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# The Merry-Go-Round

By Draw Pearson

It's in the American Army of occupation in Germany that many will not be able to bring their wives to Europe, despite the fact that some of them have been separated from their families for two and three years.

President Truman made this very clear in his recent interview with the Stars and Stripes, and because of logistical transportation, this ruling seems logical.

But apparently the rule won't apply to generals. Almost simultaneously with Truman's statement, it became known that the wife of Gen. Robert A. McClure, head of the Army's Psychological Warfare Division, was able to go to Europe.

General McClure's wife was transported across the Atlantic at the taxpayers' expense—as a clerk for the Office of War Information.

General McClure works in close and intimate cooperation with OWI.

An official cable hiring Mrs. McClure as an OWI clerk follows:

"Effective commencing July 15, Marjory McClure will be paid \$75 every 28 days at post. Balance of her base pay of \$200 plus overtime minus usual deductions will be paid power of attorney Unilatena. Annual living allowance effective on arrival, \$4,000.

Accordingly, Mrs. McClure departed for Europe on July 15.

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his father half-jokingly would warn, "But, but, be careful or I'll be a pauper."

One of the hottest fights in the whole hot history of the War Production Board has been raging back regarding the future allocation of steel to industry.

It is a fight affecting almost every business in the country and it is being fought by big industry boys get their way, civilian manufacturers will get less material even than during the third quarter of this year, when steel was scarce.

The fight is over how sheet steel will be allocated. Basically, this boils down to whether the big automobile companies will get it all or whether other manufacturers will be given at least a little.

It is exactly the same fight, in reverse, which occurred before Pearl Harbor. At that time, the automobile industry was using up most of the sheet steel.

Now, the same wires are being pulled to let steel be completely free and not allocated anyone. This is just another way of saying that the automobile companies will get it all, because they are the biggest purchasing buyers of steel and the steel companies naturally like to please their best customers.

Today, the War Production Board, under Chairman Harold Boschmann, whose class company sells more than any other, is more big-business-controlled than ever, so the automobile boys may get their way.

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# SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"This is the worst summer Junior has ever had—there are three girls at this resort who are crazy about him!"

# Nation Nobody Knows

By Samuel Grafon

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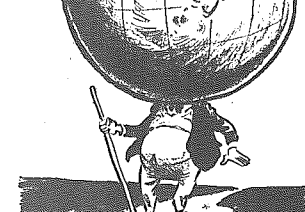
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"Going My Way?"



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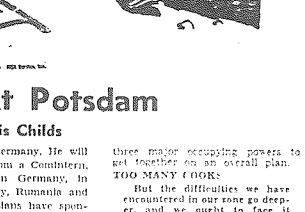
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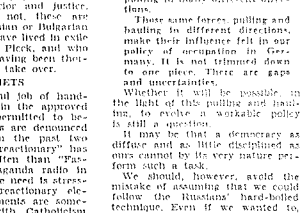
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# Better Late

Urgent note to the Charlotte Planning Board:

A man is making plans to build an eight-story office building on the corner of Fourth and Poplar Streets. West Fourth, at that point, is 125 feet wide from curb to curb, which is to say a hop and a skip. Any member of the Planning Board, with the exception (hastily) of the lady member, could spit across South Poplar. It is 21.6 feet wide.

In the next few years there is expected to be such a rush of building in Charlotte as the place has not seen before, certainly not since the '20s. The whole face of the town is going to change. One of the new features is the establishment of new building lines. Present structures would be left as they are, for the time being, at least. But new structures on designated streets would have to be set back. In that way the transverse widening of the streets to the traffic that will depend upon them could be achieved at a minimum of expense and inconvenience. There would be an awkward period, perhaps, during which time the downtown area might look like the appearance of an incompletely jigsaw puzzle, but that would represent a start at least toward spaciousness, and we could endure it.

It would be a big job, requiring first a survey of the city to determine what street widening was necessary and feasible by the establishment of recessed building lines, but there are few undertakings of greater importance or迫不及待 for a city whose chassis is fast outgrowing its frame.

Editing those German schoolbooks will be no mean task, as it is much more tedious to delete funny mistakes from heroes than to pencil them in.

As the food crisis increases, the old biological mystery takes a new twist. Which will come back first—the chicken or the egg?

A Poor Rule

When Senator Wagner of New York State and the Hon. Wright Patman, Representative from Texas, are partners in advocating a piece of legislation, it is put down as a certainty that the bill is going to cost a wad of dough.

The twain are now one in behalf of the Full Employment Act, aimed at those 60,000,000 jobs. Purposes of the measure are laudable, and the legislation is a good sounder than the temporary relief with which the nation met the Great Depression. Furthermore, we think that the most vociferous proponents of free enterprise (excepting those so vociferous that they deny there is any of it) will concede that jobs to go around will have to be provided from somewhere. Question is, can the Federal Government provide them without breaking the count-

Genius of the Full Employment Act is simple. When business falls off and people haven't jobs, the Government goes over to its files, pulls out the number and size of public projects which it has already set up an appropriation through Congress and goes to work. When business catches up and jobs are plentiful, the Government withdraws (or so the theory is) and goes about its regular business.

The only trouble is that the Government, once it got to projecting, has never stopped of its own accord. Elections have to be taken into consideration, and constituents. If Podunk Center has not used a municipal auditorium, Senator Crossroads has got to get itself a municipal auditorium. If California happens to be where the unemployment is, Carolina will kick like a steer, and hold its Congressmen accountable. If it doesn't get as large a cut of the swag as California.

Federal expenditures for public works

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, tactless and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record.)

MR. MORSE, Mr. President, as I said to the majority leader the other day, I say now to the Senator from Texas, that I never threaten. I have tried to make clear to the Senate, including the Senator from Texas, that I had two matters which I wanted to be given an opportunity to present. One was to introduce a bill and present supporting telegrams in the Record, and the other to make a statement regarding Oregon. But I would not ask to do that if I thereby imperiled the right of the Senator from Vermont to the floor.

I want to say to the Senator from Texas, whether he knows it or not, there is a food crisis facing America because of OPA's bungling and it is time for some one to rise on the floor of the Senate and get as large a cut of the swag as California.

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