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Out Sweating The Damage

That Sweet Thing Caudle Is Shoving Nuf Gonna Hurt De Paity

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YOU CAN get sort of fascinated with the pictures of Mr. T. (for Tom) King's caudle, that sweet thing, a-going 'tough his agonies as they grill him in a turn. The caudle's subject is a young talent, and not since John Barrymore got his leg amputated in a Moby Dick's accident has the world so nobly as T. Lamar.



WHAT WAS BEHIND THE CAUDLE APPOINTMENT?

IT IS MOST difficult to understand the substance of the King's means subcommittee to inquire into the circumstances of T. Lamar Caudle's appointment as Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

gregarious nature. Was he mesmerized by Caudle's lush Southern accent? Was he hypnotized by Caudle's social savoir-faire? Was he charmed by Caudle's wild friends? Or was there some hidden reason why Caudle was put in a position where his predilection for gay pastime would serve the purposes of higher officials in the Administration?

The chairman of the subcommittee, Rep. Cecil King (D-Calif.), has taken the position that the one man who can tell why Caudle was appointed, ex-Attorney-General Tom C. Clark, is now a Supreme Court Justice and that he should not be pressing for an explanation. "The subject," he says, "is not worthy of deference to the man than he deserves."

We suspect that President Truman will have some choice field artillery language in reserve for Tom Clark the next time the two meet and Clark will find it difficult to explain his sponsorship and support of a man who has done irreparable damage to the Truman Administration. But the questions that Mr. Truman will probably throw at the Department had to be asked, and answered, in public.

CONFUSING THE CZECH ISSUE

THE Communist Government of Czechoslovakia, according to News Columnist Drew Pearson, might return ARP correspondent William Oatis if we deliver a \$22 million steel mill the Czechs ordered in 1946. Writes Pearson:

When the deal was made, Czechoslovakia was a democracy. In the Summer of 1947 the Czechs responded enthusiastically to an offer to purchase the Crown in Moscow which they refused to accept. It was not until February, 1948, that the Communists took over the country. Since then Czechoslovakia has been tied to the tail of the Marshall Plan, only to refuse after Moscow warned her not to join, and it was not until February, 1948, that the Communists took over the country.

SCANDALS NOT AN ISSUE?

AS WE recall it, Gov. W. Kerr Scott told reporters not so long ago that "the only issue in the Democratic Presidential candidate was Harry S. Truman, his second choice was Harry S. Truman, and his third choice was Harry S. Truman."

apparent to the rest of us. The President cannot evade responsibility for the sad state of affairs, no matter how impeccable his own behavior might be. It may be true that the American people shrugged off the John Maragons and the Harry Vaughans as phenomena of this era of his complicated government. However, the income tax scandals have hit the American people where they are most sensitive—the pocketbook. Honest taxpayers are highly incensed to learn that the smart boys have been slipping out from under their tax liabilities, with the knowledge and connivance of top Government officials. And they are not likely to forgive.

'FEARLESS FODDICKS' IN THE VFW

THE American Dept. of the Veterans Affairs has put out a little pamphlet entitled, on one side, "How To Spot Pro-Fascists" and, on the other, "How To Spot Communists". Ten one or two sentence indications are listed under each heading. Here are some samples:

Governor Scott is a shrewd politician, and he may be right. He would, however, that he is wrong. He is not only a shrewd politician, but he is also a shrewd politician. He is not only a shrewd politician, but he is also a shrewd politician. He is not only a shrewd politician, but he is also a shrewd politician.

CHARLOTTE WOMEN STING?

EDITORS, THE NEWS: A BIT of intelligence gleaned from a casual glance at a story in your paper the other week has led this reader to a searching examination of subsequent issues and to this and conclusion: The women of this town just aren't 'public-spirited' and patriotic.

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: WE were wondering, the reasons for the big gap in percentages. We realize that women in pregnancy, and for some time following childbirth, should not give blood. We realize, too, that women in pregnancy, and for some time following childbirth, should not give blood.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

AMONG those who know the score on Capitol Hill, betting is 2 to 1 that Henry Grunewald will come out of the present tax probe unscathed. For, though the "Dutchman" is the mystery man of Washington, he is "friends" and "cronies" count heavily in Washington these days.

WASHINGTON EDITORS: THE NEWS: AS a result, Grunewald went his way, free to practice influence, entertain high officials and fix tax cases. Here is a cross-section of the Senate's examination of the mystery man in the wire-tapping probe: "Do you read the papers?" demanded Chairman Matt Neely of West Virginia, in an effort to find out why Grunewald hid out in Virginia, 50 miles from Washington, and then claimed he didn't know the Senate was searching for him.

Reds Don't Want Peace

EDITORS, THE NEWS: ANOTHER peace plan rises up out of the United Nations meeting in Paris. It is echoed and explained by the White House.

WASHINGTON EDITORS: THE NEWS: THE Kremlin will pretend interest, even acceptance, then impose impossible conditions, and again accuse the West of treachery. But again the West platters hopes for peace since World War II. The Kremlin does not want peace, because peace does not serve the Communist purpose. That purpose is world-wide control.

Befooled Witness

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FOR the paroxysm of his, was an inflamed intestine. "Since your doctor told you not to read anything, what has been your practice about reading? Have you discontinued reading?" asked Sen. Harry Dwyer, Kansas Republican.

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Britain's Air Of Normalcy Clouds Its Grave Problems

LONDON A LONG OXFORD Street in the shadow of the clock tower here the crowds fill the broad sidewalks from curb to store front. Massed Christmas lights in the decorations and the trees of the Selfridges Department Store wink on and off and the gmel of the Christmas season is in the air.

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People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Forgiving Caudle

EDITORS, THE NEWS: I READ with interest the many letters in your issue in which you have forgiven Mr. Caudle. I agree with you so much. I agree with you so much. I agree with you so much. I agree with you so much. I agree with you so much.

Hall Of Shame

EDITORS, THE NEWS: I READ with much interest the long list of names nominated by The News editors for the may I say, "first edition" of the Hall of Shame. I am glad to see that the editorial page for further nominations by those people who are really in the know.

Onward Christmas Spirit

EDITORS, THE NEWS: WHETHER or not the quack who had a letter in "People's Platform" Wednesday lists Christmas as his business, but I'd surely hate to be a member of his household. He should go over and join Joe.

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