

EDITORIALS

WARNING TO INVESTORS

Hardly a person anywhere but has a dream occasionally of adding a few dollars to his income during his spare hours. And, often golden opportunities seem to present themselves through catchy advertisements in the newspapers and by direct mail.

One that has become common during the past few years is the vending machine racket. "\$300 Monthly Spare Time," is the lead off on most of them. Who wouldn't go for a deal like that with a promoter standing over you painting a rosy picture of the ease with which large profits can be made with only a few vending machines?

A good percentage of those engaged in the manufacture, sale and operation of vending machines are legitimate. But, the National Better Business Bureau through surveys has found that 19 out of 20 lose. Of 182 interviewed only nine, less than 5 per cent, had made money from the operation of the machines and none were making the profits promised or predicted by promoters. In most cases the machines were rusting in attics or basements and couldn't be sold at any price.

It sounds easy to make money without working, but a lot of people have lost their shirts trying it. Investigate thoroughly any of these "wonderful opportunities available in your area" come-ons. Don't make any investment until you have analyzed every angle—and had a long talk with your lawyer and your banker. Play it safe.

No amount of ridicule, boasting or bluff changes the facts. Get them, and you will understand the news of the day, and gain a clear picture of events.

LARGER DEFENSE EXPENDITURES?

One result of the fall of Dien Bien Phu and the obvious Communist stalling tactics at Geneva is active consideration in Washington of a broader defense program. It is believed that President Dwight D. Eisenhower is now seriously considering a larger defense budget and possibly a cancellation of proposed reductions in strength for the Army and possibly the Navy.

For a time it was believed that a compromise, or truce, could be worked out with the Communists in Indochina. Such hopes now appear to have been unjustified, and the only alternative seems to be a strong united front by the democracies in Asia.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is now engaged in an effort to line up this united front in Asia, but this effort will take time and if the war in Indochina continues, the flow of war materials to that area might be increased.

If the United States is to join a NATO-type organization in Asia, and continue to supply large quantities of aid and technical assistance to French-Union forces in Indochina, the defense budget might have to be raised. Moreover, the ominous lesson learned at Geneva is that Russia and China are now partners in an aggressive effort which matches the best efforts of Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini in the 1930's.

The one positive result of the Geneva Conference is confirmation of the suspicion that China has embarked on an expansion program in Asia which dwarfs even the dreams of Japanese military leaders in the 1930's. The United States, as a result, might have to reorientate its defense program and thinking concerning Asia. It is altogether a somber prospect for the American people, and one which may demand new sacrifices in the future.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In adversity it is easy to despise life; the truly brave man is he who can endure to be miserable. —Martial

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, just back from college, says she never let her home work interfere with her education.

The average man never has as much fun when he's out as his wife thinks he does.

If you want to get along with your wife, try domestic felicity . . . that's where you think things but don't say them.

We think it's a good thing 18-year-olds are not allowed to vote. We doubt there is any candidate who can talk in jive terms.

About every good idea we get turns out to be illegal.

We read where the male sex is more susceptible than the fair sex to diseases that cause sudden death. This warning should be tied to the handle of every lawn mower that's sold.

A budget is a gadget that lets you worry before you spend your money.

After viewing some of Churchill's paintings, we're happy our President Ike sticks to golf.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

The interior of the Gering building between Fourth and Fifth on Main is being remodeled for a cafe to be operated by E. P. Stewart . . . L. H. Hauptman has been named superintendent of schools at Alvo . . . Mary Ann Pitz and Wilbur Claus, St. John's students, have been awarded citations for music achievement . . . Miss Catherine Long has graduated from Peru College with high honors . . . The firm of Martin and Day is opening a new quarry near Nehawka after purchasing a portion of the Pollard estate . . . Mrs. Paul Murdoch of Nehawka won four first places, five seconds and five thirds in the flower show sponsored by the Plattsmouth Garden Club Sixteen seniors placed on the honor roll at Plattsmouth high school for the last quarter . . . Miss Lola Adkins and Vilas Chapell of Nehawka were married May 23 at Plattsmouth.

20 YEARS AGO

LaVerne Shafer has started work as home demonstration agent in Cass county . . . Figures show that 23,298 meals were served in the school lunch program at Plattsmouth during the past year . . . The Home Dairy has moved from its 5th and Main location into the Ruse building. Ray Story is proprietor of the plant . . . A 12.7 mill levy has been adopted by the village board of Murdoch for the coming year . . . A plane that started disintegrating near the John Blotzer farm south of Mynard was safely landed at Offutt Field. Parts of the plane were found on the Blotzer farm . . . Howell Boswell, Patricia Colby, Dale Hall, Marilyn Lutz, Mary Todd and Barbara Wiles, rural eighth grade graduates, have placed on the honor roll for their class . . . The 50th year of higher education at Elmwood was noted at an alumni banquet. Grace Hylton Plybon and Willard Clapp, two of the six 1894 graduates, were present.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: OPPENHEIMER JUDGE GOT MORE TOLERANT DECISION FROM GOVERNMENT; ROY COHN SHOWED NEWSMAN SECRET MEMO BEFORE COMMITTEE RELEASED IT; WILSON OPPOSES SENDING MILITARY TO INDOCHINA.

WASHINGTON—When Tom Morgan, head of the Sperry Corporation, sat in judgment on J. Robert Oppenheimer, builder of the atom bomb, he may not have remembered an occasion when Tom Morgan's government dealt more tolerantly with him.

On Sept. 1, 1942, ten months after Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into war, the justice department dropped a proposed prosecution of Tom Morgan's firm for exchanging priceless secrets with the Germans, the Japanese, and Fascist Italy. Instead, the justice department agreed to a consent decree.

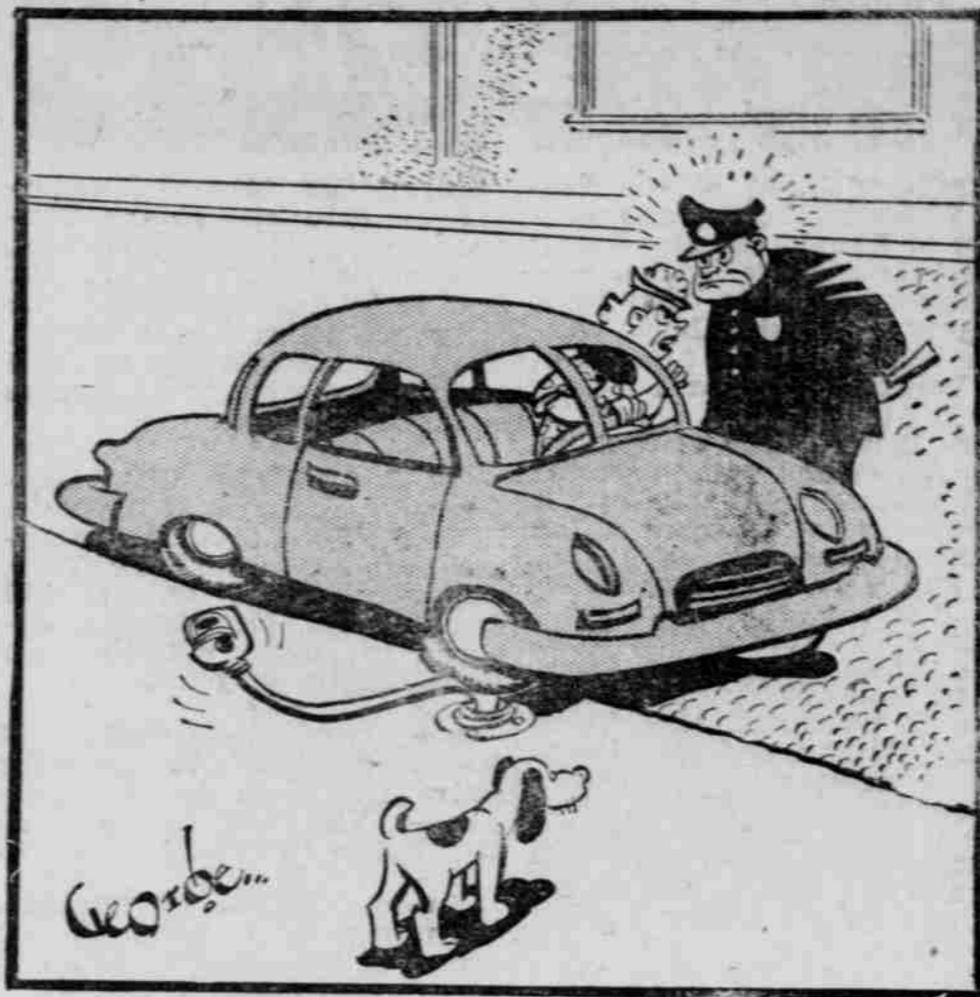
When the three-man loyalty board sat on the case of Dr. Oppenheimer, they found him loyal to his country, but decided that he was a poor security risk. They said he had not given any secrets, but they feared he might.

In the case of Tom Morgan, a member of the three-man board, however, his company had already given vital information to countries which later became enemies of the United States.

Agreement With Dictators Specifically, Sperry Gyroscope was making some of the most delicate instruments the U. S. Army and Navy used; such

Ticklers

By George



"Next you'll tell me there is a parking meter around here somewhere!"

as automatic pilots, directional gyroscopes, and particularly the artificial horizon which indicates the climb and glide of airplanes away from the horizontal.

Most of these, Sperry claimed, it had developed, though the U. S. Army and Navy had helped, in part by supply substantial orders. However, going back through the pre-war years, Sperry signed contracts with Askania - Werke - Aktiengesellschaft of Germany; with Mitsui Bussan Kaisha in Japan; with La Filotecnica, Societa Anonima in Italy, and others to set up a world monopoly to control these highly critical instruments.

The first agreement with Japan was signed in 1931, the same year the Japanese war lords first invaded Manchuria, and a time when Henry L. Stimson, then secretary of state, warned the world of impending Japanese conquest and rallied the peace machinery of the League of Nations to try to stop the war lords.

The agreement with the Italians was written in 1937 and 1938 well after Mussolini had shown his wanton disregard for world peace by trampling helpless Ethiopia.

The agreement with Germany remained in effect during the years when Hitler was assembling his military might for inevitable war.

And it was the head of this company who, sitting in judgment on his fellow man, ruled that Dr. Oppenheimer was a security risk.

Cohn's News Leaks International News Service scored a real scoop in publishing a secret memo by Gen. Kirk Lawton, commander of the signal corps at Fort Monmouth, which supported Senator McCarthy. The manner in which the scoop was obtained, however, indicates how one Roy Cohn operates.

Somehow the debonair Roy was able to obtain the memo from the desk of Committee Counsel Ray Jenkins at 1:30 a. m. He then showed it to INS Reporter Jack Lotto in the men's room of the senate office building.

Lotto copied certain portions and filed his story at 3:30 a. m., several hours before the document was made public at the senate hearing next day. Meanwhile the redoubtable Roy shipped the document back on Jenkins' desk.

Troops to Indo? Use of U. S. ground troops in Indo-China is out. The defense department has submitted an estimate to the National Security Council that it would take ten divisions of U. S. troops to regain the offensive militarily in Indo-China . . . Simultaneously Secretary Wilson reports that neither the Philippines nor Thailand, both eager beavers for Asiatic defense, will send any troops whatever to Indo-China unless the United States does the same. Wilson, who returned last week from a lengthy tour of the Far East, is dead set against sending American infantry, even if it means the loss of the entire country . . . Prime Minister Nehru has informed the American embassy the Communists will agree to a cease-fire in Indo-China. Nehru says his personal representative at Geneva, Krishna Menon, has been assured of this by both the Russian and Chinese Communist delegations during secret talks. According to Nehru, Russia's Molotov said the Reds do not want all of Indo-China but only the northern half which they now have captured. Molotov has warned, however, that the Reds absolutely must have the French stronghold of Hanoi and all the critical Delta area. Nehru thinks this is reasonable and will favor giving it to the Communists for the sake of a compromise peace . . . Meanwhile he has privately offered to police an armistice in Indo-China, if the two sides can reach an agreement. India is prepared to send most of its army to Indo-China, Nehru said, to supervise the armistice.

Labor and Church The American Federation of Labor which owns property on Spring LaFayette Square immediately opposite the White House,

learned its garden the other day to St. John's Episcopal church, which adjoins it in the rear.

The church was holding a gala garden party and the AFL was delighted to cooperate.

The AFL musicians union, however, was a little miffed when the air force dance orchestra turned out to play for the party.

A protest was immediately registered with the air force by local musicians.

"Using a military dance band," they said, "is like calling in the army engineers to build the church — especially when the dance band was playing on our property."

Washington Pipeline Twenty-seven senators had joined privately in a proposal to form a joint watchdog committee to supervise the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

The idea had been to forestall a reckless investigation of the CIA by Senator McCarthy, such as he demanded last week. However, Senator Jenner of Indiana, whose committee must approve the proposal, blocked it.

It isn't supposed to be known, but he acted at the request of Senator McCarthy . . . President Eisenhower has passed the word to the Republican National Committee that he would like Vice President Nixon used as the top GOP campaign orator this fall . . . Prime Minister Laniel has definitely decided to fire General Navarre, the French commander in Indo-China, and has offered the job to Marshal Juin, the French "General MacArthur" . . . Juin, however, has refused the assignment because he's boiling mad at being disciplined for opposing the European Army . . . Nevertheless, Navarre will be replaced within the next two weeks, probably by General Valluy, French NATO commander in Washington, who is well liked by the Pentagon.

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 opinions of this newspaper.)

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. May 28, 1954 Plattsmouth Journal

Dear Sirs: About a month or so ago your good newspaper contained an editorial entitled, "Committee Oversteps." In it you raise the question as to the propriety of having an Appropriations Committee in the House, or in the Senate, for that matter. You raise the question, "If the House Appropriations Committee is going to decide what amount of

money the Army, Navy and Air Force should have, why have an Armed Services Committee in each house?"

I came across a history and justification for the Appropriations Committee in answer to a similar inquiry and take the liberty of handing it to you with this letter.

The fact of the matter is that prior to the existence of an Appropriations Committee, the situation was really a desperate one. Each Committee had the thinking that the universe revolved about its (Committee's) axis. Nothing seems more important than the particular field in which each Committeeman works. If needs and resources were unlimited and were not a factor, this would be a splendid system. However, there is a limit to tax monies, as well as to natural resources, manpower, raw materials, etc. Hence, the necessity of having not only the Appropriations Committee, but also, the Budget Bureau which does Yeoman's Service of balancing and selecting the items which are chosen for expenditure of money.

It is generally considered that if the Budget system which was created back in 1920 were now discarded that chaos and total irresponsibility would result.

After you have gone over this memorandum, I would surely be interested in your further thoughts. I know that your editorial was intended in good spirit and I certainly respect your independence of thought and analysis which form the foundation for its writing.

Yours very truly, ROMAN L. HRUSKA, M. C.

SOUTHBEND

Elinor Fidler

Mrs. Andy Wilson, Mrs. V. D. Livers and Vera, Roger Kuhn and Alan, Jim and Gale Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George Vogler and boys of Louisville and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fidler and girls, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Streight, Clark Bushnell and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Streight of Omaha were among guests Sunday for dinner at the Otto Olson home in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Brien of Louisville were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Tom Carnicle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Campbell were Monday visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Preston and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston and Dwane at Elmwood.

Bill Carnicle of Lincoln spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnicle. Mrs. Clyde Haswell was a Thursday afternoon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Barney and Barbara of Lincoln were Sunday dinner guests at the Glen Thiessen home. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larkey and boys of Fremont were afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Tom Carnicle and children were Saturday morning visitors with Mrs. Jess Fidler and Elinor and at the Corbin Cox home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Streight attended the Ak-Sar-Ben horse races Monday at Omaha. They were evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Streight.

Mrs. Bernard Dill and Janice took Mrs. Fannie Christensen and Carolyn Wandland to the bus in Lincoln Thursday, where they left for their home in Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kitrell and Deborah of O'Fallon, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson of Ashland were Tuesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fidler, Elaine and Elinor.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Livers and Mrs. Glen Meese of Ashland were Friday evening visitors at the V. D. Livers home.

Mrs. Chryse Miller of Omaha visited her sister, Mrs. Wm. Thiele over the week-end.

Hazel Sack of Omaha spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sack.

Mrs. Ella Carson is visiting with relatives in Omaha this week. Visitors this week of James

Ten-Word INTELLIGRAM

- Check the correct word.
1. The world's fastest mile was recently run by Roger Bannister at (Oxford) (Cambridge) in England.
 2. Loss of memory is (amnesia) (agemia).
 3. The St. Lawrence Seaway will link the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Lake (Erie) (Ontario).
 4. (New York) (Los Angeles) is larger in area.
 5. A group of lions constitutes a (pride) (herd).
 6. Tomatoes were once called (love apples) (devil's fruit).
 7. Snakes (do) (do not) sting with their tongues.
 8. The Apostle, Luke (was) (was not) a physician.
 9. Some butterflies (do) (do not) have a floral fragrance.
 10. Largest living bird is the (ostrich) (South American condor).

Check your answers, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram

1—Oxford 2—Amnesia 3—Ontario 4—Los Angeles 5—Pride 6—Love apples 7—Do not 8—Was 9—Do 10—Ostrich

Dill, who is on the sick list, were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bannister of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Verne Dill of Lincoln; Rev. C. B. Howells of Ashland, Mr. and Sunday dinner guests at the F. J. Knecht home were Mrs. Sadie Shrader and Gerald of Nehawka and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wunderlich of Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kitrell and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Kitrell of Lincoln called on different ones around town Monday.

Vera Livers of Lincoln spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers.

Mrs. Rolland Cox returned home Friday from Bryan Memorial hospital after a recent appendectomy.

Mrs. Olive Moffitt and Mrs. Ples Proctor of Ashland accompanied Mrs. Glen Thiessen to Plattsmouth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish, Donna and Leon, visited Sunday evening with Mrs. Margaret Parrish and Mrs. Thompson at Ashland.

Mrs. Larry Carnicle and Mrs. S. F. Morris were among others attending the eighth grade graduation exercises at Plattsmouth last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosenmans and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grady at Greenwood.

Mrs. S. A. Ahlstrand spent last Saturday with her sister, Mrs. W. G. McKissick at Beatrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bassett attended the Unadilla alumni banquet Saturday evening.

The Andy Walberg family of Melrose, Iowa, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Walberg during the Memorial week-end.

Commissioning exercises were held at the University of Nebraska Monday for more than 200 Army, Navy and Air Force graduates including several Cass countians.

Commissioned in the infantry was William I. Ceel of Plattsmouth, while Carl P. Ofe also received a commission in the infantry.

William I. Ceel of Plattsmouth is to receive a commission in the regular army on June 15, and Donald D. Davis and Richard A. Huebner of Plattsmouth were commissioned second lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve.

Awarded a certificate of completion of Air Force ROTC work, with commissioning to be completed as active duty spaces become available, was Gerald H. Sharpnack of Plattsmouth.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Willard of Plainview, attended the Nebraska Conference of Methodist Churches at Lincoln and spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Willard's aunt and family, the Ivan Bassetts.

