

Gideon Planish

by Sinclair Lewis

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The Doctor's farewell to his recent boss, the Hon. Mr. Ernest Whyefish, was unexpected. He had pictured Soapie Ernest denouncing him as a traitor and sneak, but Ernest only caroled, "Going to be associated with Marduc, eh? I envy you. Now, Gid, you mustn't forget the happy times we've had here together, shoulder to shoulder to put over the principle of Christian giving, just like a joyful old-time prayer meeting, and let's see if we can't go on working together. Fix me up a lunch with old Marduc. God bless you, my boy. I never did find a fellow that I liked to work with better, and I hope your contributions will come rolling in like salmon in spring."

me to think of loafers and lower-bracketers like these actually having a vote, and deciding major issues. I keep trying to think of some way of combining absolute democracy—in which, of course, my father and I believe implicitly—keeping the decision in really important affairs in the hands of experts—like ourselves. I think I'll make that my next editorial in Attention!"

Pretty much everything was decided about the new organization except its name, and for what purpose it existed, if any.

Winifred Homeward proposed that there should be a federal police force—with her husband as chief. Governor Blizard proposed that a job be found for his cousin, Al Jones, a fine young fellow. But, as the godlike eye of Colonel Marduc perceived, eventually it was Dr. Planish who settled on the purposes and title for their new organization.

The title was "Dynamics of Democratic Direction," the title was always known as the DDD. Winifred was to be the first president; Sherry Belden, treasurer; and the "directing secretary" was Gideon Planish, M.A., Ph.D.

The DDD was to have a chapter, called a "powerhouse," in every community in America. Each of these was, under instruction from New York about the latest Conditions and Situations, to organize a Discussion Group, a Health Committee, a Gardening Unit, a History Class, an English Class for the Foreign born, an Investigation Group to report on local Fascists, and a committee to wangle free radio time. There was, of course, to be a national magazine, but it never did get started. The whole scheme, in fact—to supplement the federal and state and town governments and the entire Christian church by a new Soviet headed by Colonel Marduc—was beyond criticism, even carping criticism. Dr. Planish summed it up in a private memo to the Colonel: "All ordinary citizens, especially those west of Buffalo, need instruction and direction in becoming thoroughly democratic from trained thinkers like ourselves. When we have given our democracy to the entire nation, then America will enforce it on the rest of the world. That is our basic idea."

The basic idea behind this basic idea would be that Dr. Planish was to have a secure \$100-a-week job, which would some day become a \$200-a-week job, and Tom Blizard and old Charley Marduc were to enjoy being known as great statesmen, and Charley's horsy-looking girl, Winifred, was to have an audience whenever she got hungry for one, and Peony and the United States of America were to enjoy one unending Christmas morning.

In the haven of the Dynamics of Democratic Direction, Dr. Planish passed three serene years, from late in 1938 until December, 1941, while the rest of the world was not so serene.

(To Be Continued)

SLASHING OF FCC FUNDS IS SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Federal Communications Commission found itself the target today of the first congressional economy drive of 1944.

Aroused over Commission Chairman James L. Fly's refusal to testify fully before a special house committee investigating his agency, a bi-partisan house group moved to chop FCC funds in the \$2,500,000,000 independent offices supply bill slated for passage today.

FCC funds for the fiscal year starting July 1 already have been trimmed about 20 per cent by the house appropriations committee, but that failed to satisfy the agency's foes.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. WILLIAMS

"I TRAIL YOU FAR TO FIND GOD OF WISDOM AND MAGIC—BRING HIM TO OLD PICKLE FACTORY ALONE TONIGHT AND BE REWARDED—TELL POLICE AND YOU DIE IN YOUR SLEEP!"

"THE COBRA."

"GREAT CAESAR! WHAT A DREAD MESSAGE!"

"THIS PROVES MY FORE-BODING OF EVIL!"

"BUT WAIT! COULD THE NOTE BE ANOTHER MORON PRANK BY THOSE ORANG-OUTANG BOARDERS?"

"IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A FORM LETTER!"

"1/2 POUND HIGH PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT AND 1/2 POUND OATS MAKES A 32 PER CENT SUPPLEMENT WHICH WILL APPROXIMATE ONE POUND MAKE 1/20 COTTON SEED."

"WELL TRY THAT FOR 150 DAYS AND SEE IF WE CAN'T MAKE 1/20 GAIN PER HEAD."

"PORE OL' SUGAR! IT'S JUST HIT HIM THAT YUH GOT TO BE A DIETITIAN AN' MATHEMATICIAN TO RUN A COW OUTFIT NOW—AN WHUT TIME T'EST GITTIN' A EDUCATION!"

"NO TELLING ABOUT LADIES—SOME LIKE A HUSBAND WHO KNOWS HOW THEY USED TO DO SO THEY CAN ENJOY NOT DOING IT!"

THE MAVERICK

WASH TUBS—STILL ON THE FENCE—

By LESLIE TURNER

"WHAT SORT OF A CHAP IS THIS WEAB WERE GOING TO SEE, MAJOR?"

"SHREWD, CLEVER, BUT STUBBORN AS A MULE, COLONEL! POPULAR WITH HIS PEOPLE, TOO! IF HE GAVE THE WORD HE COULD RALLY THOUSANDS AGAINST THE JAPS!"

"TROUBLE IS HE'S CROCHETY BECAUSE HIS INDEPENDENCE PLAN WAS TURNED DOWN... TOO IMPRACTICAL, I SUPPOSE. ANYHOW, WE'VE GOT TO WIN HIM OVER BEFORE THE JAPS DO!"

"SURELY HE'S NOT PRO-JAP?"

"NO, HE'S TOO SMART! BUT THEY'RE WORKING ON HIM... WE'RE SURE OF THAT!"

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RED RYDER—FRIEND OR FOE?

By FRED HARMAN

"WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ME A PRISONER?"

"ME BEARCLAIN, MEDICINE MAN, AND GENEVY OF RED RYDER—"

"—YOU SUFFER BECAUSE HIM REDDLE IN MY TRIBAL AFFAIRS?"

"THE WHITE SQUAW CAN NOT ESCAPE—COME, I TELL YOU, SHE'S EVIL ONE WHO PLAGUES US!"

"PUT AS THE TWO CUNNING INDIANS LEAVE ALICE, AND SHE STEALS TO HER TENT!"

RED RYDER

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES—YIPE!

By EDGAR MARTIN

"LITTLE LIZA'S COMIN' IN TODAY, MISS B! PAWS DONE PERKED UP AHEADY!"

"THAT'S SWEET, MAMMIE LOU!"

"AH! BE MOWTY PROUD 'TSET EYE ON THET LEETLE HEIFER AGIN!"

"THAT THEY BE NAOW THEY?"

"WHY, SHORE! LIZA'S TOO YOUNG TGO TRAPSN' ROUN' BY HERSEF!"

"MAM BROTHER SAMPSON BRUNG 'ER!"

BOOTS

ALLEY OOP—HE'S WISE!

By V. T. HAMLIN

"I DUNNO—HE'S STOPPED DOWN 'EM TRAIL!"

"HEV' WHAT'S 'TH MATTER WITH THAT GINK? WHY DOESN'T HE COME ON!"

"I DUNNO—HE'S STOPPED DOWN 'EM TRAIL!"

"D'YA RECKON US HE MIGHT BE 'TH TOUGHEST ONE OF ALL TO HANDLE!"

"WELL BUILD A FIRE UNDER HIM, PINK A GOOD LUSTY SQUALL OUTTA 'EM!"

"YOU GOT IT? I NEVER SEEN A GUY THAT WASN'T A SAPPY FOR A GAL'S SCREAM!"

"LUMMA JUST WHAT I THOUGHT! I DIDN'T WALK INTO THEIR TRAP 'TIL THEY PUT 'EM HEAT ON 'EM!"

"THY DIRTY RATS!"

"OKAY! THAT'LL BRING 'EM SOME ACTION BUT NOT JUST 'TIL WE'VE GOT 'EM EXPECTIN'!"

ALLEY OOP

POPEYE—TAKING A LOAD OFF OSCAR'S FEET—

"THAT'S RIGHT, OSCAR, YA GIVE US THE CADENSK!"

"HUP HUP HUP!"

"WE ONLY GOT 85 MILES!"

"OH, MY GORSH—IT'S SWELLIN'!"

"HUP-HUP-HUP-HUP!"

POPEYE

BLONDIE—PREMATURE CANCELLATION!

By CHIC YOUNG

"GOOD! I'VE GOT ENOUGH STAMPS TO GET MY LETTERS IN THE MAIL RIGHT AWAY!"

"COOKE WANTS TO LOCK 'EM UP ON THE ENVELOPES!"

"OKAY! THEY'RE ALL ON THE TABLE!"

"BLONDIE—WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SHE WAS LEAVING HER DESSERT?"

"SHE CANCELLED ALL THE STAMPS WITH THAT CHOCOLATE PUDDING!"

BLONDIE

Sinatra Sings "Shoo Shoo" Song Wednesday

"Shoo Shoo Baby," one of the top popular swing tunes of the day, will receive a special rendition when Frank Sinatra features the number on his Wednesday night program, at 8 p. m., EST over WABC. As previously announced, Frank's guest of the evening will be Hollywood's top-flight movie director and radio producer, Cecil B. DeMille. Judy Canova, whose hillbilly English isn't exactly what Monty Woolley taught his students at Yale, will enlighten "the beard" on Ozark culture when she appears as his guest Wednesday evening, at 7 p. m., EST, over WABC.

The "Musicians in the Rue Morgue," Edgar Allan Poe's mysterious masterpiece, slightly expurgated to bring out the talent as well as the goose-pimples of the trio of amateurs who will vie for the \$1,001 major award, will be the vehicle used on the "Star for a Night" show, Wednesday, at 9:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ.

Kay Kyser and his "College of Musical Knowledge" mark the beginning of their seventh year on the air for the same sponsor, when they air their broadcast from the Army infantry base at San Luis Obispo, Calif., on Wednesday at 9 p. m. over Station WEAJ. Sharing the spotlight with Kyser and the quiz contestants will be Georgia Carroll, Harry Babbitt, and the "College of Musical Knowledge."

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THREE OHIOANS RATE HIGH AMONG PILOTS

U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, Feb. 2—(AP)—Three Ohioans rank among the first four in the highest-scoring American fighter group in Britain which just shot down its 204th German plane.

Of the aces in the group, top man is Lt. Col. Walker M. Mahurin of Fort Wayne, Ind., with 15 planes to his credit, followed by Lt. Gen. D. Schiltz of North Canton, credited with eight planes.

DIVIDEND DECLARED BY OHIO STANDARD

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 2—(AP)—The Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a common share, payable March 10, to stockholders of record Feb. 29. Dividends of \$1.25 on five per cent cumulative preferred stock, and \$1.06 on 4 1/2 per cent cumulative convertible preferred stock, both payable April 15, to holders of record March 31, also were declared.

HEALTH QUIZ

Do you have poor digestion? YES NO

Do you feel headachy after eating?

Do you get sour or upset easily?

Do you feel tired—listless?

Now everyone knows that to get the good out of the food you eat—you must digest it properly. But what most people don't know is that Nature must produce about two pints of the digestive juice—liver bile—each day to help digest your food. If Nature fails—your food may remain undigested—lie sour and heavy in your digestive tract.

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One way we can ALL do this is through the Fourth War Loan. Uncle Sam asks us to "buy an extra bond" during this campaign, and also to increase our payroll allotment for the systematic purchase of bonds.

You can buy your "extra bond" from your local bank or postoffice. Or you can buy it through the B & O by using the payroll allotment card and ordering the denomination bond you wish purchased from your February pay.

You can also sign a new card to increase the monthly investments you are making for War Bonds, if you desire.

Don't forget—they are offering to give their all. What are we willing to lend?

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Starts INSTANTLY to relieve SORE THROAT

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