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MAX GARDNER APPOINTED TO HIGH TREASURY POST

Strange Animals Live In Hotels

By HAL BOYLE

NEW DELHI — (AP) — Sometime when I have more leisure for the serious things that interest me I want to write an exhaustive thesis on animal life in hotel rooms around the world.

HAL BOYLE

It will probably be called "Fauna in temporary lodgings in both hemispheres."

In an ordinary American hotel you can bunk down for the night feeling safe from any unusual visitors from the animal, mineral or vegetable kingdoms—except for traveling salesmen next door seeking bottle openers to satisfy some beer-ravenous blonde.

Not so elsewhere on this cozy globe.

You have strange encounters with all breeds of mankind's little furred and feathered friends.

In Casablanca it was bedbugs—millions of them, thankfully swarming over me as if the Red Cross had sent me over as their private blood bank.

THE 6:30 MOTH

In Algiers, on one of my visits from the warfront an incredible thing happened: every night promptly at 6:30 a single moth would rise out of my clothes and flutter away. I would just be sitting there with a glass of Eau de Vie in my hand reading Casanova's memoirs and feeling devilish as all get out—and right at 6:30 out would pop the moth and wing ceilingward.

On the sixth straight night this had happened I put my book down at 6:25 and vigorously began beating my pants legs, my shirt, my necktie and my socks and stamped both feet vigorously. At 6:29 I sat down again and watched the clock. As it hit 6:30 a bedraggled moth rose laboriously out of my garments and flew away. He was the last one apparently, as no others appeared in the next twelve days. I never was able to locate the source of supply. When I get home I want to consult some reputable entomologist and get his diagnosis.

In Naples it was fleas—big broadjumping, couging louts that bit for fun as well as food. In France it was mice, running around all night in hobnailed boots. In Belgium it was lice. In Hongkong it was rats, bold as buccaneers and bowlegged with hunger.

There were yowling cats outside hotel rooms in every country and somewhere along the way I remember a big, gravefaced dog that called regularly every morning and woke me by lapping his six acre tongue from my Adam's apple to my receding hairline.

Hotel room zoos are more varied in tropical and semi-tropical countries. The creatures grow bigger, too. When you meet a cockroach you say, "Sir," and step aside to let him pass.

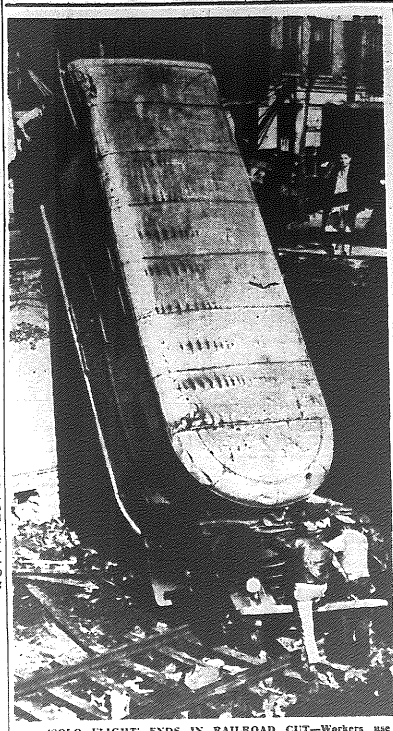
SELFISH LIZZARD

In Manila before I switched the light off at night I lay in bed and watched two Gecko lizards catch mosquitos on the opposite wall. One was big and fat. The other was lean and pale—as if he didn't have enough insects for his system. This was true. Everytime he would get set for a bomb run on some unwary mosquito the bigger lizard would chase him around the corner and go after the meal himself. I always hated that selfish lizzy because even the Chamber of Commerce admits there are enough mosquitos for everybody in Manila.

Here in sun-worried India I have three types of non-paying animal and bird guests. One wall has been taken over by a Gecko lizard. Two English sparrows fly into my bedroom every morning and right overhead a wasp also is building a nest in the armature of the electric fan. I am afraid to turn on the fan for fear of wasp reprisals.

At that I am luckier than a group of American officers here. They found a baby cobra in their barracks. It had been thrown out by its parent—in India young folks have to start their careers early—and apparently was seeking employment with a snake charmer.

I have always admired Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of birds and beasts. Somewhere I wonder, though, if he ever spent much time with them in hotel rooms—where you really get to know them with their shoes off.



'SOLO FLIGHT' ENDS IN RAILROAD CUT—Workers use planks in an effort to pry the shattered cab of this trailer truck away from the tracks after it rolled into a railroad cut at the New York Central freight house in Cincinnati. The truck, loaded with 22,000 pounds of assorted merchandise, plunged into the cut after its brakes gave way. The driver had parked it on a hill two blocks away while he made a telephone call. (Acme Photo.)

Democratic Funds Issue In Hearing

Brought Up In Pauley Inquiry

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Naval Committee cut off abruptly today an attempt by Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, to read a telegram from an airlines president which Chairman Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, said pertained to Democratic campaign fund solicitations.

The committee informally sustained Walsh's refusal to hear the telegram from W. A. Patterson, United Airlines president, to Tobey after Tobey had taken the unusual step of being sworn as a witness. Walsh said the group ought to hear direct from Patterson, who has been called as a witness.

PAULEY QUIZZED

Tobey sought to read the communication after Senator Brewster, Republican, Maine, had asked Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's nominee for Undersecretary of the Navy, a series of questions about the ethics of soliciting corporation officials for funds.

Brewster asked Pauley whether he thought it would have been proper for him or George Killion, now National Democratic Treasurer, to suggest to a corporation applying for a Government franchise, "that it contribute $35,000 through the medium of its officers."

"No such thing occurred," replied Pauley, who formerly served as Democratic National Treasurer.

Pauley testified in response to questions that Killion had told him last night that he Pauley, had talked to Patterson on the telephone from New York during the 1944 campaign. He had no previous recollection of the conversation, Pauley said.

He said he did not suggest to Patterson that contributions be made by corporation officers.

At this point, Tobey demanded to be sworn as a witness, and then testified he had talked recently to Patterson in Denver and the airlines president had confirmed a report that Tobey had received previously.

When he started to read the telegram which he said Patterson had sent him in further confirmation, Walsh halted him.

Pauley told the committee earlier that neither Postmaster General Robert Hannegan nor any Government official had interests in his oil and other financial holdings. Under Tobey's questioning, he said he once discussed a possible investment by Hannegan but it never developed.

Tobey brought out through questioning that some of the oil produced or refined by Pauley's Petrol Corp. went to Japan before the war. Pauley said he didn't have the exact figures, and explained:

"We made no direct sales to the Japanese Government. We sold to brokers who in turn sold to Japan."

Pauley supporters, meanwhile, saw new hope for their cause in the Senate's confirmation of another Truman nominee—George E. Allen to be an RFC director.

Allen, Pauley's former colleague on the party's National Committee, won approval to a two-year term as Reconstruction Finance Corporation director on a voice vote.

It came after the Senate

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Seversky's Analysis

Atomic War Seen As Opening With Blow From North Pole

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The war of the atomic age was envisioned today by Maj. Alexander P. De Seversky as exploding with an airborne strike across the North Pole from the industrial heart of one nation against the industrial heart of another.

Aviation authority and War Department consultant, Seversky saw no end to wars, and, therefore, he said that Americans should be prepared technologically, scientifically and psychologically for the possibility of future conflict. Victory in the next war will be achieved through air superiority and guided missiles, he asserted.

At a press conference dealing with his report on an official tour of the Pacific for the War Department, Seversky warned against too great a confidence alone in the atomic bomb.

NEED AIR CONTROL

"We will have to assume control of the air before we can use the atomic bomb," he said. "Before we can use guided missiles, we must have control of the air, possibly over nearly the whole globe."

"To keep the enemy from using guided missiles against you or to make yours effective against him, you've got to knock out his electronic power," he said. That is where long-range bombers, such as the new B-29 with its 10,000-mile radius, are effective.

"The next war will be fought without any intermediate bases," he said. With jet propelled planes, "distances will not even figure in our fighting."

As long as a country's electronic devices are in operation, he said he doubted if guided missiles would get through in large numbers because of defensive electronics.

Means have already been developed toward the control of guided missiles, he noted, adding that it is logical to expect the fastest rockets may be stopped.

He warned against thinking a next war will be a "push button" affair. "We haven't reached that stage yet," he said. Human sacrifice cannot be avoided, he asserted, because to win, the enemy's electronic power must first be destroyed.

MAJOR ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY. . . . As he testified before a Senate Committee that the atomic bomb is still in the "firecracker stage."

Tar Heel Is Named To Succeed Daniel Bell

Undersecretary Appointment

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman has appointed O. Max Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina, as Undersecretary of the Treasury, the White House said today.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Gardner's nomination to succeed Daniel W. Bell, who resigned several months ago, will be sent to the Senate late today or tomorrow.

Gardner, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, conferred with Mr. Truman before Ross made the announcement.

Bell left the Treasury to become president of the American Security & Trust Co. of Washington.

Near Phone Showdown

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP) —Joseph Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, announced shortly after noon today that in his opinion there would be a strike vote taken at the afternoon session of the policy-mapping assembly.

"Leaders of the large group of workers from all sections of the country," the youthful New Jersey Irishman said, "made strong representations in favor of a complete nation-wide walkout in the morning session."

"They were greeted enthusiastically by the assembly," he added. "In my opinion a strike vote will be taken this afternoon."

Beirne did not identify the leaders nor the unions they represent.

Earlier Edwin R. Hackett, president of the Commercial Telephone Workers Union of Chicago, voiced opposition to a strike.

SMALL UNION

Hackett, who said his union was composed of about 1,500 members—one of the smallest in the Federation, told newsmen of his stand before the independent union leaders who are drafting strategy to implement demands for wage increase from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

"Before leaving Chicago," he said, "I made aware to my union that I was coming down here for the purpose of attempting to avoid calling of a nationwide telephone strike."

Hackett said he had appealed to the assembly to take avoiding action, adding that he had presented an alternative program.

The Chicago leader declined to divulge details of the alternate proposal.

WOULD RESPECT PICKETS

William A. Smallwood, president of the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers, who recently signed a contract with Southern Bell System said members of his union would not cross picket lines in the event a nation-wide telephone tie-up is called.

Quoting by-laws of his union's constitution, Smallwood said "members of NFTW are instructed not to cross the picket lines of another bona fide members will not handle calls except where such calls are certified as priority or emergency.

"My union," he added, "will follow its by-laws."

These developments, came on the heels of the announcement of the settlement of the Philadelphia

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GM Walkout

NLRB Hearing In Strike Adjourns

DETROIT—(AP)—A National Labor Relations Board hearing in the prolonged General Motors strike was adjourned today for a week as the Government renewed its mediation efforts in another meeting of top executives of the management and the CIO United Auto Workers' Union.

The NLRB hearing union charges that the corporation had not bargained in good faith, held a brief session this forenoon and adjourned its meetings until next Tuesday. At that time Stephen DuBurl, General Motors economist, scheduled to be heard today, will appear as the first witness.

In the meantime attorneys for GM and the union will file briefs and stipulations regarding GM's public relations campaign during the strike, now in its 91st day.

ASK WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Special Labor Mediator James F. Dewey, seeking to speed a settlement of the strike asked union and management representatives to put in writing their views on issues still in doubt as the negotiating session was resumed today.

Hope that yesterday's negotiations might bring an end to the motor car industry's longest strike faded as the session broke up with only a brief comment from Dewey that "some progress" on the union security issue had been made.

Indicating belief that "both sides want to get the plants operating as soon as they can," the Government mediator said he thought written views from both sides might help speed a solution.

"We expect to get on the table chronologically the matters still in dispute, and we will know then what has to be cleared up," he declared.

The union called the strike Nov. 21 demanding a 30 per cent wage increase, but later agreed to a 19 1-2 cent per hour (17.5 per cent) increase recommended by a Governmental fact-finding board. A week ago the company offered

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More Steel Men Return

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— Increasing numbers of workers continued to return to their jobs in basic steel plants today but many steel manufacturing companies which buy steel to make commodities still were without collective bargaining contracts with the CIO-United Steel Workers.

Approximately 440,000 of the estimated 750,000 workers who went on strike January 21 were represented in agreements announced by union and management since U. S. Steel set the pattern last week by giving the workers an 18 1-2 cents an hour wage increase.

Latest to announce an agreement with the union was the American Bridge Co., a structural steel fabricating subsidiary of the U S Steel Corp. A spokesman for U S Steel here said the bridge company, which employs about 5,000, agreed to a contract similar to that of the parent company.

Agreements also were announced covering the Sharon Steel Corp. with 5,000 employees in Sharon, Pa., Farrell, Pa., and Lowellville, Ohio, the Shenango Penn Mold Co. employing 750, and the Sharpsville (Pa.) Steel Fabricating Co. with about 1,600 employees of the Alan Wood Steel Co., with about 1,600 employees of the Alan Wood Steel Co. in Conshohocken, Pa. also were returning under a new wage contract.

Wage Board Clears Decks

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Wage Stabilization Board today ordered automatic approval for price relief purposes of all wage increases "lawfully made" before the new wage-price policy was announced.

In a blanket authorization designed to clear the board's docket for an expected rush of new wage approval applications, the agency directed its twelve regional boards to clear out most of 669 cases on file prior to Feb. 14.

MAY BYPASS BOARD

The employers involved now may bypass the stabilization board and appeal directly to OPA for price increases.

Wage cases included under today's order were those which, under the wage-price policy, were "heretofore lawfully made, or made in accordance with a Government recommendation. . . ."

These "lawfully made" wage advances, the board told its regional officials, could be interpreted to cover firm agreements between companies and unions or definite commitments by an employer to put a wage increase into effect.

Proof of such settlements would include "written announcements, agreements or some other convincing evidence," the board directed.

Among other companies affected by the authorization would be such major producers as the Chrysler and Ford companies and the General Motors Corp. electrical division, all of which made wage agreements prior to Feb. 14.

In OPA Argument

Young Ford Gets Bid To Hearing

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Banking Committee today invited Henry Ford, II, to appear personally for a presentation of his side of an argument with OPA on the pricing of new automobiles.

Chairman Spence, Democrat, Kentucky, announced Ford would be called, after Representative Crawford, Republican, Michigan, vigorously objected to an attack he said OPA had made upon young Ford now directing head of the Ford Motor Co.

Representative Buffett, Republican, Nebraska, said that the OPA had attempted "to browbeat Mr. Ford" in public statements, and challenged its authority to do so.

BOWLES RETORTS

Chester Bowles, OPA chief and newly appointed economic stabilizer, shot back that he knew nothing in the law to prevent OPA from "correcting false or misleading statements."

Bowles, witness before the committee at the time on legislation to prolong OPA's life, had just testified that the Ford company last Summer requested a 55 per cent increase for new cars over the prewar price of Ford automobiles.

"This was an outrageous increase to ask much less to allow," Bowles said. "I have no idea what Ford would ask if there was no price control."

Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, asked Bowles for a statement on young Ford's reported accusation that OPA was holding up production of automobiles by its pricing policy. Patman said young Ford had stated his company was losing $300 on each automobile produced.

Bowles told the committee "I don't think the request (for a price increase) is in line with the tradi-

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Colonel To Be Relieved Of Oahu Center Command

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii —(AP)—Col. William C. Saffarrans, who trained thousands of GIs in Ranger schools in Tennessee and in jungle-fighting schools in Hawaii, will be relieved of his command of Oahu Army personnel center, the Mid-Pacific command has announced.

Saffarrans (from Atlanta and San Antonio) who expected to return to the United States about March 1 for reassignment, recently came under criticism from the Army newspaper, Stars & Stripes, for permitting gambling at the Oahu personnel center, where soldiers are called in for shipment to the United States.

High Wind Rakes Vienna

VIENNA.—(AP)— A 90-mile wind ripped war-wracked Vienna last night, knocking down weakened buildings, tearing out trees and killing at least four persons. About 200 were injured. The fire department was called out 150 times for rescue work and other operations.

Emperor Takes A Walk

Hirohito Sees Shabby People Of Broken Land Close At Hand

By DUANE HENNESSY

TOKYO—(AP)— The shivering, shabby people of Japan bowed in humble silence as Emperor Hirohito walked among them today to view the rusty rubble of his shattered empire.

As never before in history, the man who recently acknowledged he isn't divine stepped down from his shiny, black Mercedes Benz to pause beside working men at their benches for a few brief words.

Unguarded except for American military policemen in two jeeps, Hirohito motored in a five-car cortege through miles of industrial and residential areas burned by American fire raids last Spring. His own scant palace motorcycle escort was unarmed.

ROUGH ROADS

The Emperor bumped along rough, muddy roads that fell into disrepair during the costly years of war. He passed the gaunt crumbling skeletons of once-teeming factories. He saw mile after mile of crude rusty tin huts in which his subjects seek to ward off the harsh cold of Winter.

In all those miles of grim reminder of Japan's futile war, Hirohito found nothing but a downcast people and a wrecked industry. He saw only unpainted, chill barracks as a pitiful haven for war sufferers.

Hirohito looked like any top-flight Japanese business man in his dark grey herringbone suit, gray overcoat and hat to match. He was wearing a white shirt and the collar bulged just a little over the conservative blue tie with a ribbon stripe of red and white. His shoes were a well-polished tan.

It wasn't like prewar days, when everyone was cleared from upper floors of buildings so they could not look down on the "descendant of the sun goddess."

Japanese halted at curbs and stood rigid. Then hats in hand

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Youth Dies Of Bomb Injuries

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. —(AP)— Oren Fluette Jr., 14, died today of injuries received Sunday when a bomb for which he had traded a stick of gum exploded in his pocket.

A playmate, Ewald Males, 13, of South Haven, told police he found the bomb last Tuesday on a highway near here. He said it looked like a coil of wire enclosed in a three-inch metal cylinder.

Ewald said he traded the bomb for a stick of gum Thursday and that Oren apparently had carried it with him until Sunday night when it exploded.

Indians Demonstrate

U. S. Flag Burned By Mob In Bombay

BOMBAY —(AP)— A mob of Indians, including a number wearing the uniform of the Royal Indian Navy, today tore the United States flag from the U. S. Information Service Office here and burned the flag in the street.

Walter D. Shackleton, in charge of the office, said he had informed the American Consulate and Ralph Block, principal public affairs officer of the U. S. I. S. at New Delhi, and that he was awaiting instructions concerning filing an official protest to the Indian and British Governments.

Shackleton said that about 300 demonstrators who were marching in the street suddenly swarmed up to the U. S. I. S. office where the United States flag flew from a pole just over the door of the agency's library.

"One man climbed onto the shoulders of another man and tore down the flag," he said.

RAN AROUND CORNER

"They ran around the corner with the flag and when they failed in their efforts to set it afire with matches they obtained a newspaper, lit the paper and used this as a torch to burn the flag," Shackleton said.

He said an unidentified American sergeant, who had a jeep parked near the U. S. I. S. headquarters, was hit on the shoulder with a shovel and clubs in the hands of some members of the mob, but he leaped into the vehicle and escaped, apparently without serious injury.

'Dust Bowl' Threat Ends With Rains In Kansas

TOPEKA, Kas.— (AP) —Rains in Southwestern Kansas brought a observation from Gov. Andrew Schoeppel that "it will be a long time before we have another 'dust bowl'."

WEATHER

Rain today ending early tonight followed by clearing and cooler tonight.

Temperature at 1:30 today 56
High and low last 24 hours 60, 35
Sunset today 6:00
Sunrise tomorrow 7:00