Drew Pearson

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and asked that the case against Sachs be held up pending a conference with Sachs' new attorney, A. Schwimmer of Kansas City.

On the surface, it would appear proper for the White House merely to ask for a conference with an attorney. However, Sachs knew the game of hiring the right lawyer. Though he lived in St. Louis, he had reached across the State and hired a new Kansas City attorney who was close to President Truman's most intimate Kansas City friend, Tom Evans.

After that the Sachs case was held up on the ground that a trial would seriously injure his health—an excuse used repeatedly in recent years to avoid criminal prosecution.

HEAD OF BIBLE SOCIETY ILLUSTRATION NO. 5—Part of the government's trouble in cracking down on tax frauds is lenient or politically minded judges. Take the case of E. P. Mead, millionaire Texas bakery owner. Mr. Mead not only was wealthy, but he was pious. He had been head of the Gideon Society which distributes Bibles in hotel rooms.

However, Mead apparently did not believe in the gospel, for he cheated the government out of $245,593.76, and then relied not on his faith, but on a politically potent Texas attorney, J. Percy Rice, to defend him.

At the trial, U. S. Judge T. Whitfield Davidson asked Mead this amazing question:

"Would you rather pay the $20,000 fine, or pay $5,000 to $10,000 and take a short probated sentence?"

"I would rather pay the $20,000," promptly replied tax-evader Mead and walked out of the court.

That is why the current tax scandals have cut so deeply into our national consciousness. For when people see other people, who can afford to hire influence, dodge paying their share of the huge current cost of government, it makes for unrest, dissension, and the undermining of democracy. Eventually it may lead to communism—as it already has in Europe.

Othman

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cial to be grateful for.

My bride's still with me and I appreciate that, too. And here's where we get to the nubbin, if any, of this dispatch. Many a reader over the years has asked me about her, and when did we get married, and how come I still refer to her as a bride?

Well, sir, we were married in 1932, one week after I had my salary which wasn't much to begin with, cut 10 per cent. We celebrated Christmas that year on tick. I mean I bought her first gas stove as her first Christmas gift. Three dollars down and three dollars a month for more years than I care to remember.

She has put up with me ever since, through some thick and a good deal of thin. The big beauty about Mrs. O. is that she's full of ideas. She thinks nothing of buying dynamite to level a rocky field on our farm, of trying to paint a Christmas tree with her vacuum cleaner, of importing a horse from Peru. All these things make stories for the paper; such ideas to me are precious, like emeralds.

So this fall, when I got to worrying about the statesmen doing nothing much worthy of being recorded in print, she said she bet you customers would be interested in reading about life in a castle in Spain.

We went to Spain and we did take up residence in a castle and I don't believe we ever did have such an interesting and exciting vacation. You see what I mean. You can't call a woman like that a wife. She's been new every day now for 19 years. Of course, she's my bride. What else?

She just phoned. Needs help with the Christmas tree. It's been outside and it is decorated with icicles of genuine ice. She says she thinks I'd better bring home a drip pan. A Merry Christmas to you all and may your icicles always be on the tinsel variety.

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Winchell

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Of "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman," he observed: "The story is a thing of such monumental boredom that one can only admire Mr. Lewin for having the courage to admit that he wrote, produced and directed it" .. Then there's the bullets fired by Miles Standish (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) of "Adventures of Captain Fabian," starring Errol Flynn: "Errol drowns Vincent and finds Micheline dying. End of no-good man, no-good woman, no-good movie" .. A year ago Glenn McCarthy persuaded ten of the top acts playing his Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas, to take half their salaries in oil stock in the New Ulm fields. Today they can sell it for almost 1000 percent profit. Jack Carson, who took $15,000 worth of it, they say, may become a millionaire from his—if he holds it a while.

Gilbert Gabriel, the dramatic critic, was once decorated by Venezuela. He got "The Order of Boliviar" for reading proof on their Presidential propaganda .. Otis Skinner was panned in the long ago by the critic for a Portland, Oregon, paper. The sour notice got him fired. Skinner, learning of his critic's fate, gave him a job in his troupe and took him to B'way. He was Don Skene, who enlisted with the N. Y. Herald Tribune and became one of Manhattan's best sports ssayists.

The Satevepost's series on Joe E. Brown describes him as an "ex-star." I don't geddit. Joe starred in a Broadway show this season and reaped fine notices. He also has one of the top roles in the film hit, "Showboat" .. John Wayne is one of the actors who does all right, son. He got $50,000 a week making "The Flying Leathernecks" .. And Gene Autry's annual take is $1,500,000 .. Happy Taxes! .. Thanks to the editors at Theater Arts mag. For giving a full page to the hit-show tickets that can be bought at the Runyon Fund Office in the Hotel Astor .. Concrete example of Showmanship: The way they make productions of songs on Dinah's program .. The film, "Callaway Went Thataway," which kids hoss-operas, has a swifty in it: "Most cowboy actors have two expressions. Hat on and hat off" .. Ingmar Bergman is correct. He's a Swedish movie producer .. Tallulah Bankhead (in court) proved that a star always give a great performance. Even when the script is terrible.

Check Of 4-Fs Will Begin Next Month

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Draft officials will begin checking the 4-F ranks next month to find rejected registrants who can be inducted under the lower mental standards of the new draft law.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said some 300,000 men previously rejected for mental reasons will be called for re-examination. The first group of 25,000 will get their orders for rechecks next month.

UMT PLAN GROWS

Meanwhile, a move to let youths induct under a proposed six-month Universal Military Training program split their training into two consecutive summer periods was reporting gaining strength in the House.

Rep. Olin Teague D-Tex said he believes 30 to 40 of the younger Congressmen, many of them World War II veterans like himself, are ready to support the split-training plan. He said the arrangement would minimize interference of UMT with college training.

The mental re-examinations will result from a provision in the draft law passed last summer lowering from 70 to 65 the minimum mental score necessary to qualify for military service.

Of the 1,828,000 men examined since July, 1950, about 822,600 — or 45 per cent — have been rejected. About 600,000 of these were turned down solely because they flunked the mental induction tests.

MENTAL STANDARD CUT

Congressional experts estimated earlier this year, however, that the reduced mental standards would enable draft officials to induct about 150,000 men who previously had been rejected.

Split UMT training has been considered and rejected by a five-man National Security Training Commission established by Congress to draw up specific plans for a six-month training program for all 18-year-olds.

In recommending against split training, the commission said it would throw an impossible load on the training machinery at one peak period each year.

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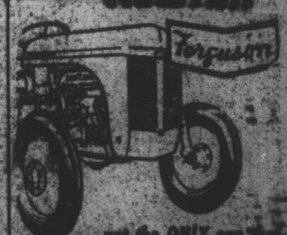

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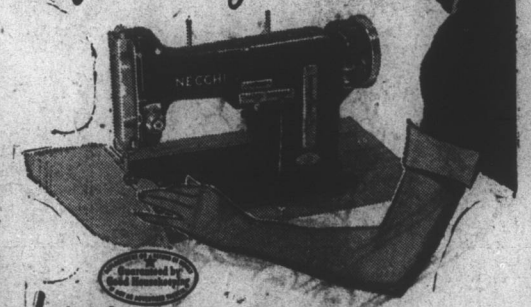

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