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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

CHIEF reason Harry Hopkins won't go to London is that he is afraid for the Big Three meeting in health. Whenever Harry goes away on trips, he forgets to take his pills and has a headache. Another reason may be that Hopkins and Byrnes don't get along. It was Hopkins who last December persuaded FDR to appoint Stettinius rather than Truman as Secretary of State...

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A Waiting List

If Congress really intends to investigate every loan made to Elliott Roosevelt, it must first set up a permanent committee and give it plenty of rope. The line of his disillustion creditors is getting longer, and though not one of them has come forward voluntarily to tell his story, someone seems to be well pleased, no more aware to offering details for publication...

The Second Bad Loan Case (like the John Hartford loan of \$200,000 which brought a \$4,000 settlement) involves Elliott's flyer in a Texas radio network, an enterprise which becomes more important in this case than in any other. Maxwell Bilofsky, having loaned Elliott \$50,000 on poor collateral, got \$20,000 in settlement. His reward was much handsomer than Mr. Hartford's, and under the circumstances he has little reason to kick and whine. There is no outward evidence that Elliott's father was in any way involved.

The Stettinius Downfall

Chalk up a belated victory to the little group of Senators who opposed the Stettinius team. President Truman has now pretty much recognized the validity of their opposition. The Senators who rebelled against the Stettinius team were: Philip H. Phillips, Pennsylvania; Cuffey Young, Missouri; Kenneth C. Chandler, Wisconsin; La Follette, North Dakota; Langer and Vernon R. Riffe, Oregon; and Charles McNary, Indiana. Stettinius was the only Senator who had the courage to get up and make a speech against Stettinius. He pointed out that he had no personal animosity against him, but that Stettinius had had the proper background for Secretary of State. Truman has now agreed with Langer, Riffe, McNary, Young and Vernon Riffe. Stettinius is now a member of the Senate. He is now a member of the Senate. He is now a member of the Senate.

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Dottie's Squawk

By Dorothy Thompson

FROM EUROPE, the San Francisco Peace Conference read like a document issued from some ivory tower on a mountain peak. It is a scheme for ending war and assuring international peace and good will through laboration, but there can and will be no real internationalism until there are real internationalists. The world is not to be divided by paper formulas or agreements, but by the love, hate, passion and ambition of men. For the vast masses of men opinions are not the result of careful thought, but are the result of prejudice in one direction or another.

Nothing Done

It is a matter of concern to the State Mental Hygiene Society that 56.6 per cent of North Carolina's draft registrants were rejected by the services. And the society's interest is aroused because a poorly prepared registration is due to mental deficiency. There are no North Carolina figures, but of every 100 men rejected by Selective Service in the nation, 32 failed to meet the low mental requirements. And Mrs. Ernest Bumke, president of the society, reminds one more that the state is doing "too little" to care for its mentally deficient citizens.

So far as we're concerned that is an elegant bit of understatement. North Carolina, in fact, is doing almost nothing more than the state is doing "too little" to care for its mentally deficient citizens.

The schools should develop a plan to train mental defectives. A second training school should be built. A psychiatrist, social worker and psychologist should be provided at Caswell Training School. The sterilization program should be discontinued. Delinquent children should be classified and trained inside institutions.

Not one of these suggestions has been followed up. Dr. Thompson might not be bothered at all, so far as results are concerned. North Carolina has no mental defectives in its borders; it does nothing for them in the public schools; it sterilizes almost none; there is no program for identification or registration; it provides inadequate facilities for registration; there is dearth of public information on the subject. The Mental Hygiene Society, as one of the prime forces for enlightenment and improvement of the state's mental health, might be a little concerned. For though we are appalled of conditions, we cannot stir ourselves to action. And the arm of the feeble-minded grows apace, with passing generations.

100 Billions

We don't know how you folks feel, but it's not a little relieved since we found that the Government finally passed the hundred billion dollar mark in spending during the past fiscal year. We've been expecting and dreading that milestone for a long time. It's so much money, wouldn't it think about it. We've no idea how it will all end, and we can't puzzle out the economists who continue to insist that we can continue spending, bear the cost of servicing the debt, and prosper to boot.

It isn't surprising to see that the public has now crawled up to almost \$259,000,000, either. And we'll feel another surge of relief when that 300 billion limit is reached. But about last year's spending we're not really discouraged at all. We're morally certain of a great deal of that money was wasted, that we might have cut some expensive corners here and there, and come out a little to the good. But the great bulk of that 100 billion dollars went for war, and it's directly for war.

The Co-Go-Down

Don't expect a nation-wide mourning at the retirement of Harry Hopkins from public life. There were many Americans who always looked upon him with disfavour almost from the moment that he went into WPA in 1935. Toward the end he was eyed suspiciously because he was so powerful in the councils of the White House. It was said of him that he had not been elected to his position as assistant to the President. After all, he was only a social worker who had got into government.

Most of the critics were more or less rabidly anti-New Deal, and to them Harry The Hop symbolized all that was wrong with the Roosevelt administration. But the country, though it is likely unaware of it, owes much to Harry Hopkins as the war-maker.

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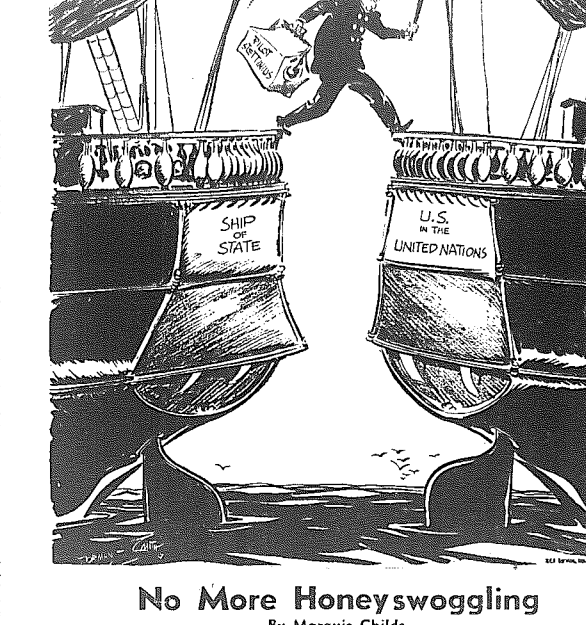
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By Marquis Childs

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The Sun's Eclipse

By H. L. Golden

Next Monday many scientists will be sitting on top of a hill or on a mountain peak, surrounded within a 25-mile area between Casper, Idaho, and Butte, Mont. They will be watching the sun. They will be watching the sun. They will be watching the sun.

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