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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Prayer is conversation with God.

— Clement of Alexandria

## EDITORIALS

### TAX COLLECTIONS INCREASE

Tax collections by the Federal Government during the third quarter of 1950 were about one-quarter billion dollars higher than in the same period of 1949. Individual income taxes were \$229,561,815 higher than in the corresponding period of last year, but corporation income tax payments fell \$589,190,009. Increases in other tax receipts made possible the net increase in the total collected.

With prices tending to advance and taxes certain to be heavier than before, the average American family must have a larger income if standards of living are not to be reduced. This fact should be borne in mind by employers even though one recognizes that they face difficulties in connection with establishing higher prices for their own products.

### DOES U.N. CONTROL U.S. LAWS?

An interesting question has come up between the United Nations and the United States since the passage of the Internal Security Law, designed to make it impossible for subversive individuals to enter the United States.

The United Nations, being an international organization, asserts the opinion that it is fully authorized to invite representatives of non-governmental organizations to have a consultative relationship with its economic and social councils and that such individuals are entitled to receive visas that will enable them to reach the headquarters of the organization, attend meetings of the General Assembly and to consult with the Secretariat.

The opinion of the United Nations officials is that, despite the Internal Security Law, Congress has authorized an executive agreement which provides for the admission of such individuals and that, since it has the same binding effect as a treaty, it cannot be defeated by internal legislation in the United States.

The reasoning of the officials of the international organization is hard to set aside. Certainly, if the United States wishes to be the domicile of the headquarters of the United Nations, it must be prepared to admit visitors from all parts of the world who happen to have business with the United Nations. Obviously, the international body cannot function if access to its headquarters can be denied by a single nation, even if the nation happens to be the United States.

Another grave question arises, however, in the contention that the United States Congress is powerless to pass legislation which in any way abridges the rights of the United Nations as interpreted and upheld by officials of that organization. While the present issue is not of supreme importance, it is conceivable that the matter might present itself in a more serious form.

Already, several Federal district courts have implied that state legislation is invalid because it contravenes the purposes and principles of the United Nations, which had the approval of the United States. This line of reasoning can go far afield and thoughtful Americans will watch the trend with some apprehension.

### THE THIEVES' MARKET IN KOREA

In the city of Seoul, the capital of Korea, United States Army supplies are sold openly each day in the thieves' market, according to a dispatch in the New York Times, from Charles Grutzner, who reports that there is not much that the Army can do about it.

The Army is unable to seize stacks of G. I. field jackets, trousers, soap and other Army goods, because it is unable to prove that the merchandise came from a warehouse or dock. The problem is difficult because much U. S. Army equipment was given to the South Korean Army in 1948 and 1949. Some of this has fallen

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

William O. Douglas, Justice Supreme Court, says, "We need to show the people of the earth the warm and generous heart of America." We hope they see how it's bleeding.

If all the Americans who have been seeing Communists under the bed would volunteer for service in Korea, the army wouldn't need the draft.

A new definition for Alcatraz: The pen with a lifetime guarantee.

Finding a needle in a haystack wouldn't be a pleasant achievement for a horse.

The fellow who is up and doing is seldom down and out.

The best way to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.

If Mars is inhabited they are the only people in the world that haven't asked Uncle Sam for a loan.

This is still a free country—a man can do as his wife pleases.

To stay young, associate with young people, states a noted medical professor. And, to get old in a hurry, try keeping up with them.

The perfect man is the wife's first husband.

A good secretary is a stenographer who knows how to lie for the boss.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, never shrinks from kissing. If she did, she wouldn't be anything but skin and bones.

into the hands of the North Koreans, who also raided warehouses when they entered South Korean cities. In other places, South Korean officials let the populace help itself to the stores and warehouses before the invaders arrived.

The description of the thieves' market is somewhat interesting. Hundreds of long tables are placed so closely that the aisles permit only one person to walk comfortably but the customers are four-deep in the walks, trying on garments and arguing about prices. Ninety per cent of the tables are loaded with army supplies, including post exchange items, such as cameras, cigarettes and lotions. The asking prices are "robbery in themselves." At dusk, the tables are cleared and the wares are stored in adjoining buildings or carried off by the dealers. Then the gates are locked so that no one can steal the empty tables.

Mr. Grutzner says that the thieves market in Seoul is only one-tenth the size of the one in Pusan, where the theft of army supplies was rampant, especially in the dark days of the war in mid-September. The Korean police cooperate and arrest native dealers whenever the Army can prove specific lots of goods as stolen. The Provost Marshal is having a hard time to devise a plan to clamp down on the sales of the stolen supplies.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

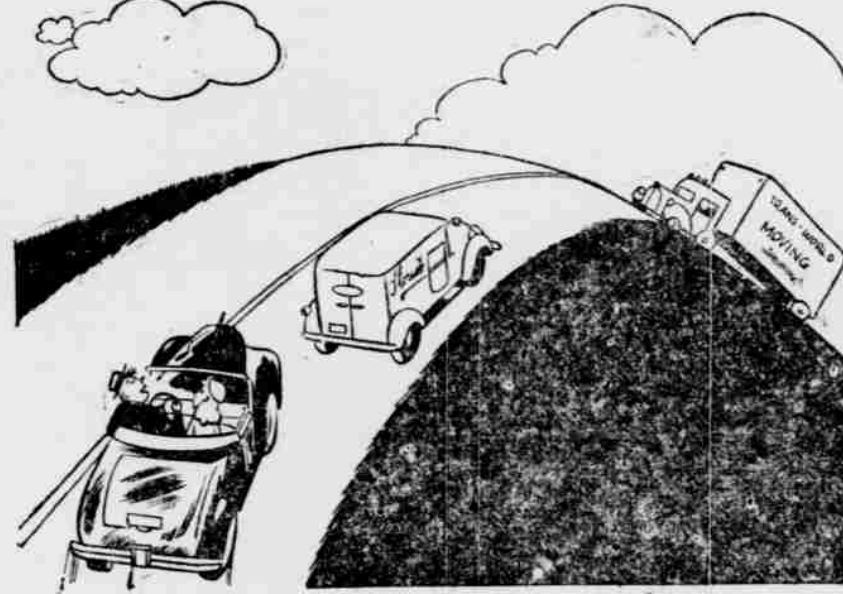
**10 YEARS AGO . . .**  
Mrs. Lillian Freeman was named second vice president and Mrs. L. W. Egenberger treasurer of the state federation of Garden clubs at their meeting in Lincoln . . . Dr. J. P. Anderson, noted scientist of Juneau, Alaska was a guest of his sister, Mrs. George Everett at Union . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jean Spangler returned to Glendale, California, following a visit with Mrs. E. H. Spangler and Richard and at the C. L. Jean home . . . A commercial club organized by the advanced short-hand class of P.H.S. elected the following officers for the remainder of the school term: Blossom Burcham, president; Alvin Chovanec, vice president; Maxine Cole, secretary and Gertrude Sheldon, treasurer.

**20 YEARS AGO . . .**  
The P.F.F. pinocle club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ray Herring . . . The Plattsmouth Athletic football team staged a game at the local field with the Tenth Street Athletics of Omaha; proceeds were to go to the Associated Charities of the city to be used in the organization's work at Christmas time . . . Dale Rhodes, farmer living west of the city, with the Wehrbein boys and Johnnie Kaf-fenberger, rounded up a large coyote on the Wehrbein farm . . . The Junior Class of P.H.S. presented the play "Seventeen" by Booth Tarkington under the direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TOTAL OF 10 TROOPSHIPS HAULING G.I.'S AND DEPENDENTS DO NOT CON-

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS . . .



"The road looks clear, let's pass him."

### FORM TO U. S. COAST GUARD'S SAFETY STANDARDS: FARM BUREAU BOSS SNUBBED BY WHITE HOUSE

Washington. — This column recently revealed that seven troopships, now carrying American troops across the Atlantic and Pacific, are equipped with unsafe lifeboat gear. Further investigation has now uncovered that, in addition to this, the fire-detecting, extinguishing and alarm systems are also below the minimum safety standards set by the U. S. Coast Guard.

It should be noted that U. S. Coast Guard standards are high, and many foreign luxury liners do not conform to them. Nevertheless, snips carrying U. S. troops, should.

Furthermore, the steel bulkheads on these troopships are unlined, uninsulated and uncovered, hence a fire hazard in case of overheating; the ventilation system doesn't shut off automatically in case of fire but would continue to fan the flames; and the electrical equipment in the hospital and battery rooms is subject to explosion.

This column has also learned that, in addition to the seven troopships previously named, three others are in the same condition. Meanwhile, it remains a fact that illegal Russian-type mines are drifting in Far Eastern waters as an added threat to navigation.

The seven troopships named earlier that do not comply with Coast Guard Safety Standards are the Generals W. M. Black, Le Roy Ellings, W. G. Hann, Stuart Heintzelman, W. C. Langlit, M. B. Stewart and S. D. Sturgis, each with a capacity of 4,000 troops.

In addition, three larger troopships are in the same condition: The Generals John Pope, William Weibel and M. C. Meigs. Each of these is capable of carrying 6,000 troops. All 10 ships are now hauling G.I.'s to Korea and Germany, and bringing dependents back to this country.

**Navy Promises Changes**  
Following this column's investigation, the Navy has promised to bring the 10 troopships up to standard as soon as practical. Already a plan has been tentatively approved to equip the lifeboat gear with auxiliary diesel generators to swing the davits into position for lowering lifeboats. With the present equipment, it takes the ship's power from the engine room to swing davits out in safe time. However, this central power in the engine room frequently fails in case of a bad hit by a mine or submarine.

A Navy spokesman, interviewed on these deficiencies, claims they are not as serious as they sound. He pointed out that as long as the ships are crammed with troops, the G. I.'s can detect a fire and spread the alarm without an approved Coast Guard detection and alarm system. He also stated that Coast Guard standards are unusually high, so that even foreign luxury liners cannot pass their inspection.

Note—Most U. S. tourists don't realize it, but when they sail on these foreign luxury liners they are taking greater chances than on American commercial passenger vessels.

**Brannan Plan Feud**  
Friends say that Allan Kline, hard-working boss of the American Farm Bureau Federation, is feathered up like a barnyard rooster over his latest snub by the White House.

When Kline requested an appointment with President Truman, the President agreed, but only on the condition that Kline's bitter enemy, Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan, accompany him to the White House.

When Kline got this message, he exploded: "Truman and the White House will freeze over before I go over there with that guy Brannan."

The President did some exploding himself when he learned about the farm leader's angry response and is reported to have told aides: "I didn't want to see the S.O.B. anyway."

Taft Doesn't Smile  
A kidding remark by Secretary of State Dean Acheson taken out of context has pitched him into a head-long collision with Sen. Robert Taft and the McCarthys again.

A few days after Senator Taft told reporters he was not an

### Vic Vet says

SAY, PAL, IF YOU'RE RECEIVING A VA BENEFIT BY CHECK AND YOU RE-ENTER THE ARMED FORCES, NOTIFY VA IMMEDIATELY SO YOU WON'T GET AN OVERPAYMENT THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO REPAY LATER



isolationist, but wanted to "re-examine" our foreign policy. Acheson was speaking off the cuff to the National Council of Negro Women and said: "I read in the papers there is a species of homo sapiens which has recently become extinct. That is the isolationist. We are told it is impossible to refer to anybody as an isolationist and it hurts their feelings. But a new species, the re-examination, has come on the horizon. I was very much puzzled when I heard about this new species.

"It's possible that a re-examination might be a farmer who goes out every morning and pulls up his crops to see how they are doing. Or it might be this re-examination comes down to breakfast in the morning and looks at his wife and says, 'Do I really love that woman? How did I ever turn up here with her?' When we re-examine, does it mean we are like the sort of navigator who on a long flight checks his course by the sun and stars every day? Or does it mean the navigator says, 'How did I ever get started on this trip?'

"If to re-examine means going before Congress and explaining every single item of every policy and every program, we all belong to that school, and we all re-examine our progress. We all find out our failure, look at what new actions we should take, and justify what we have been doing."

Senator Taft, who usually has a keen sense of humor, in this case has hit the ceiling. He just doesn't see anything funny about it. Though he is laughing, it may not laugh in the long run; for this new feud between the State Department and GOP Senate leaders may further delay getting back on a stable bipartisan foreign policy.

**Headlines and Headaches**  
Most cabinet officers would not dare try it, but Secretary of Defense Marshall appointed Anna Rosenberg as assistant secretary without even checking with the President. Truman would fire any other cabinet member who did this—but not Marshall.

The Russians are reported building a fleet of revolutionary midget submarines. Displacing only 500 tons, the tiny subs will be operated by four-man Russian crews. Russian shivovs are reported tooling up to turn them out by the thousands . . . Secretary of Air Finletter, just back from an inspection tour of Alaska, was shocked at the tariff paper shacks which house military families. He will ask for \$26,000,000 for Elson Air Base and \$15,000,000 for Ladd Air Base to improve living conditions . . . The FBI has such a load of loyalty investigations that agents have been threatened with transfers unless they work overtime. J. Edgar Hoover, who works long hours himself, has warned that the G-men will have to work overtime without pay . . . U.S. Ambassador Bruce reports from Paris that Charles De Gaulle is making a strong comeback in French politics because of tremendous French unrest over defeats in Indo-China. Many prominent politicians are turning to De Gaulle as the man who can lead France to victory both in Indo-China and Europe.

## OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nebraska Wesleyan University, which inaugurated Dr. Carl C. Bracy as its 11th chancellor last month, opened its doors in the fall of 1888 to provide instruction for the youth of Nebraska under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

Methodist efforts to establish colleges in Nebraska date back to territorial days, but these efforts were unsuccessful. In the middle Eighties, with weak little Methodist Schools struggling for existence in York and Central City, the Methodist Conference in Nebraska determined to unite their strength in support of one university. A commission named to locate the institution chose a site near Lincoln.

The commissioners probably were influenced in their choice of location by Le Grand Baldwin's offer to donate 40 acres of land for the campus and 250 acres to be divided into building lots. Work was begun on a building and the town of University Place was laid out around the campus. C. F. Croighton became the first chancellor.

When instruction was begun in the fall of 1888, the building was far from completion. The upper floors could be reached only by means of ladders. The 50 students who reported for instruction met wherever room was available, and classes were conducted amid the din of construction. Even so by the end of the year, enrollment had increased to 99.

There were only six houses in University Place at that time, and the students lived in the main building. Tableware, cots, mattresses and other necessities were furnished by the ladies of St. Paul Methodist church in Lincoln. There is a story to the effect that the students slept crosswise on the mats to conserve space.

Though Wesleyan, like other pioneer denominational colleges in Nebraska, suffered severely from financial reverses, it was built on the foundation of a large church population with efforts to support a church college in the state concentrated on one institution.

The original building was constructed at a cost of \$75,000. For almost two decades it stood bleak and lonely on the empty prairie. In 1905, the C. C. White Memorial Building was erected. University Place grew into a thriving community and finally became a part of the city of Lincoln.

Today, 10 buildings stand on Wesleyan's 44-acre campus. Recent expansion has been rapid, and still additional buildings are projected for the very near future.

Of primary significance in the development of the Platte River road as America's great highway to the West was William H. Ashley's pioneering trip through the Platte Valley in the late autumn of 1824. Robert Stuart and his companions had established the Platte on their return from Astoria in the spring of 1813, but Ashley was the first to test the Platte Valley section of what later became the Oregon Trail from east to west.

Ashley was an equally important figure in the early western fur trade. In partnership with Andrew Henry, he dispatched trading expeditions to the upper Missouri in 1822 and 1823. Despite increasing hostility of the Arikara Indians they established a post near the mouth of the Yellowstone.

After a pitched battle with the Arikaras, in which United States troops had to be called from Fort Atkinson, Ashley decided to change his method of operation. He substituted the annual rendezvous at a convenient place in the mountains for the fixed trading post, and would try to develop a shorter overland route for the dangerous and roundabout Missouri route.

It was to facilitate his changed method of operation that Ashley made his precedent-setting trip through the Platte Valley in 1824.

He brought a supply of goods and a crew up the Missouri to Fort Atkinson by boat in October. Despite the lateness of the season, he unloaded his goods and prepared to start overland to the mountains. On November 3rd, with 25 men, 50 pack horses, a team and wagon he left Fort Atkinson for the mountains.

Even though Ashley's associate Fitzpatrick had come down the Platte Valley to the Missouri in the summer and had reported

## DALE CARNEGIE

by DALE CARNEGIE, AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

**Don't Fight the Uncontrollable**  
WHEN J. B. Ogle, Owings Mills, Maryland, was serving under Admiral Ted Chandler he was ruffled every time he stood before the Admiral's desk—and those occasions were frequent. The thing that annoyed him was a beautifully inscribed and colored phrase on the wall over the Admiral's desk.

When he reported to the admiral these words glared at him: "I care not a damn what the weather be, did you bring in the ship?"

"You'd care about the weather if you had to be in it," rose to his tongue. But you don't say things like that to your admiral. The only relief he got was in talking it over with a fellow officer who agreed with him and said the sentence irritated him, too.

One day it became the painful duty of his fellow officer and himself to report to the admiral, that what was left of their convoy was safely anchored in the harbor. J. B. Ogle was so worked up that nothing mattered, and he blurted out "What is left of those fine ships is just so much junk, but they are still afloat and I want to tell you that sentence over your head didn't help in any way."

To his surprise, the admiral didn't get angry. Instead, he smiled and replied in calm, even tones: "Ogle, I've known for a long time that your statement bothered you and I expected you to blow up about it before this. It has annoyed you because you have worried about it, and you haven't taken the trouble to think about it. I do not care about the weather, and if you face the facts, you don't, either. You or I can do nothing about it, but we can do something about the ship. You can take all the necessary precaution to weather the storm, you can make preparations for facing the enemy—the rest remains with God. You'll find, Ogle, it will be like that all through life. Don't torment yourself about things you can't control but use your ability on what you can control—and then have faith."

Later the admiral was mortally wounded in the Lingayan Gulf and Mr. Ogle's former fellow officer was with him. The officer sent Mr. Ogle a simple card on which he had written: "Joe, he cared not a damn about the enemy, but he brought in the landing force—successfully."

the route to be a good one, the venture of that November was hazardous by any standard. The season was too far gone to enable the party to be sure of feed for their horses. Winter on the plains was anything but a pleasant prospect for an unprotected caravan.

Needless to say, the trip was a difficult one. The weather turned cold early, with a heavy snow. By the time the caravan reached the Pawnee villages at the Loup fork, rations had been cut and some of the men were complaining bitterly. Nevertheless, with unusual determination Ashley kept on. By December 12th he was at the forks of the Platte.

On the advice of a Pawnee who had accompanied them (but who turned back at this point), Ashley's men took the South Fork of the Platte. Late in March they

crossed the continental divide at what would later be known as Bridger Pass.

William H. Ashley not only opened the way to a new chapter in the fur trade—he pioneered a path that within a few short years would develop into one of the great emigrant roads of all time.

Carl Ofo, student at the University of Nebraska, was here for the Thanksgiving vacation with his mother Mrs. Iola Ofo, and the many old school friends and associates.

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**SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD**  
By Mrs. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS  
Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

finish the dress for your daughter and then further resent her seeming lack of appreciation? If so, you may be one of those parents so unsure of your worth, so doubtful about your ability to be a good parent just as you are that you overdo the sacrifice business. This is harmful both to yourself and to the child for whom you deny yourself. It isn't actually the sacrifice that does the harm—it's the begrudging and the resentment that are poisons in your mind.

This thing of trying to buy approval by virtuous acts you hold over the heads of others has always been the fake martyrdom everyone dislikes. Yet the person who practices it can never understand why he isn't appreciated! Of course, parents, if they are as loving and conscientious as good parents always are, sacrifice a great deal over the years for their children. But they do it gladly in the normal sense of assuming their responsibilities. They don't do it in the groveling sense of winning love thereby.

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