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THE MISSING—DEAD OR ALIVE

To recover some 11,000 U. S. soldiers listed as missing in official Army communiques is the main problem facing U. S. officials in Korea. Of course, of the 11,000 many are generally conceded to have been killed.

How many of these Americans have been killed and how many are in prisoner-of-war camps is unknown to American military intelligence in Korea. By piecing together known facts, however, some estimate of prisoners now in Communist hands can be worked out.

The average guess is that slightly less than half the 11,000 U. S. soldiers listed as missing are prisoners in Communist camps. This estimate is based on several calculations. First, a third of the 11,000 disappeared during the first three months of the war and many of these men are almost surely dead. Second, another third became missing during the Chinese entry into the war last winter and a number of these men must be considered fatalities. Of the remaining third, most of these are thought to be prisoners of war. Some estimate as many as eighty per cent in this last group are prisoners of war.

Thus, a probable figure for the U. S. prisoners in Communist hands could be four or five thousand. It is possible to get some small idea of their treatment in Communist camps from several sources.

Letters from British prisoners in Communist camps indicate they are treated about like Communist soldiers, as far as food rations are concerned. Some escaped U. S. prisoners also support this theory. The prisoners seem to have medical attention and probably live in wooden huts or buildings. Details, however, are still lacking and very little information is actually known.

Thus, the chances are about even that a missing American is alive, and the chances are very good that if he was not killed in action, he will survive his term as a prisoner of the Communists.

TWO HEAVY JET BOMBERS ON WAY

The U. S. Air Force may get its first all-jet heavy bomber in 1952. A week or so ago, an experimental version of the nation's first all-jet heavy bomber was rolled out of an aircraft factory on the West Coast.

So secret are the details of this plane that the Air Force is keeping it under drapes, camouflage and other protective screens—to prevent photographers and on-lookers from viewing the new bomber. The Secretary of the Air Force has also asked that news organizations refrain from attempting to photograph the XB-52.

The Secretary has also indicated that time required for the bomber to be put into production would be cut short so that actual production could begin as soon as possible. Since the XB-52 is thought to be a larger version of the B-47 all-jet medium bomber, it is assumed that much of the experimentation of the B-47 can be used with success in speeding production of the XB-52.

The major heavy bomber in the U. S. Air Force today is the B-36, which originally was a conventional-engine bomber but which is now supplemented with either two or four jet engines. The same company which built the B-36 is now building an all-jet version of the B-36, which will be known eventually as the B-60. With these two all-jet heavy bombers, the U. S. Air Force hopes to gain strategic air mastery in the aerial armaments race.

INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL DEBT

During the last seven months, our national debt has increased by about \$4 billion. This amounts to a boost of \$21 for each man, woman and child in the nation.

It is now becoming apparent that our national debt will reach its present legal limit of \$275,000,000,000 in about one year.

It is worth noting that \$1 out of every ten paid to the Federal Government in taxes is used to pay the interest on our national debt. Unless we can get on a pay-as-you-go basis, it is very unlikely that our taxes can ever be significantly reduced. The American taxpayer pays the interest on the national debt.

A survey is being conducted in California on Palomar Mountain, which will number the stars and system of stars out to a distance of 350,000,000 light-years. Dr. Albert Wilson, who is in charge of the program, says the survey will not be finished until 1953 or 1954, but he has estimated the total number of stars in the hundreds of billions.

THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

The Labor Journal expresses the deep appreciation of the publisher to those business firms and individuals whose advertisements appear in this Special Christmas number of the Journal. Also The Labor Journal is most thankful for the loyal support extended by all advertisers and readers throughout the year now coming to a close. It is the sincere wish of the publisher that each of these loyal friends will experience the very best of everything good during the holiday season this year and that the New Year will unfold untold blessings in both health and prosperity.

May we each pause and thank God from the depths of our souls for the day of days, Christmas Day, on which we commemorate the birth of the Christ Child, the Saviour, the Son of the Living God.

THE BUSINESSMAN'S VIEWPOINT

Recently, Westinghouse announced that it intended to increase its capacity by fifty per cent by 1954. Dow Chemical has reported that it will spend about \$100,000,000 a year on plant expansion for the next several years. General Electric's capital investment from now until 1955 has been set at approximately \$450,000,000. Pacific Gas and Electric has disclosed that it is going to put up the biggest power plant in California.

There is little doubt that the U. S. business man regards the long range outlook for business as very good and consequently, every week business men are announcing plant expansions that will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Yet while business men seem to be confident in the long range outlook for business, their speeches indicate that they also feel that this country is on its way to a socialist hell.

From California, Theodore Peterson, president of Standard Oil Company of California, states: "This great industrial system is in grave danger of being literally tinkered and bossed and regulated to death." The President of the American Bankers Association, James E. Shelton, has this to say: "It is startling to see . . . how far we have traveled down the road toward State Socialism."

The head of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, Alfred Bodine, who, incidentally, is also president of a machine tool company in Bridgeport, in reflecting on the trend toward socialism, has this to say: "The truth is that we already have Socialism in America, not complete as yet, but far advanced."

It is unquestionably true that the topic uppermost among top businessmen today is the drift toward socialism. Yet it is difficult to reconcile this pessimism on the American future with the faith the business man apparently has in America's future by his plans for expansion not to be completed until 1953, '54 or '55.

Fortune Magazine indicates that a possible explanation is that the U. S. business man is a pious hypocrite, that he is making plenty of money and expects to go on making money. He just wishes the government would let him keep more of it.

We do not believe that the average U. S. business man is a hypocrite. We certainly do not feel that he is insincere in his alarm over Socialism. We are inclined to believe that the U. S. business man has faith in America and also has faith in the people of America, believing that they will not allow this country to become a socialistic state.

WASHINGTON'S DEATH

George Washington died on December 14, 1799. He had contracted an acute attack of laryngitis as a result of riding over his estate for several hours in the cold and snow.

Washington was bled by his doctors several times, as that was the customary treatment but it failed to relieve him. On learning of Washington's death, the Commander of the British Fleet ordered the flags on every ship to be lowered to half mast. Napoleon Bonaparte announced the death to the army and ordered black crepe to be suspended from all the flags in the French service for ten days. John Marshall announced the death to Congress and the next day, Congress voted to erect a marble monument in Washington and recommended that the people wear crepe on their left arms for thirty days.

LETTERS TO SANTA

One of the great traditions of the American press is the custom—followed by many of the country's newspapers—of printing letters to Santa Claus each Christmas season. Nowhere but in the United States is so much time and effort contributed to this holiday custom.

Perhaps the custom is being discarded in some areas. Nevertheless, many a lino-type operator this year will work late into the night to include some young tot's letter to Santa in the local newspaper. The operator understands because he, too, long years ago, painfully wrote out his list of wondrous toys for Santa, and then goggled, waited for Santa to see it in the local paper.

ADVICE TO HONEYMOONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Youland, of Honeoye, New York, have been happily married for seventy-one years and they offer this advice to newly-weds: "Folks should work together, plan together, play together, respect one another and do things on a fifty-fifty basis."

Most happily married couples of Charlotte will agree with the advice of the Youlands.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Not all hunters are out for game.

Everyone is a fool at some stage of life.

When at a loss for words say nothing.

Never laugh at jokes when there is no point.

Almost everyone is a liberal, by his or her definition.

Polite lies often begin with "I have nothing to wear."

Have you ever noticed how many people haven't learned to walk?

This is the time of year we wish we had started a Christmas Savings Plan.

Friendship is a one-way street only when a business connection is involved.

The "next war" has, for many years, been the one which would end the world.

Not every young thing who thinks she wants to be a movie star wants to be one.

Too many Christmas presents are motivated by a fear one might be received.

If you never advertise, some people will never hear of you, or what you have to offer.

There's much in life more important than a little money, and one of the things is enough money.

Most people believe about what they want to believe, especially when it comes to personal interests.

You can succeed in your work despite bad judgment, a quality everyone possesses in some degree.

College students who shed tears over team losses eventually learn it doesn't make much difference.

A sense of humor eases life's hard knocks, and prevents embarrassing moments when substituted for irritation.

Business ethics will improve when the public applauds a man for not making profit his sole aim in all transactions.

If you're smarter than anyone else around you, the world will discover it in time, so don't bother to tell people about it.

There are two classes of demagogues: One consciously and selfishly misleads people with personal interests in mind; the other sincerely—out of ignorance.

Despite all the talk of new and fantastic weapons, American soldiers are still squatting in the mud with rifles, killing and getting killed in the same old fashion.

If you see but one side of an issue, and think there's only one sensible course of action, you probably need to open your eyes a bit wider, and give your throat a rest.

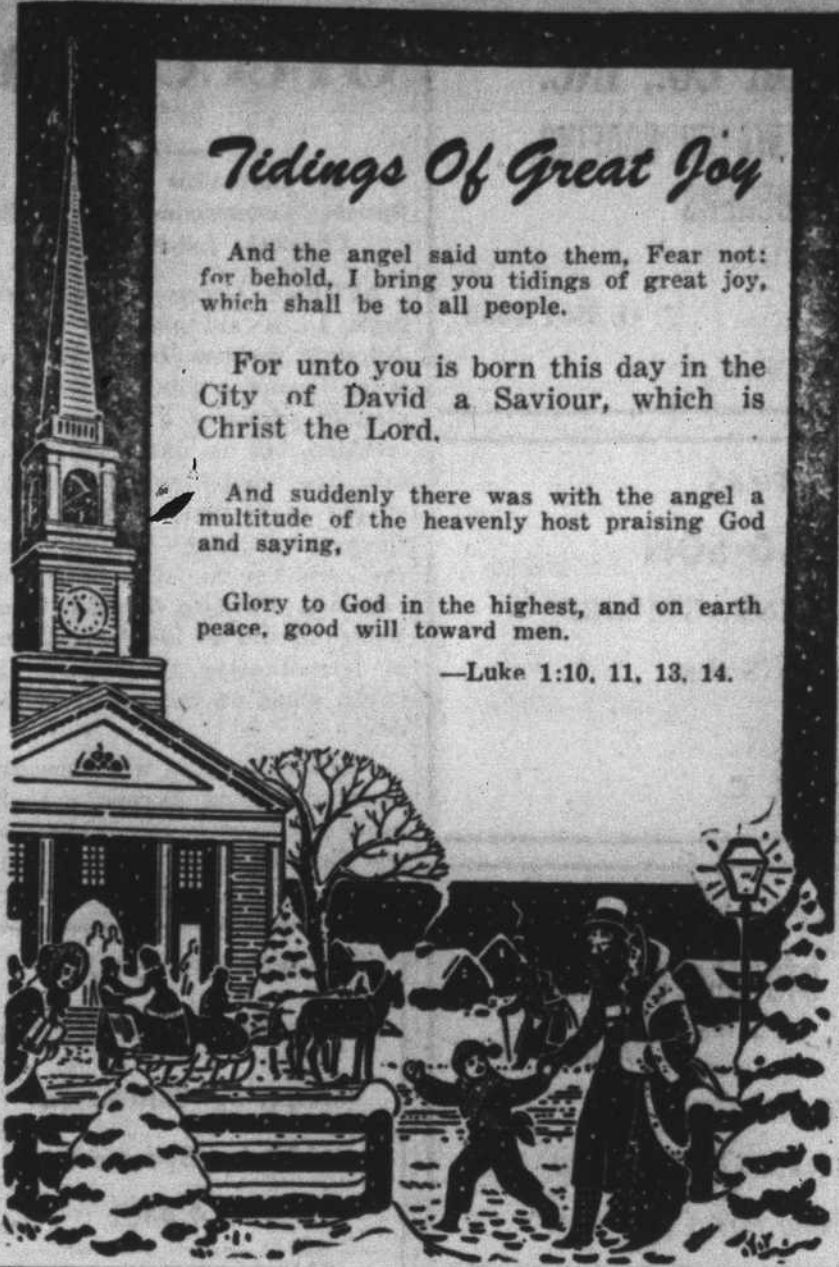
If you seldom convince friends in discussions, one of two things is wrong. Either you can't calmly present your ideas, or you don't see the other side of the argument.

WORKERS GET ESTATE

McGraw, N. Y.—A total of \$100,000 left by F. A. Purchas to the 187 employees of three factories was recently divided. Workers with more than 10 years' service received \$1,000; those with five to 10 years, \$500; and those with a year and a half to five years, \$250. Purchas, who died August 4, owned controlling interest in the Central Paper Box Company, Inc., the McGraw Box Company, Inc., and the Higgins Supply Company, Inc.

The Chinese Reds have increased land taxes to reduce deficits.

The 1951 U. S. crop estimate reduced, may equal last year's figure.



Tidings Of Great Joy

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—Luke 1:10, 11, 13, 14.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses.—Scuttlebut, Organized Electronics Company, Harlington, Texas.

Topsham Parish Council is trying to trace the owners of a hole in the middle of the road in the village.—London Daily Mail.

Hollywood designer says Queen Narriman's figure is "just like Jane Russell's." Hmm, maybe that guy Farouk isn't as dumb as we thought he was!—Arkansas Gazette.

Old Timer's hint to any young service man: Grass widows are not necessarily green.—The Tester, U. S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.

An honest tax collector is one who pays the income tax on his own graft.—Washington News.

Beta-diethylomino-thyl-xanthene-9-carboxylate Methobromide is a drug for ulcers. Remember that.—Dallas Morning News.

We're not sure, but we think the jet airplane was conceived by somebody watching automobiles take off when the light changes to green.—Dothan (Ala.) Eagle.

Traveler who has to cover his ground by train needs one or two large coffins to take evening dresses: must be strong and able to lock.—Advertisement in Nottingham (England) Evening News.

VIEWS and REVIEWS

WHAT THEY SAY WHETHER RIGHT OR WRONG

Harry S. Truman: "The use of whole blood has revolutionized the treatment of battle casualties and saved thousands of lives."

Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York: "Only strength, great strength, will prevent total war."

Robert A. Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio: "Stalemated peace is better than a stalemated war."

Walter Geilhorn, professor: "The 'family farm,' the old ideal of America, is now being defined as a farm on which a family can starve."

Charles E. Wilson, head of the Office of Defense Mobilization: "From now on, it will not be so much of a case of guns and butter, but of guns and less butter, or guns and margarine."

Nancy Astor, American-born former Member of British Parliament, speaking of the late Bernard Shaw: "Nobody has been more misrepresented."

Rodney Chip, House of Delegates, N. Y. State Teachers Association: "The American people are informed about the dangers from the left, but sometimes our tendencies toward conservatism cause us not to notice the danger from the right."

WILL YOU SMILE

He Asked For It
A pompous individual stalked into the office and demanded to see the manager.

"I'm sorry, but he's not here," replied the receptionist. "Is there anything I can do?"

"No!" snapped the visitor. "I never deal with underlings. I'll wait until he returns."

"Very well, take a seat," said the girl, and went on with her work. Half an hour later, the man became impatient. "How much longer do you think he will be gone?" he demanded gruffly.

"About three weeks," answered the girl calmly. "He left for South America yesterday."

Up to Last Man
A large Paris hotel requires that after midnight all guests give their names to the door-keeper. One night a Spanish nobleman entered and announced proudly: "Senor de Gonzales de Veraqua y Miraflore y Martinez y . . ."

"Okay," grumbled the door-keeper, "let the last one in close the door."

The Toast
"My father always proposed a toast before he disciplined me." "That's funny! What was it?" "Bottoms up!"

Dark Mystery
Workmen were cleaning the front of a building with hose pipe and brushes. "What are they doing?" asked a small boy. "They're washing it!" said his father. "Why?" "Well, why do you wash your face?"

It was all too mysterious. The youngster gave up. "I don't know," he replied.

Only
"Did you see the stork that brought me, daddy?" "Only the bill, son."

WHO KNOWS

1. Under what President did Andrew Mellon serve as Secretary of the Treasury?

2. For what invention is Samuel Colt best known?

3. Who was the founder of the Franciscan order of monks?

4. In what state is Pike's Peak located?

5. Who is credited with the statement, "Lafayette, we are here?"

6. Who served as first Secretary of State?

7. Which letter of the alphabet is most used?

8. What European king died last year at the age of 92?

9. Name the capital of Connecticut.

10. Who is the author of "See Here, Private Hargrove?" (See "The Answers" on page 8)

BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

- 1. To whom was this verse spoken?
- 2. By whom was it spoken?
- 3. In connection with what incident?
- 4. Where may the verse be found?

(See The Answers on Page 8)

GOLDEN GLEAMS

And out of good still to find means of evil.—Milton.

When to mischief mortals bend their will, How soon they find it instruments of ill. —Pope.

Bear the ills you have, lest worse befall you.—Phaedrus.

The evil that men do lives after them; The good is often interred with their bones. —Shakespeare.

Only man's wickedness may easily become all mens' cure.—Publilius Syrus.

Time to me this truth has taught ('Tis a treasure worth revealing), More offend by want of thought Than from want of feeling. —Charles Swain.

Happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.—Job V:17.

If thou art sound in stomach, side, and feet, the riches of a king will add nothing to thy happiness. —Horace.

Man's real life is happy, chiefly because he is ever expecting that it soon will be so.—Edgar Allen Poe.

However great a happiness is, there is still one greater, which is that of being worthy of the happiness enjoyed.—Stanislaus Leszczynski.

BRIEFS: VERY BRIEFS

N. E. A. advises colleges to retain sports and check evils.

U. S. to send gambler filings to police, war on non-filers.

Western Europe's industrial modernization is impressive.

Japan advised not to depend upon U. S. aid indefinitely.

U. S. hunts idle plants that may be used for defense.

Tennessee again first in final poll of football coaches.

Chinese Communists building new rail links to Soviet Asia.

Work on superliner United States is 85 per cent completed.

41st victim in radium plant dies of poison contracted in 1918.

Navy begins rating officers on ability to cut waste.

John Foster Dulles warns Asia is test of U. S. policy.

Researcher warns scientists U. S. aid is "national danger."

Steel scrap scarcity now looms as nation's No. 1 problem.

United States hopes Churchill visit will spur European unity.

Half of U. S. income, before taxes, goes to 20 per cent of people.

Work being pushed on high-cost copper mines in the U. S.

Brundage bars subsidized athletes from 1952 Olympic teams.

Arms output peak will be reached in 1953, Wilson says.

Record farm production is called for next year.

Farm prices rose 1.7 per cent in November, Government reports.

100 big plants get 3.1 per cent of U. S. defense contracts.

Public reminded need for blood donations has not stopped.

Bureau of Labor Statistics puts steel pay at \$1.79 hourly.