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Familiar Red Herrings

The forgotten man, who belongs to no labor union and owns no factory, is being subjected to a barrage of bitter arguments and counter-arguments...

Coverage

The old Manchester Guardian, a sort of Bible to British readers, has protested the location of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Organization in San Francisco...

Terminology

The steady contraction of the interval between wars poses a good many collateral problems, including one for the geographers. It is not possible to look at a map and tell whether he meant the Spanish-American or World War when he tossed off a casual reference to The War...

Beyond Pity

When the guards came into his cell at Nuremberg, Goering told him that he was a Reichsmarschall. Goering grabbed his fat sides and burst out laughing. "Good riddance," he said. "He was no good anyway."

Statesmen At Work

THE SENATE was debating the repeal of the excess profits tax and the excess business tax. Mr. CONNALLY said that the measure had been passed by the House...

The Merry-Go-Round

NAVY DAY was a thrill for thousands here at home, but not for a million others going to see on Pacific Islands or twiddling their thumbs in Europe for transportation home.

Transportation has come to be the biggest bottleneck of the whole discharge system. And what bumps men up is to see transportation squandered by officials while they are powerless to do more.

A total of 600 German horses were loaded on the SS Stephen Austin at Bremerhaven for transportation back to Fort Riley, Kans. The Army's Cavalry School, many of them were race horses. Not only did the horses take up more space on the ship which could have carried GIs, but an airplane-load of brass hats flew across the Atlantic from Fort Riley to Bremerhaven.

Last week-end, top Air Transport Command officers gave No. 1 priority for three Army pilots to carry football personnel from Nashville to Washington. Of course, this was in connection with the AFC football game, but the boys sitting on Eniwetok or Saipan can't play football, and airplanes could help to bring them home.

Ship Carries Ballast The other day a Liberty ship, the Connie L. Khovton, arrived in Baltimore from Germany bringing 42 soldiers and 1,000 tons of ballast. It's true that Liberty ships are not equipped as troop-carriers, but soldiers don't care much how they travel if they are coming home.

At San Mateo, Calif., two rare horses were flown from Los Angeles. This was a commercial trip, but the boys overseas wonder why airplanes can be spared for such unimportant field. Col. E. G. Simpson used two big cargo planes on a trip to his home in North Dakota to visit his parents. One of the planes was used to fly to the rescue of the other when the first went bad at Terry Haute, Ind. The Colonel even carried a jeep inside the first plane to scare up pheasants after he got to North Dakota.

Colonel Simpson had been in Europe for a long time. His parents live in North Dakota, and nobody would begrudge him a visit home—especially since General Marshall and Gen. Hap Arnold also flew out for their homes.

But the thing the brass hats don't seem to realize is the effect all this flying around in big planes has on the men who would like to use those same planes to fly home. Until rank favoritism is eliminated, the general will have a hard time building up the new 4,000,000-man army proposed by George Marshall—unless Congress rains it down the GIs' throats.

10,000 Robinson Crusoes Eniwetok, Atoll in mid-Pacific is just 100 miles long, one-half mile wide. On it are crammed nearly 10,000 U. S. Sailors and Marines, failing all over each other.

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON On the beach, hunting shells, building, waiting for this or that to take them home. On the island, Seabees are waiting a 3,000-man laundry, though no more than 500 men will ever be stationed on Eniwetok. They are also building a 3,000-man ice cream plant, a gigantic garage and hospital and luxurious quonset huts for senior officers, with flush toilet.

A conference of officers was held the other day to discuss ways to get the Eniwetok Navy. A senior Annapolis officer gave a pep talk. Among other things he said: "Any enlisted man who does not wear a complete outfit at all times will be put on ten days bread and water."

Where can you get a better job than in the Navy," he asked. "I am going to be pensioned at \$4,500 a year from now."

The boys on Eniwetok don't want to join the regular Navy. They want to be in the Navy. They collect shells and look for ships, watch high-ranking Admirals fly home in special planes and hear about U. S. harbors crowded with idle ships on Navy Day. Most of all they wonder what's become of Admiral King's "magic carpet" with Navy Day it seems to have stopped moving.

Congressmen at Vatican

When House appropriations committee investigators stopped off to see the Pope in Rome on their way from a recent round-the-world tour, the Pontiff received them cordially and inquired about the health of his visitors.

"We're all fine," replied Stocky, fullback-built Representative Albert J. Engel, Michigan Republican. "Not one of us has been ill on this tour and the same applies to our families—with one exception."

The Generalist who presented him with a baby girl yesterday. The Pope congratulated General Mitchell and said that in addition to giving his blessing to those present at a recent round-the-world tour, the Pontiff received them cordially and inquired about the health of his visitors.

Tennessee Atomic Energy

A friend asked Representative Percy Priest of Tennessee who graduated into politics from the city room of the Nashville Tennessean, how far the awesome atomic bomb factory at Oak Ridge, Tenn., was from his home.

"Doesn't it make you nervous to be that close to the cradle of the most destructive weapon in the world?" asked the friend.

"Not at all," chirruped Priest. "This bomb doesn't frighten us. People in Tennessee have always been noted for their atomic energy."

"That may be true," wicker-cracked young Congressman Owen Harris of Arkansas, "but judging by some recent explosions in your country, the Tennessee politicians are keeping things about as split up as the atom in the Oak Ridge plant."



"The first line shows the rise in our employees' wages the last four years; the parallel line indicates the Board of Directors' blood pressure!"

The Time To Fight

Relations between Congress and Mr. Truman are less tense, they are superficially more amiable, but it is the sad amiability which lies between unloving contestants, both of whom no one knows the place of.

A FALSE ISSUE

One truth, at least, looms up out of the mess, and that is that there has been something false from the beginning in the entire issue of "cooperation" as between Congress and the President. This has been a struggle for power, not for cooperation.

It is hard to believe, but Mr. Truman's relations with Congress are, on the whole, worse than Mr. Roosevelt's. The President has wooed Congress with words.

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This Way Out!



Popular Support For UNRRA

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