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RIDGWAY GETS TOUGH

WHEN Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway broke off the Kaesong cease-fire negotiations over the issue of press representation, he was not merely asserting his authority as chief of the U. S. negotiating team. More importantly, he was defending the right of the free world to have full information about the historic event.

WE SHALL NOT FORGET

UNDER the flimsy pretext that many Hungarian citizens of the middle and upper professional and intellectual, "racially dangerous elements," the Communist rulers of Hungary are carrying out mass evictions and deportations to tiny villages in eastern Hungary. The eventual destination of the deportees: exile in faraway Soviet slave camps.

Describing this cruel and inhumane treatment in a letter to the New York Times, Bela Fabian, member of the executive committee of the Hungarian National Council, says: "There is no difference whatever between Auschwitz and Karaganda. The freezing cold of the Arctic regions, the unendurable labor in the pineval forests, in the gold mines of Kolyma, the coal mines of Karaganda, or in the cotton fields in the tropical heat of Tashkent and Alma-Ata, are as murderous as the gas chambers of Auschwitz. It took a long time for the world to learn the names of the camps, but it will be too late when the opinion of the world will learn the meaning of Kolyma, Karaganda, Tashkent and Tashkent."

A REASONABLE REQUEST

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE W. H. S. RIDGWAY has made a reasonable request which will benefit the people of North Carolina to reserve judgment on his arrest on a charge of drunken driving until all the facts have been brought out in the trial next month. Judge Ridgway contends without the consent of the State he was arrested by a Franklin, Va., policeman July 11. He says he has been in ill health for six months, that the heat of the day combined with his low blood pressure made him weak and dizzy. He explains that the collateral hit-and-run charge was filed because his car struck a small sign marking a funeral.

MICKY COHEN—PERSONABLE PUNK

SENATOR ESTES KEFAUVER called Los Angeles hoodlum Mickey Cohen "a contemptible punk" and said his career had been "surrounded by violence and blood." Yet Federal District Judge Benjamin Harrison, in sentencing Cohen to a five-year term and \$10,000 fine on income tax evasion, described him as "a very nice, personable, and intelligent man." As a result, Cohen will become eligible for parole in 20 months. The sentence is a blot on the record of American justice. A cocky, dapper little punk, who has thumbed his nose at the law, Cohen is being treated with sympathy and leniency. He will get off by paying \$10,000 and resting comfortably in jail. He will even get U. S. protection from the gambling element who have tried several times to assassinate him. The sentence offers little encouragement to U. S. Internal Revenue Agents who have launched a nation-wide campaign to trap and convict gamblers like Cohen. And Judge Harrison's leniency is a shocking indication that we are losing our capacity for outraged indignation.

WONDERFUL MISTAKE

Labor Day is coming and death will ride the roads. Now is the time to give thanks and renew the hopes and the vigilance for holidays to come. Secretary Marshall says if we adopted MacArthur's proposal we'd have to go it alone in Korea. Yes, but we've got MacArthur—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press. Pravda says people live longer under Communism than capitalism. True, chances are just as good to be longer—Rocky Mount (N. C.) Telegram. There are two classes of people—those who don't remember the depression, and those who can't forget it.—Elinor Berkowitz (Ky.) News.

Stabilizer Wilson Renews His Plan



'Crime in America' Kefauver Book Describes Crime Probe

By BOB SAIN Book Editor, The News-Crier. CRIME IN AMERICA by Estes Kefauver. Doubleday & Co. 333 pp. \$3 in cloth; \$1 in paper.

ONCE, a while back, when somebody asked Sen. Tob Connelly of Texas "what about Estes Kefauver?" the snow-manned solon answered that Kefauver was "off chasing craphooters." The remark was made over the radio. Though the indiscreet Connelly publicly apologized later, confessing that he was only an attorney, there are more than a few Americans who can't help feeling that the Senator from Tennessee is tilting his lance against a spinning roulette wheel.

But, on the other hand, there is a growing multitude that believes the 48-year-old former Chattanooga lawyer should be President. Kefauver's presidential clubs are springing up in Tennessee like mushroom stumps in the Springtime. Until Estes Kefauver took office as chairman of the Special Committee to investigate crime in interstate Commerce (popularly known as the Kefauver Committee), he was remembered chiefly for his role in the "McCarthyism" which dominated a minion of Boss Crump called him somebody or other's "pet cono."

HOW is it that a mild-mannered family man of the Kefauver stripe could induce admiration among the righteous and fear among the guilty and dolls of crime's shadowland? Perhaps it was a matter of timing or personality. Or perhaps it was a matter of luck, that there are many criminals, that there are many politicians who are no better than criminals and that these two groups work together more often than occasionally. The Senator, in "Crime in America," tells us some unknown specific things about a known general subject. There is no great excitement of the chase in the Kefauver book. It is an almost boring recounting of numerous dull sessions with men distinguished for their ability to say time and time again "I refuse to answer that on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate or degrade me."

Drew Pearson's Items Hurt Relations With Truman

WASHINGTON THE White House was considering a plan to send Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to Iran as special mediator, when two published items suddenly knocked these plans into a cocked hat. One item was in Winchell's column, the other an article in Life Magazine. The Winchell item read: "Personal memo to Tito of Yugoslavia. When 'Bill Douglas' and other chiefs of foreign nations: Nehru of India (of Oregon and Washington, D. C.) calls on you—no! all courtesies extended will be appreciated by this column. Mr. Douglas will file copy exclusively with us. It will be relayed to all INS clients under the byline: 'By Bill Douglas, special correspondent of the Daily Winchell.'"

This did not go down well at the White House. Nobody would want to know that Douglas was going to be generally believed that the Supreme Court justice was going to be sent to Iran as a special mediator. Douglas is not popular around the White House, and even a remote association between him and Douglas didn't help. On top of this, the State Dept. learned that the Shah of Iran was blazing mad over a recent article in Life Magazine in which Justice Douglas portrayed Iran as a land of crooks and grafters. Though many agree with Douglas, the Shah apparently doesn't. For last week an urgent cable went to the State Dept. warning Douglas to stay out of Iran if he valued his life. Obviously he was not the man to mediate in Iran.

Failure in U.S. Leadership Harmful to Western Alliance

By JOSEPH ALSOP With Winston Churchill's superb self-confidence and willingness to take the lead himself. An alliance, like any other, is only as good as the leadership. It is deeply dependent on firm, clear-headed leadership. The Western alliance has no such leader. As a result, it is possible to lead it and the United States. And our untidy leadership in the past year has led to a steady erosion of confidence in the United States that was built up during the war. The great policy-making years just after the war. This trouble is simply the fear of a third world war in terms of Europe, in the Middle and Far East, by the continuing preoccupation of Soviet military power. NATURAL IMPULSE For Englishmen who think of a third world war in terms of a natural impulse to avoid it, it would be less important to us, if our ally were as well as to us, were being cold and wisely calculated in Washington. The impression that has been conveyed. And thus, while our allies have no notion of our suffering, they suffer from a most hysterical fear that they will be plunged into an unnecessary war. There is no use grumbling about injustice, appeasement, and the treatment of our allies. The practical situation confronting us is the situation outlined above. We must find a way to meet it. It has been recognized in the Kremlin as another vulnerable flank of the free world.

These are bleak truths which need to be noted, but noted as warnings. For America can lead, which means if America can't be true to her own grandeur, she will be a weak and a tricky times ahead; but the Western alliance will hold firm and there will be no catastrophe. The knowledge that he is skirting a precipice makes the mountaineer bold. He is naturally also more firmly, and this must be the American rule today.

Yet even these grave difficulties are essentially superficial. They would matter little, if it were not for two other, less noticeable but far deeper sources of trouble. The first of these trouble sources — it had better be admitted — is the impression that has been conveyed. And thus, while our allies have no notion of our suffering, they suffer from a most hysterical fear that they will be plunged into an unnecessary war. There is no use grumbling about injustice, appeasement, and the treatment of our allies. The practical situation confronting us is the situation outlined above. We must find a way to meet it. It has been recognized in the Kremlin as another vulnerable flank of the free world.

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Some People Shoulda Stood In Bed All Of Their Lives

By ROBERT C. RUARK anked a chair from under her. She toppled in the basroom and wrecked the bandstand. She fell down and was not up. She was on another occasion, presented the audience with a delightful view of a face buried in a sheaf of papers begonia.

She has been bitten by her own ankle straps and was almost fatally injured by an electrocutor reducing horse, until a kindly electrician shut off the juice and saved her. Her only supposition Miss Lee is clumsy, which is not true. It is just that chairs nudge snidely into her path and stairs quiver beneath her. She is a ham and a show-off. On purpose. Malice aforethought.

I know another lady, named Borden. She is a chief, a devil craft nature may have been somewhat corrupted by the manufacture of about eighteen soap operas. Miss Borden is highly susceptible to sabotage by nonbreathing objects. She is fond of cooking, but she is not a cook. She is fond of the hamburger in the sand, and she is fond of the hamburger in the sand, and she is fond of the hamburger in the sand.

Miss Borden, when covantly at the hamburger in the sand, has been known to consign table, cards, a chair and a pair of eyebrow tweezers into the Gulf of Mexico. She is a ham and a show-off. On purpose. Malice aforethought. The first time she ever met her husband, she stumbled, trod his corns and cut his fingers. She is a ham and a show-off. On purpose. Malice aforethought. Once, in a vital public appearance, Peggy stalked down a flight of stairs, stepped on her dress and walked right through the dress. She was singing and playing the piano. She was singing and playing the piano. She was singing and playing the piano.

Captial News Capsules

IRAN and North Atlantic Pact—Field Marshal Montgomery has informed General Eisenhower that Britain will invade the Atlantic Pact. The idea started Eisenhower who looks on the Atlantic Pact as an instrument for warding off Russian invasion of Western Europe. A device for warding off Russian invasion in the Middle East. If Britain follows through on this, the rest of the Atlantic Pact nations will probably renege. A close friend said Secretary of State Dean Acheson how he felt. Smiling broadly, the patriotic secretary replied: "I'm like the story of the man who was hit by a tough boxer. When he came to, out on the sidewalk, he doubted his fist, shook it at the door, and shouted, 'I can lick any ten of you!' The Italian government has uncovered a gigantic Russian plot to send arms by the shipload to Communists in Northern Italy. Four big pleasure yachts, carrying a device for launching atomic bombs, have been intercepted in the Adriatic. The arms were brand new and worth nearly \$2,000,000.

Quote, Unquote

By the might of just one speech before the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Sen. Kerr brought his deep mind to the South Canadian far as the Asher bridge. Two more speeches at the most and the brim will be encrusting the washed-out bridge and every Oklahoma citizen will have confirmation of the declaration of Holy Writ. "The sea rose by reason of a great wind that blew."—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

We all need to take vacations from our worried, busy lives. The Collierist writes that the Secretary of the National Farmers' Union, who told her: "Well, I'm going home, open the gates to the kennel, let the hounds out and hear a fox race tonight. Then I'm going to preaching tomorrow—and I'm not even going to think about that cotton crop again until Monday morning."—Eggers (Miss.) Webster-Press.

King Farouk's Honeymoon

BURBULOUS King Farouk of Egypt got sore and cut short his honeymoon in Sicily the other day—for a most interesting reason. He was galivanting around with another woman—his bride—and Italian photographers tried to take his picture. The King's strange behavior on his honeymoon shocked even his most loyal followers. And when the Italian papers said he was honeymooning with a Sicilian girl, he boarded his yacht and sailed away. The Egyptian press hinted at the escapades, and as a result the King ordered three of Cairo's biggest newspapers to be temporarily suppressed. Egyptian censors refused to allow any foreign reporters to cable word of this out of the country.

Washington Pipeline

THE pipe that led to the suspension of Dennis Delaney, Massachusetts collector of internal revenue, came from Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, the crime buster. Thanks to a paper by the former Secretary of the Internal Revenue Harold Ickes and his successor, Oscar Chapman, at least one plank of the President's badly battered civil rights program was carried out recently—the transfer of Ickes and Chapman-managed islands in the Pacific from Navy to civilian control. Senator Humphrey of Minnesota has appealed to his colleagues to give up their seats on the Senate Finance Committee. Congress has passed a law which would make it a crime to refuse to answer questions in a closed-door meeting of the committee.