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## These Days



By  
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UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE

The organization of a Garrison State involves social and political consequences and the diversion of men from their normal activities to military participation. Shifting youth from schools to camps, from free activities to regimented disciplines, during the early years of their lives, can produce permanent psychological reactions.

The present program for universal military service is an extraordinarily involved one, from which only the mentally and physically defective will be freed. All young men, 18 years of age, fresh out of high school, are to be given a six months' pilot course in Universal Military Training.

About 1,200,000 come of age, that is 18 1/2 years old, each year. Of this number, it is estimated that 400,000 will be unfit, leaving 800,000 for this program. Only the physically and mentally unfit, according to Pentagon standards, will be able to proceed directly from high school to college with some assurance of remaining there.

After a young man has served for six months in this pilot course, he will be put into the active reserve for one year and a half. This means that the young man might begin a course at college, but could be interrupted at any time by being called up to replace American troops in Korea, Malaya, Burma or Europe, without regard to his personal future. As, except in Korea, our troops mostly mark time, this enforced idleness, in uniform, is of great concern to those who fear its social consequences.

At any rate, according to this program, few ambitious young men would be able to enter college before they are 20 or 21 years of age. They would be 24 or 25 years old before they got their Bachelor's degree. Those who require graduate work, such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, technicians, would be close to 30 before they would be graduated.

Experience shows that many in the military services, out of boredom and loneliness, marry, often under circumstances and to persons that can only be regarded as unfortunate. This raises moral problems which permanently affect our society.

In the past, our youth were used in this way to defend their country for comparatively short periods of great national peril. This, however, is planned to be a permanent program, to be followed in peace as well as in war. Further, after a young man has given his two years to this service, he is to be put into the inactive reserve for a period of six years, the President apparently to have the right to shift individuals from the inactive to the active reserve at will.

Smart boys, that is, those who are brilliant in their marks, will be able to find ways to get an education. In this country, however, it has been experience that the most useful men are not always those who have been exceptionally smart as boys. The large reservoir of college graduates has been drawn upon to produce competent persons to do the multitude of tasks essential in an industrial society.

Already, as a consequence of World War II, this country is short of engineers, which is a serious matter for the future. Shortages also appear in many fields of scholarship in which the theoretical work is done, thus forming the basis for our amazing success in technical fields. Atomic fission is a product of the classroom and college laboratory as it is of engineering and industrial skill.

Recently, a number of religious leaders came to Washington for one of those orientation sessions which have become so customary since the war. This conference was called to consider the character guidance program for our troops. UMT arose only in question time, and was not on the agenda among the clergymen and religious leaders present. These men have devoted their lives to moral issues and have had to deal with young people through the various stages of development. Also, some had even served as chaplains.

So far as I can learn, while the clergy were deeply moved by the broad nature of the discussion of moral problems, which, at this conference, transcended religious differences, many of them felt that UMT imperils both the young man and the country and is not wise for such a society as ours. It could defeat our civilization by making it militaristic. Such militarism, including universal military service, had devastating effects on Germany and Japan, both of which employed it, in one form or another.

Moral leaders, particularly the clergy, cannot concern themselves only with immediate, pressing political problems. Their responsibility is to think in terms of civilization and the relationship of man to it.

This is a subject that requires more than casual discussion and might well be made a campaign issue. Stalin is becoming more troublesome in our domestic matters than Hitler ever was.



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



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 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 business man able to get \$2,000,000 out of this country. A CIA report found in J. Edgar Hoover's file 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."

## 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 Elre and a U. S. quota number) should become of such interest to His Majesty's govt. 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.

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## 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.

CASE C-356: Dolly B., aged 18 months, can teach young parents an excellent lesson in child psychology.

"Dolly simply will not eat," her fond father protested. "She is practically existing on one day a day."

"We complained to our physician, but he told us it was probably due to her teething and not to worry about it. But we feel that something is wrong."

"During her meal, for example, we must give her a toy or something to make her forget that she is eating."

"At times she may voluntarily take one or two spoonfuls but then she calls it quits. She will refuse to open her mouth."

"Then I take her on my lap and feed her with a spoon. As soon as I do this, she readily opens her mouth and eats."

"My wife is quite worried because Dolly does not eat properly. Is it possible she has developed a dislike toward eating?"

"Dr. Crane, would it be better for us to feed her in a room, of her own, and not have her at the table with us?"

**BABY TRICKS PARENTS**  
There are thousands of parents, especially of "only" children, who are making a similar theatrical performance out of every meal. This is wrong.

Babies soon learn that they can thus monopolize the spotlight and cause two parents, plus possibly a doting grandparent, to become their slaves at the dinner table. They enjoy this excitement. In fact, they will actually refuse to

eat in order to browbeat their parents into making a gala event out of eating.

Dolly's father won't care if she hasn't developed a dislike toward eating.

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.

Mothers, have a second baby within 2 years of the first, for that will give you better perspective and furnish a playmate for your first-born.

In the individual's approach to sleep, there is a gradual dimming out of consciousness, and in his approach to wakefulness, the light of consciousness goes on again gradually. This misty indeterminate area, between sleeping and waking, is sometimes called "the threshold of consciousness." And it is in this area that you are having trouble, it seems; and the trouble probably consists in trying to shake off a bad dream that deals with some basic emotional deadlock, early ingrained and long since lost-light-of.

The panicky sense of urgent need and stymied helplessness, which seems to pin you down just short of waking, is a dream-feeling. It probably also is the dimly recognized possibility to a dream episode, in which you are always unconsciously trying to solve or escape a psychological dilemma, implicit in some forgotten life-situation. Your nightmare as described is common to many and embodies the sensations of hapless childhood—as when a youngster is unable to establish satisfactory communication with his mother, or any close, "safe" loving relationship with her, (or the mothering person) in his early defenseless years.

**REFERS TO PROBLEM OF INNER ISOLATION**  
You may insist, sincerely, that you have no recollection of unpleasant dreams preceding these nocturnal attacks of frozen dread. But the more painful or threatening the emotional stuff embroidered in dreams, the less apt to dream-story is to break through to surface mind or conscious reality.

I've no doubt there is special significance in the fact that your nightmare tends to arise when you are sleeping alone—apart from your husband, your family protector nowadays. This isolation from him symbolizes the psychological isolation from intimate sanctuary that probably was the tragedy and peril of your childhood, from the inside view. Thus conjugal aloneness stirs up complex anxiety in the unconscious again, and the old nightmare frustration gets another undercover run.

This interpretation of the case seems further sustained by your reference to periodic depression, during which you get depressed, weep and feel sorry for yourself—characteristic sick emotions of the rejected defeated child. In the dream state, you long to establish security-contact, but feel unable to do so—as if you must wait until somebody could respond from you. I think psychiatric help in examining the roots of this neurotic behavior in your waking as well as your dream states, might put you in the way of a new healthier and happier orientation to real life.

M. H.  
Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Daily Record.

## 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 girls 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 it's hard to prove that the man on 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.

## Frederick OTHMAN

The gentleman from New Jersey said he thought the judge ought to decide: Slack begged to disagree. Said it saved a lot of time if the Justice Department decided first.

So I got to thinking about my own hysteria over those withholding forms and that sharp letter I got from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. No wonder. There was Adrian Dewind, the committee's chief counsel, bringing up the case of an unnamed tax scoundrel who went unjailed because he suffered from what a psychiatrist called hysteria psychosis.

How many docs, he wondered, will agree on what is hysteria? Not to mention a psychosis?

Nobody was going to trap prosecutor Slack. All he knew, he said, was that he took the word of a physician from the Public Health Service about hysteria among criminals. He said, furthermore, there haven't been many tax cases dismissed because of threatened insanity. Dewind said he understood they were increasing. And Rep. Kean wondered if Slack was sure about the humaneness of the Justice Department. Slack was.

Slack said, well, there was another angle. The government needs the money even more than it wants to see the thieves in jail. And a sick crook pays his 50 percent penalty, even if he never goes to jail. Maybe if more did stand before a jury, suggested Rep. Kean, there wouldn't be so many germs with fiberoptic lenses perpetrating frauds.

Hold everything, gentlemen. As I hold my tax return in shaky hand and regard it with bulging eye, I can feel a psychosis coming on.

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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.

**CUTIES**  
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Let's look over here, dear. Here's a much LARGER display of things I can't afford!"

## "Mary Haworth'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 raise 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 wake, 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.