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EDITORIALS

DIRECTIONS: SWALLOW WITH CAUTION!

The editor of this newspaper receives a modest compensation for exposing his views upon various subjects to the readers of the Journal. There are easier ways of making money, of course, but, after all, one must eat.

Every reader of the The Journal, by virtue of having paid his money to receive this Journal, is entitled to read and reflect upon what the editor thinks, without extra charge. As a special bonus readers are likewise privileged to tell their friends what a nut the writer is and how screwy is his thinking.

Our good nature is demonstrated by the willingness with which we encourage such declarations and denunciations. There is no necessity for any individual to make a serious study of any subject before giving vent to emotions, prejudices, suspicions and, shall we say, wisdom?

The editorial writer operates under a slight handicap, however, in that what he says appears in a permanent form, not to be subsequently forgotten and lightly repudiated. If he is honest in his labor to unearth part of the truth that needs to be remembered and to develop honest thinking on the part of readers, he is not inclined to become violently partisan or to satisfy those who insist that everything be black or white, right or wrong, good or evil.

The present writer has emphasized time and again that he is not out to convert anybody to anything. Nothing that appears in these columns seeks to alter the reader's views or to promote any interest. It should be taken for what it is worth, if anything, and swallowed with great caution.

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EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

"If the skipper of the Ship of State asked you to help reef a sail in a stormy sea you respond willingly and offer your services quickly, even though you do not approve of how some of the sails are set."

This quotation is taken from a recent statement issued by Adolph Smutny, now serving on a committee to voluntarily restrain credit, although disapproving the policies of the government in dealing with inflation. This statement demonstrates his loyalty to this country despite his views on monetary and inflationary issues, which, no doubt, exhibit his independence, initiative and intelligence.

The nation has millions of citizens, who are ready to give their services if they can direct the parade. What the country needs is a greater number of citizens, ready to serve like Mr. Smutny, despite differences of opinion, but in order to assist all of us to solve our emergency problems and maintain the sound economy upon which the nation's permanence depends.

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TRIMS "VOICE OF AMERICA"

The "Voice of America," hailed by many as the effort of the United States to counteract the "big lie" of the Communists with the truth, broadcast throughout European regions, ran into difficulties when its appropriation came before the House of Representatives.

The members of the lower House by an unrecorded voice vote, slashed the $97,500,000 sought by the State Department to $9,533,030. The sentiment seemed to be that the management of the information programs was poor and the planning vague.

It is very difficult for average persons to pass on the value of such broadcasts. It is possible, of course, that propaganda of great value gets through the iron curtain and that accurate news stories help the cause of the free nations. It is again possible that no such results are obtained.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Needs there groan a world in anguish just to teach us sympathy.

— R. Browning

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Our Missus is not over anxious for color TV to arrive—she's afraid it might clash with the wallpaper.

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Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, reports that tight clothes do not necessarily stop a girl's circulation. Fanny tells us the tighter clothes she wears, the more she circulates.

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To those folks who like a great quantity for a small price, we suggest they buy themselves a nickle's worth of blue grass seed.

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Nature is grand right now—but soon the weeds will begin to grow.

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The trouble with getting ahead in life is staying ahead.

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About the most potent poison we know of is an airplane—one drop and you're dead.

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We don't know which is the hottest, a new pipe, a baked potato, a woman's temper or a cold war.

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A single girl and her telephone number are soon parted.

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We know some kids around town who are so anxious to have themselves a time they don't care much if it's a good one.

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Every man is a sucker if you know his kind of bait.

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The most misunderstood wife in our estimation is the local woman who asked her husband to bring home a quart of lacquer.

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The best way to win an argument with a woman is just listen.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO

Plattsmouth had the experience of a visit by persons who circulated bogus $5 and $10 bills in local stores. The bills were very crude in their printing and much different in the "feel" from regular U. S. currency but in the rush of Saturday business this feature went unnoticed by clerks receiving same. One suspect was rounded but later released for want of proof . . . Lois Troop of Nehawka was winner of first and second prizes in the Cass County spelling contest recently held at Omaha.

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10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Clement Woster was elected one of the forty-eight delegates to attend the supreme convention of P.E.O. to be held in Victoria British Columbia on September 9 to 11, a pleasing recognition to Mrs. Woster at the state convention at Fremont . . . City Attorney J. Howard Davis was host to members of the official family of the city at Hotel Plattsmouth, to mark his retirement from the office to devote his entire time to private practice, and other business activities . . . Robert Linville, chef at Hotel Plattsmouth entered upon new duties at an Omaha cafe.

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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: SOME U.S. DOCUMENTS, MEMOS ON KOREAN WAR, IF USED APART FROM OTHERS, COULD PROVE ALMOST ANY POINT; HOW JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF — MEN OF VARYING AGES, PERSONALITIES — REACTED TO VARIOUS MACARTHUR PROPOSALS.

Washington.—When the Senate Armed Services committee starts sorting out all the memos and telecom messages exchanged between the pentagon and General MacArthur the public may become more confused than ever about who is right in the big debate.

For several documents and memos prepared during various phases of the Korean campaign—if set aside from the others—could be used to prove almost any point.

Furthermore, it was once a paradoxical fact that Secretary of State Acheson was much closer to General MacArthur's position re China than the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The wolf pack that always howls at Acheson's heels has been claiming he was responsible for MacArthur's ouster. However, the record shows first that this was not the case; second, that following MacArthur's disastrous retreat from North Korea in early December, Acheson favored severe punitive measures against China as an aggressor nation.

It was the Joint Chiefs of Staff at that time which vigorously disagreed both with Acheson and MacArthur. In fact, they favored pulling out of Korea altogether.

However, despite individual and sometimes confusing differences of opinion inside the pentagon there appears to be no occasion when the Joint Chiefs of Staff actually went on record in favor of MacArthur's proposals to bomb Chinese bases and use Chiang Kai-Shek's troops.

MacArthur's Proposals

In order to get as clear a picture as possible regarding the working of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and their policy toward MacArthur, here is a breakdown on how the Joint Chiefs reacted to various of MacArthur' proposals:

Bombing Chinese Bases—The nearest the Joint Chiefs ever came to okaying MacArthur's proposed bombing of Chinese bases was on Feb. 28, just before that date, MacArthur had sent a long report on enemy air strength now capable of 650 sorties daily. He reported certain strength building up in certain areas and in effect asked permission to bomb these bases.

Replying on Feb. 28, the Joint Chiefs gave MacArthur a set of five alternatives to counter the Chinese moves. Since these would be of value to the enemy, they cannot be described here. But in each of the five alternatives, MacArthur was instructed to take no action on the Chinese side of the Yalu River without reporting back to the Joint Chiefs for further instructions.

Naval Blockade — Another question at issue in the Korean war has been a naval blockade of Chinese ports. On this, there was agreement. Both the Joint Chiefs and the State Department okayed a naval blockade but it was vetoed by our allies in the United Nations. This was one of the proposals for which Secretary Acheson fought hardest when Prime Minister Attlee visited Washington. However, Attlee flatly refused to approve any naval blockade of China.

Hot Pursuit—Another point of agreement between MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs was the right of American planes to pursue communist planes beyond the Chinese border when engaged in a running battle. His did not include the bombing of Chinese bases. Though the Joint Chiefs agreed to this, either the State Department or the National Security Council disapproved—I have not been able to ascertain which.

Chiang Kai-Shek's Troops — This is the issue which MacArthur emphasized in his letter to ex-speaker Joe Martin, the letter which culminated in MacArthur's dismissal. However, use of Chiang's troops never has been seriously considered by the Joint Chiefs.

General Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, has argued that Chiang offered his troops chiefly for the purpose of getting them equipped—which would be terrifically expensive. Furthermore, Adm. Forrest Sherman has pointed out that it would take an armada of American vessels to transport them to China.

Finally, the Joint Chiefs' study of Chiang's combat strength does not jibe with published claims of 600,000 men. According to pentagon estimates it is nearer 250,000 men. It is also recalled that much of the military equipment we furnished Chiang during the war ended up in the hands of the communists.

Different Personalities — Those close to the Joint Chiefs of Staff point out that they are composed of four different men of varying ages and personalities. Gen. Joe Collins, for instance, Chief of Staff of the Army, was a lieutenant when MacArthur was a general. When Collins went to Tokyo he was technically MacArthur's superior, though he always addressed MacArthur as "general" while MacArthur called him "Joe."

Collins is the member of the Joint Chiefs who has agreed with MacArthur more than anyone else. He has expressed the private belief that Russia would not intervene if we bombed China, and is reported to have expressed oral agreement with MacArthur on various points during conferences in Tokyo.

Admiral Sherman, the Chief of Naval Operations, on the other hand, has been flatly opposed to MacArthur's position, while General Bradley is almost as vigorous.

Bradley has said privately that if he were in MacArthur's shoes he would probably feel as he does. But, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he cannot agree, since he has to consider the entire world and how best to parcel out our limited strength.

The last thing Bradley wants, he has made it clear, is to get sucked into a war on the Chinese mainland.

Note—Pentagon observers believe MacArthur may have some of the tentative directives which are sent to different theatre commanders in advance for their comment. These do not become approved directives, however until the Joint Chiefs have all the comment, can study them in the light of the over-all picture and then issue them officially. There is a big difference between the studies of the Joint Chiefs and their final approved directives.

NOW IT'S UP TO US

Veterans' Column

By RICHARD C. PECK
Cass County Veterans' Service Officer

Warning—Correspondence Courses

Apparently many veterans have recently been receiving a considerable volume of promotional literature from out-of-state institutions. This literature urges enrollment in correspondence classes for technical and trade courses. This flood of material is probably being sent in anticipation of the cut off date for G. I. Bill Training, which is July 25, 1951, for most World War II veterans. Naturally these correspondence schools are attempting to get as many enrollees as possible before the cut off date.

Richard Peck

If you receive any of this literature, it would be well for you to most carefully investigate the schools offering the courses, the courses themselves, and particularly the contract or agreement to be signed prior to enrollment. Many of these agreements require a "small down payment" to be made at the time of enrollment. Such a payment usually results in demands for the full payment of the courses, if at a later time you decide you do not desire to take the course, or you desire to discontinue the course. This amount usually runs into several hundred dollars.

Before signing anything presented to you by these schools or any of their representatives, you most certainly ought to consult your local superintendent of schools or the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Nebraska. Not all correspondence courses are bad. All of them usually have some good features. But, before you enroll, be sure you really want the course and that you will actually complete it. Investigate before you sign it but prepare to meet a demand for full payment, if you send in any amount to serve as a down payment.

N. V. A. for Korean Veterans

Service Officers are reminded that by the recent act of the state legislature, Korean veterans and their dependents are eligible for N. V. A.

WASHINGTON REPORT
by
Howard Buffett
Congressman, 2nd Nebraska District

Do you wonder how the Truman Administration gets its power? The answer is simple. It has that power—because congress votes it.

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Why does congress, so noisy in oratory against Truman, vote him more power? Here is the $64 question.

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When he demanded the power inherent in Universal Military Conscription, only 44 house members voted against giving him that power.

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Congress could have extended the draft law in 30 minutes. But the Trumanites tacked on UMT. Not many members wanted to buck a cunning propaganda charge — that could hit them next election as a result of a "No" vote on this bill. Opponents would say they voted against the draft—with a war on in Korea.

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That charge would not be easy to refute. That is exactly why the Acheson-Marshall axis tacked UMT onto the draft bill. Actually, the UMT scheme would not even operate until some undetermined date in the future. But no matter—say the Truman crowd—the power will be on the books.

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In fact, the Truman crowd doesn't care much how loud the opposition shouts. So long as the opposition just talks — but votes Truman more money and power when he wants it—the Fair Deal will continue.

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This situation can end only when a majority in congress stops voting more money and power to the administration. It's the vote that counts, not the oratory.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

AFTER THREE MONTHS of the great debate over the troops to Europe issue, the senate has made a welcome agreement to debate little and vote often in an effort to catch up on some important legislation. The senate resolution on the troops movement means nothing and after staggering through 15 roll calls, the language is simply face-saving and many experts here agree that the wording, "The sense of the senate etc," is senseless, since the resolution has no effect of law and the President is still not bound by any senatorial agreement and may administer his executive office as commander-in-chief of the armed services as provided under the constitution as every school boy in the nation has been taught since the public school system was established.

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In the face of this senate action, the house is now dragging its feet on universal military training, despite the fact that every public opinion poll before, during and since the war has indicated that more than 70 percent of the American people favor universal military service. Also the draft act is becoming all out of focus with the proposed new method of deferments based on whether one boy is smarter than another, or at least whether he gets better grades in school than his fellow students.

One observer here remarked that during World War II, there was a great hue and cry because about 25 percent of the young men of America were deferred and thrown out in the draft because they were too stupid or ignorant and couldn't pass the mental tests. It seems, however, under this new system, they expect to defer about 25 percent because they are too intelligent to fight, or to become a GI Joe. The theory is that the intelligence tests will save young men who want to become scientists and the like, but there is another theory, it is pointed out, that the army needs brains too.

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In the meantime the Senate and house had time to hear President Vincent Auriol of France address them in joint session. The President evidently has made peace with organized labor and set up a joint mobilization board headed by Mobilizer Wilson and composed of four members each from labor, agriculture and industry. Two house committees were rooting for new headlines—one having to do with purchase by the atomic energy commission of surplus trucks from the Philippine government and the other involving blanket approval of defense and tax amortized loans for defense plant expansion without investigation.

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A coalition of southern Democrats and northern Republicans seemed to be able to take over when they so desire in the house, as has been apparent, particularly on parts of the President's legislative program. Coalition tracks were obvious in five key votes on roll-call ballots—one diluting the President's power to make tariff concessions in a reversal of the 81st congress; rejecting his requests for emergency reorganization of the government; squelching his program for defense housing. It remains to be seen whether the senate can reverse the house insofar as administration leadership is concerned.

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The congress continues to dawdle on sending grain to India, which nation, according to reports, is facing starvation of millions of its people. In the meantime, while congress debates, the word is that the Soviet Union has immediately offered India a shipload of grain in return for jute.

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Senator Harley Kilgore, of West Virginia has proposed an appropriation of $12 billion dollars for a system of super-toll highways. The highways would link Boston and San Francisco, Florida and the Great Lakes, Florida and San Diego, Florida and New York, Minnesota and Laredo, Texas, and San Diego and Pueget Sound.

The President has asked congress for an additional $6,442,000,000 for the armed forces in the so-called third supplemental appropriation act which the President mentioned in his January budget message.

County Bond Sales Top $57,000 Mark

Walter H. Smith, Chairman of the United States Bond Committee, announced that total sales for the month of March in Cass County were $57,468.75.

At the same time, total sales for the state amounted to $7,962,073.75, an increase of 25% over the previous month, according to Leland R. Hall, State Director. Of that amount, $5,717,399, or 72% was in Series "E" Bonds, he added.

FARM OUTPUT

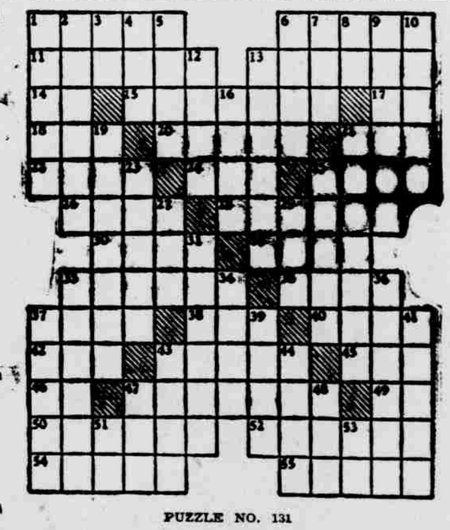
Total farm output in 1950 was 37 per cent above the prewar level of the 1935-39 period, although the 18,300,000,000 man-hours of farm labor was a new low. The use of tractors has more than doubled since 1941 and tractor fuel is now a key farm supply item.

NEW PAIN KILLER

A new pain-killing drug, said to be more powerful and longer acting than morphine, has joined the group of synthetic drugs which now make the U. S. independent of foreign sources of opium and its derivatives, morphine and codeine. The new drug, which has the trade name of Dromaron, is not yet on the market.

Rooms can be sound-deadened inexpensively by using acoustic plaster instead of the conventional type.

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL
1 Old Moslem gold coin
6 Cruises
11 Egg dish
13 Convivial
14 Aloft
15 Old style of [illegible]
17 [illegible]
18 To please
20 Kind of puzzle
21 Disease of fowls
22 Lamb's pen name
24 A beverage
25 Rational
26 To rotate
28 Cants
30 Chimney, slovenly person
32 Shakespearean king
33 Guides
35 Pointed rod for holding meat
37 Drove nail slantingly
38 Lubricant
40 To cull
42 To mistake
43 Sound
45 Pitch
46 Land measure
47 Republican state on south slope of Pyrenees
49 To perform
50 Depends
52 Young eagle
54 Child's blackboard
55 Alcoholic drink (pl.)

VERTICAL
1 To extinguish (slang)
2 Incites to action
3 Compass point
4 Ecclesiastical vestment
5 Hindmost
6 Old French coin (pl.)
7 High card
8 Two (Roman numerals)
9 Citizens of Western Europe at time of Crusades
10 Incline
12 Allowance for waste
13 Sudden, violent gust of wind
16 Subdivision of a Laconian clan (pl.)
19 One who sells gambling information
21 One who loves his country
23 [illegible]ted with pain
25 [illegible]sy, remunerative
27 Builder of ark (Bib.)
29 Roman bronze
31 Dwells moodily on a subject
33 A brown, red-yellow in hue
34 Fodder storage bin
36 One engaged in commerce
37 Ripe
39 Italian coin (pl.)
41 Goes at certain gait
43 To cut, after snick
44 Dullness
47 River island
48 To mature
51 Musical note
53 French article

PUZZLE NO. 131

Answer to Puzzle No. 130