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Mr. Truman Is Right In Answering Summons

We believe that Former President Harry Truman is to be commended for his willingness to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee to tell what he knows about the case of Harry Dexter White.

He has shown that he has the right spirit; he has also shown that he believes in good citizenship and in abiding by the laws and duties of good citizenship by answering whenever summoned.

We also agree with President Eisenhower that it is inconceivable that Mr. Truman should have knowingly done anything to further the cause of Communism.

While we have disagreed many times with Mr. Truman, we see no basis for questioning in any degree his loyalty to the United States.

It appears that the facts are against him in this case but we attribute that to a mistake in memory or an error in judgement—not an error in his heart and his loyalty to his country.

We think it is a good thing that he has been summoned to give Congress the benefit of any information he has.

We do not believe that any man—even President Eisenhower—should be above responding to such a call.

It is most unfortunate that Governor Jimmy Byrnes and Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark have refused to appear, although Byrnes has offered to give any information desired in writing or in his State Capitol. That much is commendable.

We think it is unforgivable and beyond excuse that Justice Clark has taken such an attitude. Even a Supreme Court Justice should be willing to give his government the benefit of any knowledge in his possession.

He ought to be forced to appear—even if it means stripping from him—and permanently—the robes of the highest tribunal in the land. Mr. Clark should recognize the fact that he is not bigger than the country he serves.

If it should become necessary for President Eisenhower—or any other President in the future—to be called from the White House to testify, our position would be the same.

When the welfare of our nation is at stake no person who enjoys the benefits of citizenship should be beyond call.

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Navy, which is one of the biggest enterprises there ever was, wants to hire a first-class business manager. The pay is a smidgen over \$300 a week, or about what the comptroller of a first-class municipal trolley system gets.

He'll be in charge of all the bookkeeping for battleships, flying machines, steam turbines, paint factories, gun foundries, and similar multi-million dollar installations the Navy maintains around the world. He will, that is, if Secretary Robert B. Anderson ever finds him.

The Navy, already has a business manager in the person of Under Secretary Thomas S. Gates, Jr., but he's only a part-time bookkeeper on account of other more important duties, such as getting ready to fight wars.

Secretary Anderson told his bookkeepers the adding machines before the preparation subcommittee of Sen. Ralph Flanders, the machine tool builder from Vermont. The general idea seemed to be that the Navy keeps its records a good deal better than do the Army or the Air Force, but it still has a long way to go before all the dollars accounted for, for sure.

The trouble seems to be that Congress passed a law four years ago setting up a bookkeeping system, which says ordering the military to get going by the head and some idea of what's cooking, at least by the time the stove got cold. Under the present setup it takes around five years to give some sets of figures the old double-check. It says that's where in his ledger, that's a long time to wait.

The Secretary read a statement which was about as glibly spoken as any I've heard since the general was appointed CPA, but Sen. Flanders asked him a number of questions which put the facts in plain English:

"The Government's comptroller general has the authority to look over the Navy's books and see whether the adding is correct. He does, too, as much as he can, but he's a busy fellow. He goes into the wrong keyhole only when he's suspicious that somebody's punching the wrong key either by accident or on purpose. He constantly turning up such mistakes in all the various parts of the Government.

"The Navy really would like to have the Secretary Anderson said, is a business manager in his own right. He has a number of assistants to do the work that he can't do himself. He has a number of assistants to do the work that he can't do himself. He has a number of assistants to do the work that he can't do himself.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A University of Southern California law school student brought suit today against one of his law professors in Small Claims Court. He charged the professor owes him \$5 cents. Student, Barry Hirsch, 20, charged that Professor Richard Wicks took 25 cents from him in a class demonstration and refused to return it. Wicks demanded proof of ownership. Wicks admitted he owed the two bits but said the suit would give his students some experience in "procedure."

These Days



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OIL AND EDUCATION
Los Angeles, Nov. 11—Some of the oil-producing states, such as Texas and New Mexico, have tied their educational budget to the production of oil. The states generally receive a one-eighth royalty. If oil is plentifully produced, the schools are plentifully provisioned. The present general reduction in oil production (allowables, as it is called) is imperiling school budgets in those states.

The petroleum industry of Texas, for instance, provides 37.8 percent of the available school fund; 54.4 percent of the foundation school fund; and 58.5 percent of the teacher's retirement fund. Obviously, a sharp reduction of oil production can cripple these funds. The percent cut-down of allowables is attributed to the import of foreign oil in an over-extended world market, which became over-extended during the war years and has never adjusted to peacetime needs.

In California, there is a shortage of oil production, but there is no pipeline between California and West Texas and the adjacent oil producing areas. So Texas oil is shipped from Houston, through the Panama Canal, up to Los Angeles, by tanker, a distance of 8,812 miles, which makes that oil too expensive for California. A pipeline would reduce the distance to 550 miles and is a less expensive way to move this product.

Oil for the West Coast comes from the Middle and Near East, Venezuela, Sumatra, Borneo, and from Texas in tankers. A recent development, not yet completed, is to bring oil from West Canada, by pipeline, to a refinery at Belingham, Washington. Canadian production is in an early stage and does not yet amount to much, but the Canadians are hopeful that their fields will develop enormously and will expand far beyond Canada's capacity to consume oil, thus providing that country with another export product. Canada views its exports realistically, seeking always to develop a favorable trade balance.

The Texas oil men naturally raise the propagandistic argument that California consumers ought to prefer Texas to Canada, if for no other reason than they happened to be Americans just as the Californians are. That used to be a good argument about anything, but in these days of internationalism, it would seem to be a liability, because it is part of the current do-good policy to favor foreigners at the expense of Americans.

In fact, it has often been suggested in recent years that the way to solve this paradox of importing from abroad commodities of which we have much or even too much at home is to lower the tariff, to import plentifully from abroad and to give the American producer a dose. After all, the argument runs, we give a subsidy to the farmer not to produce, why not give the American businessman a subsidy not to produce? And why not give American labor a dose if it agrees not to work?

Some of those who are so enthusiastically supporting the doling out of business that might become distressed because of easy imports into this country, fought bitterly against doling for other segments of the population in distress. Although mere consistency is not a virtue, the record ought to be stated.

The anti-social character of their argument should be obvious, but it is not to the internationalists who are more concerned about Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Berno that they are about Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana. It is a theory of self-flagellation in the economic field and produces a self-righteous glow among those enormously important businessmen whose interests know no nationality.

Also, we have learned in two wars what the submarine can do and how we need to add the efficient airplane and the atom bomb and atom guns to the submarine. Therefore it must be assumed that in time of war, our safest course is to be as self-sufficient as possible. Certainly we need not import oil. It might be argued that production is reduced in the United States and is increased abroad, the amount of oil available to the United States to bring will be greater. But how are Ocean, to say nothing of the Atlantic in tankers across the Pacific? What will the enemy's atomic submarines be doing to our tankers?

Internationalism can do us much mischief when we move away from grandiose phrases and get down to hardpan.



"You just wait till my lawyer hears about THIS!"

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND OF NEW YEAR'S

WASHINGTON—(Worried State Department officials admit privately that the fuse is burning shorter on the Trieste power keg.

The Army is pressing to declare martial law in order to prevent additional bloodshed. However, the State Department fears this move would only heighten the tension. What has the State Department really worried, however, is that our Trieste policy has driven Yugoslavia back to the strict neutralism it followed immediately after Marshal Tito's break with Russia.

This will mean that Yugoslavia's rugged army cannot be tied into Western defense plans. Up to now Gen. Al Gruenther, the Supreme Commander in Europe, has counted Tito's forces as part of the 80 divisions he has reported can be mustered to meet a Russian attack.

Meanwhile, British-American intelligence has uncovered 20 Soviet agents working inside the rioting student groups. On the other side, Moscow agents have also been discovered on the Trieste police force. Their orders from the Kremlin have been to use brutality against the students in order to keep the trouble boiling.

HEADLINES AND FOOTNOTES
Russian mountain climbers will try to plant a bust of Lenin on top of Mt. Everest next year.

The Army has quietly brought several high South Korean officers to this country—officially for "study." Unofficial reason, however, is that Syngman Rhee was planning to purge them. The foxy old South Korean leader feared the officers were too sympathetic to the U. S., might not be loyal to him in case of a showdown.

Southeast Asia has become a hotbed of intrigue and espionage. The U. S. has sent its best agents to Thailand, the Russians are operating out of Burma and the Chinese Communists have set up spy headquarters in Indonesia.

The cattlemen, which failed to persuade Secretary of Agriculture Benson to support cattle prices, will take their case to the public via television.

Clarence Randall, who has been trying to sell low tariffs to his 17-man Foreign Economic Policy Commission, kept remarking during recent hearings that his imported Swiss watch kept better time than the clock on the hearing-room wall.

Walter Winchell In New York

THE BROADWAY LIGHTS
First-Night: Two of the new offerings (which failed to win critical approval) will be around for a good while, anyhow. They are "Kind Sir," starring Betty Marlin and Charles Byar, and "A Girl Can Tell," starring Janet Blair.

"Kind Sir" is split out through June (\$750,000 in the bank) and "Tell" has an advance sale guaranteeing a run until New Year's.

The reviewers confirmed the trout-town inspectors and found "Sir" a mountain of talent in a mellohill play. Dastaf-playgoers will appreciate it most. As one of them sighed: "It's the story of my life."

Josephine Hull's sunny drearily brightens "The Solid Gold Cadillac," a satire co-authored by George S. Kaufman and Howard Teichmann. The reviews were filled with 14-karat superlatives for Mrs. Hull and the majority applauded the show as a gill-edged spoof. Mr. Coleman's surget: "A solid gold cick."

The Cinemagicians: "Kiss Me Kate" (at the Music Hall) is full of melody and mischief. Kathryn Grayson enhances every pretty word of Cole Porter's delightful score and Ann Miller's dancing and figure wrap it up as First-Rate entertainment.

The Joe Louis Story is the biography of a man who was a champion in and out of the ring. A wallop movie. An Italian import named "The Queen of Sheba" greasypoints a generally interesting sketch of the Biblical temptress. Lovely Leonora Kuffo is its star.

The Worry Clinic By Dr. George W. Crane

Rita is terrified about her forthcoming baby because of a superstition which is still widely prevalent in America. Save this Case Record for your scrapbook since it will relieve the minds of such anxious mothers. Truth frees us from all needless worries.

Case 3-340: Rita M., aged 22, has been married less than a year. "Dr. Crane, we are expecting a baby in a few months," she said "but I am all upset."

"For an older woman that door has scared me. A couple of weeks ago your kitchen caught on fire. The fire engine came and soon put it out. "But this woman says the shock of this fire will probably mark my baby with a big red blotch on its face or body."

"Now I am so frightened I can't sleep or eat normally. So my husband insisted I come to you for help."

Mother-love is a marvelous thing. Physicians get an emotional lift out of their child birth cases when each baby is born, for the average mother anxiously asks: "Doctor, is my baby all right?" And by "all right" she means, "Does it have all its fingers and toes? Or is it crippled or marked in any way?"

A mother will thus forget herself and the many hours she has been in labor, because of her unselfish devotion to the welfare of her new baby. And this unselfishness starts way back at the onset of her pregnancy when she hopes and prays that her baby will be O. K., both physically and mentally.

So Rita's concern today about the possibility of "marking" her baby by emotions, is an indirect compliment to you expectant mothers.

OBSELETE NOTIONS
And one of the greatest pleasures I personally derive from writing this daily psychology column, is relieving people of unnecessary or obsolete notions that otherwise fetter their happiness.

Mary Haworth's Mail
WOMEN, AT VARIANCE WITH SOME OF CHURCH'S TEACHINGS, CONTEMPLATES BREAKING AWAY

NEED BELIEVE BE COMBATIVE
DEAR E. B.: The practice of religion, at its highest level, is an intensely private relationship between the soul and God on the one hand, and a loving fellowship with friends and neighbors, and congregation on the other hand.



and this SECOND bottle kills all that remained left by the first bottle.