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Umstead's Bonus Stand: Maybe Not Popular, Surely Courageous

A bonus for veterans has been made an issue of the governor's race in North Carolina, with Hubert Olive coming out in favor of a statewide vote on the question and William Umstead opposed.

The fact of Olive's approval does not mean that the Legislature will submit the issue to the people in the event of Olive's election, nor does Umstead's disapproval mean that the Legislature will not submit it in the event of Umstead's election. Legislatures do not always follow the wishes of the Governor.

There will be the matter of fairness to consider. World War II veterans would get a lion's share of such a bonus, because there has been considerably more mortality among those who served in World War I. And what about Korean veterans? Just a police action, so no bonus?

There will be the question of need to consider. In this day of high prices and high wages how much real difference to the individual veteran will two or three hundred dollars make? It won't send a child to college and it won't make much of a dent in the average home or farm mortgage.

There's the question of impact on the State's finances to consider. Can the State stand another \$200,000,000 bond issue? Would the good accruing to veterans from such a bond issue be more or less than the damage such a bond issue would do to the State's ability to build new schools, provide relief for the needy, construct roads, erect hospitals, and so forth?

And there are so many veterans in North Carolina that the business of paying them a bonus would be more or less like taking money out of their left hand pocket and putting it in their right.

Maybe the corporations and not the individuals would pay the bulk of the bonus. So there are higher taxes on corporations at a moment when they are flowing South in bigger numbers than ever before. What will be the impact of such higher taxes on the proportion of these new industries North Carolina will receive? How many North Carolina veterans would use the bonus money to move their families to South Carolina or Georgia in search of better employment conditions?

All these questions must have flashed through Candidate Umstead's mind when he said he would not commit himself to favor the bonus vote. His stand will not gain him any votes. It was a stand against Santa Claus. It is not a popular stand but it was a courageous one. (From the Fayetteville Observer).

Two Accidents Are Reported

Two accidents, both at intersections, were investigated by the Dunn Police Department. In neither wreck was there any personal injury.

At the intersection of Cumberland and Fayetteville, a 1951 Ford driven by J. L. Jackson of Dunn Route 1 and a 1951 Ford, driven

by Lavon Larue Shepard of Lillington. The Shepard car hit the Jackson vehicle on the rear panel and fender, inflicting \$200 damage. Shepard's car was damaged about \$100. Both claimed the green light.

At the intersection of Magnolia and Harnett, a 1950 Oldsmobile driven by Donald Dyer, was hit by a Gardner Dairy milk truck, driven by Richard Brock, Jr.

The heavier vehicle had almost cleared the Dyer car but caught the rear bumper. Damage was about \$50 to the Dyer machine and \$15 to the truck.

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON. — This day I have spent chomping a peanut (one, single peanut) in an effort to help the Navy Department's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery answer a question:

"Do you, sir or madam, chew your food on the left or the right side of your mouth? This is important. Could save us taxpayers millions. The more you think about this, with your face full of peanut, the less likely you will be able to decide."

I must confess that every tooth I own had something to do with chewing my own peanut. This will prove a sad blow to the admirals I know, but I'm danged now if I can decide whether I'm a left-handed chomper, or a right. Guess I'll sleep on it and start on a fresh peanut tomorrow.

What brought up the subject of this sea-roving research was arrival of Navy's docs on Cantol Hill to ask Congress for \$116,500,000 to carry on their medical activities next year. They brought with 'em a book showing all the researches they were doing.

Ron, Antonio M. Fernandez (D, N. C.) thumbed through it and began to read in a wondering voice: "... field studies involving the application of scientific developments within the Navy have measured the chewing ability of recruits where a number of teeth were missing."

"The Navy he asked, has to study the chewing ability of sailors? That it does, said Capt. Charles W. Shilling, chief of the Research

Division. The trouble, said he, is that when a gob has teeth missing on one side of his face, their replacement with artificial tasks mounted in gold in an exceedingly expensive proposition.

The Navy gave the full treatment to all snaggle-toothed sailors during the last war. They walked out of the dentists' offices with some of the most magnificent store-bought choppers ever built.

And where did they wear 'em? In their pants pockets, mostly. So the Navy got to worrying about this apparent waste of bridgework de luxe. At Tufts College in Massachusetts and Great Lakes Training Station near Chicago it began lining up seamen with missing teeth, distributing peanuts, and ordering them to chew.

Each sailor chewed his peanut 20 times. Then the attending dentists examined the size of the pieces of chomped peanut as well as the teeth that did the job.

"They found that people chewed very much according to their right or left-handedness," the captain continued. "If the jaw was completely normal, you chewed mostly on the right side, if you were right-handed. If you had a number of missing teeth on one side, you automatically shifted your chewing to the opposite side and did a very efficient job of it."

This indicated that all the naval bridge work wasn't exactly necessary. Peanuts, however, were not

These Days



By

Sokolsky

LATTIMORE FORGETS

It is amazing, when one reads the transcript of the McCarran Committee's testimony, how much Owen Lattimore could forget. The Johns-Hopkins professor had an office in the State Department Building (that is, the old building now used as a White House annex), but he seems to have a foggy notion of how he used it and what he did there.

It is all very unimportant except that Lattimore's defenders have painted a picture of a paragon of virtue who is being abused by Senator Joe McCarthy and Senator Pat McCarran, while he grew a halo around his noble head.

The testimony actually does not read that way. He was asked whether he had had a desk in the State Department. He said, yes. Then this colloquy took place:

"Mr. Morris. Were you a close associate of Lauchlin Currie?"
"Mr. Lattimore. No, I would not say so. My work brought me into considerable contact with him for a very short period."

"Mr. Morris. Did you in fact have an office in the State Department Building with Lauchlin Currie?"

"Mr. Lattimore. I had the use of one room of Mr. Currie's offices in that building."

However, he was living in Baltimore and he only came over to Washington occasionally. It was impossible to get him to say frankly how many days each week he used that room. This is the testimony:

"The Chairman. Answer the question propounded to you."
"Senator O'Connor. It would be accurate to say you used it several times a week over a period of four or five or six months?"
"Mr. Lattimore. Yes."

Now, if you or I were given the convenience of office room in the State Department, we would not only remember it, but we would tell our children and grandchildren about it. But not Owen Lattimore! He took such conveniences in his stride. He testified in both executive session and in the open session that his attendance at that office was "irregular and infrequent."

However, the committee showed him a letter dated June 12, 1952 that he had written to "Dear Mr. Kizer." In that letter he had said: "My home address is as typed above and my home telephone is Townsend 846-W. I am in Washington about four days a week, and when there can always be reached at Lauchlin Currie's office, Room 228, State Department Building; telephone National 1414, extension 90."

Also, Lattimore denied that when Lauchlin Currie was away he opened Currie's mail. Lauchlin Currie was one of President Roosevelt's administrative assistants, and he has been testified about adversely as a foreign agent before this committee. It was Lauchlin Currie who got Roosevelt to appoint Lattimore to be Chiang Kai-shek's adviser. All this is in the record.

So, after Lattimore denied that when Currie was away, he, Lattimore, handled Currie's mail, which ordinarily would have to do with White House business, the counsel for the McCarran committee confronted the professor with the following letter which he had sent to E. C. Carter, the head of the Institute of Pacific Relations:

"Dear Carter: 'Currie asked me to take care of his correspondence while he is away and in view of your telegram of today, I think I had better tell you that he has gone to China on a special trip. This news is absolutely confidential until released in the press.'"

Lattimore had forgotten about his opening White House mail which passed over Currie's desk as administrative assistant to the President. All that he could say on the subject was: "Obviously, my memory was inaccurate."

Then, this colloquy followed: "Mr. Morris. That is written on White House stationery, is it, Mr. Lattimore?"

"Mr. Lattimore. Yes, dictated to Lauchlin Currie's secretary."
"Mr. Morris. Are you acquainted with the testimony before this committee that Lauchlin Currie aided an espionage ring in Washington during the war?"

"Mr. Lattimore. No, I don't remember seeing that."
The professor forgot so much! In fact, as one goes through this testimony, it is difficult to discover what Lattimore actually remembered about what he did.

absolutely accurate. A fellow worrying about how he chewed 'em was like to chew all over. So the naval scientists came up with electronic chewing gum.

A sailor bites into a piece of it, which is connected by wire to a machine, where the dentists can read on a dial the kind of work his teeth are doing. This electrified chewing gum soon will get a workout at Great Lakes.

Sounds dangerous to me. A sailor who sharp teeth could get a mouth full of sparks. With the Navy's permission, I'll continue my own research with peanuts.

MISTER BREGER
Gigantic FUR SALE!
By JACK LAIT

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
By DREW PEARSON

PARIS — Most of the newsmen around Paris seem to think that the most important story in Europe is Eisenhower—when he will leave, where he will speak, what he had for breakfast, I don't think so. To me, the most important story on either side of the Atlantic today is that the peace of Europe may be within our grasp.

Peace can be made or unmade within the next few months. And it is unfortunate that Eisenhower is leaving at this crucial time, when a push here or his persuasive influence there could make such a difference for future war or peace.

The vital fact to be remembered about Europe today is that for 80 years men have been marching in to battle on either side of the Rhine and now, for the first time in 80 years, they plan to organize on both sides of the Rhine under one army wearing the same uniform.

Eisenhower did not conceive this idea of a unified European army. The diplomats conceived it, notably Robert Schuman of France. But Ike has given it its longest push forward, and if the final push can be given in the next few weeks it will be more important to his grandchildren than his becoming president. That's why future historians may write that Eisenhower's departure at this particular moment influenced the future of Europe for better or for worse and for a long time to come.

MOSCOW FEARS UNIFIED EUROPE

How strong the drive is toward a unified Europe may be judged by the drive of the men in the Kremlin to head it off. Nobody knows better than they what a United Europe under one army would do, first, to European defense, and second, to the fight against communism. That's why peace in Korea, elections in East Germany, the evacuation of the Red army from East Prussia, even the return of East Prussia to Germany—all are involved in the Kremlin's efforts to block the new accord between France and Germany.

It's a race for unity by the allies and a race against unity by the Kremlin, with Moscow ready to throw most of its most important blue chips into the pot to block the dreamed idea of France and Germany defending each other from the common enemy with a common army.

Unfortunately, Moscow has some potential allies—even including a fellow in the United States. Here is a roll of the people and factors lined up with Moscow to defeat the most important step toward world peace in eighty years:

ALLY NO. 1 — is corruption in the U. S. A. After World War I a great leader, Woodrow Wilson, got sick and with him sickened the world's aspirations for peace. After World War II the administration in Washington swallowed too

much corruption and became sick. With that sickness evaporated its prestige for leadership, its ability to influence Foreign Policy, and its power to obtain Congressional appropriations. Also another great man got sick—Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, the Republican who had kept his party from kicking Foreign Policy all over the political gridiron.

Mr. Truman, whose ideas on Foreign Policy are excellent, may never know how much he has hurt his own great goals for peace by failing to clean up the corruption in his administration, and by letting public attention focus on that corruption rather than on world unity.

ALLY NO. 2 — is French fear and apathy. Though he lives with a potential enemy across the border and though his land has suffered two devastating invasions in three decades, there is no man more provincial than the Frenchman. And today, though most French leaders are for unity with Germany, the man in the street is skeptical. "Do not arm Germany with anything more than a wooden sword," he says.

The average Frenchman not only fears Germany but he is apathetic about the whole business of peace. He is like many Americans today—tired of paying high taxes, against peacetime military conscription, opposed to having American or any foreign troops on French soil.

ALLY NO. 3 — is the German Socialist. They are deadly opposed to German rearmament of any kind; in fact, German youth have laid down in the streets to demonstrate against the proposed German army. So far, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who favors a European army, has the majority of West Germany with him, but his margin of votes is dangerously slim.

ALLY NO. 4 — is a religious one. It's the opposition of French Socialists to a West European army, which they claim would be an arm of the Catholic Church.

FEARS ROMAN DOMINATION

Jules Moch, former French Minister of Defense and leading socialist, outlined this view recently to the American officers at shape. He pointed out that Foreign Minister Schuman and Georges Bidault, the French architects of the unified army, were strong leaders of the Catholic Party, that Adenauer was a leader of the Catholic Party in Germany, that Premier Alcide De Gasperi of Italy was trained in the Vatican, and that the leaders of the Belgian government were strong Catholics. Therefore, the members of the French Socialist Party, he said, were opposed to creating an army that might be dominated by Rome.

The French Socialists, Moch said, were counting on Protestant England to counterbalance this, but with England out of the European

army the Socialist Party of France would vote "no" when it came to ratifying the army plan. While Moch's view represents a minority, nevertheless it is significant—because the French Government cannot get Parliamentary approval of a unified army without the Socialist votes. Thus it may be that France, which originally proposed an army fighting under one uniform, may be the country finally to reject it. Thus also, Eisenhower, who now faces the first political battle of his career—the peace and unity of Europe—stands in need of greatest help.

CUTIES
NOTHING OVER 25¢
"Isn't it wonderful how many things you can buy that cost less than a quarter? Let me have twenty dollars, dear!"

Walter Winchell

In New York

By JACK LAIT
Substituting for Winchell

The FBI is between crossfires since Atty. Gen.-designate, McGranery tossed off, light-handedly, the statement that the J. Edgar Hoover bureau is to take over the Treasury Snyder, Sec. of the intelligence crews, had a law passed whereby the FBI is specifically barred from investigating his tax staffs. . . . And, though elsewhere the FBI may probe into criminal activities, it has no jurisdiction over the most dangerous of all, the fringe activities carried on by officials and employees who are not members of the Community Party, but who encourage and in many cases support subversion. . . . Moreover, the FBI can only investigate and report, not prosecute. It has no subpoena power. . . . It is over-worked now, screening out and running down Reds, and if it had to put on a lot of new men for the added load, these would not measure up to standards and would not have the experience and training requisite for such delicate and difficult work. . . . It seems to have been a sudden decision, without realization of its import.

The new material written by Noel Coward for Beatrice Lillie will never pass the codes of radio and television. Too bloom'n' blue.

Jackpotpourri—Did a Washington Man of Distinction ease the way for Rudolph Bing, of the Met, who has been promised citizenship?

Walter Brooks, reported here as warning to New York, tugboat heiress Muriel Dalzell, is apparently also managing her campaign for state senator in Florida. . . . Betty Hutton will swing it—with songs and trapeze—at the Palace, opening Saturday mat. . . . Louise Hyde, ex-Miss Tennessee, and Bert Haft, textile man, planning their Caribbean honeymoon in Majors Cabin.

Franchot Tone has abandoned all ideas of again teaming up with Barbara Payton, matrimonially and professionally. He flew alone to Bermuda to open at the Bermudian Hotel Theatre, in Hamilton, April 12, in "Petrified Forest. . . . Princess Margaret of Britain, cognito (she's in mourning) attended a class at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. . . . Turner Air Base, in Georgia, is training student pilots for "tropical survival." They come down in swampland and are coached to prepare and eat toasted grasshoppers, frog legs, turtles, etc. . . . DeCastro Sisters, at Chateau Madrid, are the three daughters of Babette Wood, Ziegfeld exhibit married to a Cuban sugar planter who bought off her "Follies" contract for a lot of sugar he could get her out of the show and into his family.

Myrna Loy (Mrs. Howland Sargent) is growing to be a foremost social figure in Washington. She and her husband, who is Assistant Secretary of State, mingle with ambassadors and ministers not only because they rate it, but because they are well liked. The ex-Hollywood colony in the capital now includes Shirley Temple Black, Louise Albritton Collingwood, Corinne Griffith Marshall and the latest emigre, Constance Bennett, who comes May 1 to join her Army husband.

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am a serviceman, 22, and since last October Lucy and I have been talking of getting married. We had intended to marry in January, although nothing definite was set. Anyway, I asked my brother Dan to be best man, and he accepted and was very pleased.

However, we didn't marry in January, due to circumstances outside our control; and now the date is set for May. I have told Dan that I've changed my mind about having him as best man; and want him to be an usher, along with Luev's brother; and that my best buddy will stand up with me. As Dan is 34 and already married, I think it would be more appropriate for him to be an usher, and for my buddy to be nearer my age. My buddy is 24, and we grew up together.

My brother is very hurt and peeved at my change of plans, and feels slighted, I think. He even threatens not to come to my wedding at all. He was like a father to me when I was a child, and practically raised me from the age of two—when my dad left us. Should I have him as best man? If so, how can I explain the situation to my buddy who also expects to be my best man? Or how can I convince my brother that being an usher is an honor too, as the ushers will stand with us at the altar?

Maybe I don't know the full meaning of the role of best man at a wedding; so clear me up on this, will you? I hope you will answer soon, as Dan has stopped writing to me, and I want to get the problem cleared up quickly.—E. R.

USUAL CHORES OF BEST MAN

DEAR E. R.: The role of best man at a wedding is to look after the "traditionally nervous" bridegroom. He takes charge of the ring, giving it to the groom at the altar.

Three new churches were established during the past year.

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The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

Newspapers are the leading educators of America. They try to give you the facts by which you can lead a happier, more successful life. They help you overcome phobias and ignorance. And they offer further specific sex advice in such scientific bulletins as the one mentioned below.

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE
CASE D-333: Teresa B., aged 17, is a high school senior.
"Dr. Crane, we had a lecture recently that dealt with venereal disease," she began seriously.

"Ever since then I have had a great fear of catching it. I have now developed a phobia, I guess you'd call it.
"I wash my hands excessively and use lysol or alcohol, until my hands are raw."
"I am even scared about visiting a rest room at the theater. My life is miserable."

"So can you please help me to get rid of this complex? What are the facts about venereal disease?"

VENEREAL FACTS

You readers have probably noticed that I usually stay away from strictly medical problems, out of courtesy to your medical columnist.

But when personality is seriously disturbed by medical worries or mis-information, I don't hesitate to help clear up the difficulty.

There are two venereal diseases, namely, gonorrhea and syphilis. Gonorrhea is a pus disease that usually attacks the urethra, which is the tube that carries the urine out of the body.

Within 4 to 7 days after exposure to the germs, the patient may find that it is so very painful to urinate, he or she actually screams with agony.

The gonorrhea bacteria may also attack a woman's vagina and may often ascend into her Fallopian tubes, which then swell and become exceedingly painful. She goes to bed and requires pain deadening drugs, plus ice packs on the lower abdomen.

Because the pus of gonorrhea patients may occasionally drip on toilet seats, it is always well to exercise caution when using public rest rooms.

Warn your children, too, for they can catch gonorrhea in this manner before they are of kindergarten age, although it is relatively un-

"Mary Haworth's Mail"
By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

proper moment in the ceremony. He pays the clergyman his fee; and if there are tips to be paid, for chauffeur, etc., he takes care of them too—and is reimbursed at another time.

Ordinarily the best man is on hand early to help the bridegroom finish his dressing or last-minute packing for the great event. He sees that his tie is right, his handkerchiefs available, his traveling kit in order, his keys and billfold where they belong, etc. Also he keeps him company and assuages his tension with sympathetic humor during the final throes of waiting.

After the ceremony, if the newlyweds are going on a trip, the best man makes himself useful getting them to the train, or bringing their car around, double-checking the luggage, etc.—anything to give them a lift in the least awkward scene.

Theoretically, the best man should be sufficiently objective about the situation to keep a cool head during the excitement of the wedding day. Thus a good friend is sometimes chosen in preference to a near relative, who might get as rattled as the bridegroom in some eleven-hour emergency, such as mistaking the ring, struggling with an unruly crowd, or what-not. However, fathers and brothers do often serve as best man, when mutual sentiment strongly favors this arrangement.

TALKS TOO MUCH ABOUT PLANS

My advice is to patch up the rift with your brother and have him as best man if he will consent. Since you asked him first and he was pleased, you should have left it that way. It seems your basic problem is talking too much as an attention-getting device. No doubt your frailty in this respect is giving your fiancée a good deal of trouble and embarrassment about wedding day plans—which, in the main, are her province, not yours, when once you've asked her to marry you.

To square yourself with your buddy, tell the truth—that you'd prefer to have him as best man, but in a hasty moment you asked your brother months ago, for the January date; and now he's going to be sore if he is passed over for the job in May. Explain that he threatens to stay away from the wedding unless he's in it: I am sure your buddy will understand, and be as understanding as you should be to his unhappy situation. There's a family rift, or worse, than there is an individual matter in the line.

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Mr. Striling also reported that contributions to missions rose from \$2,000 in 1950 to \$7,000 in 1951.