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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON THIS week the Republican National Committee meets to elect the 1944 candidates for the 78th Congress. It is a virtual certainty that the party will put in a ticket headed by Wendell Willkie and Charles McNary. The party has had such an electoral opportunity in the past that it is not surprising that it should have had such a success. The party has had such an electoral opportunity in the past that it is not surprising that it should have had such a success.

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What's This?

A Labor Union Says Strikes Hiding Us

Here's something new. A national union of shipyard workers, in the midst of Labor's growth that General Marshall has done it an injustice in his famed war-hindrance charge, pops up and orders 170,000 strikers to get back to work. It is on the grounds that the strikers are "aiding the enemies of our country."

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Charles La Follette of Indiana, who, in opposing the insurance lobby's move to exempt fire-insurance companies from the anti-trust act, recently told colleagues: "I don't understand how any Republican can say in one breath that we are going to be in control of the Government of the United States in 1944 and in the next breath say that we fear regulation by a Federal Government of which we are in control, that we are admitting that, if elected, we will enact bad legislation."

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It should have been elementary, we have thought all along, that the Green-Murray group

is not at all what you'd expect of a man who's been walking with downcast eyes around the Presidential table for months on end. It wasn't much like anything an unwilling candidate would dream up, Judge for yourself: "I arrive at this conclusion with full conviction of the fact that the very serious times in which we are living make the coming convention one of the most important in our history. If it is to fulfill its true purpose in our national life, it should be the most unselfish and patriotic service on the part of all who participate in its deliberations."

Soldiers To Vote

Soldiers' vote. A compromise soldier-vote bill will be passed. Unlike the original Green-La Follette bill, it will give the Federal Government no police powers over the election officials, but, otherwise, it will be an Administration victory. The soldiers will vote.

Blind Typist

Last Spring, a 20-year-old girl graduated from Trinity College in Washington. In spite of the great demand for college-trained women in the Government, she doubted that she could get a job. Reason: She is blind. Today Catherine Kelly, a lovely brunette whose eyes do not see, is working as a typist for the War Production Board.

Capital Chaff

Instead of cutting down red tape, the War Department is increasing it. It opened the new year by requiring reception clerks at all entrances of the giant Pentagon Building to ask no less than four questions of each visitor, and write down all answers on a pink slip or yellow filing card. Guess the Army thinks we are losing the war, not winning it.

Everyday Counselor

By Rev. Herbert Spaulth

THE Christmas season just passed had more true value to it than in many a year. More people thought of its true meaning than ever before in this generation. This was not only reflected in personal conversation, but found expression in the Christmas sentiment of business houses. In a Christmas booklet sent out by a large corporation was found the following:

Pole Division Joins Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) - A second division of Polish army units, which has joined the Soviet Army, is reported to be serving with the Russians. The division, known as the "Polish People's Division," is reported to be serving with the Russians.

It's Going To Be Very Embarrassing Some Day

By Dorman Smith



New Draft

Changed Regulations To Be Great Benefit

The reform in draft regulations should do a great deal to improve the position of draft fathers still at home, to build up a ready reserve of services, and to make the future pinch on manpower in the country less severe. For a great many months some such program as elimination of screening and institution of examinations far in advance of induction has been needed.

Two Enemies

Argentina & Bolivia Need A Spanking

Secretary Hull, taking a strong stand against the new Bolivian government, and indirectly placing blame for the "revolution" on Argentina, in effect attacks Americans who have spoken for recognition of the South American republic. He does not add that the United States is prepared to take any course of action against Bolivia, or Argentina either, for that matter. We will, apparently, rest our case on non-recognition.

Of Life In The Air

By Raymond Clapper

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA Our Navy fleet commander has flown down in Australia at twilight after covering 9,500 miles in three days. He was flying from Washington. Short stopovers have given me a general view of our biggest war effort in the Pacific.

Marshall's Furore

By Samuel Grafton

IN RE: Marshall: General Marshall shall have every right to be bitter and to be angry. His suggestion of a railroad strike. You cannot make a man his country's enemy in a day. You cannot make a man his country's enemy in a day. You cannot make a man his country's enemy in a day.

Luce Attacks Glamour Gals

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Representative Clare Boothe Luce, Republican, Connecticut, who has been saying a good deal about the Democratic Administration, leveled her sights on glamour girls yesterday.

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Reporter's Notebook

Continued from page one. The Vermont man in Italy is 27-year-old Capt. Warren Gardner of Casnovia, N. Y., an ex-barrister who done experimental flying for the I.I.C. He brought along as a souvenir a fur parka he bought in Alaska. He said it was just in the way he said, "but now it's really paying for itself. It's a real money-maker. It's a real money-maker. It's a real money-maker."

"Yes, you pass—but thank heavens we already have."