

EDITORIALS

NOTHING TO WIN IN ASIA

The wilful and intentional enlargement of the fighting in the Far East to include a general war with China would inevitably mean the death of additional thousands of American fighting men.

This can be asserted without calculating the cost of Soviet Russia, in accord with her treaty with China, comes into the fray. The United States would be involved in a gigantic struggle against millions of Chinese. They could be beaten, of course, but at what cost in human and material resources?

We can imagine nothing better for the democratic nations of the world than that Russia and China should get into a great war. Neither can we imagine anything that would please the Moscow Communists more than a terrific and prolonged struggle between China and the Western powers. The Russians would sit on the sideline, prepared to move aggressively in Europe at the best opportunity.

The civilization of the earth, as it exists today, is the culture of the western democracies. It cannot be successfully defended in Asia, Africa or India but where it flourishes, and that means western Europe and North America. Nowhere else in the world, despite the glib talk and political hypocrisy, does individual freedom have a chance to express human personality.

Let us suppose that we go all-out against the Chinese, that we fight a long war and win it. What have we acquired? The answer is nothing. In the meantime, we will have given the Russians ample time to strengthen their own military forces for the decisive day in Europe. We will be that much weaker when the great hour of fate approaches free peoples and the only guardians of personal liberty as we enjoy it.



WOMAN GIVES MEN A HINT

The only woman alderman in North-western Ontario, Canada, now serving her third term, is enthusiastic about the possibility of political office for women, saying that all a married woman needs is a tolerant husband and some money for campaign expenses, boundless energy and a liking for long hours.

The lady suggests that "women think of little things that men cannot comprehend" and they are "less materialistic and more humanitarian." She adds that they think in terms of "flesh and blood" when it comes to matters like welfare and schools.

Addressing herself directly to husbands throughout the country, the lady, Mrs. Eunice Lever Wisheart, advises that "if you want a lot of free time, nominate the wife for civic office." She adds that the wife will be "too tired to ask questions when she comes home after a busy day."



GIVES EYE TO FRIEND

A twenty-four-old American seaman, who was blind for more than a year, can see again because a twenty-seven-year-old English aviator, permitted doctors to take the cornea of a damaged eye and give it to the American.

Phillip Pron, the American, was a bedside patient of the Englishman when doctors told him that one of his eyes, damaged in an accident, would eventually go blind. As the cornea was in perfect condition, he suggested to doctors that they give it to his new friend so that both would be able to see out of one eye.

The operation was performed and, a week later, the bandage was temporarily removed. Young Pron could see "pretty good." The other man thought it "just wonderful" and expressed his pleasure over the successful operation.



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Yet, taught by time, my heart has learned to glow,
For other's good, and melt at other's woe.
— Pope

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

DiSalle, price administrator, says there is a general leveling off of prices. We can point out now that DiSalle doesn't pay the grocery bill at his house.



The other day an assassin bumped off a high ranking government official in Europe. Unfortunately it was the wrong one.



Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says the draft is taking so many of her potential boy friends that right now she would be willing to play postoffice with second class males.



Theory is nothing more than a hunch with a college education.



We would like to meet the guy responsible for naming pullman cars, flowers and pills.



What has become of the old-fashioned man who thought he should pay his bills on the first of every month?



Some people complain that the United Nations has failed to keep peace in the world. But, as yet, it hasn't started any wars.



If warm growing weather doesn't show up soon, farmers in this area will have to lather their hay in order to mow it.



Americans are folks who elect legislators to pass laws so they can pass them up.



That 13-year-old Tennessee girl who passed for 19 will probably do the same thing when she's 35.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Marion Olson resigned as secretary to County Supt. of Schools Lora Lloyd Kieck to accept a civil service appointment at Washington, D. C. . . . Fouchek & Garnett were appointed new city attorney firm at city council session beginning their years work. . . . Charles Stastka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Stastka of Nebraska City entered service in U. S. Coast Guard and following basic training at Port Townsend was sent to post at Juneau, Alaska. . . . 122nd Anniversary of founding of the I.O.O.F. was marked by joint program of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at their hall here. . . . Townsend club No. 1 held a meeting at District Court room here.

20 YEARS AGO

Announcement was made of engagement of Miss Lillian Calvert to A. A. Lushbough of Harrison. . . . Plattsmouth Rotarians joined members of neighboring clubs on a visit to Glenwood where they had dinner at the Armory building. . . . Among list of graduates from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing were Miss Florence Yelick of P. H. S. Class of 1927 and Isabel Marshall of Class of 1928. . . . Garland McCleary placed first in dual track meet held here. . . . State farm values were reported at about those of 1910 level, with present average of \$50 an acre which statisticians pointed out should attract investors. . . . Miss Kathleen Troop and George F. Swatek ranked among the honor students at Nebraska U.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949. By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)
DREW PEARSON SAYS: HOOVER BOOSTS GOV. WARREN OF CALIFORNIA AS NEXT PRESIDENT OF U.S.A.; MACARTHUR BLOCKED GEN. RIDGWAY'S PROMOTION; SUN POWER COULD TRANSFORM ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Washington.—Republican leaders in the Senate have not been too happy about General MacArthur's talks with Herbert Hoover. It began when they were not able to get MacArthur on the telephone in Tokyo, and later learned that the General had several phone conversations with Hoover. Later, in Washington, their approaches to MacArthur about politics were politely ignored.

The suspicion has prevailed, therefore, that MacArthur and the ex-president have been discussing politics at the Waldorf Tower in New York.

Such, however, has not been the case. Hoover did approach MacArthur as to whether he was interested in politics, but got an unqualified negative.

Hoover then gave MacArthur his own ideas about the Republican candidate for the presidency in 1952 and went all out for Governor Earl Warren of California. Hoover unhesitatingly described Warren as the best qualified man on the entire GOP political horizon. Not given much to enthusiasm, Hoover almost waxed enthusiastic about Governor Warren.

Note—Warren, who ran for vice president on the Dewey ticket in 1948, has been almost as popular with Democrats as

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"A Car With A Good Heater? Man, You ARE In Luck — I've Got Just What You're Looking For!"

with Republicans in California. He has also had considerable California labor support and, unlike Taft, would probably get some labor backing in a national election.

MacArthur and Ridgway
Though General MacArthur is now quoting three-star Lt. Gen. Matt Ridgway to back his case, the inside fact is that MacArthur quietly tried to knife Ridgway's promotion to be a full four-star General.

As a result of MacArthur's supreme opposition, the new supreme commander is no higher in military rank than six of his subordinate admirals and generals in the far east. However, the Joint Chiefs of Staff are now rushing a fourth star and the rank of full general for Ridgway.

Several weeks ago, the Joint Chiefs recommended Ridgway for promotion to lieutenant general to full general, and, as a matter of routine, cabled MacArthur for his approval. But instead of adding an endorsement, MacArthur simply ignored the Ridgway cable.

Two weeks later, the Joint Chiefs cabled MacArthur again, reminding him that he was holding up Ridgway's promotion. However, MacArthur, let the matter stew another two weeks. Then, instead of agreeing to an unqualified promotion, MacArthur recommended that Lt. Gen. George Stratemeyer, Air Force Commander and Vice

Adm. Turner Joy, Naval Commander, also be promoted to the same rank, along with Ridgway.

This temporarily prevented anyone from being promoted, because the Joint Chiefs were not ready to award fourth stars to Stratemeyer and Joy. It also kept Ridgway, whose success in Korea has aroused jealousy in the MacArthur camp, from being promoted—at that time—the second ranking commander in the far east.

Note—Besides Stratemeyer and Joy, here are the other officers in the far east who now have the same rank as Supreme Commander Ridgway: Lieutenants General James Van Fleet, Edm. Milburn, John Couder, Edward Almond and Vice Adm. Harold Martin.

Harnessing The Sun
An appropriation for harnessing the sun's heat in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California is now being debated in a house appropriations subcommittee.

The project, pioneered by the Smithsonian Institute, would use giant mirrors in our southern desert to catch the sun's rays and convert them into power. If successful, it would transform the now sparsely populated southwest into one of the great industrial areas of the nation.

Dr. Charles G. Abbot, a pioneer in solar radiation at the Smithsonian laboratory, has two devices which he says will produce nearly 1,000,000 horsepower per square mile. He has also mapped out a 150,000-square-mile area in the southwest, which has cloudless skies 70 to 90 per cent of the time, and which is the ideal location for the huge mirrors and converters.

To finance some of the initial experimentation, the Smithsonian Institution is asking Congress for \$102,751, but word has leaked out that even this small amount will be cut back because of the economy drive.

"If only one-tenth of our desert area were devoted to power production," Dr. Abbot claims, "more than 20 times as much power could be produced from solar energy as is used for all heating, lighting, transportation and manufacturing in the U.S."

Note—The question of sun power is now in the hands of a house subcommittee, headed by able congressman Albert Thomas of Houston, Texas.

Soviet-Chinese Conference
The present Chinese attack in Korea was preceded by a series of top-secret Red Russian-Red Chinese conferences in Mukden, at which the Chinese demand-

CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN — Comparatively speaking, it was a quiet week in the legislature. With most of the "sideshows," like special investigations and personality clashes, shoved again into the background, the 43 men who write the laws for Nebraska settled down to workmanlike sessions which pointed to adjournment sometime between May 15 and May 25.

To speed the flow of bills through the mill, both morning and afternoon sessions were to get underway this week, which will have the effect of doubling the daily output. This was made possible with the completion of public hearings on the 550-odd bills that have been introduced.

And more important, perhaps, there's a feeling of harmony in the high-ceilinged senate chamber. Even the weekly problem of what time to convene after the week end recess, was solved by compromise. Senators who live close enough to go home for the week end prefer to start at 10 a. m. Monday, so they can spend Sunday night at home. But far western representatives, who are forced to remain in the capitol, want to get started at 9. With classic simplicity, the two factions agreed to launch this week's work at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

The liquor probe was one "sideshow" which was folding its tent and about to steal silently away when it got a new lease on life.

Another hearing was scheduled for this week when a motion to end the inquiry ended in a tie vote of 3 to 3 with the seventh member not voting. The count on the motion to hold this week's meeting was 6 to 1. At last week's session, the committee heard from a liquor commission enforcement agent who stoutly denied charges against him; a wholesaler who denied there are "dieups" which make a retailer take undesirable brands in order to get popular ones; and the editor of the Omaha World-Herald who defended publication of secret testimony before the committee as "enterprising journalism."

The agent is James Potach of Omaha who was accused of taking bribes by a "Mr. X." in a statement read to the committee a couple of weeks ago by Frank Morrison of McCook, counsel for an anonymous "Mr. X."

Potach issued a flat denial and his attorney pointed out that Morrison should have given the man's name if he were going to make public a statement accusing Potach by name. The agent had asked the legislature for a chance to face his accuser.

The wholesaler is Charles Hammond of Omaha who was quizzed by Sen. H. K. Wellensiek of Grand Island about the activities of the liquor lobby. Asked if liquor were given away in the lobby's suite, Hammond said, "Not that I know of."

Everyone in the legislature, down to the most naive, bobby-soxed page, knows that Rex Olson, the liquor lobbyist, pours free drinks for senators and their guests in his seventh-floor suite at the Cornhusker hotel.

The World-Herald editor, Walter E. Christensen, apparently was called by the committee to explain an editorial criticizing the committee's announcing intention to call it quits. The editorial, as had news stories, pointed out how little investigating the investigators had done.

Christensen said, "I don't think there has been any great criticism." He described the editorial as "an expression of regret that all of the matters that have come before you have not been sifted as far as you could."

Reporters on the statehouse beat blame the committee itself for the fact that testimony sometimes appeared in the World-Herald, and the Lincoln papers, before it was "released." The first several hearings held by the probe were behind locked doors so reporters simply got to the witness before they testified and obtained interviews. That was what Christensen called "enterprising journalism."

A decision was awaited this week in the case of Elaine Young, the liquor commissioner who was told by the governor to resign or show cause why he should not be removed from office after an attorney general's opinion had found that Young broke the law by selling insurance to liquor licensees.

Young tried to show that cause at a public hearing last week. The burden of his case was put this way by his counsel, Francis Gaines:

"The attorney general's opinion is a strained construction of the statute. Does it mean that when ever a man goes on the liquor commission that he has to shut himself off from all types of connections?"

When Peterson asked Gaines whether he thought the governor was bound by an attorney general's opinion, in the absence of a court ruling, the Omaha lawyer replied emphatically that he did not; that the opinion was merely "advice" which the governor could take or not.

INVESTIGATE ZONING

Zoning restrictions often prevent additions to a house; hence local zoning laws should be checked before buying a home.

Journal Want Ads Pay!

DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Peace of Mind, Most Valuable Possession

MISS MARY MOKARZEL, Washington, D. C., says that through a piece of ill luck she gained what to her has become the most important thing in her life, which is—a true sense of values.

As she was walking along one of our many poorly lighted streets one night, someone grabbed her handbag. In it were some possessions to which she had become greatly attached: a beautiful diamond ring, her eyeglasses, a fountain pen, a silver pillbox with an amethyst inset, a Napoleonic coin, a good compact, some valuable papers, her wallet containing thirty-five dollars and the beautiful brown calf bag itself. Of course, this worried her, worried her to the point that she realized she was losing more than the contents of the bag—her peace of mind, her sense of values. But there was one thing the thief didn't get: her rosary beads which were in her coat pocket. And they became a symbol for her philosophy.



Carnegie

For after her loss, she had borrowed a dollar from her landlady; she had bought a good fountain pen for fifty cents, used a little brown manila envelope as a substitute for the silver pillbox, and replaced her bag and wallet. After all, were her possessions of such importance that they out-weighed her calm?

She decided that they were not. And right then and there she began to realize that most of the things we worry about are not nearly as important as the mental attitude created by worry, and which can become chronic.

Now when she loses something, or when she realizes she can't have something she wants, she just clings to her faith that she will have all she needs and that she will be happy with what she has. And this is far, far more important to her than the loss of any and all material things she has suffered.

LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinion of this newspaper.)

Try this for comfort:

The midwest is having a touch of Korean fighting weather. For citizens who would like to have a more realistic understanding of what the troops are experiencing in Korea we offer this suggestion. Go out in your back yard and dig a hole two feet long, three feet wide and six feet deep. You won't need the firing step which is 18 inches above the floor because you won't be shooting at anyone or getting shot at.

When the hole is finished equip yourself with one blanket, a can of beans or hash, or an equivalent and get down in the hole. Stay there all night. Don't build a fire or use a light of any kind. (Attracts the enemy). If it rains or sleets or snows just stay in your foxhole because that is what you have dug. When you suspect that dawn is near take your can of beans or hash or whatever comparable edible you have, open with your pocket-knife or anything equivalent to a bayonet. When you have it open, eat it—cold. After you have done that, providing, of course, that you are still alive, or can crawl or haven't all the varieties of pneumonia, leave your foxhole and resume your normal life.

And quit "gripping" forever after!

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kellison

High School Smokestacks

(Ed. note: The following was submitted to a high school class and considered important enough for publication.)

It seems as if almost all of the boys in high school have started smoking lately. I think that the two main reasons that they have started are that the other fellows are doing it, and it is very easy to get the cigarettes. Almost any store in town will sell cigarettes to a boy regardless of his age. I think that the police force should make the stores refrain from selling cigarettes to a boy or girl unless he or she can show that he is eighteen.

In some stores, pipes, cigars, and cigarettes have come up missing despite all the efforts of the owners.

With all this smoking it is a perfect set up for a marijuana or opium peddler to move in. If a high school kid once gets started smoking dope, it will be awfully hard to stop.

All this points to the rising amounts of smoking being done. I think that we had better crack down on these smokestacks and the merchants who sell them the tobacco before it is too late.
High School Sophomore

Ship 21 Steers To Omaha Monday

Cass county shippers at the Omaha market Monday included Jake Tritsch and Oliver Meisinger with 21 steers weighing 1124 at \$37. 20 steers sold to \$36.50 at Omaha Monday.

Other market tops were hogs 25 to 50 cents higher to \$21.75, and sheep to \$36.50.

It's your town. It's your home. It's your responsibility. Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up.

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

By Mrs. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS
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LINKING GOOD DRIVING WITH GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Good citizenship in high school driving courses has already developed a generation of young drivers who are impressed from the start with the fact that their mobile is not a toy. Moreover, their knowledge of what a car will do and how to keep it going at top form is far beyond that which their parents possessed when they first secured their driver's licenses.

But although this early training has made instinctive much of their adeptness at handling a car, how our young people live up to their highest driving standards is greatly influenced by their parents' teachings.

This is because good driving depends on the driver's emotional balance as well as his knowledge and skill. This fact is borne out by statistics, for young motorists still have three times as many accidents as middle-aged ones. Not emotional control is not something you can get out of a book or from the temporary instruction of a professional driver. It is something you learn from the cradle up and for which parents are largely responsible.

That your child is able to cross streets alone, he is the proud possessor of his first driver's license. Now your attitude is of paramount importance. Suppose we illustrate this with a few wrong ones. For instance, fathers are frequently erratic in their irritation constantly criticize small faults of driving, acts which may not be faults at all but merely different methods from those our generation learned. Nothing will waken an antagonism to parental supervision like being unjustly criticized.

We still have nervous mothers who will not acknowledge a young person's competence no matter how good his record for safe driving. Do you wonder that on the rare occasions when he has the car out alone he is tempted to go beyond the limits of safety in order to taste freedom at the wheel?

On the other hand, as parents you should be sure and without rank, certainly not mine, for the proficiency of these clever young drivers. Before putting the parental stamp on your child's school driving diploma you should make yourself thoroughly familiar with his driving judgment, and his command, or lack of it, of this powerful machine you are about to turn over to him. Unfortunately, there are some human beings who lack the perfect coordination of mind, eye and muscle which driving demands. If your boy or girl is one of these, it is your responsibility to discover this deficiency and give him or her the proper training to correct it.