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'SUGAR AL' ELLENDER SOUNDS OFF

SEN, Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana has returned from Europe with, he says, thirteen notebooks full of evidence of "the thriteen notebooks full of evidence of "the dampedest scandals" in foreign aid spending. According to the AP, he said some of our officials in Germany "are hard up what to spend the money for". We've never heard it put quite like that, but we believe he was trying to say, as he would tell his constituents, that these officials are "livin" too high on the hawg".

Senator Ellender coupled his report with a demand that the U. S. "attach strings" to any further foreign aid grants and require Western European nations to earmark greater portions of their production to the mutual assistance program. He also called for an investigation.

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We believe a studious investigation of our entire overseas administration is very much in order. By recent count this country had 200,000 employees in 60 countries, representing 40 different Federal agencies, whose activities were controlled by 30 congressional committees. Whether or not "scandals" exist, as Senator Ellender charges, the entire program needs thorough study and co-ordination, the type of study which will make for administrative efficiency as well as ferred out any scandalous activity.

our overseas activity, but did not make any specific proposals because it felt "that this complicated problem requires further de-tailed study before any definite conclusion can be reached." The Commission recom-mended that Congress direct a comprehen-

Last July 23 the Senate unanimously passed and sent to the House a bill which would create a commission, similar to the House study group. passed and sent to the House a full which would create a commission, similar to the Hoover study group, to make a comprehensive study of our overseas administration. The following day a Senator got through a motion to ask the House to return the bills. The effect of this move was to kill the bill. That Senator—you guessed it—was Mr. Fillender. Ellender.

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If he really wants to economize in our overseas spending it is odd that he threw a monkey wrench in the investigation proposed last Summer. It would appear that the Senator is more interested in gathering headlines than he is in making thorough and thoughful economies in our overseas program.

gram.
Then, too, a broad investigative program might be embarrassing to the Senator. Possibly it would have reached down into the Caribbean and probed those activities, detrimental to all taxpayers and the house-wide in particular, of Senator Ellender and his comembers of the sugar bloc.
We take Senator Ellender's outcry along with several grains of salt—and sugar.

CENSORSHIP — BUT NOT FOR COMMUNISTS

THE President, at his last press conference, talked off-the-record to reporters

A ence, talked off-the-record to reporters regarding the Korean true negotiations. He permitted his remarks to be sent over the wire services, for editor's confidential information. The American public, though, was not permitted access to these remarks. Reporters from Tass, the official Russian Reporters from Tass, the official Russian enveragency, and the New York Duily Worker attended the conference. Presumably they tool forwarded the classified information to

heir bosses.

Thus the President allowed the Commu-ists, but not his own countrymen, to receive nformation which he regarded as confiden-

tial.

We do not believe the information in the confidential memo was particularly helpful to the Communists. It seems to come under that category which Mr. Truman described, in his executive order on security informa-

tion last September, as "unjustified use of security classifications", application of which is "repulsive to our democratic forms."

is "repulsive to our democratic form of government". To our knowledge, however, no news media has published the contents of the memo, thus belying the Preident's frequent charges of the irresponsibility of the press. But by giving the Communist newsmen this information the President completely disregarded his own executive order. More important, the completely disregarded common sense precautions.

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It is difficult to regard Mr. Truman's lead-ership with condidence when he commits such blunders. If he would say "All right. I pulled a honer, here is the information I un-fortunately classified" our confidence would be somewhat restored. But judging by his previous action, we can expect little but bureaucratic silence or another tirade against the press.

BROADCASTERS DILEMMA IN '52

TELEVISION is expected to play a big role in the election next year. The tremendous nation-wide interest in the Kefauver Crime Committee hearings showed that politics and government can greatly interest many persons, although the added feature of crime, sin and Grade B movie type characters in Kefauver's drams undoubtedly made for a larger: audience. The election of Rudolph Halley, chief counsel for the committee, to herauver's arman unouabletay made for a larger: audience. The elections for Rudolph Halley, chief counsel for the committee, to chairmanship of the New York City Council, is credited largely to television, which overnight raised him from relative obscurity to heroic proportions in the eyes of many New York voters, if not the eyes of the underworld.

underworld.

This lesson of TV has not been lost on candidates, some of whom, we suspect are secretly improving their stage technique, consulting deletitians, and perhaps even visiting the wigmakers. But because of confusion in the law, TV and radio face an unpleasant dilemma in the forthcoming elections, and before the Congressmen mount the bustings they had best take the broadcasters off the hook.

likewise give time to the opposing candidate. And, according to the Communications Act. All censes shall have no power of censorably over the material broadcast. However, if the candidate libels someone, in this speech which the broadcaster cannot censor, the broadcaster is subject to libel proceedings. As an official of the Federal Communications Commission put it: "We can't protect the stations in such instances." Congress has established the law, and the Commission is forced to enforce it. ."
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broadcasters has been knocking arout courts for many years, receiving interpretations, but since TV has concourts for many years.

Interpretations, but since TV has come into its own the problem has become more acute. A few states have enacted legislation which safeguards the stations from libel actions resulting from these political broadcasts but unless Congress clarifies the law and protects the stations, many broadcasters may take the only alternative and give the candidates "equal" consideration by simply excluding all of them.

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we don't imagine the majority of the peo-ple, and especially the candidates, would desire this latter course. To prevent such a possibility, however, it behooves Congress to pass protective legislation for the broadcast-ers early in its forthcoming session.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

DEPARTED PRESTIGE

SHOE manufacturers swear you get more out of your shoe money than ever before. But we contend there is a sad omission taleases the owner of a new pair of shoes far short of the prestige he enjoyed yesteryear. That's because they don't squeak.

There was read distinction in the old-time undithe footwear. A new pair, priced at an aimost prohibitive \$2.50, werent easily come by. But when the rate occasion did arrive, they loudly evoked the attention the owner was too modest to seek himself. In church especially, they gave one proper heraldry without danger of rebuke.

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It was a moor question whether there was more quality in a single or double squeak. If both gavelepth, it indicated uniform work-mannhig; but one permitted more conversation. For the proud youngster, the double action was a delight. In no time at all a bouncing gait could be developed that would yield a twin squeak per foot per step. Playmates couldn't ignore such raucous prosperity, and their envy was a thrill second only to Christmas.

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One grave drawbags was that vocal feet gave mother a clue to the whereabout of the idle hands she feared were ever in danger of contributing to the devil's workshop. A strictent shoe has betrayed many a moppet to tasks he had carefully schemed to avoid. Pather disabilined but was coverily embarrassed by the axiom, that, squeaky shoes weren't paid for.

end, there really is more quality to the mod ern product; more miles to the dollar. Yet in the protection they have banished a val-ued mark of distinction, quelled an accepted aria of proud dignity. This loss we put in the same nostalgic category as the puffless Diesel train. Childhood will be less joyful because of it.

Question for Governor Scott: How does one "go forward" and "back Earp" at the same time?

Judge who gave a divorce to a Cleveland woman after she testified that her husband fell asleep at a social gatherings said constituted gross neglect of duty. That's the only reason some husbands go to social gatherings.—Little Rock (Ark.) Garette.

We have an ideal licker situation here in Mississippi, where the wets get their licker, the drys have their prohibition laws, and the state of Mississippi gets the taxes—ten per cent "black market" sales tax. Every element should be happy—Grenda Cousty (Miss.)

The Miracle Of Christmas Week



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

To Heck With Rudolph ROCKINGHAM

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Editors, The News:

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and the purported trend in human thinking. However hard we oldtimers try to fall in line with

what we believe are warped and distorted conceptions of human thought and behavior, there are

to subscribe to some of the things that are today

being thrust upon the youth of the land in the

men of modern progress.

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As an example of what we can really driving at Let us refer to what we consider a gene of american literature: "Twas The Night Before Christman," It is true that this length riy have, composed by an officure school teacher for the entertainment of the control of the cont

ing.

And, as an omnipresent individual, traveling in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer, we want him unchangeable, just as he's always been for our grandchildren and all those dear unborn, trusting and imaginative children that are yet to come.

come.

You self-styled modern folk may go ahead with
the damage you've already done. You may substitute Mother Goose for the gobs of red paint that
clutter up the newsstands today if you must. You
may forget that "Mary Had A Little Lamb" and
ignore the lesson Mary's teacher drew from that
little creature's devotion if that's your style of
thinking.

You may walk by "The Little Toe Soldiers All.

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You may walk by "The Little Toy Soldiers All Covered With Dust" and say there's no such a child as "Little Boy Blue" and that Eugene Fields was no poet, if you want to be that callous; but for God's sake leave alone our Santa Claus and his "tiny eight reindeer."

nd so: "Merry Christmas to all, and to all dnight." D. W. CRAWFORD

Christmas Greeting $_{\rm FT.~MePHERSON,~Ga.}$

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Editors. Tur News.

A T this Christmas Season, all members of the Third Army join me in extending greetings in the community. The community of the community. I find that none have been more normal or co-perative than our activities with The News. We greatly appreciate your co-operation and fine spirit and, in the coming months, we shall again make a determined effort to merit the support. The community of th

Note Of Appreciation

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THIS is to thank you for the generous manner.

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Hemorial Hospital campaign. Your editorial and news coverage have been exceptional and we are indeed grateful to you for your interest.

Flesse accept my congratulations to you for the mental policy had you do not never the configuration. -CARL G McCRAW

Churchill And Truman Faced With Biggest Problems Yet

By JOSEPH ALSOP

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WINSTON IS going to have to be upforted by pull some sort of rabbit out of his hat when he goes to Washington." This remark, or something like it, is often beard in the law about the his day to be upforted by the law and t

back in the British relaximation.

Unless the disease is somehow for the formation of the formation of the symptoms are sure to get progressively worse. For we might as well face when the following British lader Amerina Bertan is a winning bet. Bevan is betting British lader Amerina Bertan is a winning bet. Bevan is betting that simple economic pressures will soomer or later destroy the forcing a sharp fall in living standards; and that British will then covery far to the Left under a "Third Porce" and American govery far to the Left under a "Third Porce" and American for the following the force of the following the followin

Ruark Manages To Survive Sans Yogurt Or Vitamin Pills

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THE FOOD faddism that affilets us — in the form of black-strap molasses, you of black-strap molasses, you for the fact of the form of brever's years, all recommended by opportunists with commercial axes to grind, has generally become the biggest bore since the prevalence of pills became a national prococupation. It seems to me that ever since Greta seems to me that ever since Greta Garbo's old boy friend Gaylord Hauser, wrote that book, no good hausfrau with a tongue to wag has ceased wagging it.

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believe that usage will make them lovelier, feel better and live longer, have entered the guilets contained in my household, but everybody seems to be up and about. How long we will live I cannot say, but at least we do not approach the evening meal with loathing.

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Nor have we jumped overboard
on the pill business. It pleases me
to read the following: "The properly supervised use of vitamin prepa-rations is of great value to the
people who need them, but the
widespread notion that indiscriminate consumption of vitamin pills
into the hand, (and bankrolls) of
the faddists."

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Eisenhower Talks Straight To Churchill Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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To Washington the time, but General Essenhower as we Winaton Churchill some very blunt talk at their recent function in a washington the binness' conversation anyone has had with the eloquent Prime Stream of the washington was able to have his washington with Franklin Roosevelly was able to have his washington with Franklin Roosevelly was able to have his washington with the felt the time had come to speak frankly. He added that he had always been a close friend of England—in fact, had been criticized in the United States for the washington washington washington with the washington washington washington washington washington washington washington were greated that, as a friend, he was in a position to speak frankly about England's failure to co-operate in Europe. England, he said, was not supporting the plan for European unity, and, unleas British unity was assured, he expressed the fear that European unity would be builded to be the work of the work of the work of the washington would not join. Without England, Eisenhower aspued, the Scandinavian countries, Belgium and the Netherlands would not join. Without England, Eisenhower and, the French, Italians, Dutch and Belgians were fearful that Germany would dominate Western European Continent, that her commitments were to the British Continents and the United States knew it.

British Aid To Be Cut

way England would join the European army was if the United States would join. too.

Finally Churchill promised that England would provide planes for the European army in addition to transfing plots. However, he erfused to commit limited! either plots and the provide planes for the European army in addition to transfing plots. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he provide planes for the European army in addition to transfing plots. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant to move. However, he was also chairman and the Democratic Riddin vant no move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant no move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant no move. However, he was also chairman of the Democratic Riddin vant no Riddin