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These Days



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MISTER BREGER



"There are times when I feel a man is entitled to get outta drivin' dishes ONCE in a while..."

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — One reason for the extra-tidiness during the House Judiciary Committee's debate on probing the Justice Department was that the personal doctor of President Truman, Maj. Gen. Wallace Graham, was involved.

Also, Attorney General Howard McGrath used just about every lobbying trick in the bag to prevent the probe, and certain Congressmen didn't want to know how abruptly they reversed themselves because of Administration pressure.

Among these was Chairman Emanuel Celler of New York, who had just notified the President that he was going to do what he did not do—investigate.

The dynamic regarding Truman's personal physician was tossed into the closed-door committee discussion by Congressman Kenneth Keating of New York, who told how General Graham had tried to keep the notorious Rumanian, Nicola Malaxa, in the U. S. A.

Keating has alleged that Malaxa has sent jewelry to Ann Pauker, Communist Premier of Rumania, and has collaborated both with the Nazis and the Communists, and has had so much drag with Moscow that he is the only Rumanian businessman able to get \$2,000,000 out of this country. A CIA report found in July Colton's purse also showed that Malaxa made Field Marshall Goering's brother a partner in his business before the war.

Nevertheless, the Justice Department gave Malaxa a favorable report, putting him in a preferred position to become a permanent resident of the United States.

This recommendation, Congressional Keating told the Judiciary Committee, was based partly on an affidavit from Maj. Gen. Wallace Graham "building him up as a fine fellow."

"Apparently this man (Malaxa) reaches into high places," the New York Republican told his astonished colleagues. "I want to find out how high—and who his sponsors are besides Dr. Graham. I also want to find out who in the immigration Service wrote that report clearing Malaxa."

Note—Once before, Dr. Graham faced Congressional charges, and admitted speculating on the commodity market. Unproved, he was later promoted by the President from Brigadier General to Major General, on one occasion, Malaxa came all the way from New York to Washington to get a physical checkup by General Graham.

HOT WIRE-PULLING

About ten days before the hot debate inside the Judiciary Committee, its chairman Manny Celler, of Brooklyn, went down to the White House and warned the President that he was going to investigate the Justice Department.

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What made him do so was when Sen. Lyndon Johnson, Texas Democrat, (Continued On Page Five)

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Walter Winchell

In New York

Memos of a Girl Friday

Dear WW: The AP confirmed "denial" with its piece from Hollywood about Jolson's widow winning a second \$1,000,000 from his will. When we said she would try to upset his bequests of \$3,000,000 to charities several dopes denied it. This new million has to come out of those three! Connie Mack's daughter got her final decree out there the other day. Her merger name is Mrs. Marshall Breedlove. Her divorcee Alexis Romanoff, recently divorced from Phyllis B. Brown of here, tells friends his next will be Barbara Fidler of Cincy Gen. Patton's widow will be urged to campaign actively for Taft, but she is not very likely to be "used" that way. Something about an Eisenhower-Patton feud, etc.

Sleeping pill addicts should appreciate this: It happened to comedian Harvey Stone. Been taking pills for years because of insomnia. Desperate for slumber this day (because he hadn't slept the previous night), he took four, not a lethal dose. However in trying to shake a cold earlier he took two emprin and then used strong nose drops. He started choking, turned purple, and firemen took ten hours to revive him.

Federal Judge J. W. Waring of South Carolina achieved quite a reputation for his stand on racial questions last year. Landed in Collier's and the newsmagazines with his fight. He retires tomorrow—just 10 years to the day he took office. He was called "The man they love to hate" in S. C., vilified in the papers there, ostracized socially and his Charleston house was stoned for opening the Democratic primaries in South Carolina to all citizens. He is 74.

Ethel Merman is reported definitely getting a divorce. When you said so six months ago the same opposition paper said it wasn't true. How stale can they get? Sam Goldwyn's upshot about the way you handled the Moore Shearer thing, Sam Goldwyn's always unhappy about something. End of Yaw. The twice-postponed S. Ray Bobo Olson fight in San Francisco is now listed for Feb. 14th. The Runyon Fund gets most of the gate. Sacha Guitry, the French playwright, is getting his 5th divorce. The French recognize only 5 marriages, so he weds his next here.

Jane Russell's friends wonder why a child (with passport issued by Eire and a U. S. quota number) should become of such interest to His Majesty's gov't. Especially, when both Irish parents gave full consent for the tot to remain here. Jane and her husband pretty unhappy about it all. Money talks with millionaires. Howard Hughes gave Ed Grainger a 5 year contract because his flicker prospered. Hughes gave Wald Krasna, whose films didn't, only a one-year renewal.

Tip came in that a model named Shirim Devrin works in a 7th Avenue dress shop (Passel's) and that she is the daughter of Iraq's acting Regent. I didn't check, because I don't give a damn. Must be awful to be an actress. Carol Stone dines in Gallagher's every 4:30 P. M. (except matinees and Sabbaths) on only a 1 1/2 lb. steak. That's all she eats before the curtain goes up on "Desire" across the street. Ed Barrow, former gen. mgr. for the Yankees, is still in the Portchester Hospital following an operation New Year's. He's 83. A sealed indictment has been returned against a cop in Bklyn. They'll act on it any edition.

The Nielsen still has you among the First Ten. Godfrey beats you by one-tenth of a point. Many of the favorites, however, are parted by only that much. Cliff Steward, the Coral recording star, married Helen Maguire yesterday. He's also a bartender in Queens. His top record is "San Francisco Boys." I see you've been boosting Darras and Julia, the Latin Quarter dancing stars. He has a degree from the Univ. of Budapest, speaks languages. She makes with nine... The stage war of "Pal Joey" is supposed to inherit millions on March 26th. He's only 21 now. The wealth comes from the Thomas Fortune Ryan estate.

Big war rages between traffic cops in New Jersey and Georgia. Such a to-do! It seems some Jersey cops, while motorizing thru Georgia, got no professional courtesy. Despite their official credentials and no plates, they were judged in some jail until they paid a "ransom" which was so heavy they had to wire back home for it. So, when the word spread to wherever there are cops in Jersey, all of them now wait for a car with Georgia plates. Oh, brother!

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

Dolly shows more cleverness than both her father and mother. If they would have two or three more youngsters, they'd learn not to make a prima donna out of a child. Horse sense is excellent for hearing human babies. It eliminates a lot of the nonsense so prevalent nowadays.

On the contrary, she is thrilled by the prospect, for she knows she can then be the prima donna, with her parents as the supporting cast.

USE HORSE SENSE
The proper way to handle the eating problem with a child is for adults to stop making fools of themselves.

Place the food on the youngster's plate. Be pleasant and cheerful, but don't focus your attention on the child. If he eats, well and good. If he doesn't, well and good. When you adults have finished, clear the table, including the toddler's plate. Then put him down. Don't feed him between meals.

Meanwhile, let him get plenty of physical exercise. Take him out for a walk. Let him romp with other youngsters.

Get him a puppy to serve in lieu of a little brother or sister and help stimulate him.

At the next meal, treat him as before. Some stubborn children may resist for several meals, but they are basically animals, so they will not hurt themselves seriously by hunger strikes.

It is amateur parents who are the ones with such feeding problems. The children will eat for strangers who don't humor them or degenerate into theatrical players.

So use common sense. Youngsters will not starve themselves to death and the lack of even a dozen meals will not seriously injure their growth, so stop letting them bluff you. American babies are too fat, anyway.

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What About Spelling?

Beaman Kelly, our very capable and enterprising assistant superintendent of county schools, has just announced a six-point program for improving the quality of school teaching in Harnett.

His recommendations were made after he personally visited various classrooms in the county schools.

He made some very interesting observations and some valuable and constructive recommendation in his six-point program.

For instance, he wants increased and better use of audio-visual aids; a better health and physical education program, particularly in the ninth grades, further planning for better guidance service, more extensive use of standardized test results.

Summing up his program, he wants emphasis placed on first things first—reading, writing and arithmetic.

We want to commend Mr. Kelly for going above and beyond the call of his routine duties to make this survey and to work out this program.

However, we're a little disturbed that Mr. Kelly didn't include spelling among his list of recommendations.

We believe it to be unfortunate that schools don't teach spelling any more—that is, they don't apparently, put enough on spelling.

The failure of students in these modern times to learn how to spell is something simply appalling. We know many people—and people who are supposed to be educated—who can't even spell the simple words in Noah's Webster's dictionary.

All the blame doesn't lie in the public schools, because we've found that some college graduates can't spell any better than a sixth grader ought to know how to spell.

On a recent occasion, we are tempted to send to the board of trustees of the Greater University a miserable and horrible example of spelling by a University student. We finally decided against it because we figured it wouldn't do any good.

Apparently, North Carolina spellers aren't any worse than those in some other States. The situation is so bad across the whole country that the great Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers has started holding public spelling bees and offering fabulously large sums of money as prizes to encourage people to learn to spell.

Unfortunately, this newspaper can't afford such. We wish we could.

We believe that the need for turning out better spellers offers a real challenge to our public schools and also to the higher halls of learning.

CULLMAN, ALA., DEMOCRAT: "The politicians' creed seemed to be to keep the people's pockets full of 'money,' even though the 'money' eventually drops to where it is not worth the cost of the paper used to make it.

ANTIGO, WISC., DAILY JOURNAL: "The National Security Resources Board is trying to promote the dispersal of new industry in the United States for safety reasons. Says the board: 'There is no need of a bureau in Washington or elsewhere in the federal government to do this job.' And apparently the effort is meeting with considerable initial success despite the boards almost heretical views. If it works out, maybe others will be inclined toward this unorthodox and away from the prevailing notion that you're not in business until you've denuded the capital warehouses of every available deak and have hired people to lean on them."

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Internal Revenue will be saddened to learn that as March 15 approaches I am becoming increasingly hysterical.

In my distraught and bewildered condition I'm likely to cheat the tax collector out of his eyelashes. I wouldn't be surprised even if I developed a hysterical psychosis.

Then all I'll need is a Public Health Service doc to swear to my sorry condition and the good, old humane Department of Justice will refuse to prosecute me for my thievery. This surprising news I learned when the tax investigating committee of Rep. Cecil King (D., Calif.) called on Ellis Slack for an explanation of the government's health policy for tax evaders.

Slack is the veteran Federal attorney who succeeded the celebrated T. Lamar Caudle as acting boss of the tax prosecutors. Slack's wife wears no milk coat. Slack spends his evenings looking at no TV television set, or his weekends taking no free airplane rides with hot shots in tax troubles. He is what you'd call a conscientious bureaucrat.

So there he was talking about his health policy. Has nothing to do with medical insurance. It means simply that some tax racketeers who are mighty nice men. Quality of health procedure they may be, but if they can prove that the strain of a trial in court might result in their death or insanity, the humane Department refuses to prosecute.

"Why?" demanded Rep. Robert W. Kean (R., N.J.).
"The humane reason," replied on.

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Mary Hawthorth's Mail

By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

WHILE ASLEEP, WOMAN PASSES INTO TRANSCENDENT STATE, BUT CANNOT AROUSE HERSELF UNLESS ANOTHER WAKENS HER. DEAR MARY HAWORTH: While I was in the hospital recently, having my fourth baby, I had a recurrence of a disturbing experience in which I pass from normal sleep to a trance-like state. In this state I know where I am, and all that goes on about me, and I make frantic efforts to waken myself—to no avail. I cannot rouse myself until someone speaks directly to me or touches me. How long I am in suspense I don't know; it seems like 15 or 20 minutes.

Sometimes I am able to call out; and when I do waken, I am in a cold sweat. I tremble and feel as if I had been through a physical ordeal, and wonder what would happen if no one wakened me. About six months ago I had my worst attack of this kind. I happened to be sleeping upstairs and my husband was sleeping downstairs and he heard me call out. He called to me as he came upstairs, and I could hear his voice and footsteps, but still couldn't waken until he shook me by the shoulder. I was so unmoved I began to cry, and couldn't sleep again that night.

I wasn't bothered any more until I went to the hospital. There a nurse entered the room and spoke to me, which wakened me; and when I thanked her and told her what I was going through, she thought I should speak to the doctor about it. I hesitated, fearing he might think me silly; and I overheard another nurse say I was just sleeping too soundly, determined to write you to ask if I am in any danger during these attacks, or are they just a form of nightmare?

I have many problems—past, present and future; so many that I hate to think of them all at once. But I have many compensations up to now—good health and all the necessities of life: children, friends, books, music and the church. And I console myself that time and patience with God's help will solve my problems. Even so, I have periods of depression, which take a powerful effort of will to fight off, but I am beginning to be able to deal with these. I know from experience they won't last long. But what about these waking trance states? Will you please help me?

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