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WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

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Order Out of Chaos

WASHINGTON is clearly beginning to see order emerge out of the chaos over who is going to manage our space race.

Actually, Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy has moved in and asserted the Pentagon's prerogatives to run things. This is not so much evident in the quick organization of the new Advanced Research Projects Agency as in the firm manner in which Mr. McElroy has started delegating authority among the military services.

He sounded like a boss when he remarked Friday that as far as he is concerned the Air Force will man any future space ships and, further, that the Army no longer is being confined to operating missiles of 200-mile range.

This is healthy. It presumably can head off efforts at a drastic reorganization of the Pentagon, and efforts to divorce control of space weapons entirely from the Pentagon.

These efforts are less appealing than they were to many at first. They arose out of frustration that the Pentagon did not show a proper aggressiveness and sureness of foot. They are likely to diminish as the Pentagon recovers its balance.

Mr. McElroy is looking good. But he will have his problems still. It is not an easy thing, this being boss of a space race in which the public wishes that we had shot the moon yesterday.

The Ladies Have Decided

AFTER LAUGHING through a couple of decades at them, and considering ourselves blessed they were a thing of the past, we're downright dashed to see women's fashions of the 1920's being revived.

These whatchamacallit dresses do what they shouldn't do to the female figure. They accentuate the negative and practically eliminate the positive. We thought women would have better gumption than to advance into shapeliness again.

But you never can tell, and you never should underestimate the distasteful side. Women have decided the chemise, or sack, dress will do, and that means the American male, like it or not, will pay through the nose to revamp military's wardrobe all but completely.

There will be individualists among the women who will resist the shift of fashion away from more fitting attire. In fact, we have heard of one Miss Jayne Mansfield declares that she bought one but quickly became disgusted with it and gladly gave it away.

This will please Miss Mansfield's fans. But we can hear the women spitting. In fact, the thought occurs that women will even put the blame on Jayne for the return of the chemise.

After all, competing with Miss Mansfield was a pretty tough thing for the average woman. With the usual equipment,

that is. But wiles win, and the girls seem to have decided that the way to fight back is to de-emphasize.

You know what!

A Salute to 4-H Masters

WHEN BOYS AND GIRLS surpass in 4-H Club projects and become state winners, they are eligible for membership in an organization that is truly elite. It proudly wears the name of Master 4-H Club.

Approximately 60 qualify each year, and presently there are some 600 members. They are from every section of the state, and none is more representative of the high ideals of 4-H than these 600.

At the moment the Master 4-H Club officers are engaged in drawing plans for an important meeting—the spring rally, to be in Tifton Feb. 15-16. Tifton, with its many phases of agricultural interest, is indeed the logical place for such a gathering.

The Journal, always an ardent supporter of the state's 4-H program, finds many reasons for sending best wishes to the Tifton meeting. One has to do with Harold Joiner, the Master 4-H Club president. Harold Joiner is farm editor of The Journal.

Those attending the spring rally may be assured this newspaper joins heartily with Tifton in hoping the sessions are fruitful and enjoyable.

Us Chipper Jorees

GOV. MARVIN Griffin's description of reporters as jorees was a nice compliment, whether he meant it that way or not.

The word joree is a colloquialism, used to describe the towhee, also known as the chickadee. Atlanta Bird Club people hold the jorees in high esteem. The city, as well as the boondocks, is blessed with them by the thousands. It is a cheerful, industrious, inquisitive little bird, active and restless.

Said a Bird Club member: "The towhee likes to scratch in dark places under bushes. He is always trying to uncover things. He helps keep nature in balance. The word joree comes from the chirping sounds he makes."

That's us, cheerful and industrious, happily chirping as we scratch around in dark places, just trying to keep things in balance.

A LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH

When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf, thou shalt not go again to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.—The Book of Deuteronomy, xxiv, 19.

Washington. IN DAMASCUS last September, the Syrian chief of staff, Gen. Adf. Birt, gave me a prediction which I didn't quite believe. He predicted that Syria and Egypt would unite.

Gen. Birt is a rather young, blunt-spoken army officer who seemed to revere all things Russian but claimed he wasn't worried about Syria becoming Communist. After telling me to take careful notes, he also predicted that within a few weeks the Syrian and Egyptian armies would unite under one command.

This took place a month later, in October. And this month, February, Gen. Birt's second prediction of Egyptian-Syrian unity was announced in Damascus and Cairo.

This poses some dangerous problems to the peace of the Near East. It poses a danger first, to Lebanon, a half-Christian, half-Arab nation which already has friction with Syria and doesn't want to be engulfed; second, to Israel which has Russian-armed Syrian and Egyptian armies on two borders.

But most immediately, it will present a grave problem to the precarious Kingdom of Jordan, which bears the same relation to Egypt and Syria that a slice of ham does to two pieces of bread. It has to be swallowed to have a sandwich.

In order to unite effectively, Egypt and Syria must get to have common borders, and taking over Jordan will be the first step in that direction. Israel will be next.

If Egypt and Syria swallow Jordan, as they are almost certain to try to do within the next nine months, then the new Arab combine will almost be united—though not quite. Only the Gulf of Aqaba, the Israeli city of Eilat and the Red Sea will separate them. Distance is so short in the Holy Land and the two united Arab armies will be close to each other.

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Witness Tags

6 Teeners at Murder Trial

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—The state's main witness in the trial of seven teen-agers accused of murder dropped from the witness stand Friday to identify six of the defendants as members of the gang that allegedly killed his friend.

The witness, Roger McShane, 16, was stabbed in the attack on the night of July 30 last year, but fled his attackers and recovered. His friend, Michael Farmer, 15, a police victim who was unable to run, was stabbed and beaten to death.

McShane told how he and Farmer had just arrived at a city pool where they planned to sneak a swim after it had closed when a group of boys suddenly jumped out of the bushes. He said four of them surrounded young Farmer and two others followed him.

HE TESTIFIED that Farmer was standing up, his back against a wall, when he last saw the boys. He asked to identify the six teen-agers who were surrounding Farmer. McShane stepped off the stand and walked to within 10 feet of the defendants. Then, without a word, he pointed his finger at Louis Alvarez, 16; Richard Hills, 16; Charles Horton, 16, and John McCarthy, 15.

Asked who else among the defendants he had seen at the pool on the night of the killing, McShane again stepped from the stand and identified LeRoy Birch, 16, and Leoncio de Leon, 16. He could not say whether the seventh defendant, George Melendez, 16, was in the group.

THE DEFENDANTS would face the electric chair if convicted on the first-degree murder charges. They are defended by a battery of 27 court-appointed lawyers who are being paid \$500 each by the state. The defense planned a cross-examination of McShane on Monday.

The prosecution claims that the seven teen-agers were members of a gang which attacked Farmer and McShane because they violated the gang's self-declared "territorial rights" on the pool area. Eighteen youths were picked up following the killing, but 11 were turned over to juvenile authorities because they were under 15.

Money order and parcel post windows will be opened at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. in the Old Post Office Building. The parcel post window at the Post Office Annex will be opened at 9 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. Closing times will remain the same.

The changes will meet a demonstrated need for better early morning service at the two offices, Postmaster Sanders said.

Post Offices Shift Window Service

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PICKRICK SAYS

Some people do not read the small print in contracts, ads, etc. The following ad was placed in the Atlanta newspapers for several days:

HELP WANTED

Main office and references required. Just good quality customers. Apply immediately.

PICKRICK

This ad was not placed in the HELP WANTED classified columns (as the ad did not seek employees) but ran as a display ad in the news section.

EVIDENTLY

most readers read only the heavy print "HELP WANTED AND PICKRICK" because many people come to the Pickrick seeking employment and others called, and all applied before the ad was removed from the newspapers. After two gentlemen arrived at the Pickrick and found me very busy at home, they decided to eat lunch and then make application for employment, when I would be home.

WHEN THESE TWO

gentlemen had finished their lunch and told me they had eaten while waiting to see me in answer to the ad—they were much surprised to find that not only had they applied but had filled the vacancy by eating lunch at the Pickrick.

AND YOU'LL BE SURPRISED when you visit the Pickrick and find delicious and well-prepared meats, seafood, skillet-fried chicken, vegetables, fruit and vegetable salads and twelve different and tasty freshly baked Pickrick pies—served at prices so low you can't afford to eat at home.

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Breaded Pork Chop 50c
Fried Perch Fillet 40c
Chopped Barbecued Beef in Sauce 55c
Roast Round of Beef 65c
Chopped Sirloin Meat Loaf 45c
Skillet-Fried Chicken 45c

CHOICE OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SALADS AT 10c AND 35c EACH
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TRADE NAME PICKRICK

HE'S WORKING TOO HARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—Eddie Hodges, 10, who stars in a Broadway musical, has been forbidden to appear on Perry Como's television show. Mayor Wagner, acting on recommendation of the

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said the young folk singer's schedule of eight stage appearances a week already is too strenuous. His mother protested the ruling.

KITTY PAL LEAVES JAIL WITH OWNER

BELMONT, N.C., Feb. 8 (AP)—A black cat has been released from the local jail.

The cat's owner, Patsy Chandler, had insisted the animal stay with her while she was jailed on a traffic charge.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Board of Education's new policy of ousting violent students to protect the innocent resulted Friday in the suspension of at least 644 pupils.

In elementary, junior and vocational high schools 544 students were suspended. At least 100 others were suspended from academic high schools. This last figure, however, was incomplete because many of the schools opened sessions well into the afternoon and after the suspension list was released.

Both boys and girls were included in the ouster but the announcement gave no numerical breakdown by sex. Nor was a breakdown given by race. The suspensions presumably are for an indefinite period.

There are 800,000 students enrolled in the elementary, junior and vocational high schools. Before yesterday, 219 students were on suspension from these schools.

A parallel figure for academic high schools, where more than 130,000 students are enrolled, was not available.

The largest exodus was from Brooklyn, scene of many of the recent school rapes, stabbings and disorders in which both Negro and white students were involved.

The action was a swift implementation of a decision taken by the Board of Education Thursday night. The board at that time adopted a resolution authorizing suspension of any pupils "charged with violation of law involving violence or insubordination."

Schools Spelt, William Jansen, spelling out in detail the categories of pupils to which the new policy applied, made no reference to an actual law violation as a precondition of suspension.

He said the policy would apply to any pupil with a record of serious and continuous misbehavior. The action brought into immediate focus the problem of what to do with the ousted pupils.

Wagner said he was conferring with other city officials about finding some "temporary facilities" that could be made available to handle suspended pupils.

In some cases in the past, students convicted of delinquency in court have been sent back to school because there was no room for them in juvenile institutions.

The board's new policy was protested by organizations of parents, teachers and child welfare experts.

Mrs. Ralph Morris, director of the Public Information Assn., said: "In attempting to force city and state officials to assume their responsibilities, the board has committed an act of desperation and almost certainly an illegal one as well."

The Civil Liberties Union called the new policy "excessively harsh."

Mrs. Stroud New Avondale Music Head Mrs. Robert Stroud has accepted the position of minister of music at the Avondale Methodist Church.

Mrs. Stroud has previously served as minister of music in Lenox, N.C., and at the Forest Hills Methodist Church in Fairfield, Ala. At Avondale, she will direct the church, junior and youth choirs.

Gordon told a newsman of his decision to step out of the active chairmanship he inherited a year ago from Rep. Richards (D-SC), who did not seek re-election.

Gordon, 64, underwent a serious operation last fall. He later announced he would not seek reelection this year.

Gordon said he would return to his chairmanship "off and on."

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Gordon (D-Ill.) said today that because of ill health he is turning over active leadership of the important House Foreign Affairs Committee to Rep. Morgan (D-Pa.).

Morgan has been the senior Democrat under Gordon's chairmanship and head of a subcommittee on the Near East and Africa.

Morgan has been regarded as a middle-of-the-roader on foreign policy matters.

Rep. Vorys (Ohio), a top committee Republican who has steered many Eisenhower foreign policy bills in the House, predicted that Morgan "will be very good at running the committee."

"He is quite a student, has a fine mind and a great deal of ability at getting things done," Vorys said.

Reds Hint Accord On Summit Talks

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Radio Moscow indicated Saturday that Russia is willing to accept a U.S. compromise proposal on preparations for the "summit" talks proposed by the Kremlin.

A Red broadcaster, reaffirming Soviet opposition to the idea of a preliminary foreign ministers' conference, endorsed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' alternative suggestion of preparation through normal diplomatic channels as "correct."

"The Soviet Union welcomes this realistic attitude," he said.

THE STATEMENT emphasized the Russian view that progress can be achieved through a meeting of world leaders, without specifying how many nations should be represented.

"Top-level talks are a sure way to peace, but not an easy way," the Soviet spokesman said. "The rift between East and West is too deep now for all differences to clear themselves up as soon as leading statesmen get together."

"We can but admit that the idea of adequate preparation for a summit conference advanced by U.S. leaders is correct. That."

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