George Sokolsky

Aid to China Foes Ignore Real Issue

CAME across a very good line L by Bugen Kogon, a German auther who had speck many years in Buchenwald for having been wrong in the selection of his parests. Kogon wrote:

"No statesman, no economist, no teacher, no writer, nebody with common sense at all still would live in freedom, if erroneous ideas were to be punished with life imprisonment, or death. We would all have to jail and kill each oth-

O ME of the most curishs photendency to delly man and to humanine God. It is in a measure responsible for the mihitism of our youth, Nevertheless, some very wrong ideas do persist. One of them is Hitler's "leadership" idea -the concept that those who emerge to power in the State are experier people.

Journalists, like myself, know these who rise to power well, as we see them so as the ladder. We age them when they lawn on every person who has a vote or a few inches of white paper on which to print their names. We see them when they begin to mimoograph their species, usually written by others. We see these when they are able to buy a better suit of cipthes and when their wives begin to pin gardenies and then orbids on themselves. We see tipen when they catch the first rung up the ladder-and when a secretary answers the telephone. And then it is a sad story up to the place where a male secretary makes appointments with difficulty. At that point, the little feller thinks he is a man-God. Winston Churchill's classic remark concerning Sir Stafford Cripps; goes Ged," fits perfectly.

THERE comes a time when the L nublic somehow begins to believe the big shot's conception of himself. His ideas take on an importance which is not inherent in them. His stupidities become the mark of genius. His brutalities are justified by his high purpose. He delivers cliches and the multitude cheers itself boarse.

Arthur Streeter, who is on the advisory council of the British Zone of Germany, writing of the Nasi

"Do you know today, at least in America, that hundreds of thousands of men and women entered the party out of fear of the party and only for the sake of being left in page?"

TURNOUSLY, we went through jess election. On Monday night, time what assaiting of the Presibut on Wednesday merning, he was "the cleansp." I am not discussing Mr. Truman's qualities; I am describing the curious attitude of people with false ideas or no ideas who always follow the current of the moment. They drift with the current, no matter where the current leads to. Maybe it is easier that way than to try to think things out.

It is what the Communists call "the party line." All of a sudden, everyhody seems to say the same thing. By this constant repetition of an identical attitude and statement, by what seems to be the preponderance of evidence, v wholly false idea can come to be accepted.

FOR instance, as soon as Ma-dame Chiang Kai-shek anneunced that she was coming to this country, an unbellevably ugly smear campaign started. The purpose was, of course, to increase the difficulties of her mission. But the problem that faced the United States at that mement was not the visit of Madame Chiang but the conquest of China by Soviet Rus-

It was on that question that a decision had to and still has to be made. History does not wait until the laxy-minded reach decisions. But the line was: smear the lady and give us time. Stalin made the line increasingly ridiculous by his victories. A wrong idea thunkly expeace Macif.

Washington Background

Tobin Confesses Perkins Filled Him With Awe

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. ECRETARY OF LABOR MAURICE J. TOBIN recalls that when he was Governor of Massachusetts he used to be pretty scared of Frances Perkins, who then held the Cabinet post he now occupies.

When I used to get invitations from Miss Perkins to send delegates to the National Conference on Labor Legislation, which she started, I used to do just what she asked me to-I'd send Jim Moriarity, our Labor Commisstoner," Tobin says.

"Little did I think then that I would be wearing her shoes and sending out invitations to similar conferences on my own."

Last Sunday was the 15th anniversary of repeal of the Prohibition Amendment, and, according to Department of Commerce figures, the post-repeal years have not been the hardest drinking years in the history of the United States. Despite the popular belief that the country started on a prolonged spree the minute the legal barroom came back, per capita consumption of hard liquor has been declining.

Peak consumption, according to the official figures, was in 1860, when the per canita swizzle was 2.86 gailons. There were MAURICE J. TOBIN no official figures for per capita consump-

tion during prohibition, but if the estimates of the Wickersham Committee can be trusted, we came closer to the 1800 peak then than we have since repeal. The Wickersham Committee report for the year ending June 30, 1930, estimated per capita consumption at 2.28 gallons.

In the pre-prohibition year 1917 we were down to 1.62 gallons. In 1941 we were drinking only 1.04 per capita; in 1944 1.03 and in 1947 1.30. Deaths from alcoholism also have declined, from 4 to the 160,000 of population in 1927 to 1.6 in 1946.

Come Christmas Eve, President Truman will leave Blair House, walk across the street to the south lawn of the White House and switch on the lights of the national Christmas troe. This ceremony, witnessed by thousands in the past, was started in 1923 when President Coolidge was the eccupant of the White House. In that year the national tree, cut in the Vermont woods, was mounted in the Elipse, south of the White House grounds. After that, until 1941, the tree was set up in Lafayetic Square, directly north of the White House. Since 1941 two large living evergreens in the White House south lawn have been decerated as the national Yuletide symbol.

Which is the vain sex? At the National Press Club's "Father and Daughter" dinner the other night Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, and Walter Pidgeon, the movie actor, were asked to draw numbers from a bowl for the distribution of floor prizes to the daughters.

Pidgeon reached into the bowl, pulled out a number and scowled at it.

Miss Truman dug-into her handbag, pulled out a pair of spectacles and handed them to Pidgeon. The actor donned the cheaters and called off the number.

Running through an accumulation of papers on our desk the other day we ran across a brochure by George Gallup, director of the Gallup poll, entitled, "Accuracy of modern polling techniques

in making election forecasts."
"The high degree of accuracy achieved provides ample proof of the reliability of sampling procedures," said the first para-

It was dated April, 1948. We decided to turn it over to the House Committee on Disposition of Useless Papers. -Edited by John C. O'Brien.

want and learn what they'll get.

. . . Despite this close lisison,

the union political action com-

mittees insist they are tied to no

one party. A week or so ago, at

the Fortland, Ore., Republican

club's invitation Jack Kroll, PAC

Chief, told several hundred G.O.

P. leaders that PAC is not com-

mitted to any party and is free to

endorse Republican candidates-

if they are of Sen. Wayne Morse's

type. . . Incidentally, veteran

Oregon Republicans plan to fight

Morse in 1950 for the party's nomi-

THERE is strong feeling in some

APL circles that the CIO is

weak financially, especially in the

South and West, and it can be

predicted that the powerful AFL

unions will open war this year on

CIO in those regions—a raiding

war which will spread into the

Watch, too, for a new invasion

of the labor field by tough mobs.

. . . For 30 years Communist prop-

agandists and "newspapermen"

have been attacking their critics

as "fascists," "anti-Semites."

thieves and bribe-takers. Now the

whistle's being blown on them. Li-

bel suits against Communist pub-

lications have been launched and

a long overdue outfit, "The Com-

mittee Against Communist De-

famation." has been started. . .

A ND look to England, not Berlin, for the newest Communist

offensive. In Britain's key heavy

industry areas-Hull, Leeds, Shef-

field among other spots—the Com-

mica' labor councils have orders

from abroad to call "peace con-

ferences." . . The London Dis-

trict of the Communist Party, act-

ing on the manifesto of the Party

executive, has called on the peo-

ple of London to organize mass

demonstrations at every factory.

having grabbed off as much as

they think they can get now have

ordered their disciplined satellite

parties to "create" peace senti-

ment behind the Western govern-

ment lines so nothing will be taken

from the Comrades by force in

COMMHOW actors, stage, screen

D and radio performers and

wrestlers were excluded from U.S.

treaties with foreign nations which

prevent citizens earning money in

two countries from being taxed

twice. Now the AFL has promised

its entertainment guilds that it

will insist that one of the ways

Mr. Truman repay labor for its

votes will be the inclusion of the

actors-and the wrestlers, too, I

Also the AFL will fight for re-

peal of the amusement admittance

tax. The entire untertainment,

movie and night club business is

almost in panic over the falling

off in revenue. . . . The labor peo-

ple may even fight for the lifting

of all admission taxes as in the

years of age is the clean-cut In-

ternational Assn. of Machinists.

At the end of this year, its presi-

dent, Harvey Brown, whose ad-

ministration wrote the by-law into

the constitution, will retire-and.

after leading that union of 600,000

for years, he will get a \$300-a-

The only American union which requires its president to quit at 65

pre-World War One era. . .

Europe. . . .

suppose. . .

month pension.

Which means that the Russians,

The Labor Front

Labor Strategists Adopt Boss System in Politics

By Victor Riesel

HRARD on this beat: If bowler hats, handle-bar mustaches and checked white vests were in vogue, labor's elated politicos probably would be sporting them. Gleeful over the election returns they now are openly-but quietly -turning to the old Boss Tweed days for tipe on the baby-kissing twists needed to tie up a district for a candidate-all in preparation for the 1950 Congressional

You won't be hearing much about it because you can take it from the inner sanctum that the labor strategists plan to move in emietly so as not to provoke the Republican Party into counter ac-

THE techniques will be real' I homey. Let's say garbage collections slow down in one of the nation's 110,000 wards. The trick will be not to protest to the Democratic ward beelers but to have the CIO boys go to their own Political Action committeeman to rush down to City Hall and get the garbage moving.

If a voter's boy runs into trouble with the local cops, PAC will try to get a lawyer and a fair trial; if a school is overloaded. PAC will put the heat on the school board. And it all comes under the 'head of building PAC on a local level."

W ITHIN the next 10 days the country's topside labor chiefs will start trekking to the White House for personal talks with Mr. Truman-to tell him what they

Headline Hopping

Truman and Quake Give California a Double Jolt

By Offic Crawford

N EARTSQUAKE has shaken the Pacific Coast. The last time California slipped, it was away from the Republicans.
The political experts score again. They said it would be a landside on the West Coast.

Melentists are pumled. They don't know whether the cause was Notre Dame vs. Southern California or Rita Hayworth vs. her studio. Notre Dame tied Southern Cal in the last 30 seconds, 14-14. It was the luck of the Irish. Sitko scored the touchdown and Oracko kicked the point. For awhile, it looked as if the Trojans were using their horses.

The 'quake might just have been California's Rose Bowl hopes rising. If the game had been in New York, it would only have been from the subway alumni trying to get home. This is going to revive the old song: "It must be Trisco 'enuse Crisco don't shake like that."

Rita was suspended for not reporting for work. Her studio is trying to reach her. The difference between the Prince and the proper La Hayworth always has been red-headed, but this is the first time the studio has gotten that way. The suspension will cost her 5000 bucks a week, which finally answers the old question of what Rita hasn't got.

According to one version, Rita was khan-ned. Hollywood made the picture, "The Street With No Name," but they can think of a lot of names for Aly. His old man may be worth his weight in gold, but that has nothing to do with Hayworth. When Rita kept talking about the Aga Khan, the studio kept saying "Aga Whan."

One theory is that so many football experts jumped off the docks that the whole State tilted. Then again, it might be just a sigh from all the other widows who let Louis B. Mayer get away.

union their is strength, and that people ought to work together and pool their resources for a common end. For if each dector tried to fight compulsory health insurance alone, he'd have maybe only \$25 to spend. Combined, the doctors will raise \$3,500,000 and may well defeat the Administration's plan. But the plan the doctors are fighting is one under which the people would pool their resources

> IT HE doctors sel, or many of I them do, anyway, that compulsory health insurance is vicious, and that such matters are better handled on a free, unorganized, individual basis. They are accumulating a joint fund of \$3,500,000 to say that each man ought to go it alone and refrain from pooling his resources with those of others to care for his and his family's health. None of this socialistic nonsense about doing everything together, say the doctors, chipping in; in this world you have to stand alone.

Samuel Grafton

Proposal on

Public Health

W ORKING notes: I don't see how the American Medical

Association can, with a straight

face, go ahead with its plan to as-

sess each of its 140,000 doctor-

members \$20 with which to build

a fund to fight against compul-

sory health insurance. That sounds

as if the doctors believe that in

to get more and better, medical

care. It's a plan which holds that

all of us, working together, can do

more to protect each other's health

than any one of us can alone.

Doctors Fight

TIREND: The most important L news story of the week may turn out to be the fact that some new car advertisements are beginning to mention prices.

THERE, there: The President is L beginning to make little conciliatory remarks again. He has just announced that business has nothing to fear from his new Administration. Mr. Truman seems to have a compulsion to drop such remarks, and it is his poorest mannerism. It is what he did when he once referred to price controls as "nolice state" methods, just after he had asked for such controls. and just before he was to campaign on the ground that he wanted

Nobody asks Mr. Truman to go around scaring business, or making faces at it, or even to be hostile to it. But he just ought to do his work, the liberal job of work he was elected to do, and leave it to business to state its own reactions.

W HEN he makes remarks of the kind here mentioned, he sinks into the puffy, fuzzy level of trade convention talk; a little cloud of unreality floats across his desk, and from it a deposit of goo settles over the political scene. We begin to go all soft and verbal again, which is of no help to anybody, including business.

Business has already discounted a moderate liberal program, and braced itself for it, and feels none too bad about it. But when the President talks as he just has, he throws the question open again, and improves the morale of those whom he has just defeated. Five such statements will be as bad as if he had lost the election.

THE immovable object: By now, there is something almost sodden about Britain's opposition to Israel. It takes the form, these days, of working to postpone Israel's admission to the United Nations. That surprises nobody; it was predicted; in fact it is possible to predict all of Britain's moves in this field. She has become a monotonous great power, and that is a desperate condition into which

In fact one of Britain's chief troubles in relation to today's world is that whereas she once used to be an irresistible force in human affairs, she has lately been content to be merely an immovable object. But the kind of greatness that envelopes an irresistible force is not inherent in an immovable object; a force can bypass an object, leaving it sitting forlorn and alone, in a place that was once way uptown.

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME WHAT DOES GOON BOY I DUNNO-

-: Gossip of the Nation:-

Walter Winchell

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. FEET SOME AMERICANS: (Memo for the Displaced Persons' Congressional Committees) -A great deal of prejudice has been aroused about so many foreign names being admitted to the United States. It seems fitting that the committees should have before them, as a guide, a proper standard of American names. Such as:

Joe P. Martinez: There is a U. S. medal bearing the name of Joe P. Martinez, and on it is inscribed, "For Conspicuous Gallantry Above and Beyond the Call of Duty in Action With the Enemy" . . . Unfortunately, there is a tombstone bearing the same name. Joe P. Martinez was born in Taos, N. M.—but he died at the summit of Chickagof Pass, on Attu Island, in the Aleutians. Joe, an automatic rifleman, charged up the last 150 feet knowing it was barred by enemy fire from two sides—and from tiers of anow trenches in front. They killed him—the Japs in the last trench. He had carried everything in between. But because of Joe P. Martinez, the resistence of the enemy on Attu was broken . . . The 7th Division and the 32d Infantry Regiment are very proud of Joe. Joe, in addition to offering evidence of his own bravery, is certainly an argument against anybody wanting to put Spanish names on a quota. We might be barring another Joe! . . . TOSEPH J. SADOWSKI: Joseph J. Sadowski's last

address was not, as you might suspect. Warsaw. Poland. It was 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army . . . When Sergeant Sadowski's tank was hit by a German 88 gun -firing at 20 yards (1), he ordered his crew to dismount and take cover. After taking cover, Bergeant Sadowski discovered the bow gunner had been unable to leave the tank. Says his citation-Over and Above the Call of Duty. Although the tank was subjected to a withering hall of enemy small arms, basooks, grenade and mortar fire, Sergeant Sadowski unhesitatingly returned to the tank. He was cut down by a stream of machine gun fire resulting in his death ... The gallant and noble sacrifice of his life in the aid of his comrade so inspired the tank crews that they pressed forward with great ferocity and completely destroyed the enemy forces in this town without further loss to themselves . . . It appears we Americans are to be congratulated—that there were no restrictive immigration laws-when Sergeant Sadowski's forebears wanted to come to America.

TUNIOR VAN NOY: Sounds like a name from Rotterdam-but he was from Grace, Idaho . . . He was badly wounded in New Guinea but refused to leave his post. Only five yards from the water's edge he was informed that three enemy landing barges were approaching, loaded with troops. Despite his exposed position, when two of them landed 10 yards away, he fearlessly opened fire and was again wounded, and his loader killed. He again refused to withdraw. "He expended every round, and was found dead, covered with wounds, at his gun", . . . Surely we don't want to bar the indomitable Dutch. Among them we may, for instance, another Roosevelt! . . .

HILIP C. KATZ: For 2000 years Philip C. Katz's people haven't had a homeland; but when his company was driven back 200 yards under a hail of fire, Philip C. Kats certainly proved that his homeland was America . . . Learning that one of his buddles was wounded and lying in an exposed position, he voluntarily returned to the original position, crossing an area swept by heavy machine gun fire, and carried his wounded comrade to a place of safety, exhibiting throughout a gallantry and bravery over and above the call of duty . . . It would be a pity if, among a wandering people, we should bar another Philip C. Kats from wandering to our shores.

HOMAS E. ATKINS: Traditionally, an English name; but this one was born at Campobello, S. C. Badly wounded, this American Tommy Atkins refused to leave his post. With everyone else dead, he held off repeated assaults though enemy machine guns were 20 yards from his position. Later, while Private Atkins was lying on a stretcher, he discovered an enemy group sneaking up behind the platoon's lines. Despite his severe wounds, he sat up and drove off the enemy with heavy rifle fire . . . Even as we quote the British, isn't it a wonderful thing, Mr. Congressmen, that the Mayflower wasn't stopped at Ellis Island?

RANK J. PETRARCA: A name you might encounter in Rome-but this American was born at Cleveland, O. Against warnings, and under machine gun fire, Frank Petrarca administered first aid to a wounded comrade until he died. Later, again against warnings, he advanced to assist another stricken soldier. Within two yards of the wounded man, Petrarca received his death wound. "Even on the threshold of death, he continued to display valor and contempt for the foe; raising himself to his knees, this intrepid soldier shouted defiance at the enemy, made a last attempt to reach his wounded comrade and fell in glorious death" . . . Seems a little silly to bar Italians from the land Columbus discovered—and for which Petrarca died, Mr. Congressmen.

WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN: A great name in Ireland—but as great in Trov. N of New York's Magnificent 27th, personally directed the frontal assault at Saipan. When his tanks were under direct enemy fire, and lost their way, Colonel O'Brien in full view of the enemy ran to the leading tank and pounded on the door with the butt of his revolver. He then mounted the tank, and, fully exposed to the enemy, directed the attack with complete disregard for his own safety. Later, attacked by 5000 Japanese, he fired at the enemy with pistols in both hands, though badly wounded. "When last seen alive, he was standing upright, firing into the Jap hordes that were then enveloping him" . . . Mr. Congressmen: If you ever want to know something about the Branagans, the Kerrigans, the Brogans, the Hagertys or the McLoughlins, and the Donovans, you needn't go to Ireland. You can meet 16 Kellys and 17 Murphys by just opening the most sacred scroll in our military history-"The Medal of Honor of the United States Army"-ordered compiled by President Truman.

BLANQUET, Chiquito, Co-Rux-Te-Chod-Ish, Ke-kay and Jim were Indian scouts. If they were emigrating from Europe today—instead of being merely the original owners-of our land-they couldn't get in . . . That's not all; the Medal of Honor winners prove there are no class distinctions in America. You'll find the Biddles, Roosevelts, Rockefellers and Morgans listed there—as well as in the Social Register—the final argument against Com-

So, Mr. Congressmen-isn't it a pretty poor footnote to our history that we are barring at Ellis Island -names we have already admitted to Arlington?

Danton Walker

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.

ANHATTAN MEMORANDA—The Duchess of Kent is canceling her projected with the state of the st United States because of the flock of rumors that started (that she was planning to make a film in

Hollywood, that she is in love with a movie star, etc.) ... London talk is that Queen Mary is ailing, but refuses to leave London for a milder climate because of King George's illness and also because she Wants to remain near the new

Prince. Several Chinese - American associations are raising funds to give to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek for air time, which they hope to clear with the State Department . . . Japan's Prince Akihito. recovering from an appendectomy, is expected here shortly where he will be entered in a southern military school.

Broadway dope seizure has started a new migration to Flor-MARIA RTRORMEIFE ids of "names" listed as customers . . . Chicago heiress given to madcap stunts managed to duck headlines when she yelled "Fire" at a crowded party and started a stampede in which several guests were injured . . . One of New York's older publishing houses going into bankruptcy; a top quality magazine is up for sale, and another is cutting its advertising rates drastically to stay in business. (Book publishers are planning "bookmobiles" to take their wares to vacation resorts, where reading is on the wane.)

Hotel Sheraton interests dickering for a large hotel in the Central Park sector . . , Park Commissioner Moses recommending to the Board of Estimate that the famous old Claremont Inn on the Hudson be either turned into a museum or demolished for a public park.

THE first Chinese full-length film made there since the start of the Second World War is being released to movie distributors here (called "Holy Town") ... A new video show to be built around Maria Strohmeier, of Philadelphia, winner of the "Mrs. America" title last September—a woman's program ... Patti Pickens (Jane's sister), who has been living

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on a Pennsylvania farm with her family since her retirement from show business, to make a comeback via a Philly video show.

A couple of Alabama sisters, Ruth and Nell Rankin, to make their twin debut in "Aida" with Salmaggi's Brooklyn Academy of Music Opera this week, singing the two leading feminine roles . . . Tenor Richard Monti's first video appearance (on "Doorway to Fame") . . . resulted in six auditions for radio, night club and stage musicals.

RTIE SHAW to reorganize his own band again, (Benny Goodman beat him to the draw, bowcomposed of New York musicians, in March ing in with his new band at Syracuse last week) . . . Peggy Guggenheim's son to edit a Paris literary magazine for neophytes, using the pen-name Michael Vail . . . Trudi Michel's music business expose, "Inside Tin-Pan Alley," to furnish film fodder, possibly as a vehicle for Betty Hutton . . . The three Ritz Brothers have started an experimental column which they hope to get syndicated.

After the Diamond Horseshoe's 10th birthday, Dec. 25. Billy Rose will take a three months' holiday . . . All-night disc jockey Art Ford to try a new gimmick at his penthouse club show; with international telephone interviews with global celebrities (Maurice Chevalier, et al) . . . Candidates to inherit Jack O'Brien column niche on AP include Mark Barron and Sid Mirkin, neither of them newcomers to Broad-

FIGHE crisp look, which they hope will succeed the limp new look, will be introduced by 15 American designers at a fashion show in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Feb. 2... The Motion Pictures Producers Association, soliciting funds for the Will Rogers Memorial Association, has misspelled his name on all the placards.

In case you have been wondering what is to become of those gorgeous "Magdalena" sets designed by Howard Bey, which started something new in stage decor (plastic textures, glass castings, cork sculptures, etc.), they are being shipped to Los Angeles for future Civic Light Opera productions . . . Now that 18-year-old Terry Moore is a picture hit in "Return of October," she will return to school, registering for the spring term at UCLA... In the Hollywood version of "Mexican Hayride," with Abbott and Costello, not one of Cole Porter's songs is being used.

Tremendous Trifles

Arrow Shot at Pirate Destroys Whole City

THINK HE'S DOING?

WITH HIS FIST, OR

PLAYING HE'S A

PRINTING THOSE STAMPS

IPILE DRIVER ?

By Lewis Belmore Sage TT ENRY MORGAN, the notori-H ous buccaneer, once formed the project of sacking Panama. then the most important city in Central America. His plan would have failed but for the shot of a single arrow that lodged in the

arm of one of his men! Here is

On the West Indian island of Hispaniola, Morgan assembled a cutthroat crew of more than 2000. They were of all races and all the mixtures. They had one thing in common: they would slit a throat for gold. After stealing and building the necessary boats and gath-

By Jimmy Hatlo

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ALONGSIDE YOU-

ering supplies for the venture by plundering neighboring islands, Morgan was ready to move against Panama. The principal obstacle was a fort

called the Castle of Chagres, which blocked passage up the Chagres River to the city. Morgan delegated the reduction of the castle to Bradley, next in command. Bradiey was assigned a large force for the tast.

The men put ashore several miles downstream from the fort. From here they hacked their way through the jungle until they came in view of the castle. The prospect was a forbidding array of bastions, with most and drawbridge. The brigand crew feared that

the fort could not be taken, and wished to return. Bradley, however, ordered several assaults. which were repulsed. At nightfail, the brigands withdrew into the jungle to count their severe losses. While they were thus engaged, a defender of the fort shot a chance arrow into the dense growth. It went straight into the arm of one of the pirates. The victim tore it from the wound, and roared with rage, "This damned arrow will destroy all the Spanlards!" With a sudden thought, he seized a mass of surgical cotton,

tied it to the arrow, and lit it.

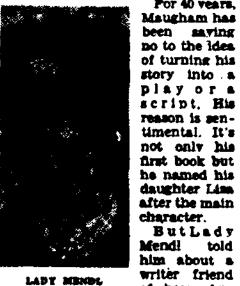
Flaming, he discharged the arrow

back into the fort. It landed on a

thatched roof, and immediately set it afire. Soon a rain of flaming arrows was falling on the fort! The magazine was exploded, and resistance was at an end. The castle taken, Mo gan proceeded to sack and burn Panama. He returned with his loot to Jamaica, where he was made governor of the island by King Charles II, and created a

Louella Parsons Maugham Gives Nod to 'Liza' Drama

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4. THAT amount bundle of vitality. Lady Elsie Mendl, is responsible for Somerset Maugham finally giving in and granting permission to the dramatization of his first book, "Liza of Lambeth."



after the main character. ButLady Mendl told him about a writer friend of hers. An-

For 40 years.

drew Solt. who has as much reverence for the story as Maugham himself. The result is that the famous author has approved Solt's finished play which will be a Broadway production in

I had two very interesting callers. Tay Garnett and Bert Friedlob. In the course of convernation, I learned of their plan to film "Timothy O'Rourke," a charming

Tay will write and direct, and Bert will be executive producer. Together the boys have a substantial bankroll behind them. The story, as Tay outlined it to

me, is enchanting, it's the legend of one Timothy O'Rourke, and his life from the time he and his wife arrive here as Irish immirrants. But, if you think for one moment

that I'm going to tell you Tay's

idea, you're mistaken. This is one

picture you'll have to see for your-

Frank McHugh has himself a bankroll and is going into the picture-producing business. Frank should certainly know how to produce pictures, having been on the screen many years as an actor. I think he has a pretty good idea. He's going into small towns and get

locale of the story. His first picture will go before the cameras in a small New England town, with veteran cameraman William Miller as assistant producer to Frank, and, naturally, as cameraman he is a partner in the

the citizens-to-be in his pictures,

which will feature the town as the



in North Holly wood. Audie is in Texas now. but he hopes

Wanda

Hendrix gets

into New York

from Italy

Christmas

Eve, and will

come directly

to Hollywood,

where she will

marry Audie

Murphy at the

Unity Church

to meet his

little bride-

to-be when WANDA HENDRIX she lands in New York. After a brief honeymoon, Wanda, who gives a great performance in "Prince of Poxes" with Tyrone Power, according to 20th, will return to her home studio. Paramount. She gets the lead opposite

Alan Ladd in "After Midnight." Arthur Leew, Jr., is giving a party in honor of his mother, Mrs. Mickey Zukor Loew, next Saturday. All of Mickey's pais are ac-

Ann Sheridan writes that she has bought herself two suits of red flannel underwear for the German winter. She says she has never been so cold in her life as she has been while making a movie there.

Dec. 18 looms up as quite a day for Diana Lynn and John Lindsay. After the wedding they have their big recention at the home of Wynn Rocamora.

Snapshots of Hollywood Collect-

ed at Random: The estate of the late Al Capone is being used by 20th for the location shot for "Slattery's Hurricane." Mrs. Capone and her son still live there. Alida Valli and Joseph Cotten

Russian occupied zone in Vienna, and are returning to England to finish their picture. Joan Crawford, who dyed he hair a honey brown for "Flamingo Road," has returned to her reddish blonde tresses. And I hear once

have finished their scenes in the

again it is on again with Greg Bautzer. Jarmila Novotna is being discussed for a remake of the "Merry Widow." She was a great friend of Frans Lehar, Remember how wonderful she was as the mother in

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