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TURN ABOUT'S FAIR PLAY

WE'VE SUSPECTED all along that Congressional investigators would find some skeletons in GOP closets if they looked around long enough. Sure enough, Senators Owen Brewster and Styles Bridges are now doing some explaining about their relationship with the mysterious Henry W. Grunewald.

wald's entry in his financial records showed he received \$12,500 from Brewster; Brewster said Nixon and Young got \$10,000; what was the other \$2,500 used for? (2) Why did a top-ranking Republican use a shadowy figure like Grunewald as an intermediary in this little transaction?

YOU CAN'T CAMP ON A SHOESTRING

IT IS A MATTER of pure speculation how long Ernest Gardner would have lasted in the race for Governor. Your guess is as good as the next man's. Our guess is that Gardner's easy-going, good-natured approach to voters would have gathered in a few scattered votes to take him to a second primary between William Umstead and Hubert Olive.

We may be wrong, but it doesn't matter much one way or the other. Gardner has withdrawn from the race, and the most interesting aspect of the event is his reason for quitting: he couldn't raise the \$60,000 that he thought it would take to wage an effective campaign.

There was a day when a man could mount a horse or climb into an automobile and get around to see enough voters to get himself elected. Memories of that day grow dimmer with each passing year. Candidates are now expected to have a staff of men who have to spend large sums to reach the masses of voters with their message and, even more important, to get them out to the polls on election day. No one will know how much money was spent in the

MUTUAL SECURITY AND POLITICS

THE arguments in favor of a drastic cut in the Mutual Security measure have been heard in the House for the past few weeks. And we fear that Congress, in responding to the outcry from politicians who are seeking election, may take the easy way out and cut the \$1.4 billion off sharply.

IN A BAD WAY

WE'VE NOT been too concerned with the materialistic attitude rampant up in Washington. But, after reading what a control agency official had to say last week about the current phase of the program we're downright worried. Here's the status, as he put it:

Smith-Graham battle in 1950, for example. But it was a huge amount. Up to 1951, North Carolina law set a limit of \$15,000 on the amount that could be spent in behalf of each candidate for state office. The limit was unrealistically low. As the Raleigh News & Observer observes:

... candidates have been appalled by the alternatives provided for covering expenses under such a limitation. They knew full well that the amount was so small that it would be impossible to get a fair hearing. They knew full well that the amount was so small that it would be impossible to get a fair hearing. They knew full well that the amount was so small that it would be impossible to get a fair hearing.

Where The Ax Is Aimed

THESE facts form the background from which have come demands for big cuts in the President's \$1.4-billion request. The principal target for the slash is the economic aid section. \$1.4 billion of aid is earmarked for the NATO countries. The argument is made that these nations are back to pre-war levels of production and, therefore, our help should be limited strictly to military items.

A BLUEBIRD FOR NIK

IT WAS just a week ago that this newspaper pooh-poohed the significance of General Eisenhower's visit to the New Hampshire Presidential primary. You will find mighty little pooh in this corner today. With his stunning vote in Minnesota, Eisenhower emerges clearly as a candidate of truly impressive stature. He may yet pull off the most amazing feat in American political history: he may yet win a Presidential nomination, against a seasoned and highly regarded opponent, by sticking to his business 3,000 miles away.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE man who packs the most weight with President Truman are his aides and secretaries—the Palace Guard—supposed to do the routine chores around the White House. They don't have to do anything of any importance. Thus, a mere appointment secretary, such as Matt Connelly, has become one of the most powerful men in the nation.



What About The Foreign Aid Bill?

(An Editorial from Business Week) BIG decisions are seldom easy to make. The foreign aid legislation now before Congress is a good example. President Truman has asked \$7.3-billion for defense, "defense support," and Point 4 assistance to our allies in the next fiscal year. The reaction by Congress and the public has been unfavorable.

Bad Time For Retrenchment

CERTAINLY, the time could scarcely be worse for deliberations about what our long-run foreign policy should be. Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer has just revealed that the reserves of gold and dollars are below \$1.8 billion, off more than half a billion dollars in the first two months of the year. A conservative government in France is trying to get its roots down in an atmosphere of economic crisis. The European Army plan is just emerging.

Quote, Unquote

A RARE comment from an eastern fashion magazine: Notwithstanding the general feeling that the country is in a bad way, the public seems to be hopelessly puzzled by the problems of trying to design a giraffe in a dress. The giraffe is about how low to trim this gown. Ladies probably will have to be passed along leading ladies to stand up at bars. "Tack" is Amarrille (Tex.) Globe-Times.

Indispensable Men

SKIPPING to Correspondence Secretary Bill Hassett, the President continued gaily: "The correspondence secretary is an indispensable man around the White House. He decides on the who gets to celebrate, and who gets to be invited to organizations, such as this, to make them feel that the President has a personal interest in them. He is a genius in this work."

Keafauer's Anger

SENATOR Keafauer stumbled on his most generous if not fanciful, Nathan Straus, in a peculiar manner. During the heyday of the Roosevelt Administration Straus was a close personal friend of the President and Administrator and was receiving the usual barrage of brackets from Congress. One day a Tennessee draft announcement came.

Backstage Diplomacy

BRITISH diplomats friendly to the U.S.A. are looking around for new leaders to replace Ex-Retiree Minister Clement Attlee and ex-Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison. The American-born, American-bred, and American-brought-up Ambassador, Aneurin Bevan, who is gaining more and more support inside the Labor Party... An ultra-modern American building with a roof built in France's Spain. Believe it or not, the Embassy will be modeled after the New York building of the United Nations, which flows on France.

Storm Over M'Arthur Lulls, His Role In GOP Uncertain

WASHINGTON BY MARQUIS CHILDS IT IS NOW more a year since the storm broke over the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur from his command in the Pacific. That storm appeared to have subsided long ago, but one could calculate its final consequences.

MacARTHUR'S MISTAKE It thrilled his listeners, particularly the circle of "old timers" never did, they just fade away. But, in the opinion of this observer, MacArthur's mistake was not for something else. If he had taken a magnanimous view of the President's asking for his resignation for his errors and his incapacity, calling for national unity above the bitterness of personal animosity, he would have had the country with him as few men in our history have ever had.

MacARTHUR has been extremely cautious in choosing his words. The numerous requests to speak that have flooded in upon him. He has not been scheduled to appear in the State Legislature in Michigan on May 15.

Solution Of Schuster Killing Will Likely Be An Accident

BY ROBERT C. RUARK THE MOST cruel, the most heinous murder of the past few years is nearly beginning to unfold. It is the case of the unidentified woman who was found by a Brooklyn man who had been copper on Manhattan's West Side. She was found in a rooming house in Brooklyn.

Schuster was slain by an assailant who shot him in the belly and the chest. The police have a list of names of persons who might be connected with the crime. The police are now trying to identify the man who shot Schuster.

FALSE CLUES GALORE

Already the case has been turned and muddled in the world of the crooks and the crooklets and the quacks. They have striven false clues and have swarmed the police and newspapers with worthless information. The compulsive letter-writers have swarmed the mails with hints and warnings and cryptic nonsense.

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