

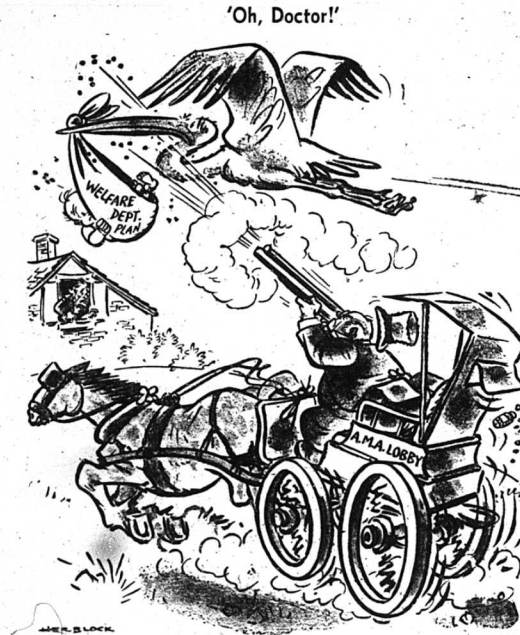
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HOOVER, THE HUMORIST

It is, we confess, somewhat more interesting to have a Laughing Boy in the White House than a Cal Coolidge, even if the source of Mr. Truman's amusement is often difficult to understand.
For a while it was George Allen, the official "court-jester," whose ribald jokes the President entertained. Then it was Maj.-Gen. Harry Vaughan who is cut from the same pattern as Allen.

something that few other "conservatives" have been smart enough to do in recent years. Instead of worrying about the invasion of government into fields of private industry, instead of fretting about the heavy taxes on high-salaried breadwinners, instead of moaning of the heavy penalties on the fortunate, Mr. Hoover reduced the collectivism issue to terms the average working man could understand.
The welfare state is deceptive, he said, because it will eventually mean the loss of personal liberty and the gobbling up of individual savings—not the liberty and the accumulation of Wall Streets but of Mr. Average Citizen who, thinking that he is getting something from a super-state, will gradually realize that he is a prisoner of the super-state.



'Oh, Doctor!'
James Marlow
All Is Not Clear
WASHINGTON
NOW it up to the Senate to do about changing the minimum wage law.
The House has passed a bill to be approved by the Senate before going home, there'll be no change.
There's a new bill here that the Senate will act. If it does, it probably will pass a bill different from that of the House.

\$10 FOR 26 YEARS

THE case of James Montgomery of Wauegan, Ill., a Negro who was freed after serving nearly 26 years of a life sentence for rape, is of more general significance than news reports on the event have indicated.
Montgomery was set free by Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe several days ago on the grounds that the State suppressed evidence in the trial.
Montgomery is now 54. He was convicted in 1918 of raping Miss Manie 'Snoe', a Wauegan itinerant saleslady. (She was later committed to a mental institution.)

When Montgomery walked out of Stateville Penitentiary, a prison official gave him \$10—the amount given to all convicts upon their discharge. This gesture served some purpose if it did nothing else but show how pitifully small is any financial remuneration for unfair arrest, prosecution, imprisonment, and loss of personal dignity and respect.

Facts of Life

NOTHING like the publication of the China White Paper has happened in American diplomatic history. It does not wait a quarter of a century before exposing the diplomatic cables to public scrutiny. It presents them, relatively speaking, with little fresh from the decipher room.
Of course that never would have been done if the United States had not reluctantly concluded some time ago that the Chinese Nationalist regime was hopeless, that the moral degradation of the Chiang regime was complete, that the military cause of Kuomintang was beyond salvation.

The White Paper on China

new China policy with a clean slate. It naturally takes out the best case it can for its past actions, particularly those twin decisions to pay Stalin's price for entering the Pacific with Chinese real estate and to work for a coalition government with Communists participating. Events have proved the unwisdom of both of these, though it must be admitted that the Administration makes out an interesting case for its past actions.
It is obvious that the military's intention that Russia must be involved in the Japanese war to shorten it and save lives, and to the fact that the atom bomb effectiveness was still an unknown quantity at Yalta. It ignores intelligence reports that period that indicated Japan was about to surrender. It makes no mention of the several peace bids Japan had put out suggesting weakness and collapse.

Summer Thoughts

I used to fish a mountain lake. I had a small boat and a good crew. I would go out with the boat and the crew and wait for a fine, howling blizzard to come. I would wait for the blizzard to come and wait for the blizzard to come and wait for the blizzard to come.
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HUMANITARIAN MEASURE

PAT McCARRAN, a Senator from Nevada, is a paradoxical man. The son of Irish immigrants, he has established himself in Washington as a leader of the anti-immigrant, restrictionist movement.
It is Senator McCarran, and McCarran almost alone, who is blocking passage of a liberalized displaced persons bill in the Senate. As chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, he may veto the McGrath-Neely DP bill—a worthy measure—into cold storage and has spread his girl's name all over the entrance.

termining what the McGrath-Neely bill would do.
It would, first, wipe out religious restrictions imposed by the Displaced Persons Act of the 80th Congress. That bill—through a cut-and-dried arrangement—virtually blockades this nation against Catholics and Jews. The new bill specifies that no discrimination be exercised because of race, religion, or political conviction.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his partner, Robert S. Allen.)
WASHINGTON
THIS is a long-deserved public tribute to a man of great courage and high character.
He is Paul Strachan, tall, deaf, and impassioned father of National Policy the Physically Handicapped Week.

Quote, Unquote

Sen. Lee B. Weathers says Tom Dixon did not have to quit his job as a news writer. He says Dixon was able to make a pile of money while working for him.
New and Fair Deals assure one thing: We are all socially secured against thrill—Curtis (Texas) Morning News.

BETTER ENGLISH

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She is a grade widow."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "mammoth"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Mammoth, menial, manly.
4. What does the word "guileless" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "ina" that means "explanation without lack of food?"

THEY ASKED FOR IT...

In granting the petition of the Duke Power Company for an increase in bus fares in Charlotte, the State Utilities Commission, by the verdict of its own decision, left itself wide open for a pertinent question, and, even beyond that, a counterblow by the protesting public.
The Commission, after holding the power company request for a 10-cent straight bus charge or three tokens for a quarter to be fair and reasonable, elaborated in justification of its action:

deficit in a transportation system operated by the Duke Power Company.
All right, Messrs. Utilities Commissioners, you asked for it. With bus operations standing on their own, or that much nearer thereto, what is going to happen to those electricity rates that have been going to sustain Duke's transportation system? With bus rates upped, will electricity users be relieved of the subsidy which your decision says they have in all practicality been paying to sustain bus operations?

New Deal

STRACHAN will be in the forefront of this year's campaign for the physically handicapped.
It was born of recollections of World War I, when disabled veterans were pushed around and ignored as soon as the parades stopped and the bands no longer played. It was born of the physical disabilities of thousands of other handicapped men I had seen who were the discards of society.

Fighting Scot

STRACHAN inherited his unquenchable spirit from a Scottish father.
His father was a crusading country editor in Michigan, Indiana and Georgia. He battled against political machines and for the honest man who had no fear. On one occasion, his press was smashed by a mob. The editor Strachan borrowed equipment from a nearby town and issued his paper.

No Reason For Awe

There is nothing backward about 36-year-old Freshman Rep. John R. Walsh of Indiana, but he admits a little awe when he is invited down to the White House on business for his district.
"Reckon I may be a little awed, or maybe I should say awestruck, or maybe I should say awed and awestruck," he says. "I'm sure I'm a little awed, or maybe I should say awestruck, or maybe I should say awed and awestruck."