies of various articles, particularly those which the citizens think may soon be rationed.

Hoarding will not do much good, for just as soon as a commodity is put on the rationed list, each person may be required to make an affidavit as to the supply on hand, and whatever that amount is, it will more than likely be deducted from the quantity which the citizen will be allowed to buy under the rationing system.

The only kind of rationing system which should be put into effect, if officials come to the conclusion that rationing is necessary, is a compulsory plan. Advance hoarding should be broken up by a strict inventory of each one's supplies, verified by spot checking, if necessary, and searching for any undue supplies concealed by greedy citizens.

No patriotic man or woman should resent any necessary police activities to make any rationing system fair and equal to everybody.

BUYS CUBAN SUGAR SUPPLY

SUGAR, which has been one of the items involved in the "scare" buying that developed with the outbreak of hostilities, will soon be removed from that category and those who have stocked up will gain little for their hoarding.

The entire reserve stock of Cuban sugar, amounting to 600,000 short tons, has been purchased by the United States. This means, according to the department of agriculture, that there will be available for consumption in 1950, 8,450,000 tons. This is nearly one million tons more than the peak consumption achieved in 1949.

REPORT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS and law enforcement officers are requested by the president to report

Furse's Fresh Flashes

It takes a lot of good heads to keep a barber shop running.

Better plan your approach to young ladies, fellas. The crafty little darlings have foxed us again and the latest in nylon nifties have the seams in front. Better make sure you know where you stand.

A local boy, taken into the service recently, is learning fast. He writes his folks that the sailors roll when they walk—soldiers, marines and air force do it from a kneeling position.

Many a tombstone is carved by chisling in traffic.

A Plattsmouth man has applied for divorce. His wife insisted on buying ice even after he had installed an electric refrigerator.

A character is a jerk with personality.

Science has never been able to explain how a mosquito can get along without any sleep.

They used to take the fender off And hammer out the dents. Then put it on the car again At just a slight expense.

But now the fender's streamlined in And really made to stay. So you must either keep the dents Or throw the car away.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says she's got to start visiting the beauty parlor every day. The customers are beginning to count their change.

suspicious activities to the nearest F. E. I. field office or representative. He wants the country to be alert for spies, sabotage and other subversive activities.

The opinion is expressed that the Communist subversion will present a more serious problem than that of any group in any previous war period. Many of the Communists in this country are described as native Americans, who can be dealt with only after they have committed an overt act. They cannot be rounded up as aliens, even after the outbreak of hostilities and therefore, if disloyal to this country, can do some harm by giving information to the enemy.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO... Joseph F. Hadraba, well known local druggist, departed for a vacation on the west coast, stopping en route to visit with Joseph Wooster in Denver. . . . Visitation of millions of small bugs raided the street section, blacking out the lights, necessitating turning off of store neon signs in windows. . . . Miss Harriett Goos was elected to teach at Western, Nebraska. . . . Principal J. R. Reeder was initiated into Omicron chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional educational fraternity at the U. of N. where he was attending summer school.

20 YEARS AGO... Miss Marie Kaufmann, penmanship supervisor of Plattsmouth schools, who had been touring Europe, was to sail for home, leaving Southampton, England, August 8th. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York were guests of the Gering and Henry Herold families. . . . Josephine Janda, graduate of the class of '31, accepted a position as stenographer for a large insurance company at Dunbar, Nebr. . . . A group of members of the Junior Catholic Daughters departed for Seward to spend a week at camp. Among the girls going were Theresa Bierl, Margaret Bergman, Lois Bester and Marie Meisinger, and their counsellor, Miss Eleanor Hiber, with Mrs. Frank Mullen and Mrs. F. M. Bester, chaperons. . . . Mike Hausladen departed for a visit in the old home in Bavaria, Germany, which he left when a lad of eight years.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) TOM McNAMARA and JACK ANDERSON SAY: STALIN WAS FOREWARNED OF U. S. ACTION ON KOREA; JOHN STEELMAN WILL HEAD UP ECONOMIC CONTROLS PROGRAM; U. S. PLANS NEW SUPER-TANKS. (Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, his column will be written by members of his staff.) WASHINGTON — One of the untold stories of the Korean war is that Joe Stalin had a blunt forewarning from President Truman that we wouldn't put up with any more Soviet shenanigans — in Korea or anywhere else. The ultimatum was relayed by Trygve

UNCLE JOE TO UNCLE SAM



Lie, U. N. secretary-general, when he visited Moscow just before the Korean outbreak. Lie wanted to work out a "peace" formula whereby we would recognize Communist China as a member of the United Nations if Stalin, in turn, agreed to call off the cold war.

However, Truman flatly rejected this proposal when the U. N. official sounded him out before leaving for Moscow. The president said he was willing to meet Stalin on any terms, but not as an appeaser. "Somewhat crestfallen, Lie asked the conference broke up: 'Mr. president, is there any message you would like me to give to Generalissimo Stalin?'"

"No," replied Truman. "Tell the Generalissimo that the only thing we want from him is peace. Also, tell him that the United States will take no more pushing around anywhere he tries it."

That was one month before the Korean invasion. UNEXPECTED COORDINATOR Top coordinator of the economic controls program will not be Stuart Symington, chief of the national securities resources board, as generally believed, but John R. Steelman, assistant to the president.

Symington, a man of action who doesn't hesitate to tread on toes to get a job done, stepped too many times on the large boots of Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. As a result, Johnson vigorously protested to the White House when he heard that Symington was being considered for the coordinator post.

Another cabinet member who dislikes the NSRB chief and who helped put the Indian sign on him is Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer. "If I am to do a responsible job administering my part of the controls program, I must have authority," Sawyer notified the White House. "That is impossible with Symington breathing down my neck."

So, rather than cause a ruckus, Truman will assign Steelman to do the coordinating, with Symington functioning as No. 1 adviser and trouble-shooter. Other assistant coordinators will be Budget Director Fred Lawson and Leon Keyserling, chairman of the president's economic council. TRUMAN TRIVIA Though President Truman doesn't object to smoking, he won't touch tobacco in any form. . . . He insists on being on time for all appointments and warns his family assistants that "it's an insult to be late." . . . Truman has gone overboard for television, has three sets in Blair House, one in his office and even one on board his yacht. . . . The president takes a swim in the White House pool every morning before breakfast. . . . He doesn't like air conditioning. In fact, his office is the only space in the White House that isn't artificially cooled. . . . Despite the terrible pressures of his job, the president maintains a uniformly calm and friendly manner throughout each hectic day. . . . Only outward sign of tension is an occasional unconscious wringing of the presidential hands. . . . If any would-be assassin ever manages to break through the ring of alert secret service agents guarding the chief executive, the assassin will be in for the surprise of his life from Harry Truman. The exact nature of the president's "secret weapon," however, can't be told. . . . When the first lady is in town, Mr. T. quits work at 5 p. m. sharp and heads for Blair House. When Mrs. Truman is out of town, the White House staff never knows when the boss will call it quits for the day. SUPER-TANKS Despite what the brass hats are telling congress, it will be another year before American production lines start rolling out tanks that can dupe the Russian 60-ton metal monsters. These new super-tanks will come in three sizes. Only the

smallest, however, is ready for production and will soon start rolling off the Cadillac assembly line. Of course, this junior model is no match for the Soviet 60-tonners, and its big brothers are still in the test-model stage and won't be ready for production until next year. Meanwhile, the army has five grades of tanks. The smallest are classified simply as "X." First to arrive in Korea, these baby tanks crumpled like eggshells beneath the advancing Red army's tanks. The next lowest grades, Sherman I and Sherman II tanks, are now arriving in Korea, and the marines are spearheaded by still a larger tank, the Pershing. Yet our biggest and best tank, the Patton, still hasn't reached the battlefield. Meanwhile, the army is hastily converting Pershing into Patton tanks as a stop-gap measure, but even the Patton is a tin can alongside Russia's mighty Stalin tank.

NO BAN ON BASEBALL President Truman has assured Commissioner "Happy" Chandler that the government plans no ban or controls on the national sport. Chandler called on the president recently to discuss baseball's war role.

"I didn't come over here to ask any favors, but to offer the services of our national sport, including myself to the war effort," Chandler declared. "If there is any way we can help out, let us know." Truman replied that he would put the former Kentucky senator, a reservist, "on top of my list if we need you," but added: "Happy, you're doing a great job for the country right where you are and I would like to see you stay there. The same goes for the sport you represent. It would be most unwise at this time to curtail it in any way and I have no intentions of doing so."

Chandler reported that no major-league ballplayers were seeking deferments, other than for justifiable reasons applying to all men of draft age.

Veterans' Column

By RICHARD C. PECK, Cass County Veterans' Service Officer

Insurance—Part V Life insurance authorities throughout the country have unanimously agreed that veterans should retain their National Service Life Insurance. The reasons are numerous. For example, Premium - Waiver coverage is included at no extra charge. premium rates are somewhat less than for comparable policies issued by private companies. A Lifetime Total Disability Income Rider may be added to the insurance policy upon payment of a nominal additional premium charge. Life-income payment to beneficiaries are somewhat higher than in most comparable private insurance policies. There are no policy restrictions on occupation, travel, residence, military or naval service, suicide, etc. Moreover, the U. S. Government bears the entire administrative cost of operating the NSLI program, not the policyholders. Level premium term policies issued prior to January 1, 1948, which have not been exchanged or converted to a permanent plan of insurance, may be renewed at the expiration of the term period for an additional 5 years, at the premium rate for the attained age, without medical examination, upon application and payment of premiums prior to expiration of the first term period. Term insurance may also be converted to a permanent plan within the term period, without medical examination, and regardless of the condition of your health, even though you are totally disabled and your policy in force under waiver of premiums (although it may not be converted to endowment plan if you are totally disabled). This is an invaluable privilege for disabled veterans who are physically uninsurable. Education and Training Veterans are reminded that no training under the G. I. Bill can be initiated after July 25, 1951; and it must be completed by July 25, 1956. (Except as to voluntary Recruitment Act, enlistees or re-enlistees).



OUT TO OLD NEBRASKA by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY A trip along U. S. Highway 6, one of Nebraska's great transcontinental highway connections and "the main line" for much South Pacific traffic into Omaha and Lincoln, will give you an excellent opportunity to combine an inspection of modern Nebraska with a look at some of the state's interesting historic sites and a visit to some of its most important museums. In Omaha you'll be principally interested in viewing the wonders of Nebraska's first city, but you should also remember that historically the Omaha area is one of the West's most important. Here at Winter Quarters, now the suburb of Florence, the great Mormon migration began. Here at Bellevue was a center of early trans-Missouri fur trade and missionary activity, as well as Nebraska's first settlement. As you pass Omaha Central High School, driving west on Dodge Street, you go by the site of Nebraska's second territorial capital. Remember, too, that no

THIS WEEK IN Washington

THE FIGHT being made in the senate by Republican leaders against giving President Truman controls he asks in the 1950 defense act is just so much window dressing.

The fact is that within the next six weeks, the country will likely be on a full war-time economy basis and the controls now being asked and granted are just the beginning. The President will need and will get all the controls he seeks to mobilize the nation's economy as well as the manpower.

The flight of grocery and other prices due to heavy buying and hoarding of some commodities indicate the need of price controls which will come just as soon as the President deems it necessary to clamp down to avoid inflationary spirals. The chances are the stricter controls will not be used until after election unless it is necessary for the national security.

Observers here declare that the Korean affair is the showdown with Russia. They believe that if Russia becomes convinced that this country and the other free nations will see the Korean war through to the end, regardless of cost or that we are ready to fight Russia herself, then Russia may call a halt short of a general war. Or Russia's aims may include incident after incident in the Korean matter which will keep the United States on a war basis for weeks, in the hopes that will weaken this country so that we will be a soft touch for the Russian Bear later on.

The job for the American people is to show Russia just how wrong she is and that's a job which takes unity and sacrifice and self-discipline.

The hope here in Washington is that the burial of "McCarthyism" in a blaze of partisan politics in acceptance of the Tydings committee report will end that sordid chapter in the history of the country. As has been pointed out numerous times, the whole basis of the charges made by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin against the state depart-

ment was born in politics and in a partisan political speech. After five months of smearing of innocent persons during which time the Wisconsin solon had not proved a single charge, the subcommittee of the senate committee conducting the investigation returned a report asserting that Senator McCarthy had perpetrated a fraud and a hoax on the senate and the people of the country. The report was accepted on a strict party line vote. The thinking here is that the report may end the smear program and the senate may go about its business. However, if Senator McCarthy will not keep still, there are many here who believe an attempt will be made to impeach him.

A Congressional investigation of alleged scandals in the Veterans Administration may be the next probe undertaken by this probe-conscious congress. According to information the scandal broke in Tennessee with the suspension of 10 top officials in that state for alleged irregularities in connection with the school program for veterans.

In connection with the veterans program, the American Legion has announced that it will eliminate its lobbying activities with reference to pensions and bonus plans and for all other unnecessary expenditures with regard to veterans. The Legion will devote its full time to backing up the President and the government in its fight against Communists in Korea and elsewhere.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, GOP floor leader in the senate, wants to be sure of the money appropriated for publicity in the Department of Agriculture is used to promote the Brannan plan. So he got through an amendment that the funds set up for the department's information service (\$1,265,800.) may be used only to publicize programs that have been authorized by congress. Senator Russell of Georgia, in charge of the agricultural section of the big omnibus bill, said there was no evidence that the agricultural information fund had ever been abused, but he agreed to accept the amendment.

trip to Omaha is complete without a visit to the Union Pacific Museum and the nationally famous Joslyn Memorial.

At Lincoln, your interest will focus on the beautiful state capitol. While in the building, spend some time in the State Historical Society's museum. You'll find it's like taking a course in Nebraska history — and much more interesting. Be sure to reserve some time, too, for Morrill Hall on the university campus.

As you approach Hastings, you'll see signs advertising the House of Yesterday. Be sure to heed them, for if you don't you'll miss Nebraska's finest municipal museum—and for that matter, one of the West's finest.

West of Hastings, you'll see signs pointing to Kearney. A short side trip will take you there and to the grave of Susan

Hale, one of the best known of the thousands of graves marking the final resting place of overland emigrants.

At Minden you can see the fine little museum of the Kearney County Historical Society—and while you're so close, you'd better run up to Fort Kearney State Park, the site of old Fort Kearney, guardian of the overland trails.

You're now in "Swede Country"—many of the earliest settlers in this region were Swedish immigrants. You're also in the Tri-County area, and you'll see plenty of evidence of one Nebraska solution to the problem of the plains. For a look at one of the new Missouri River Basin dams, take a short side trip from Cambridge north to the Medicine Creek dam.

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