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## Graduate Another Young Democrat Gets His Diploma Appointment

It has got so over the years that the Young Democratic organizations have become hardly more than trade schools to prepare their matriculates for jobs on some public pay roll. This cynical reflection is aroused by the recommendation of Worth McKinnon of Asheville, president of the Young Democrats of Swain County, for a place on the staff of the District Attorney for the Western district of North Carolina—Bob Reynolds' bailiwick.

The brave young idealism which the Young Democrats were founded and presented to the nation by Tyne Taylor some eight or nine years ago, to instill and preserve in the young people of the United States an interest in governmental affairs, is being replaced by having cold water thrown on it by the scramble of those in charge of the movement to get themselves jobs on some governmental pay roll. Call the roster of past officers of these clubs, national, state and local, and you will find a shopping percentage of them which recently headed by Tyne himself, holding appointments.

Which is not to say, of course, that they are personally unworthy, certainly not to suggest that the latest graduate to go to Bob McKinnon is anything less than an exemplary young lawyer who has earned Bob Reynolds' good will. But it is to say that the shammed condition of American democracy is due largely to such treacherous political practices as the Young Democrats have adopted. Evidently what they aim to preserve is first of all themselves and after that the worst features of our political system.

## Wheeler, et al. This Group Plainly Stands Only for Obstruction

Scarcely most people must feel as we do about the controversy over extending the year's service of soldiers; that there is only one side to it. That with Germany's successes threatening to turn the world upside down, it is no time for the United States to play possum. That the six-year Army of 2,000,000 men is not the real effort against Japan's war-wise 200 divisions and Japan's navy, it would be suicidal to disband any part of this force or to suspend its training.

The objectors to extending the period of selective service advance various reasons in support of their opposition. They say that to do so would be breaking faith with the boys. They freely charge the President with designs of building up a great armed force to send abroad.

There was a time when this group of men—Wheeler, the two Clarks, Reynolds, Nye et al.—pretended that they were for building up the armed forces of this country to the point of invincibility, yes, but not for any overseas. Their actions clearly repudiate even so qualified a preparation. Their whole aim is clearly exposed to be that of anti-packing and obstructing the moves of the Government. Naturally they would risk the national security to give point and emphasis to their differences with the Administration over policy.

## White Lines They Make It Easier To Park Your Car

It's the little things that provoke profanity. Like yesterday when a man tried to get his car into three separate parking places on South Tryon Street, only to find that each was not quite long enough. After some ten minutes of backing and turning, the man gave it up, growled several bad words, and roared away in a jack-rabbit start that would have made Mr. Ikes wince.

used streets. White lines usually are all it takes to remind parkers to use one space and no more. In Charlotte this plan would have the additional advantage of simplifying the complexity of signs which often leave a motorist confused about whether he should or should not park in a certain space.

## Red Herring The Press Is "Protected" By an Unclecome Defender

Seeking to extricate himself from an impossible position, Senator Robert Reynolds has suddenly become a staunch defender of freedom of the press. As chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, Reynolds must—if he would keep the job—introduce all bills favored by a majority of the committee. A committee majority favored the defense property seizure bill, a measure recommended by the War Department. Senator Reynolds introduced the bill, then turned to reporters and told them that he could not support it.

The Senator must have reached deep into his bag of political shams and trickery. At any rate, the excuse he fetched up is downright laughable. He says he can't support the bill because he fears that it might permit the President to seize radio stations and newspapers. Senator Reynolds has been a more obvious attempt to frighten newspapers into sparing Senator Reynolds further embarrassment.

As for radio stations, the Government is now, and always has been, empowered to take over and to operate any station, commercial or amateur, if such facilities are needed.

During hearings on the property seizure bill, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson testified before Reynolds' committee:

## Home Canning An OPM Hint To Thrift Housewives

If housewives need further incentive to buy up extra-large supplies of home-canned fruits and vegetables, this Summer, they will find it in certain food figures released this week by the OPM Division of Purchases.

This Government agency declares that the expanding Army and Navy will require well over 8,000,000 cases of canned vegetables and fruits out of the 1941 "pack." Demands by the armed forces are expected to total about 8.4 per cent of all the vegetables and almost 5 per cent of all the fruit canned last year.

## New Army Politics

By Hugh S. Johnson

THERE is danger of a decline in the morale of Regular Army officers' political education. They are getting more and more conservative. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past.

RESERVE OFFICERS' CRAM  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The fact that they are after now is apparent from the fact that the whole staff of the War Department in Washington is being crammed with Reserve officers. Lieutenant-colonels and majors whose military education and experience is next to nil. Their distinction, rank and pay are being given to these young men who have held high Reserve commissions on an inactive basis for years or other number of years—mostly fewer.

REGULARS LOSE OUT  
As a first example: to fill the great need for trained officers in staff positions, Regular officers also were given the same kind of temporary commissions in the field. They are given the same kind of temporary commissions in the field. They are given the same kind of temporary commissions in the field.

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## Or a Pickle

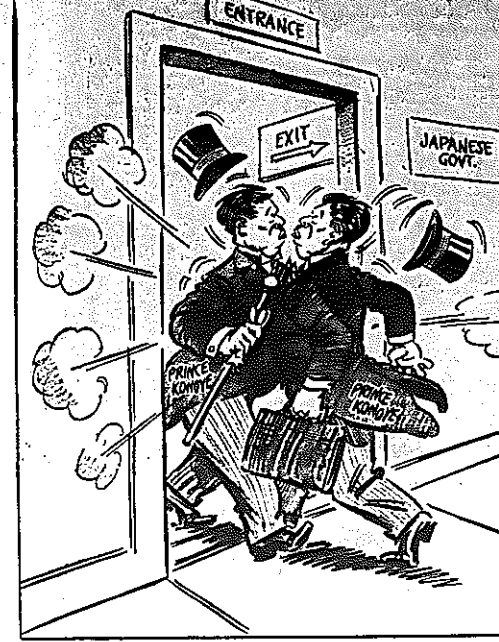
In the Southwest, one who was long and fat as the carnival has passed on. Possibly from a ripe olive, left in the bottle.

## The QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

- No. 1—An Uptown Theater-Auditorium
- No. 2—A Separate Court District
- No. 3—An Uptown Rest Room
- No. 4—Street-Widening

## "Oops! Beg Most Honorable Pardon"

By Herbert



## RAF Gunner Over Germany

From Baltimore Evening Sun

"Our bombers last night carried out a very successful raid on Bremen." Such announcements have become commonplace in the days of the hope and fear, the anxious moments, the thrill and the fearful risks of Britain's young men who take part in these operations. An R.A.F. gunner, writing in the New York Times Magazine, gives a vivid account of his experiences on such a journey.

The moments before taking off he finds to be the worst of the flight. "Only a new man will attempt a job. Then the older hands will smile a little—in sympathy." His plane is in the cramped rear gunner's quarters. He puts on his helmet and plugs in the telephone lead.

The bomber leaves the ground, ascends to 3,000 feet, then to 5,000. He is cold in his cramped quarters under the tail of the ship, in spite of masses of sweaters, fur-lined boots and gloves. The temperature is down something of the order of 100 degrees below zero. He is something vaguely undignified, he remarks, "in traveling back, was something of the order of 100 degrees below zero. He is something vaguely undignified, he remarks, "in traveling back, was something of the order of 100 degrees below zero."

## Side Glances



## Careful You Japan

By Raymond

THE Japanese will be making no mistake in their calculations. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past. They are not so interested in the welfare of the nation as they were in the past.

For months the Government has been pounded for allowing of and other supplies to go to Japan. The Government has sought to appease Japan in order to keep the hands of the war party in Tokyo and give it a pretext for new aggression. But if this strategy does not work, of course it will be dropped.

## TOKYO NOW IS TEMPTED TO PULL TRIGGER

It may not have been appropriate hitherto to say some things about our Government's attitude but I see no harm in discussing it now since Tokyo apparently is strongly tempted to pull the trigger during the next few days. This Government has not wanted to divert its energies from the battle of the Atlantic and for that reason has gone a long way toward trying to placate Japan. We have permitted oil to go to Japan nearly because we did not want to play into the hands of the war party in Tokyo and give it a pretext for new aggression. But if this strategy does not work, of course it will be dropped.

## RAF PACIFIC STRENGTHS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED

Japan should not delude herself that the United States is too busy to let the Atlantic to give the Pacific the benefit if Tokyo embarks upon new aggression there that threatens American interests. Japan must know that the American flag still is in the Philippines and that we are prepared to defend it. Japan must know that the American flag still is in the Philippines and that we are prepared to defend it.

## How To Be A Strategist

Logic of amateur strategists: Naval armies with Russian armies fall because their old generals were purged.

## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Whoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel, the same shall save it.—Mark 4:35.

## AMERICA IS NOT RELUCTANT TO FIGHT JAPAN

Lastly Japan should not misjudge American reluctance to fight. For years the Navy has been building up the fleet as the potential enemy. The western part of the United States always has been hostile toward Japan. Recently a pacifist speaker, addressing a non-interventionist audience in a west coast city, was asked if the United States should fight if Germany attacked us. The speaker said no. The audience applauded. The speaker was then asked if the United States should fight if Japan attacked us. Again the speaker said no. This time the audience, instead of applauding, was deeply angry. The speaker said no. The audience applauded. The speaker was then asked if the United States should fight if Japan attacked us. Again the speaker said no. This time the audience, instead of applauding, was deeply angry.

## Visitin' Around

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(West) Wilberforce House.  
Bread cherries are selling at twenty cents a gallon here the Jumping Off Road is the usual way and to people passing.