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Ole Bull's America

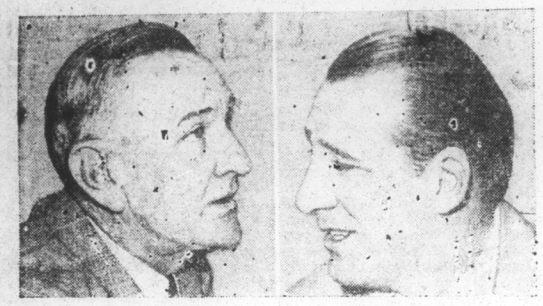
Few younger generation Americans are familiar with the name of the great Norwegian violinist, Ole Bull. His love of American ideals of freedom which inspired a mass migration of his countrymen to the United States, won him a place in history that may be remembered longer than his musical genius.

Ole Bull was born in Norway in 1810. He first came to America in 1843 and was so enraptured with the new land of freedon that he soon became an American citizen. He returned repeatedly to Norway, which was subject to the Swedish king, in an attempt to inspire his homeland with the spirit of freedom that pervaded his newly adopted country. Finally, discouraged with the possibility of reviving his own native land, he conceived the idea of moving Norwegians to America, and he purchased 11,400 acres in Potter County, Pennsylvania, for New Norway. His address of welcome to arriving Norwegian settlers 100 years ago is a stirring message from a freedom-loving individual that may well be taken to heart today. He recalled for his listeners early Norwegian expeditions to the shores of America nearly a thousands years before, and said:

"But since then we learned. . . . .one of the great nations of the earth had been successful in planting colonies there. That these colonies had grown and flourished, and that, when the mother country had endeavored to impose tyrannical laws upon them, they had rebelled, and standing up boldly in the presence of mankind had declared before Almighty God, that they were free and independent that they had been successful and had established a government with a written constitution, based upon the principles of justice and the eternal rights of humanity, that they had spread over almost the entire continent, and had become one of the leading nations of the earth, and that there a home could be found for all who sought it, that the right to labor for themselves would not be denied us, we have sought this country to be partakers in this liberty, to enjoy this freedom, and here in this beautiful valley we have selected cur home."

Can we honestly say we are preserving Old Bull's America today?

ONE WORD LED TO ANOTHER



Casey Stengel Hank Greenberg

A REMARK make by Hank Greenberg, reputedly in private, that the Yanks would have won the A.L. pennant by 15 games last season if **not** for their manager, Casey Stengel, has started a hot-stove league **rhubarb with Casey answering with a blast at Greenberg in a speech at Phoenix, Ariz., scene of winter meetings.** *(International)*

Frederick OTHMAN

McLEAN, Va. — I'm not eating spaghetti again, cottage cheese, and an occasional piece of fresh-frozen fish. The Othman beefsteak binge is over.

What I'm trying to prove, no matter what the supersalesmen say, is that those big, white home-freezer boxes are an economy only for those with wills of iron and hearts of flint. For ordinary mortals like my bride and me these glistening sub-zero chests are a horrendous expense.

It used to be in the simple days before we went into the coldstorage business that Hilda occasionally would bring home a small beefsteak, priced at $1.30 per pound, and we'd eat it slowly, savoring every bite and making appropriate remarks about the highbinders in the meat business. This didn't happen often.

The war taught my bride dozens of recipes, such as peanut-butter soup, vegetable pot pie, and eggplant patties, that do not call for beef. She used 'em regularly and economically until we were lured into taking advantage of the cash savings offered by the cold chest. We bought one. It was a beauty, trimmed in blue to make it look colder still.

For a while we kept nothing much in it except eggs, which freeze fine when busted and salted; strawberries of our own production; a few half-gallon cartons of ice cream, which froze so solid it took a strong man with a hatchet to get into 'em, and an occasional leftover waffle. Then came the chance for the big savings in beef.

The butcher said if my bride would buy 50 pounds of prime beef steaks, he'd let her have 'em at 90 cents per lb. This was a bargain for sure and we spent a happy evening wrapping our hoard of beefsteaks individually in plastic covers and placing them carefully in the coldest part of the box so they'd solidify in a hurry.

For the first few days thereafter Hilda would peek into the box at intervals and gloat. She continued to feed me cauliflower with melted cheese and mock meat loaf. Then one Sunday afternoon some old friends dropped in. I could tell by looking at her that my bride was thinking, hard; her hospitable instincts won. She served 'em broiled beefsteaks. That did it.

Since then our pile of precious steaks has been disappearing at a tremendous rate. Callers expecting maybe a cup of tea have been getting a T-bone. On those evenings when we'd ordinarily have dined alone on a cup of soup and a bowl of salad we've been eating beef. In large chunks.

We've had so much steak in the house that it became the easiest possible dinner to fix. We've eaten so freely of it that we've felt like the Argentines, who — before Peron made his final meatless mess of their economy — consumed so much meat that they pined for vegetable plates.

Now our bargain meat is gone and if it was an economy I'm a ham slicer in a cafeteria. We're back on the old wartime, ersatz diet again, and the butcher looks sadly at Mrs. O. when she passes him by. We're reading about the drastic drops in meat prices at wholesale, but Hilda hasn't noticed much change at her supermarket. There the $1.25 steak now is $1.19, and since this doesn't jibe with the figures she reads in the news from Chicago meat headquarters, she figures somebody's still trying to give the housewife the works. She's willing to wait. She's learned her lesson about the psychology of plenty.

I wondered if she intended to sell her freezer. Not yet, said she. It is a good place for vegetables. She's going to give it a load of raspberries this summer and the way it keeps bread is downright amazing. A boon it is, she still believes, but for her it's no economy.

No more steaks go into it. She has resolved, until they're available at retail at about 50 cents a pound. Then, she says, they'll be a commonplace to everybody and maybe they'll save a little longer in the cold box.

These Days

By Sokolsky

FERRER ON ROBESON

Paul Robeson is an artist of merit who has become so absorbed by Soviet Russia that he no longer can be regarded as American in any other category but nominal citizenship. He is at this moment the most vehement protagonist of Soviet Russia in this country and his services have been acknowledged by Joe Stalin.

Indignation against Robeson is usually expressed by patriotic Americans who have never been tempted by so-called left-wingism. Yet, no one has ever denounced Paul Robeson with such accurate pinpointing of his unforgivable sins against his native land as Jose Ferrer, actor, who has also been attacked for some of his associations.

Ferrer's language is important because he expresses the problem of the artist who insists on freedom of expression but rejects treason. This is what Ferrer said about Robeson:

"Any American who accepts an award from the Soviet Union today does a tremendous disservice, not only to his country, but to the cause of peace throughout the world. It seems to me to be very clear that up to now the Soviet Union has discredited itself as to believability of intention and honesty of purpose.

"I have always felt deeply about the minority groups and their problems. In the case of Paul Robeson, his action in accepting Stalin's so-called "peace prize" seems to me to be particularly reprehensible because he is doing almost irreparable harm to his own race, and grave injury to the cause of all Negroes. He pretends to be their spokesman, and he is not. I do not believe that Paul Robeson has anything fundamentally in common with Ralph Bunche, Marian Anderson, Joe Louis, Dorothy Maynor, Jackie Robinson, and other Negroes who are winning the uphill battle for Negro rights.

"Nor does he have very much in common with the Negro soldiers in Korea, who are helping to fight the battle for freedom against Communist aggression and dictatorship.

"Anyone who is in the arts must have freedom of expression. As an artist I insist on this privilege for myself and for all others. In its attempts to control artistic and creative expression, Communism is indistinguishable from Fascism or any other form of dictatorship. This is all the more reason to deplore the course which Paul Robeson has chosen."

The acknowledgment of the undeniable truth that "Communism is indistinguishablev from Fascism" is emotionally difficult for many of those who in the hey-day of Hitlerism were willing to accept Stalin as an alternative. Their error was that there really is no alternative to evil. It is impossible to say that Stalin is less a devil than Hitler, for both were bred by the same Hegelian sire and only differed in the method of achieving an identical end.

Even in the matter of anti-Semitism, Stalin reaches the same position as Hitler did and for the same ends, namely, that any independence of though or action is repugnant to him. To the very few Negroes who visit this country, Stalin can well present a facade of equality because he has no Negro population in his country, but he does have Jews in sufficient number to require him to reach a conclusion about them and his conclusion is the same as Hitler's was.

Jose Ferrer, therefore, has hit the nail on the head when he establishes the truth that when Robeson serves Stalin, he betrays not only the United States but the Negroes as well. It is a too usual, even though unjust, human trait to generalize from the particular. A handful of Negroes are Communists; therefore the illogical — and logic is perhaps the most difficult and unused of mental exercises — conclude that all, or most, or a great many Negroes are Communists.

Robeson, in particular, stands out like a sore thumb because he so prominent and active and such a great atist. When he sings "Ole Man River" or "Water Boy," one almost forgets that he is a servant of Stalin's power. It is a pity because Robeson might have been of great service to his race and to this country. Instead, he is abhorred by most Americans and should be.

Jose Ferrer has served his country well by making the issue clear-cut and understandable. It is not the Negro in Robeson that brings him opprobrium in his native land; it is his treachery to its ideals and institutions.

MISTER BREGER

"No, no, Mrs. Lockwood, that's not a table lighter—it's a loaded pistol made to imitate a lighter imitatin' a pistol . . ."

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON. — When General Eisenhower first asked George Humphrey, head of the giant M. A. Hanna holding corporation, to become secretary of the treasury, Humphrey told him that he wouldn't be able to take the job for more than two years.

"Well, that's all right," replied Eisenhower, "but you wouldn't leave me in the middle of a crisis, would you?"

"No," laughed Humphrey. "I would leave before the crisis arrived."

"If you're that smart," concluded Eisenhower, "I certainly want you on my team."

HOT MAINE POTATO

The Ike administrationites have had a hot potato dumped in their lap in the form of contrite, humble Owen Brewster, the defeated GOP senator from Main, one-time vigorous opponent of Eisenhower.

Brewster, who has lived in the Nation's capital for something like a quarter of a century, now doesn't want to go back to Maine. He wants to stay here and be a part of the Ike administration. Specificially he wants to be assistant secretary of State.

To this end, the retiring senator from Maine has seen Secretary of State-to-be John Foster Dulles, has been on the phone getting the support of old friends, and has sent word to the man who defeated him, Senator-elect Fred Payne, that he, Brewster, would retire from the senate on Dec. 31, thus giving Payne a chance to step in and get seniority ahead of other new senators — provided Payne, in turn, would endorse him to be assistant secretary of State.

Faced with this supplication from the retiring senator from Maine, the Brownell boys — who are handling Ike's jobs — dumped the hot potato into the senate's lap. In brief they told Brewster to get the support of Senator Margaret Chase Smith, whom he once tried to defeat, and Payne, who defeated him.

DURKIN WAS DIFFERENT

This procedure was exactly the opposite of what Brownell did in the appointment of Martin Durkin as secretary of Labor. In that case, not only was Taft not consulted, but Everett Dirksen, Republican Senator from Illinois, from which state Durkin comes, was not consulted.

Reason No. 1 for dumping the hot potato is that Brewster has become known as the senate spokesman of dictator Franco; also the spokesman of Pan American Airways; and a senate probe actually revealed that he had been mixed up in tapping the telephone wires of Howard Hughs of Trans World Airlines on behalf of competing Pan American Airways.

Reason No. 2 For being coy about Brewster is that he was vigorously for Taft, and is credited with attempting to smear Eisenhower as "Stalin's stooge."

This smear was first printed by the partisan Republicans of California. Later at a meeting at the home of Senator Brewster, Ralph Masterson, chairman of Maine's Republican State committee, proposed that the smear be mailed throughout the state, with GOP state funds used for mailing i.

As a result Senator Margaret Smith went on a state-wide radio network to denounce the "Stalin's stooge" smear and vigorously defended Eisenhower.

Later also, Brewster made a statement that he knew nothing about the smear; claimed he was out of the room when Masterson, during the meeting in Brewster's home, proposed that it be distributed.

All of which leads Eisenhower advisers to figure that though the state of Maine raises a lot of potatoes, this is the hottest one ever dumped in their laps.

WASHINGTON PIPELINE

V. R. Krishna Menon, Indian ambassador to the U. N., has been interviewed by expert newsmen, has participated in vital U. N. debates. But it took two college students to make headlines with his real views on the U. S. and Korea. Helen Jean Rogers, a graduate of Catholic University and and Elmer Paul Brock of La Salle College, were the two who quizzed Menon so thorougly on Ruth Hagy's junior press conference TV program that U. S. Ambassador Chester Bowles protested to the Indian government against Menon's remarks. He stated that the United States was sabotaging the Korean peace .... Menon had hoped to succeed Nehrfu as Prime Minister of India, but this should puncture that ambition .. The Czechoslovak legation has just bought twelve short-wave radio sets at $480 apiece. They can tune in on Prague easily .... The lobbyists are dusting off their pocketbooks and preparing to wine and dine congressmen again. Farsighted Charlie Holman, champion of the cow, has even picked the advance date of May 7 for a dinner for congressmen aimed at curbing the Oleo producers.

ARGENTINA FASCISM

Senator Ralph Flanders of Vermont came back from a trip to Argentina recently with the impression that that country was becoming Nazified.

Flanders was in the Argentine legislature when President Peron read his 5-year-plan, which in name at least, was copied after Moscow's and which the senator said 'promised everything that the heart of man desires."

"I had the feeling," said Flanders, "that I was seeing the Nazi thing all over again." He conceded, however, that "Peron is much more attractive than Hitler ever was."

Flanders told how the members of the Argentine legislature burst into applause or stood up and applauded when they got the signal. If the passage of the speech was particularly significant, they would stand up and shout "Peron! Peron! Peron!" in unison. Peron would acknowledge the demonstration by standing up and bowing.

"At least he didn't shriek at them like Hitler," Flanders remarked gratefully.

The demonstrations, according to Flander, always started in the same corners, and the whole legislature followed the example of a couple of key members. They acted as sort of cheer leaders without being too noticeable. The senator said he spotted "one stout lady with a satisfied smile on her face" who set the pace for the applause in her corner.

Asked if he visited with Peron, the senator from Vermont said: "I knew he had nothing to tell me that I would believe, and I had nothing to tell him that would interest him."

CUTES

"Tut—tut!—this is on me. After all, you paid for the dinner and show."

Walter Winchell In New York

People who give the spirit a lift when you meet them: The Carl Brissons of Denmark, Hollywood and the Stork Club .. Tom Ewell, star of "Seven Year Itch," is listed (by a mag) as "an overnight success." Overnight is correct. Tom has been appearing in Broadway flops for 13 years .. Oh, don't miss getting a copy of "Mister Tap Toe," one of the brighter novelty tunes. Doris Day's bouncy larking zings the hippitty-hoppitty hit.. Bombshelley Winters' proclamation: "I'm a sexy angel!" (sech beautiful halos, too) .. Dept stores are offering a doll called "Mamie" complete with bangs.

Mickey Katz's latest recorded hilarity is a mefoofsky version of "You Belong to Me" .... Connee Boswell's platter of "Singin' The Blues" is the bloozees with the correct jazzip .... A movie mag would have you believe Lana has trouble holding a man. (Oh Sure) .... Critic Hawkins reported: "Bette Davis' singing is deep, husky, very articulate and dhythmic, but not very musical" .. Confere Hawkins is superb, brilliant, magnifico, Et & Cet, but he can't do a time-step .... Teevy's Mr. and Mrs. North is a pretty good sleuth series but Barbara Britton (she plays Mrs. N.) offers the prettiest clues .... Gad! A film periodical deadpans that Jeanne Crain wanted to bring a 2 year old elephant home as a pet for the children .... I Don't Bleevit.

Have yez heard Georgia Gibbs cooing "The Moth and the Flame"? A tantalizing Latin thing .... How stale are teevy films? Well, the other night one had Alan Ladd is a bit role Guy Lombardos schmaltzy festivals remain as glistenable and popular as ever. He refuses to compromise with changing musical modes .. Josh Logan credited local drama editors and critics (all but one of whom rebuffed his "Wish") with being "responsible for its success." He said their notices were "constructive and proved helpful" in repairing the show, etc .... Gwan! Chapman of the News was the only critic who endorsed it after the premiere. The Daily Mirror's life-guard then jumped into the "Wish" pool and saved it from going blug-glug. And since Josh (the josher) has so stated in letters (to our desk) let's print it and convince the group (of drama page historians) that Josh is a Big Flirt.

New Item: "Ann Blyth to wed Dr. James McNulty." (That's the luck of the Irish, fer ya) .... Low State of the Drama Dept: Two critics have resigned to take secure public relations jobs in industry. They are Ashworth Burlsem of Wilmington (Del.) and Ellsworth Rosen of New Britain (Conn.) .... Decca's "Glow Worm" (Mills Brothers) is a delight. Ditto the same firm's Danny Kaye album from "Hans Christian Andersen" .... Two of the Academy Award candidates this year are proving Why .. Bette Davis in "Two's Co." (at the Alvin) and Ethel Waters at La Vie En Rose. Her playing in "Member of the Wedding" makes her a contender for Top Actress .... The film "Ruby Gentry" has Jenny Jones playing a sexy doll who makes Marilyn Monroe seem like a maiden aunt. (Well, almost) .... A New York newspooper which has defended Reds and Pinks now contributes to Americanism by trying to make nightclub Safe for Democracy. How brave . . .Lili Palmer's kinsey note: "Love is a funny thing. A man bites a girl's neck because she has beautiful legs." (Funny???) .... Dale Robertson's quote of the month: "I'd rather have a 24-hour-a-day wife than a 5-hour-a-day sweetheart" .... Sillehboy.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

Marcia is a healthy wife with a vigorous husband but they have been childless, despite all their previous efforts to have a baby. The facts given below enabled Marcia to become pregnant within a month. Paste this Case Record in your scrapbook for future use, and add the vital bulletin named below to your private file.

Case F-363: Marcia L., aged 28, has been married for three years.

"Dr. Crane, we have wanted to have a baby," she informed me anxiously, "but thus far I have never become pregnant.

"Both my husband and I have been examined, and there doesn't seem to be anything organically wrong with either of us.

"I have prayed every night that I might have a baby. My periods for the last year have been 25, 27, 26, 28, 29, 26, 28, 28, 29, 28, and 27 days.

"Is there anything that you can suggest for us to try?"

LATEST SEX FACTS

There are thousands of cases like Marcia's where pregnancy can ensue by following the advice offered today.

Certain female animals, such as the rabbit, seem to ovulate at the moment of mating, regardless of the time of the month.

Others, like the horse and cow, apparently ovulate during a brief space of days in their physiological month. This is called the oestrus or "heat" period.

But in monkeys, apes and mankind, the ovulation date is not immediately associated with the oestrus or menstrual period, nor is it produced by the act of mating.

In the human female, for example, the egg (ovum) is freed from the woman's ovary and subject to fertilization by the male on approximately the 15th day before the onset of the next menstrual period.

Ovulation dates of monkeys and apes seem also to fall on the 14th or 15th days before the next oestrus.

ACCIDENTAL STERILITY

Over a period of a year, almost every normal woman will vary slightly in her menstrual months.

You will observe that Marcia fluctuated between 25 and 29 day. On her 26 days cycle, the ovulation date would be the 11th from the last onset (26 minus 15), while on a 29-day cycle, it would be the 14th (29-15).

It is also customary to allow an extra three days on each side of the ovulation date, so Marcia's likely pregnancy period would this run from the 8th to the 17th, but the 12th, 13th and 14th would very likely suffice.

Some investigators believe that the egg (ovum) is not capable of being fertilized for more than 24 hours at most, while the spermatozoa may be ineffective after 12 hours.

It is obvious, therefore, that pregnancy might not occur between two healthy people, unless this 12-hour preiod were struck. Such a wife's sterility may thus be accidental.

PREGNANCY FACTS

Until comparatively recently, however, these facts were not known to the human race. Millions of your readers have never encountered them before, unless you have read this column regularly.

You can well appreciate, therefore, the great contribution of a free press to the scientific knowledge and welfare of the community. If your progressive editor didn't give you these facts, most of your might never meet them again.

Almost every day I receive letters from couples who have never previously bee nable to have a baby but who now write that the wife is pregnant from following the simple advice mentioned above.

An alkaline douche also seems to be helpful in insuring conception, so it is another aid to wives like Marcia.

For further information on this subject, send for my emdicopsychological bulletin, "FACTS ABOUT PREGNANCY," enclosing a stamped return envelope, plus a dime.

If there is no organic obstacle to pregnancy, then these additional facts may enable wives to conceive.

"Mary Haworth's Mail"

By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

Youngest of Three Married Sisters Wrestles With Mother-Care, Second Sister Won't Help.

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: We are three sisters, married, with children. When we married, we knew (as did our husbands) that we would have to support our mother in her old age. She is a widow, now 80, no longer mentally alert. My eldest sister Ada and I are employed to help defray the costs of living.

Mother was living with Ada until some months ago, when circumstances routed her to my household. My second sister, Ruth, an Army wife, was going to Europe and couldn't have her. My husband, Ned, is a veteran going to college on the GI bill, and we have two children. To economize, we were living in tiny cramped quarters on campus; but the university frowned on the over-crowding when mother joined us and told us to move as soon as we could.

My sisters said they'd each pay one-third of the moving costs, and further agreed to give ten dollars monthly, each to mother's maintenance. After we moved I sent each sister an itemized account of mother's routine expenses and urged regularity in their payments. I reminded that our special outlay was more than double their combined offering. Ada hasn't missed a payment, but Ruth responded huffily only after long delay and prodding. Then her husband took over.

He wrote that he managed their finances and would send fifteen dollars weekly — on a "purely business basis." This lasted two months; then lapsed. Ruth says they can't afford to keep it up now they're expecting a fourth child. Yet Ralph make over five hundred a month; and she spoke of gift-shopping in her letter. They blame "this foolish notion of Ned's education" for our economic straits; they say if he had a normal income we wouldn't need help with mother. Now, reluctantly, I ask what action to take to compel them to share the burden? We can't afford a lawyer.

SITUATION FOR EXPERT

DEAR V. R.: Your need first-hand expert help with the problem —help from a professional worker who is at once impartial and sympathetic to all parties concerned. You may find such help by calling upon the Social Service League in your county. Look for the telephone number and address under the name of the county.

Reputable social agencies — such as those typified by the well known Family Service centers throughout the nation — are staffed to explore the full range of possibilities in a given case with regard to caring for aged dependents. I've been sampling the subject with a spokesman for a local agency who indicates some of the ground that might be covered in mobilizing maximum help for you.

As a widow, your mother may qualify for certain modest pecuniary benefits that she's not receiving due to failure to apply for them. As, for instance, "survivors' insurance" from federal funds accrued (as social security) during her husband's working years. Or a subsistence allowance at this time from the Board of Public Welfare in the jurisdiction where she most recently lived for a year or longer.

POSSIBLE WAYS OF EASING LOAD

Your letter, here cut to one-fourth its original length, reflected a pattern of sharp anxiety and aggressive distrust of Ruth's intentions, as you tried from the first to pin her down to cooperate — a hectoring attitude which tended to alienate rather than to capture her support, and this is a conflict that the good social worker would try to relieve, perhaps by getting in touch with Ruth, in a friendly spirit, through Family Service representatives in Ruth's city so as to hear her side of the story.

It may be that such home care as you can give isn't the best possible provision for your mother, inasmuch as you are a working mother of two children, with a student husband strained by debts. Thus consideration should be given to "convalescent home" care specially geared to the comfort of elderly persons, my consultant suggests. The cost of this arrangement varies, but in the suburbs and country communities it is moderately priced as a rule, and there's a chance it's within your means if all resources are pooled.

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

SALES OF DOMESTIC WINES DOUBLE IN PAST 13 YEARS

NEW YORK — (UP) — Sales of domestic wines have doubled since 1939 and the outlook for 1953 is for continued growth, according to Franz W. Sichel, president of Fromm & Sichel, Inc.

Between 1939 and 1952, sales of American-made wines soared from 63,000,000 gallons to 130,000,000 gallons, he said, and the potential for increase of wine consumption "is unlimited and no saturation point is in sight."

Sichel said almost half of all families in the United States now use wine and since 1948 the number of such families has grown 25 per cent.