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MCCARTHY'S NEW TWIST

SENATOR Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, that foremost expert on the gullible-association wrangle, has fashioned a new twist. Senator Thomas Jennings Jr. of Missouri, he says, is a law partner as a man who defended one of the eleven Communist leaders in the now-famous New York trial. Senator Jennings' law firm also represents the St. Louis Post-Dispatch which said McCarthy with his usual over-identification, "opposed my anti-Communist fight". Therefore, he reasons, Senator Jennings should disqualify himself from service on a subcommittee investigating McCarthy's fitness to be a member of the U. S. Senate.

There are two or three interesting angles about this most recent example of the McCarthy technique. First of all, the trial of the eleven Communist leaders under the wartime Smith Act posed very weighty constitutional issues of grave concern to every American of whatever philosophical bent. Had the defense of the Communists been left solely to fanatical and irresponsible lawyers in the profession's party-line lunacy fringe, those issues would never have been written on, and the space would need for a responsible defense, such as that furnished by Jennings' law partner for John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker.

THERE'S MORE TO BE DONE

THE rather belated report that the Young Democrats in North Carolina are done in Carolina Beach, got around to adopting a code of ethics for political campaigning gave us considerable satisfaction. The levels to which the Smith-Graham Senatorial battle sank in North Carolina last year establishes a clear need for some code of ethics.

It is a fine thing to give "a simple reminder to all that principles of religion, honesty, common decency, and fair play, should govern political campaigns". Everyone can agree on that.

UNANSWERED CHARGE

SENATOR Pat McCarran is evading the issue when he charges that there is a "certain co-ordinating agency" behind newspaper attacks on the work of his Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

Before testimony Buzend recently gave to the McCarran group about those same two men. In each case, Buzend positively identified their affiliation with the Communist Party this year, although he "had no information" about their Communist affiliation last year.

THE DIPLOMATIC BELLY LAUGH

TWO of our columnists are not quite in agreement as to what General Dwight Eisenhower and Congressman Hugh Scott say to each other.

That is the only Eisenhower comment in this "almost verbatim" talk as recorded by Pearson so the "belly laugh".

Scott stressed the risk taken by those who were working for Eisenhower, whose reply "has always been," reports Columnist Childs, "that he has taken risks and those who believe in him must also be willing to take risks if they are dedicated to the cause of welding the free world together."

When they drew Pearson comes along with what he calls the "almost verbatim account" of the Eisenhower-Scott talk. According to Pearson, Scott asked the General if there was any "hope" of his acceptance of a GOP draft, and added—"I know

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WHICHBURGERS AND WHATFURTERS

WILL the chickenfurter take its place at the head of the parade and the hamburger in American favor and vocabulary? asks the National Geographic Society. The only possible answer is that the NGS is way behind the times. If the chickenfurter takes its place beside anything, it should chicken-furter, the hamburger can point with pride to evidences of the sincerest form of platypus in the cheeseburger, the nutburger, the shrimburger, the fishburger.

shrimfurfurters and fishfurfurters. While we are at it, the original, could profitably be shrimpped around to the hamfurger and the frankburger. Finally, some enterprising fellow who does not wish to lose the trade of either the purburger or the furturger, is almost bound to stumble on the furturger—or burfurger, as the case may be.

'Wait A Minute. There's Something For You To Do, Too'



French Also Wonder Where 'Le Fric' is Coming From

GERMANY before the war. Thus, French soldiers, are much given to arguing about what is wrong with their army. In any such discussion, two words are likely to be heard repeatedly throughout the cheerful battle of complaints. One is "L'In-ochobite" (the other is "Le Fric," which is French slang for money. When this word is uttered it is always accompanied by a shrugging gesture consisting of extending the right hand, with thumb and forefinger touching to form a zero.

CORE OF REGULARS By the very nature of the French military system, the French military strength depends utterly on the small core of regular officers and non-coms who carry their careers. These "French army" their, hard-bitten, and among the best professional soldiers in the world who must yearly transform about 400,000 French recruits called up from the ranks into the professional core of officers and non-coms.

Collected By Bill Sharpe TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

Just A Starter 'Canned (Chronicle) A writer says that it's generally taken for granted that a fisherman exaggerates a little bit in telling of his catches. And this remains the story of the old judge who was with a party of friends on a fishing trip in the Adirondacks, and heard a young fisherman bragging about his naturally run on big fish. When it came his turn the jurist began, uncertain as to how he was going to come out. "We're fishing one time," said Grand Banks for—"Whales," somebody suggested. "No," said the judge, "we were using the whales as bait."

When he arrived a few minutes later he found the husband lying on the bed with his mouth wide open while his hysterical wife waved a sardine in front of his mouth. "You foolish woman, I told you to wave cheese in front of his mouth," the neighbor told her. "I know it," the wife shrieked, "but I've got to get the cat out first!"

Eavesdropper (Richmond County Journal)

Speaking of eavesdropping, a telegrapher for the Adams (Chronicle) was sitting on his honeymoon. He and his bride were sitting in a train coach holding hands "paying no attention to the world around them" until the groom heard the familiar Morse Code being tapped out on the arm of a seat behind him, and heard a woman's voice uttering the words "Grand Banks for—". "Whales," somebody suggested. "No," said the judge, "we were using the whales as bait."

Kentucky Corn (San Ramon, News & Observer)

It smells like gangrene starting in a mildewed silo, it tastes like the wool to come, and it's a real pain in the neck. The Kentucky corn industry is suffering from the sensations of having swallowed a lighted kerosene lamp.

Same Line (Smithfield Herald)

Friends of a minister were admiring his versatility in preparing two sermons a week, year in and year out. The minister's teenage son was not so impressed. "At the same place," he said, "but Pop just hollers in a different place each week."

Chivalry And Hams (Greensboro Daily News)

This is the headline which caught our eye in the Richmond News-Leader recently. The news story related how a Yankee ordered a Smithfield ham from a Richmond store and six weeks later wrote the store.

That Good Feeling (Chet Davis, Winston-Salem Journal)

One of the finest things about a canoe trip is the wonderful feeling you have when you are either pulled or pushed by the carpenter. The Taft crew after a stiff portage. It's the sort of a feeling you get when you stop beating your thumb with a hammer.

First Things First (Camden Chronicle)

A writer says that we have got to get rid of Russia before we get rid of the Red Chinese. And that makes us think of the woman who rushed over to a neighbor's house one night and asked the man of the house to come over to her house quickly. "A mouse ran down my husband's throat awhile ago while he was sleeping with his mouth open," she explained. "The neighbor told her he would be over to attend to her but she could not on some clothes and suggested that in the meantime she try waving

Drew Pearson's Labor, Taft Firt With Each Other

WASHINGTON MOST important backstage move in the works by a small group at the A. F. L. convention in San Francisco is to dump Truman and the carpenters. The Taft crew after a stiff portage. It's the sort of a feeling you get when you stop beating your thumb with a hammer.

any unfair labor practices charge by another union. In brief, this would permit an employer to back an election with a phony union which in no way represented his men.

High-Jump To Conclusion

GOP Congressman Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania deserves a medal for high-jumping at conclusions. With considerable flourish and fanfare, he has announced that General Eisenhower would accept the Republican nomination.