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WHAT WAS BEHIND THE CAUDLE APPOINTMENT?

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

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The chairman of the subcommittee, Rep. Cecil King (D-Calil.), has taken the position that the one man who can tell why Caudie was appointed, ex-Attorney-General Tom C. Clark, is now a Supreme Court Justice and that he should not be pressed for an explanation. That, we submit, is showing more deference to the man than he deserved. Particle of the Court o the nation for the important post of Assistant Attorney-General. He did so after the Justice Department had received a report on Caudles "indirections" as U. S. Attorney. He did so after he had heard a personal report on Caudle from two respected FBI agents who had been summoned to Washington for that very purpose. Clark could have stepped in at any moment to stop the nomination. He failed to do so. Furthermore, he permitted Caudle to remain as head of the criminal division of the Justice Department, and finally put him in charge of the important tax enforcement division, though Caudle had no experience in tax matters. Whs?

Was Clark simply bewitched by Caudle's

GAUDLE APPOINTMENT?

gregatious nature. Was he mesmerized by Caudie's last Southern accent? Was he hypnotised by Caudie's soil asvoic-faire? Was he charmed by Caudie's wily friends?

Or was there some hidden reasons which Caudie has likely hidden and his predilection for gay pastiming would serve the purposes of higher officials in the Administration? Can there be any other plausible reason why he was taken to Washington, despite the cloud of suspicion hanging over him, and kept there for so long?

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 sponsorabile damage in the Truman Will have form children and who has done irreparable damage in the Truman Will probably throw at Justice Clark ought to be asked, and answered, in public.

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The King subcommittee has had full in-formation on Justice Clark's connection with Caudle. Yet it remained for Tax News to reveal publicly that Clark had flown with Caudle in the private airplane of a man in tax difficulties. And it remained for Tax News tax difficulties. And it remained for Tur News once again to reveal that the Gaudie appointment went to the Senate after Clark knew the worst about Caudie from FBI investigators. Unless the King subcommittee moves promptly to examine Clark's role in this and affair, it will foster the suspicion that it is protecting the big fish at the expense of the small try.

CONFUSING THE CZECH ISSUE

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

"The mill was completed and paid for by the Czechs but the State Department has been holding up delivery. The Defense Department now contends that the Czech offer is pure blackmail".

If the Czechs paid for the mill and if the If the Crechs paid for the mill and if the Defense Department does content, as Pearson claims, that the Crech offer is blackmall, then some American official is confusing the picture and underestimating the intelligence of American, Crechs and other persons who read or hear the American position on the matter. To reverse the reported reasoning of the Defense Department of the Confusion of the Defense Department will not faitfill our end of the contract, delivery of the steel mill, until Mr. Olis is released.

when the deal was made. Crechoslovakia was a democracy. In the Summer of 1947 the Crechs responded enthusiastically to an offer of participation in the Marshall Plan, only to refuse after Moscow warned her not to join, and it was not until February, 1948, that the Communista took over the country. Since then Crechoolovakia has been tied to the tail of the Russian bear. To give the fifted giving ammunition to the enemy to be used against us in Korea and in possible aggression outbreaks elsewhere.

Our case would be stronger, and clearer, if our military spokesmen reminded the world of these facts and gave the true reasons for our refusal to deliver the steel mill at this time, repeating for the benefit of the Crech people our desire to help them, but not the Crech Government which usurped power from the Crech Government which usured power from the Government which usured power from the Crech Government which

SCANDALS NOT AN ISSUE?

AS WE recall it, Gov. W. Kerr Scott told reporters not so long ago that his first choice for the Democratic Presidential can-didate was Harry S. Truman, his second choice was Harry S. Truman, and his third choice was Harry S. Truman.

That, we take it, means that His Excel-lency is strong for Mr. Truman. Thus his pre-diction that Federal Government scandals will not'be an issue in the 1952 campaign may be taken, with a grain of salt.

We begt to disarree. It may be true that no one has turned up any proof that Presi-dent Truman himself is dishonest, or that he has fattened his bank account illegally at the taxpayers' expense. Nonetheless, his experi-ence in the rough-and-tumble school of Mis-souri polities and his fervent loyalty to sub-configure how caused him to miss, or your ordinates have caused him to miss, or over-look, moral shortcomings that are quite

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.

behavior might be.
It may be truthe that the American people shrugged off the John Maragons and the Harry Vaughans as phenomens of this era of big, complicated government. However, the income tax seandals have hit the American people where they are most sensitive—the pockebook. Honest taxpayers are highly incensed to learn that the smart boys have been slipping out from under their tax liabil-ties, with the knowledge and comisone of likely. Vol forest.

likely to forget.

Governor Scott is a shrewd politician, and
he may be right. We hope, however, that he
is wrong, badly wrong. Our faith in the American people will be sorely strained if they
prove the Governor right.

'FEARLESS FOSDICKS' IN THE VFW

THE Americanism Dept. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars puts out a little paper entitled, on one side. "New To Spot Pro-Fascists" and, on the other "How To Spot Communists". Ten one or two-sentence indications are listed under each heading. Here

cations are listed unions.

Pro-Fascists "like to Identify themselves as Anampions of the United States Constitution and liberty, as Christians and God-fearing". They favor "his business" or "management over labor". They are found expressing "opposition to international understanding and unity for peace, belittling United Nations' "Months."

and unity for peace, belittling United Nations' efforts".

Pro-Communists, it says, use "such words as 'proletariat' and 'bourgeois' (boornhwa')', declare that U. S. foreign policies are not designed for world peace'. They 'describe Wall Street as governing the United States'.

Well, we all know jets of fine people who champion the Constitution, Christianity and liberty, who favor hig business over labor (especially if it's their business), who are exceedingly disparaging about the U. N., who use words like "proletariat" and "bourgeois" (even correctly pronounce it Doorrhwa'), and say that U. S. foreign policies are not designed for world peace. Indeed, if many Republicans were deprived of the opportunity to speak thus darily about U. S. foreign policy, and if many Democrats couldn't wind up their campaign speeches by taking a crack at those "Wall Street appearance of the country wind up their campaign speeches by taking a crack at those "Wall Street appearance of the country wind the company of the country wind the company of the country wind the country of the country wind up their campaign speeches by taking a crack at those "Wall Street appearance of the country wind the country of the country wind the country of the country of

canonists woul ack me essence or their speeches.

Defense against neither Communism nor Faschim is accomplished by such a simple formula, and we are distressed to see a major veteran' organization disseminate such material. The VFW member greets his fellow-member as "comrade". So does the Communist. And there is about as much connection between the VFW and Communists as there is between pro-Fascists and pro-Communists and some of the characteristic attributed to these groups by the VFW.

We believe the great majority of VFW members agree with us. We hope these veterans caim down the zealous "Fearless Foodicks" who have lessened the stature of their organization.

These Changing Time—The Jaycees, at their luncheon the other day, sang "Are You From Dixie?". The way most everyone mum-bles the words, we guess they weren't.

A dollar won't do as much for people these days because people won't do as much for the dollar...Nicholas County (Ky.) Star.

Out Surveying The Damage



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

CHARLOTTE
Editors, Tun News:

I READ with interest the many letters in your
"People's Platform" and the one the lady
wrote about forgiving Mr. Caudle impressed me
so much I agree with her.
He, like hundreds of others, have made misHe, like hundreds of others, have made misHe, like hundreds of others, have made misHe, like hundreds of others, have made misHe and missed m MRS. MAYME BARGER

Hall Of Shame

CHARLOTTE

Editors, Tax Naws.

[] READ with much interest the long list of names nominated by Tux Naws editors for the, may I say, "first edition" of the Hall of Shame. I shall watch the editorial page for further nominations by those people who are really in the know.

Maybe your paper has started a worthwhile bit of newspapering, as it usually dee.

—MRS. E. C. DOGGETT.

Onward Christmas Spirit

Editors, Thus News:

WHETHER or not the quack who had a letter
in "People's Platform" Wednesday likes Christmas is his business, but I'd surely hate to be a
member of his household. He should go over and

Here's hoping the spirit of Christmas lives on and on and I'm sure it will.

BILL HORNSBY

Charlotte Women Stingy? CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

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A BIT of intelligence gleaned from a casual glance

A stary in your paper the other week has ledsthe reader to a searching examination of subsequent issues and to this sad conclusion: the women
in this town just aren't-public-sprinted and patriotic.

We noted the other day that the blood donor
its published by the local blood center showed the
names of 40 men but only seven women. So

up with these non-too-flittering (for the women)
figures:

Fourteen men and four

figures:
Fourteen men and four women; nine men and two women, 35 men and 23 women; 24 men and six womens. Se men and 12 women.
We wondered, and we still wonder, 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 sometimes are more susceptible than men to low blood pressure and to anemia. However, these facts spack for themselves: The published figures over the six-day period show 133 donations from men and only 34 from women. The females in this town outnumber the males by over 7,000.

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What are we to deduce from these figures?

That the women just don't give a damn about the blood program? -DANIEL DELAFIELD.

'Clean-Up' Campaign CHARLOTTE

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Editors. Tux News:

HAVE been following your newspapers's accounts of the Washington investigations with a Enclosed, herewith is copy of a letter II have today written to Senator Hoey.

In my opinion, your newspaper, together with many others in our nation, ought to be thoroughly appreciated by those of us who like good, clean government. Furthermore, such newspaper should make it possible for us to have such government. In my opinion, however, you will have be stated in the such government and the such government in the such government. In my opinion, however, you will have be stated as a state of eightargy.

Perhaps your newspaper, in collaboration with the Charlotte Ministerial Association, might start a "clean-up" campaign that would extend throughout the nation.

the nation.

I thank you for your diligence in reporting.

B. M. BETTS JR.

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It would be folloperod, and balanced reduction of all armed forces and armaments.

It would be foolproof, supposedly, with provision for verification by international inspections of the peace of the pea

That Sweet Thing Caudle Is Sho' 'Nuf Gonna Hurt De Pahty

By ROBERT C. RUARK "

NEW YOU CAN get sert of fascinated with the pictures of Mr. T. In Carry Lamar. Caudie, that sweet, west thing; a coing it fought to sturn. The theater has suffered for any of the same of the suffered for any of the suffere

bonest man easier than we gan, Ain't heard nobody holler "sure-kai" in days.

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Britain's Air Of Normalcy Clouds Its Grave Problems

By MARQUIS CHILDS

LONG OXFORD Street in the A West Each shopping district here the crowds fill the broad sidewalks from curb to store from the correlation and the small of the correlation and the small of traffic thickens as the early control of the small of traffic thickens as the early control of the small of traffic thickens as the early control of the small of traffic thickens as the early control of the small of the sm

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Grunewald Has Helpful Friends In D. C.

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WASHINGTON

A MONG those who know the score on Capitol Hill, better that the proper of the present tax probe unscathed, For, though at the present tax probe unscathed, For, though at the proper of the present tax probe unscathed, For, though at the proper of the property of the Senate outside the property of the Senate.

At first GOP members were inclined to agree. Thesenater McArthy of Wisconsin buttonhold each Republican, got them to sign a report Vigorously opposing the table property of the Senater of the

As a result, Grunewald went his way, free to practice influence, entertain high officials and fix tax cases.

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Here is a cross-section of the Sente'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 Sensie was searching for him.

Befuddled Witness

"UPON the instruction of my doctor, I was told not to read anything," explained Grunewald. The reason

"You don't read": asked Darby incredulously.
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"I read everything." snorted the Dutchman.
"You read everything now How long a time have ubeen reading everything now.
"As a matter of fact I haven't read anything yet, to perfectly honest with you," fumbled Genevald.
"I understood you to say you read everything." Darby thack.

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"As a matter of fact I haven't resu
be perfectly honest with you," fumilied Grunswald.
"I understood you lo say you read werything." Darby
"Said I could read everything providing I don't have
this flare-ups on the side."

"Your flare-ups do not keep you from reading, do
they?" demanded Darby.
"No, it is not a question whether it keeps you from
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"Have you been reading lately?" the Kansas Senator
tried again.
"I haven't looked at the paper."
"How long has that been your practice that you have
not even looked at a spaper!... Can you look at a watch or a
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from Kansas. "Do you read the telephone book or look at anything like that? Is your disease so bad that they will not even let you look."

"I wish the Senator would never have it, I guarante you that."
Overnight it occurred to Grunewald or his autorney that the doctor, under eath, might not confirm that he prescribed no reading for an inflamed intestine, So the next day he changed his testimony.

Broken Mink Market

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THE other day a high official of the Munitions Board
wanted to buy a small fur piece as a 25th wedding anmin discovery of the control of the market of the conwestigations, be entered Washington's awank Erlesbacher's
and asked to see some fur neckpieces.
"Here is a nice Russian asale at 3600 per skin," said
the "That's too high for me. What else do you have?"
said the official.
Then the clerk produced a stone marten fur piece at
3336 a skin. The official again shook his head, claiming
it was too steep a price, and added:
The startled clerk practically had a stock. Recovering
his breath, he finally stammered:
"Minki who would buy mink in Washington? The marhet has been broken—broken in little pieces. There have
been the startled of the practical plant of the months."
The chatened official finally settled for a sitve
comb and brush set.