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A TAWDRY EPISODE

THE loneliest man in all Washington... The week-end was surely freshman Senator Andrew F. Schoepel of Kansas...

CHANGING TIMES

IT happened within the memory of most of us that the first County Agents and Home Demonstration Agents were created on the farms of America with a notable lack of enthusiasm...

Well, those days have changed. And how abruptly they have changed is well illustrated by a story in the Raleigh News & Observer last week under a Whiteville dateline.

THE ARMY'S MENTAL TEST

WE see by the papers that three Congressmen took the Army's secret mental test and found it too hard. It is tempting to an editorial writer to point out, as any fool can plainly see, that some of our Congressmen aren't so smart, and let it go at that.

But there's more involved than the mental ability of Congressmen. Three Congressmen, all Democrats, are from New Jersey. They are the only ones from New Jersey who failed to pass the test.

We wondered the same thing North Carolina's rate of rejections for the same cause has been distressingly high, and we simply don't believe that our young Tar Heels are that poorly prepared by our public school system. Nor do we believe

OVERDUE RECOGNITION

ONE bill recently tossed into the Congressional hopper ought to be enacted into law before Congress adjourns, no matter how great the pressure of other business.

It is in the measure offered by Sen. Chan Gurney of South Dakota that give Gen. Omar Bradley a five-star rank.

FISH FOR WAITING ROOMS

SOME dentists, it is reported, are thinking of putting aquariums in their waiting rooms, banking on the psychological theory that watching goldfish in their glass bowls is a little goldfish to give the nerves and a relief to the strain of waiting.

Certainly there is something restful in the monotonous fin action of the indefatigable fish, who resemble athletes cooped up in the restricted space of the tub who just manage to get their eight miles a day by standing round and round the tub.

Moreover, as entertainers, they have not much competition to face. Their repertoire may be limited, but in comparison to the pile of papers and magazines on the table they are firmly as the bill, for the sport of newspapers and magazines in a dentist's waiting room.

somewhat lustreless Administration, turned in a brilliant rebuttal of Schoepel's unsupported charges and insinuations, and then proceeded to whittle the Senator down to his proper size. Even Mr. Schoepel admitted after Chapman's blistering testimony that his original speech may have been a "little strong."

Then along came the disavowal from the GOP Policy Committee. Senator Taft, who heads that influential group, told reporters that Schoepel had not consulted any of the top GOP leaders, and that the group has nothing whatsoever to do with his attack on Chapman and the Interior Department.

At of today, the Schoepel speech is one of the latest chapters in the Decline and Fall of the U. S. Senate. If that once eminent club of "gentlemen" is unable to restrain its own members from such flagrant abuses of Congressional immunity, it will indeed achieve the mournful fate that many of its critics have already predicted for it.

six years ago. "Since then, our boys and girls have been kept busy in 4-H Club work and our problem has vanished," he said. Another told the Commissioners there were 23 home demonstration clubs and 25 4-H clubs for girls in Columbus County, and put the matter squarely up to the County Fathers by saying they would have to decide which club should be discontinued if the assistant agent is let go. A fourth lady, a charter member of the first home demonstration club in the county, told the board "Most anybody can look at my gray hair and realize that I have no children who would be affected, but I am interested in the whole of Columbus County."

The Columbus Commissioners agreed to reconsider the matter, and we take it to mean, under the circumstances, that they'll find the money for the assistant agent. But we are not interested so much in the final decision in this particular instance as in the deeper understanding of and appreciation for the work of county and home demonstration agents shown by the delegation of Columbus women. They have learned by experience that rural life can indeed be made richer and fuller, and more productive by such eminently worthwhile advice and guidance and their appeal is a vivid testimony to the worth of this all-important phase of our state and national agricultural program.

ON A TAWDRY EPISODE

that any considerable number of them are deliberately answering questions incorrectly in order to escape the draft. The Army's test has been kept a secret. The scores made by the New Jersey Congressmen are still a secret. But the whole matter may come to light when the Representatives report to the Armed Services Committee.

"Sure," said Rep. Addison, "any normally intelligent man could get the 36 out of 90 correct answers you need to pass. No one can tell me after I spent five years in the infantry that a man who can tell his right hand from his left can't carry a rifle. Anyone can do that, intelligence or not."

A good many ex-draft-dodger who see in the current high mental rejection rate the long shadow of more service for themselves, will utter an "Amen!" to that observation.

UNITED DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT

But over and above this incongruity, General Bradley deserves the five-star rating on his own merit. He has served his country brilliantly in every capacity to which he was assigned, and he is universally loved and respected by military and non-military men alike.

The justice of this belated recognition of his distinguished past service and his eminent present role is so obvious that Congress should speedily approve Senator Gurney's measure.

FROM THE LONDON TIMES

waiting room there is the chill of death, a whiff of corruption and the morgue. The enterprising dentist will not, however, be satisfied with mere goldfish; gaily colored tropical fish, according to reports, best qualified to calm nerves and apprehension, although why this should be is by no means clear. What really fascinates the normal person about an aquarium is the fact that it is a miniature world to bear to a number of his acquaintances, but the more exotic the fish the less close the resemblance is likely to be.

Fill a dentist's aquarium with a nice assortment of dogfish, cod and pike and in the game of matching fish with forgotten even the dentist himself will be forgotten.

Nomination for best-named war correspondent: Time's Andre Laguerre.

Lewis' Control Of UMW Fund May Get Test

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON JOHN L. LEWIS and his long-time friend and associate Miss Josephine Roche, exerts authority over the United Mine Workers Welfare Fund that is accumulating at roughly a rate of \$100,000,000 a year.

As reporters in Washington will know, efforts to get any information about how the fund's money is being used with little success. Yet there is a chance that some of the facts will be made public.

A suit pending in Federal court here filed by R. H. Livingston, a miner from Pennsylvania, who asks for an accounting and removal of the trustees. Now there is the great likelihood that one P. Burke who was for two and a half years trustee of the fund, will join in this suit. Burke joined with Lewis in May of this year.

BRIDGES WOULD TESTIFY If the suit is opened up and really pushed, there would be some interesting disclosures. One of the witnesses to be called would be Benjamin Bridges of New Hampshire.

Miss Roche has testified before a Senate committee that Bridges was a trustee of the fund for one year as trustee of the welfare fund. She also testified that she was saying that in writing for legal and other reasons in connection with the fund as trustee for the fund. The records, if produced in court, would show that one New York law firm represented Bridges and acted as trustee of \$38,384.43 legal and actual fee for the fund. The fund's disbursements are reported to have been paid more than \$100,000. Burke was developing most of his time to his duties as general counsel.

A lawsuit in which records would be subpoenaed could also be expected to show that Bridges' compensation from the mine welfare fund totaled over \$70,000. Bridges served as trustee from April 1947 to April 1948. He was paid at the rate of \$35,000 a year up to Sept. 29, 1949. The records after that date are not available.

As a result of their association in the welfare fund, Lewis and Bridges were named in a list of political partnership. At any rate, Lewis is reported to be interested in the Republican primary contest in New Hampshire. Lewis is reported to be interested in the campaign of J. Wesley Powell, Bridges' former administrative assistant. Lewis is reported to be interested in the campaign of J. Wesley Powell, Bridges' former administrative assistant. Lewis is reported to be interested in the campaign of J. Wesley Powell, Bridges' former administrative assistant.

Lewis has on several occasions made personal use of the fund. He made personal contributions in 1948 for a half-million-dollar fund. He made personal contributions in 1948 for a half-million-dollar fund. He made personal contributions in 1948 for a half-million-dollar fund.

There is a possibility that the living will be made available to a group of 375 welfare fund employees in Washington who were separately damaged by Lewis last October. They say they were given \$100,000 a year in salary and benefits, although they were members of the UMW's District 50 District. They say they were given \$100,000 a year in salary and benefits, although they were members of the UMW's District 50 District.

No other employees at the country in a unionized industry could treat his employees in that fashion. Not even in the case of a large corporation, comparable to the UMW, could it be done. The fact that Lewis did this without any check by the board of directors or any other authority is a matter of great concern.

It would appear that very few men in American history not excepting the names of Lincoln, Washington and Grant were engaged in business careers, have exercised the kind of control over the lives of others that Lewis has done. Lewis has done this without any check by the board of directors or any other authority.

There is a third trustee, Charles Owen, theoretically representing the coal owners. But apparently he can do nothing. The majority of two Lewis and Miss Roche, go their own way. This is a matter of great concern to the public and it certainly does the trade union movement no good.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

BEHIND the President's apology to the Marine Corps was some Dutch-English talking by Chairman Bill Boyle of the Democratic National Committee and Leslie Biffle, Secretary of the Senate.

At first, Truman refused to recall. He was mad as a hatter about newspaper criticism and about the deluge of irate telegrams flooding the White House.

More Truman Letters MEMBERS of the White House Staff are holding their breath for the first time in a long time. Truman has written what now look out for during the past five years H.B.T. has been writing pungent, pointed letters to Senators and Congressmen.

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First Defense Costs To Be \$40 Billions



By STEWART ALSTON

WASHINGTON HOW MUCH ARE we really going to spend for defense? For weeks now the National Security Council has been wrestling with this question.

As first it was thought that \$18,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 would suffice. This was quickly upped to \$20,000,000,000 and now indicated in President Truman's request to Congress from this level the estimate has been raised to \$27,000,000,000 then to \$30,000,000,000. And it now appears likely that the next fiscal year may climb in authoritative estimates to \$40,000,000,000 and perhaps as high as \$50,000,000,000.

What has happened of course is very simple. Gradually the real facts of our situation have been faced. That general and the near future has become if not predictable, at least fairly possible. That for the first time in our history we could quite conceivably be attacked from both sides. That we really need more than we have.

ARMY. It was to be divided into 25 divisions. It was at first intended to have 15 divisions. But as the weeks since the Korean attack have passed, the Army has been reorganized. It is now more and more urgent for a real American commitment on the Continent.

Everyone was happy that assistance had come so soon. However, the amount of all the young men were not driven to the hospital right away. Upon inquiry, spectators were told that the ambulance crew could not be moved until the police arrived to grant permission because the youths were white. It was distressing to see these young men bleeding and helpless with nothing being done for them. No one called another ambulance because one was already there. It was almost an hour before the police came to grant permission for the young men to be driven to the hospital.

The next day papers carried an account of the streak taking that both youths had died. We who saw this incident have felt that their lives might have been saved. They had been rushed immediately to the hospital.

In my opinion something certainly should be done about this problem. Mrs. Cromartie is to be congratulated for bringing it to the public's attention.

Freedom Of Conviction

Editors, The News: BEING an open letter to our Right Honorable Attorney General of these United States, Mr. McGrath to wit, Dear Sir:

As we are all aware, one of those who hold that nothing good can come out of Nazareth, please consider for a moment the following excerpts from the papers, Liberty and Independence, the monthly journal of Spiritual Mobilization.

"Freedom, as I see it, is our human vocation to what we think is true rather than false to say what we hold to be good rather than evil. Intelligence decides the former, conscience the latter."

"The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words type-written if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Liberal and moderate views are invited—otherwise anything goes. No letter must be signed.—Editors, The News."

Truman's Imagination

ACTUALLY Mr. Truman goes much further in his back-slap annual than he would care to. In fact, he sometimes imagines things that never happened. For instance, the President has called me during the war in his desk and pointing to two pearl-handled revolvers is supposed to have said: "I want anything more that I'm going to about you."

The interesting thing is that the incident never happened. The President has never called me during the war in his desk drawer. I have never seen them. He never pulled out the drawer in my presence, never pointed to the revolvers, never threatened me in any way. And that is precisely where we were headed only ten weeks ago.

Byrnes-Baruch Feud

WHILE the President doesn't go off on these tangents often, when he does, they are beautiful. Furthermore, he doesn't forget and forgive easily. And the results are not always good for the country.

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