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The House Hitches Its Faith

A week ago, The Wisconsin State Journal warned: "If the lawmakers continue to trifle with that prime foolishness known as the Cavity bill on 'un-American' activities, a great deal of faith in this legislature's intelligence and intention will be severely shaken."



Our Town News of Your Neighbors Gathered by The State Journal Staff Edited by Russell B. Pyre

Today, it is a pleasure to commend the assembly for taking a hitch in that public faith by reversing itself and slapping down the Cavity bill by the man-sized vote of 57 to 25.

That is good sense. And, though a motion to reconsider the death vote still hangs over the house, the strength of its decision indicates that the assemblymen will not abandon wisdom when the moment for final disposition arrives.

A good day's work, gentlemen. May your weekend's rest be sunny and comfortable.

Miracles and Tragedies

When attendants led all but one of 230 mental patients safely from a fire-swept wing of Northern Washington state hospital, the superintendent breathed a prayer of thanks "for a miracle."

Like Wisconsin's Mendota, Northern Washington was a fire-trap.

"It is a blessing," said Superintendent Keller, "that we have had weekly fire drills here."

Like Mendota? No, not like Mendota.

Mendota, in the first place, can't count nearly enough attendants to unstrap, unlock, and lead to safety its 800 patients in a night fire.

And Mendota never has had a night fire drill after patients have been put to bed. It has never had evacuation of the wards in any fire drill.

Bob Murphy, the new attorney-member of the police and fire commission, has been taking a lot of kidding about his "police powers" since his appointment three weeks ago.

One night recently, a friend offered Murphy a ride up to the square from a meeting at the University club. "I've always wanted to go 70 miles an hour up State st. and not be arrested for it... and now's the time to try it while I've got the protection of a police commissioner in the car."

Then to top all the kidding, Murphy's law partners, Steve Gavin, Jr., Prof. J. H. Buscher, and Perry J. Armstrong, connived in the idea of having cards printed and passing them out to Murphy's friends.

The cards read, "I know Commissioner Murphy."

While teaching an extension class at Wauwatosa, E. G. Doudna kidded the students about bringing "an apple for teacher."

How to Beat Tax Collector PARIS—(ONA)—The average French tax collector is a particularly formidable public servant: he almost never gives up, and he usually gets his man—and his money.

One such collector had for long been trying to catch up with an elusive gent named Rene Delbos, who for some time has owned the republic 895 francs, 80 centimes. The other day, at long last, the collector received a letter from Rene, in reply to series of duns.

Finally, he wrote that the overdue tax was a subject of profound indifference to him, as well as the threat of a 15-day jail sentence if he didn't fork up, and he challenged the collector to try to collect. The official had to confess failure, for once, inquiry disclosed that Rene was serving a life sentence at hard labor in the Ile de Re dungeon in the Bay of Biscay.

preserver into the basement of their home at the jail and dunked it into a large tub of water for laundering. The life preserver sank to the bottom of the tub!

Grin and Bear It By Lichty



"Does the full coverage in the policy you sold us include breaking the news to my husband?"

Hunger Exceeds Supplies of Food

Russ Hope to Outwit Us, Make It Worse in Germany

By MARQUIS CHILDS WASHINGTON — DIVIDING THE available supply of food by the world's hunger, you still come out with a deficit. Food officials are working out that painful arithmetic for the third quarter of this year.

It's a grim business. The list of countries—and it's a long one—is checked and rechecked over and over again. The demands and the entreaties are balanced against crop predictions and weather reports.

RUNNING A PENCIL DOWN THAT list, you come to Germany—the British and United States zones. The two zones are put down for 1,000,000 tons of wheat and corn for July, August, and September.

This will cost an estimated \$75,000,000. Just below Germany is Japan, which is down for 500,000 tons of grain. Both figures are pared to a minimum, reduced to bare necessities. They mean, particularly in Germany, a dietary level dangerously low.

If this was to be the last allocation for Germany, our top policy-makers would feel that the millennium had arrived. It is what stretches ahead in the distant future that has them worried. They know there is a definite limit beyond which the American people will not continue to pay for the deficit in divided Germany.

THE RUSSIANS ARE HOPING TO wait us out and then take over all of Germany for Communism. Secretary of State George C. Marshall worked at Moscow to get a higher industrial level for western Germany through cooperation with France and Britain.

Despite the current squabble between the American commander in the American zone and the British commander in the British zone, plans are being developed for greater German output. The hope is to push the level of industrial production at least high enough to restore Germany's production of fertilizer.

Unless this can be done, the bottomless pit of German hunger will have to be filled for an infinity of time out of the American granary and the American treasury.

IT IS NOT MERELY THAT THE RUSSIANS have failed to send food from their food-producing zone into the American-British industrial zones. The trouble goes deeper than that. Confidential reports to the state and agriculture departments here indicate that the bread basket of eastern Germany is suffering from the blight of war and collectivization.

Whenever this last happens, production is invariably retarded, at least until the peasants can be brought to operate their small holdings on some sort of collective basis. The disintegration in this one rich region is said to be very far advanced.

THERE IS ANOTHER SERIOUS REASON why food should be so short in the industrial areas of the western zones. Farmers are keeping back their produce, as Gen. Lucius D. Clay made clear in his last monthly report. They can get little or nothing in exchange for what they grow, and so they hoard it.

The dietary level on German farms in the British and U. S. zones is said to be as high as in the United States. Gen. Clay has suggested that occupation troops might be able to compel farmers to market their crops. But this is bound to be difficult. Through centuries of disaster the European peasant has learned to conceal his food with the tenacity of a squirrel.

A confidential report from Japan indicates that the same condition exists there, in even more exaggerated form. Japanese farmers are not bringing their produce to the towns. A food deficit sharpened by the destruction of the war is thus deepened. The situation is so serious, according to this latest report, that it threatens to undermine the American occupation in spite of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's best efforts.

GERMANY AND JAPAN WERE ONCE centers of a vast output of goods that entered into the stream of world trade. Until that production is restored in part or until we strike some sort of new balance, we shall be under a constant threat of ever-recurring crises.

YESTERDAYS

(25 Years Ago... May 10, 1922) Final arrangements for a new Catholic church on the west side have been completed and it is expected the site for the building will be located within two weeks. The church will be under the care of the Dominican Fathers of the province of St. Joseph.

(15 Years Ago... May 10, 1932) Premier Andre Tardieu handed the resignation of himself and his cabinet to Albert Lebrun, newly elected president of France, today.

A son was born yesterday at Madison General hospital to Prof. and Mrs. Harold M. Groves.

(10 Years Ago... May 10, 1937) Paul Muni and Miriam Hopkins are playing in "The Woman I Love" at the Orpheum theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McDonald were injured in an automobile accident.

HEY! THIS ONE'S MINE! Just when we think we've got the word by the tail we discover somebody else with the same idea.—A. A. L.

SAY WHEN The trouble with inflation is that we don't know when to stop blowing.—A. A. L.

U.S. Broadcasts to Russia May Double

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The state department plans to double its present one hour daily radio broadcasts to Russia and China if congress approves funds for opening the "Voice of America" program after June 30, it was learned Friday.

Kenneth Fry, chief of the department's international broadcasting division, has informed the house appropriations subcommittee of the proposed two-hour programs. Increases also were proposed in some other programs voiced daily in 25 foreign languages.

The subcommittee and the full house appropriations committee have recommended that the broadcasts be stopped June 30.

Fry said the state department was getting "constant" requests from listeners in Balkan and Southeast Asia areas that the length of the programs be increased. Mail received from listeners in 67 countries, he added, "is increasing very rapidly."

Rep. Karl Stefan (R-Meb.), chairman of the subcommittee, questioned Fry at length on financial aspects of the radio programs, including the proposed construction of two radio transmitters at Tangier and Liberia. Fry said they eventually would replace a transmitter at Munich.

Stefan charged Thursday that the international information and cultural activities section of the state department was a "nest of alien-minded radicals." He said the employees "are more interested in distributing to the world their extremist propaganda than they are in presenting an honest picture of America and its foreign policy."

Barclay on Bridge

By SHEPARD BARCLAY It is a mistake to let your opponents buy contracts too cheaply. If you can push them out beyond their depth or edge them out by bidding something which your own side can make, that is far better than letting them get a neat little partial score.

double is a great mechanism. Used only by the player whose cards would close the auction, it indicates only moderate strength and the hope that his own side may be able to make a modest contract. But in so doing, the mere possession of it saves the side from having to attempt risky overcalls.

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Other new officers are: George A. Martiny, generalissimo; seven Rinkos, cashiers; George A. Weber, treasurer; John W. Warner, prelate; Richard A. Heitman, senior warden; John I. Gibbs, junior warden; Henry T. Siebert, recorder; George Timbham, standard bearer; Gordon Cline, word bearer; John Duval, word bearer; Oscar Douglas, sentinel; and E. L. Deas, and Albert J. Hazen, trustees.

Tonight's Aces



MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN WBBM at 8

Music 7:30 p. m. — Saturday Night Serenade (WBBM): Hollice Shaw, Bill Perry, others; "I Love You Truly," "Mother of Mine," "The Great Come-and-Get-It Day," "I'll See You in My Dreams."

8 p. m. — Theater of the Air (WGN): Bruce Foote, Virginia Parker, and Earle Wilkie in "The Three Musketeers."

8:30 p. m. — Wayne King (WBBM): "The Waltz You Saved for Me," "My Mother's Waltz," "Emperor Waltz," "My Adobe Hacienda," "I Love You Truly," Brahms' "Cradle Song."

Drama 8 p. m. — Life of Riley (WMAQ): Chester and mother chosen typical mother and son (on WIBA at 8:30).

8:30 p. m. — Mayor of the Town (WBBM): Lionel Barrymore, Agnes Moorehead, Conrad Blynn; Marily and Butch rehearse for a cantata.

7:30 p. m. — Family Theater (WGN): story of Fr. Serra's California missions.

8 p. m. — This is Hollywood (WBBM): Maureen O'Sullivan and Richard Greene in "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Favorite Story (WMAQ): Ronald Colman, others in Pushkin's "The Queen of Spades."

Variety 8 p. m. — Vaughn Monroe (WBBM): with Shirley Booth, Stroud twins, "We Knew It All the Time," "It's Dream Time," "The Way You Look Tonight."

Quiz 6 p. m. — Twenty Questions (WGN): with Hank Gowdy of New York Giants.

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WIBA TONIGHT 8:00 Youth Council, 8:30 Grand Ole Opry, 9:00 East by East, 9:30 Your Hit Parade, 1:30 Can You Top This

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OTHER STATIONS TONIGHT Family Theater WGN, Serenade WBBM, Ray Kassel WBBM, Bill Bishop WBBM, Guy Lombardo WGN, Story of Music WBBM, Herbie Fields WBBM, Arne Barnett WBBM, Major Tom WBBM, Barn Dances WLS, Barnyard WBBM, Grand Ol' Opry WMAQ, Mac and Bob WBBM, Wayne King WBBM, Club of Town WBBM, Blues Sings WBBM, Hit Parade WBBM, Jamboree WBBM, Mighty Casey WGN, Bill Gowdy WBBM, Party Time WBBM, Can You Top This? WMAQ, Jamboree WLS, High Adventure WBBM

WIBA SUNDAY MORNING 7:00 News Roundup, 7:30 Scary to Scary, 8:00 Sacred Heart, 8:30 Voice of Army, 8:30 Capital Cathedral, 8:45 Hero's of Veterans, 8:50 Sunday Devotions, 9:15 Pat Parade, 9:30 Bethel Church, 10:00 United Church, 10:15 Socialist Party, 10:30 Sunday School, 10:45 Holiday Tunes, 11:00 News, 11:15 First Cong. Church

AFTERNOON 12:00 Music at Noon, 12:15 News, 12:30 Hello Wisconsin, 12:30 Invitation to Spring, 1:30 Parade, 1:45 One Man's Family, 2:00 Quis Kids, 2:30 Robert Merrill, 3:00 Symphony, 3:30 Harvest of Stars, 4:00 Bob Burns, 4:30 Jack Benny, 5:30 Backwash

WHA SUNDAY 2:00 Encore, 2:30 Freedom Forum, 3:00 Matinee Music, 3:30 Post Art Quarter, 4:00 News, 4:30 Reflective Readings, 4:35 Symphony Hall, 4:45 California Melodics, 5:30 News

OTHER STATIONS SUNDAY CHARLIE MCCARTHY WMAQ, Voices of Strings WGN, Crime Doctor WBBM, 12:30 Family Music, Lutheran Laymen WBBM, The Unknown WGN, Corlies Archer WBBM, Mrs. G. W. WBBM, Merry Go Round WMAQ, News Forum WBBM, Louella Parsons WBBM, Great of Nothing WGN, Tony Martin WBBM, 8:30 Musical WBBM, Familiar Music WMAQ, NU Flapshot WBBM, Policewoman WBBM, G. Heatter WBBM, Phil Baker WBBM, Teacher Guild WBBM, Don Amiche WBBM, Jack Benny WBBM, Wayne King WBBM, Labor Deals WMAQ, Sandwager WBBM, Answer Man WGN, For Those We Speak WMAQ, Army Three WBBM, Peoples Program WBBM, Phil Levant WBBM, Bob Burns WBBM, Mrs. G. W. WBBM, Synchronic WBBM, Art Kassel WBBM, Marty Goff WBBM, Night Music WBBM, Don McGraw WBBM, Grand Marquee WBBM, Griff Williams WGN, Herbie Fields WBBM, Fine Art Quarter WBBM, Promenade WBBM, Arne Barnett WBBM, Arne Barnett WBBM, Guy Lombardo WBBM, David Lewis WBBM, Billy Bishop WBBM, Night Music WBBM, Music of the World WBBM, Off to the Races WBBM, Phil Levant WBBM, News Concerto WBBM

Information for Veterans (From VA, 44b State St.) Q. Is it true that a wounded veteran with a leg that is pierced with screws can get a new car from the VA? A. Any veteran who has suffered the loss, or loss of use, of a leg at or above the ankle is entitled to a car at government expense. These cases where no actual amputation exists must be determined by the VA as to whether they meet the provision of "loss of use" of the leg.

Ten States Notify U. S. of Ratification of Two-Term Limit WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Ten states have formally notified the state department of their ratification of a proposed constitutional amendment limiting presidential tenure to 10 years. Formal notices have been received from Maine, Iowa, Illinois, Vermont, New Hampshire, Kansas, California, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

State Service to List Resort Job Applicants State employment service offices will act as "clearing houses" for applicants for summer resort jobs, Harry Lippart, state director, announced today. Starting Monday, weekly lists of applicants from all parts of the state will be sent to employment service offices in Ashland, Green Bay, Eau Claire, Marinette, Rhinelander, Superior, and Wausau so that resort and hotel owners can find out what workers are available.

Tavern Here Has Electrically Cleaned Air Electrically cleaned air is being pumped into the Wisconsin tavern here equipped with a device for the precipitation of dust, smoke, pollen, and bacteria from the air is said to be that of Edward Corcoran, 2605 University ave. All air is circulated through a 12,000 volt electric field which removes particles as small as 1/250,000 of an inch in diameter.