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Meat Prices And The Weather

A spokesman for the far-flung meat industry recently observed that meat prices and the weather have a lot in common—they're always being criticized. He added, "Apparently, the same people who one day complain about it being too hot, and next day about it being too cold, by some quirk of human nature feel that meat prices are always too high."

This view was brought on by the apparent lack of public understanding of what has been happening to beef prices during the past year or so. There has been much complaint based on the theory that retail prices haven't seemed to change noticeably even though livestock prices have declined. Official figures, from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are the best answer to that charge. The prices of choice grade beef today are 15 to 25 percent under the levels of a year ago. These are sharp declines—but because they have taken place gradually, instead of all in a lump, many of us haven't realized what has occurred.

More evidence of a similar nature was provided by the Department of Agriculture's recent investigation of meat prices. No indication whatsoever of profiteering was found. And retail prices generally, the report added, followed the wholesale trend.

Judged by any reasonable criteria, beef is an excellent buy. Our beef dollar is much more potent than it used to be.

Coffee And Butter

"Let us make it clear immediately and without qualification that the rising price of coffee irks us as much as it does the next man," says the Wall Street Journal. "Nevertheless the furor over coffee does highlight some curious circumstances."

"The prices of other agricultural products are high. We cite the case of butter."

"In part at least the price of coffee goes up because supply is short in relation to demand. But there is no such excuse for the price of butter. Instead production is ample and it continues to rise."

"It has been charged that the short crop is not the only reason for the ascent of coffee prices: There has been muttering about cartel arrangements and manipulation. Well, in relation to butter no one has to be in the dark about those features. The United States Government is running a gigantic butter cartel which openly manipulates to keep the price far above what it would be in a free market."

"Suppose that coffee were a domestic crop instead of an imported crop. Would the senators from the coffee states then be exercised about the present price? Or would they be insisting that the price was just and that any attempt to bring it down would be ruinous to the coffee raisers?"

Once Over Lightly

The House of Representatives has passed a wire tapping bill. It's about time Congress tapped something besides the taxpayer's pocket.

Britain and France are talking on the U. S. unity plan in Asia. Both are more interested in unity in their own back yard.

Generals may never die, but Presidents get older. Harry will observe his 70th birthday May 8th with a \$70-a-plate dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. Proceeds will help build the HST library.

Harmon W. Nichols

WASHINGTON (AP) — I approached the cluster of buildings on E Street, down near the Lincoln Memorial, with misgivings. Here live some of our best spies.

But, for a moment, the scene was deceiving. It was anything but what you would associate with cloak and dagger stuff. Here were grounds set out with flowers and shrubs and there is a fountain that will bubble in a week or so.

I went through the gate and entered the front door to the Central Intelligence Agency. No sign identified it as such. One sign said, "Administration Building." It might have been part of a college campus.

Eight inside the door, however, I was confronted by a guard who wore a fat-handled revolver tucked in a holster on his right hip. He asked me my name. I gave it.

"Where was I born?" I said "Farmer City, N.C." That didn't seem to impress the man. "What do you want?" he asked very politely.

"I want to see the joint," I joked. "What is your profession?" "Unemployed," I white-lie'd, just to see what would happen next.

What happened next was more cross-examination. "When do you wish to see?"

These Days By Sokolsky

GUATEMALA AND COFFEE

Jacobo Arbenz, President of Guatemala, the first "People's Republic" to have been established on the American continents, has had this to say about coffee:

"Exports of coffee for the 1952-53 season amounted to 1,237,894 quintals (one quintal equals 101.3 pounds). The United States took 85.20 percent of this. The higher prices will benefit the 1953-54 season in particular. Figures for it are not yet available.

"It is absolutely clear that the rise in coffee prices has been due to economic laws that operate independently of the will of man. A forced cut in consumption, or a decree on prices, could not bring about lower-priced coffee. From the economic or political viewpoint, it is even more impossible to justify a boycott directed exclusively against Guatemalan coffee. For some years to come there will be a sure market throughout the world for coffee. Guatemala is insured of a good position in regard to coffee.

Nevertheless, diversification of crops is part of the agrarian reform. This statement is interesting because of the curious use of Marxian terminology in the second paragraph and the evidence that the continuance of this "People's Republic" and its possible (or even probable) emergence as a Soviet satellite is dependent upon the support of its economy by the United States.

The United States, as a government, only purchases coffee for its own use in comparatively small quantities for its armed services, veterans hospitals, etc. The Government of the United States does not purchase coffee for its citizens. We have not yet been reduced to barter so prevalent in dealing among the satellite countries and in trade between Soviet Russia and some nations.

Therefore when 85.20 percent of a country's export of any product is taken by American citizens, they enjoy the free right to use or refuse to use this product. I am free to drink Guatemalan, Colombian, Haitian, or Hawaiian coffee or none at all.

In a word, what any American does about his food and drink is personal and individual and if I, as a free citizen, read a label on a can to make sure that there is no Guatemalan coffee therein, it is strictly my business and the government cannot force me to poison my conscience any more than my alimentary system.

Therefore when the Marxian concept of historical materialism is applied to a man drinking coffee by the phrase as "due to economic laws that operate independently of the will of man," I smell not coffee but Marxism. Is an economic law a revelation from Heaven? Is an economic law a law of nature? Even laws of nature are not altogether independent of the will of man, as, for instance, hybridization in agriculture, breeding in animals, or the experiments in atomic fission and hydro-nuclear fusion, the so-called laws of nature, thus proving the correctness of Thomas Aquinas over the errors of Karl Marx.

Marxism orthodoxy accepts the fatalistic concept of inevitability on the general assumption that man is a product of his environment rather than the result of an act of God by creation. Free will is a Judeo-Christian concept; the "determination" of man to his environment is a Marxist concept. "Inevitability" has been overcome by man since he learned to make fire.

The Communist Party in every country goes in for what it calls, agrarian reform. It will be remembered that some American spokesmen of the Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers. Even in the United States the Communists have developed a program of the Farmers Union.

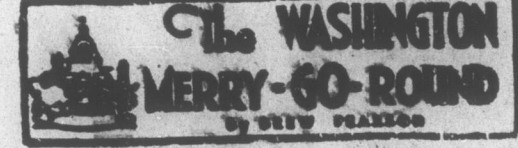
The concept of agrarian reform is that if land of a country can be socialized, the country will ultimately become socialized. In Russia, at the moment of the 1917 Revolution, the nationalization of land was not difficult, except in the Ukraine where it was necessary to kill and starve the peasants to succeed in introducing agrarian reforms.

While it is true that the ownership of land sometimes results in human slavery, the agrarian reform phases of Marxism are aimed not at the improvement of the lot of free farmers, but at government ownership of land and government management of its product. In some respects, it is a revival of feudalism.

never mind look and pointed to his countless cabinets. They were row on row and contained heaven knows what all. We exchanged pleasantries, and I had a cup of coffee on the government. Then an armed escort snowed me out—through the back door. I was pretty happy about it all until I got back to the office and started to check my credentials. My Lions Club card was gone.



"Careful you don't admire any particular one—they may offer it to us!"



WASHINGTON — Republican ranks are not happy over a deal put across between the Teamsters Union in Detroit and Postmaster General Summerfield to call off an investigation of labor racketeering in the Detroit Area. In return for quashing the probe, the Teamsters Union in Detroit is to support Sen. Homer Ferguson, Republican, for re-election.

Though publication of the fact is certain to bring ringing denials, this deal was what was behind the speech made on the floor of the house of Representatives last week by Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan when he said that his subcommittee on labor racketeering and welfare funds "had barely entered upon its investigation when, apparently for political reasons, it was liquidated."

It was the same Summerfield-Teamsters deal which also was behind the statement made by Ohio GOP House Leader Clumber Hall after a brief hearing last November that the investigation of Detroit labor racketeering was being called off because of "pressure."

Where does the pressure come from? Smith was asked. "From so high," Smith told newsmen, looking at the ceiling, "that I can't even discuss it."

Members of the committee staff, however, said it came direct from GOP House Leader Clumber Hall, head of Indiana, Hallback in turn was acting as a result of the Summerfield-Ferguson deal with the Teamsters.

Here is the inside story of what happened. TEAMSTERS OBJECT Last June, Congressman Hoffman, chairman of the Government Operations Committee, held a preliminary probe of the Teamsters Union in and around Detroit, where it looked into alleged pressure on the juke box employers to make union pay-offs to Teamsters locals; also pressure on automatic car wash employers to make pay-offs. This brought protests from Jim Hoffa, head of the teamsters Union in Detroit.

Following this, on July 15, the Government Operations Committee voted to side-track its chairman, gentlemanly Clare Hoffman, this vote was not inspired by the labor matter in Detroit so much as by the fact that Hoffman is difficult to get along with and was conducting the committee's affairs as if he were its sole member.

But Hoffman, blocked by his own committee, made an end run by getting the House Labor Committee, of which he is also a member, to probe the Detroit Teamsters. So a subcommittee, including Hoffman, Smith of Kansas, and Landrum of Georgia, continued the Detroit probe, using information gathered by the staff of the Government Operations Committee.

12 TEAMSTERS INDICTED Meanwhile, however, Teamster Head Hoffa and Bert Brennon, his right-hand man, got in touch with Postmaster General Summerfield, former GOP National Committeeman for Michigan and the man who had run the Republican Party in that state. After that the Detroit probe was called off. After that also, the Teamsters, usually strong for the Democrats, leaked word that they are supporting Republican Homer Ferguson for the Senate.

Meanwhile a county grand jury, sparked by the initial Hoffman investigation in Detroit has indicted 12 leading Teamsters, including William F. Buffalino, head of the Juke Box Local; Mike Nicoletti, head of Local 247 in Detroit; and David J. Keating, head of Local 91 in Pontiac. Dave Beck, National Head of the Teamsters, has now suspended all of the 12 except for Buffalino, and has named Hoffa as trustee for the locals involved.

Meanwhile also, a subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee has been probing labor practices in Minneapolis and other areas. But has been careful since last November to avoid Detroit. A WOMAN MOURNS HISTORY When Joseph Patrick Tumulty, former secretary to Woodrow Wilson, died the other day I couldn't help remembering a rainy night many years ago when another man was dying and we stood out in the rain until four in the morning. He stood outside because his old chief was dying and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson would not let Joe in.

And at the funeral, which I followed with the Negro servants in the rear. Behind that incident is not merely a story of human emotions but of a clash which, if avoided, might have saved the peace of the world. For, had Mrs. Wilson and Joe Tumulty pulled together instead of apart, had Mrs. Wilson not shut her husband off from the Senate during the tragic debate over the League of Nations and the Versailles Treaty, they might have been rattled and the entire world might have been different.

The two people who loved Wilson most, his second wife and his secretary, have lived in Washington during the years since then, yet have never spoken to each other. Tumulty, whose only love was Wilson, wanted him to wait until after the 1916 presidential election



"I invited the boss to dinner again like you said, dear—and he fired me."

The Worry Clinic

By Dr. George W. Crane

Never surrender to stagefright. True advantage of every public speaking opportunity. Your salary increases often depend upon how well you can talk in public. Everybody has stagefright at the start. So grip your teeth and follow the advice given to Donald.

Case G-369: Donald G., aged 32, has run the meat department in a local chain store. "Dr. Crane, I am to be promoted next month to assistant manager of a store that has been doing a business of half a million dollars per year. He proudly informed me. "Naturally, I am quite thrilled. But I am afraid for I have always been nervous about talking in public. At my lodge meeting, I am petrified with fear at the thought of making a report.

"I stay home from my luncheon club if I think there is any chance I might be called on that day for a few remarks. "Dr. Crane, I must conquer this terror somehow, for I will be required to handle salesmen and occasionally preside at meetings. And my very success will depend upon my learning how to speak in public."

FEAR COMPLEX Everybody grows excited when he is called upon to do something a bit out of his usual line. This is simply stagefright. It is Nature's way of keying you up to a high pitch so your heart will beat faster, your blood pressure will zoom, and hence your thoughts will percolate better because your brain is better nourished.

Nature thus tries to make you so nervous that you will be mentally hypersensitive to external stimuli and not miss a trick. Stagefright is thus Nature's method of putting you on a war basis emotionally and physiologically. For a sluggish person, whose thoughts and actions were slow in a crisis, might not react swiftly enough to avoid death, disaster, the rattlesnake's bite, or a debater's arguments.

STAGEFRIGHT IS GOOD From this angle, therefore, you should be grateful that you have stagefright! But because all beginners become untidily self-conscious about their stagefright, this beneficial reaction of the body may be carried too far and finally hamstring you. So take a broader view of the matter.

To help calm yourself in any new situation, just realize that you have a lot of distinguished company in the same boat. The greatest orators of the world were all victims of stagefright at the start. Secondly, to change a situation from a "new" experience to a "familiar" one, you must meet it scores of times.

Applied to public speaking, this means you must make at least 100 talks before you can expect to become poised and assured. So teach a Sunday school class, where you can make 52 talks per year. CONTROL STAGEFRIGHT Don't wait till you enter a college class in public speaking, for you can acquire the fundamentals of public speaking in your own church or Sunday school or Boy Scout Troop and free of charge. If only you take advantage of your opportunities.

To win pay a high tuition for a chance to speak for only 2 minutes once per week in a college speaking class, when you can talk for 30 minutes as a teacher of a Sunday school class? And you don't have to pay a cent! Perhaps you ought, however, to donate \$1.50 weekly to the Sunday collection for this public speaking opportunity. Clergymen, take note! Maybe this would be a new idea for raising funds and recruiting teachers.

As further reassurance, you feel probably ten times as nervous as you look to the audience, for you get all those internal sensations which the crowd misses. Send for my bulletin "Public Platform Strategy," enclosing a stamped return envelope, plus a dime. It contains a lot of practical tips.

campaign to marry Mrs. Edith Galt. When Wilson finally decided otherwise, Tumulty said: "I'm sorry you're going to do that, Governor. I was very fond of Mrs. Wilson." I told Edith you'd say that," replied Wilson.

"Well, that's a nice way to get me started with her," shut back Tumulty, and from that day the second Mrs. Wilson was in open conflict with her husband's secretary. Gradually they drifted further apart, so that when the League Of Nations fight took place, it was Mrs. Wilson who virtually became secretary, decided who should or should not see her husband.

Sen. Elihu Root, of New Jersey, who led Wilson's fight for ratification used to tell how he came to see Wilson during the League of Nations battle bringing the reservations proposed by Sen. Lodge (grandfather of the present U. S. Ambassador to the U. N.); reservations which would not have altered the effectiveness of the League, yet would have permitted its

changed person, at peace with God and your fellow men, you have nothing to fear. I am reminded of the 91st Psalm: "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noose of the hunter. He shall catch thee when thou shalt be afraid, and shall shelter thee; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

"Because thou hast made the Lord, even the most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Ennet Fox calls the 91st Psalm one of the greatest chapters in the Holy Bible. Scientifically understood, it is one of the most powerful prayers ever written, he says. "All sorts of people have got themselves out of every conceivable kind of trouble by working on this prayer every day, in a spiritual way," he adds.

HOW ESCAPE FROM FEARS Recently, I learned that a gentleman whom I met in the old days was moving to our city, and plans to affiliate with our church. I have been panic-stricken ever since. I know that he will remember me, as I saw him frequently. Will he expose me to my husband? Will he reveal my shame to all the congregation?

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Walter Winchell

IN NEW YORK

"Dear Walter," writes a doctor-friend, "did you ever see so much hemming and hawing? Yes, we had some difficulties in the beginning. Yes, we found some live virus. Yes, some monkeys did die from the mistakes in the early batches. Yes, it is true found 4 batches with live virus, yes, yes, but we mustn't say so because Winchell would look 15 percent on the button again. You awful Sidelwail Scooper! What do you mean by alerting the families of America? If one sample proved defective that's sufficient to demand further proof—before the vaccine is used on any children. Bravo!"

Telegram: "Dr. Albert Sabin, distinguished virologist and polio man from U. of Cincinnati advised delay in testing Salk Vaccine on children. Sabin is far more experienced than Salk in polio field. And with high reputation. Your column in Tuesday Mirror dandy. The WTS headline (WV 100 Percent Wrong, Says U. S.) was sure jerked fast. The proof who wrote that apparently didn't read the story under it. The U. S. Health Dept. confirmed everything you reported and nearly choked trying to think up double-talky words. We realize you couldn't have made it up—that medical people in high places must have urged you help them tell the nation the news! Regards, Doc."

Stop Thief!: On a Monday night program a comic (posing as a Frenchman) was asked: "What part of France do you come from?" Reply: "The residential part." In "Chastley's Aunt" the locale (of the famous gag) is Brazil.

Remember Zsa Zsa's quote two weeks before the Hutton marriage?: "Rubi was madly in love with me, let's face it, because he said he was going to get all of Barbara Hutton's money and give me everything." Getting closer to the Facts.

Hurry! May 2nd (midnight) is the deadline for your entry: "Why I Could Never Be A Communist!" (under 50 words) for the first prize: A \$7.00 Cadillac! Send it to Winchell, Box 80, NYC, zone 38. Enclose \$1 to fight cancer, please. 2nd Prize: Kaiser-Darrin Sports convertible, value: \$3,750. Free trips and vacations to Florida, Hollywood, San Juan, New York, Mexico, Washington, Philadelphia, Palm Beach, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Cocoa Beach, etc., via TWA, American, Eastern and Pan-American Airlines. 110 packages of Sordberg trunks (perfume); Cameras from the Revue Camera (Chicago) people and Look Magazine. Seats to the Big Fight, World Series, Bway hits. Nearly 500 other valuable prizes to runners-up. Send me your letter tonight—with that \$1. Thankxxxxxx!

Topic A was why Babs Hutton hadn't issued any real statement to the press since she and You-know-who split. "Maybe," said Eddie Fisher, "she's waiting to issue a Profit and Loss Statement."

"Talk in London political circles," it set here, "is that Home Secretary David Maxwell Fyfe will appoint a representative Selected Committee to investigate the question of homosexuality and associated matters and to make recommendations." Blimey, an Inquiry!

Michael Abbott is confused about Dick Haymes. "They won't let him stay in our country because he went to Hawaii and we won't let Paul Robeson out because he went to Russia!" Confucius Say: You Gotta Reach Awfully Low To Hit Man When He Down.

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Clergyman's Wife, With a Fast, Frightened As Man Knowing Her Secret Joins Congregation DEAR MARY HAWTHORN: Two years ago I married George, a Protestant clergyman, whom I met while on vacation. We were married in his home church, at his suggestion, and came to live where he had a pastorate. My parents are dead, so none of my family came to the wedding.

Six months ago our happiness became complete when young George was born. We have a comfortable home, many friends, and are highly respected in the community. I sing in the choir and work with the young people's group. George loves me more than life itself and is the most wonderful father in the world. My problem is this: Before I met George I made a living in a distant city as a call girl. Since meeting and marrying George, I am a different person, and I have found peace with God and my fellow men. I feel now that I am a different person, and now that I am completely changed and truly saved, George knows nothing of my past.

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There are cases on record of people who hadn't prayed for years, turning to this psalm-prayer as some great emergency and overcoming their difficulty. For instance, in his booklet titled "The Secret Place—A Spiritual Key to the 91st Psalm" (Harper & Brothers)

He tells us, "If you are in a specific difficulty, and particularly if you are rather fearful, you will find, after working through the prayer, sense or twice or perhaps three times, that most of your fear will have gone. You are now looking at things from a different viewpoint—and this is the change in mentality that brings results."

His essay is written to guide the novice in prayer; to show the best way to get the most out of the spiritual treatment the 91st Psalm offers. "And it is safe to say," he certifies, "that no soul in need has ever turned to the Book of Psalms in vain." Take his words to heart, and his method of setting up a program, and I am sure a permanent protection will open for you. Don't run away; and don't plan defeat. Trust God—who responds to the confident soul.

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