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Buddies for a Season

The whole world is talking about Korea but not much is said about the Koreans. The same applies to the Formosans. Obviously, these people go with the land, and the land is on the market. What seems to be overlooked about the Koreans is that thousands upon thousands of them will pay with their lives for having defended their country and welcomed our aid. Somehow, for reasons that might have had little to do with the belief in democracy, they preferred us to the Communists. Many of them were the buddies who, in the critical time before the Inchon landing, strengthened the regiments of our infantry.

Of course, whenever the Syngman Rhee government enjoyed a spell of power, it rounded up many of its enemies, and some of them were shot. In times of revolution, it is easy to dispense with political trial in favor of summary justice. When Communists get control of a city or of a country, they go one step further: From summary justice to mass executions. They practice political genocide. Sometimes, led by a sense of thrift, they let a man die slowly, and use what is euphemistically called his manpower for slave labor.

As this issue of The Reporter goes to press, the tide of battle is still wavering—mostly against us. We do not yet know whether the U. N. armies will succeed in holding a line in Korea. But one thing we do know: We feel a wrench in the heart whenever we think of those buddies for one season, those Korean prisoners who die for the crime of having been friends.—The Reporter.

Chiang for President

Until recently when a candidate had no hope of ever reaching high office—the Presidency of the United States, for instance—it was said: "He hasn't a Chinaman's chance." Now we are glad to report that a man who was born and has spent most of his life in China—aside from a year or so in Moscow—may be the man to whom we should entrust our destiny.

Dear Chiang, forgive us; dear Chiang, we shall be worthy of thee—thus, approximately, spoke Alfred Kohberg, the brains of the China lobby: "To win we must convince Chiang that we are allies to be trusted. The first step in that direction would, of course be the removal from influence in American affairs of all those men who have engineered his betrayal since 1944."

This presumably would leave a large number of vacancies in our government—the Presidency, several Cabinet positions, and any number of seats in both houses of Congress. As a replacement in the top job, frankly, we think of nobody whom Chiang would trust except Chiang himself. That was the way he ruled China—and lost it.—The Reporter.

Tipped With Good Cheer

Some boy said of his special friend, "He's tipped with good cheer." Surely such a phrase, wherever we wend, we love and revere. Eyes look their brightest, all of us know, when tipped with good cheer, shedding a radiant sparkle and flow on all who draw near.

Isn't it pleasant to clasp someone's hand, tipped with good cheer? A handshake that says, "I understand; life sometimes is drear." Dickens still lives because of his pen tipped with good cheer, bringing a tonic to thousands, far and wide, year by year.

Oh! for a tongue, when skies are dull gray, tipped with good cheer, making our troubles fly swiftly away, and slaying grim fear. May all of us know the gift of a friend tipped with good cheer, for that is the voice, wherever we wend, we must love most to hear.—Selected.

A Shadow Rules Congress

The Eighty-second Congress of the United States will be ruled by a political party that does not exist and that therefore is not responsible to the voters and cannot be held responsible by them.

This non-existent but regnant party is the Republican-Southern Democratic. Because of it, the accomplishments of the Eighty-second Congress—if such there are—will depend upon the exercise of a high degree of personal responsibility by members on both the Republican and the Democratic sides, and perhaps particularly among the latter's Southern branch.

Two hundred and forty to 252 votes, or well over the majority of 218, are being claimed in the House by the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition, sometimes known as Republicrats.

In the Senate the formal Democratic lead is only 49 to 47, and when Southern Democrats with a fine Republican voting record are deleted from the formal Democratic count, it is obvious that the Upper House too will be at the mercy of a shadow party.

In the coming Congress at Washington, the Democratic party will bear the responsibility for it will organize the committees of Congress and the presidency is Democratic; but the responsibility will be borne without authority, for the Administration Democrats—shorn of their Southern dissenters—form a minority. The Republican party, as such, will neither bear responsibility nor exercise authority, because it possesses neither a formal nor an actual majority. And the real power will reside with the Republicrat party.

To be able to act as one pleases without taking the consequences is a very special sort of temptation. It becomes still more enticing when a high degree of probability arises that one's enemy will be forced to take the consequences, however unpalatable they are to him, and however little he deserves them. . . .

In the most practical sense the honor of Congress and the repute of representative government must rest on the consciences of the individual members of the Eighty-second Congress if they rest anywhere at all, for they are out of the hands of the parties.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Measurement

Martin County ranks about fiftieth in the list of automobile registrations through September, the bureau reporting that 6,141 motor vehicles had been registered in the county during the period. Quite a few more were registered during the remainder of the tobacco marketing season.

While the motor vehicle count possibly serves as a measurement of wealth, it is beginning to appear, especially in some counties, that the economy is getting a bit top heavy with motor vehicles. Reports maintain that considerable borrowing was handled to finance car purchases, that ready cash was taken in other cases to buy cars, leading to borrowing to finance other activities.

It could be that the country is riding to the poor house by motor, but it is fairly apparent that all are having a merry time on the trip.

Premature Exposure

Perhaps the Republican Party, in spite of the great need the nation has for it, will never regain power. It seems to be the victim of an extraordinary curse. In 1948, Dewey lost, for he ran for President thinking he was already President. His Presidency came to nought because of premature exposure.

Lately the slogan of many Republicans has been: "Let MacArthur run the war." He did. Aside from the extreme program of the lunatic fringe, the Republican recommendations for the Far East have been carried through by the Democratic Administration—or at least the Republican opposition has always been strong enough to prevent the Administration from following a course of its own.

There must be somebody, somewhere, who is giving the Republicans a bum steer. It is incredible that McCarthy has not yet started the search for the Republican Lattimore.—The Reporter

Tried and True

When a founder has cast his bell he does not at once put it into the steeple, but tries it with the hammer, and beats it on every side, to see if there be a flaw. So when Christ converts a man he does not at once convey him to heaven, but suffers him to be beaten upon by many temptations, and then exalts him with his crown. As snow is of itself cold, yet warms and refreshes the earth, so afflictions, though in themselves grievous, keep the Christian's soul warm and make it fruitful.—Mason.

Three rather young Negroes were arguing rather heatedly about the merits of their respective denominations while a much older, white-haired old-time Negro looked on.

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

**The Impossible Never Happens
The Wise Boys Said, but It Did**

By BILLY ROSE

Last night at Lindy's a bunch of us were discussing what, for want of a better term, I'll call the inevitability of the impossible. "The most improbable yarn I ever heard," said Deems Taylor, "is the one about a missionary named Renault who was captured in 1948 by a tribe of cannibals in French Equatorial Africa."

"According to a report in the files out at the U.N., just as they were about to roast him over a fire, shish-kebob style, the missionary fell to his knees and asked the Lord to have mercy on his servant, Renault. And when the cannibal chief heard the name, he untied him and told him to go about his business."



Billy Rose

"No, it wasn't the prayer that did the trick—it seems that six months before, they had cooked and eaten another gent named Renault and he had turned out to be tough and tasteless."

"I KNOW AN equally implausible story," I piped up. "The one about the clerk in Tacoma, Washington, who was handed five thousand dollars to buy insurance for a bridge that was under construction. The fellow had never stolen a nickel in his life, but this was one temptation he couldn't stand off—what in the name of the Three Ringling Brothers could happen to a bridge?"

"Sitting misdeed to thought, the clerk went to Reno and blew in the whole five grand on a couple of gals, and then, the night before he was due to start back, the Mayor of Tacoma phoned and wanted to know about the insurance. It seemed that the bridge—the famous Galloping Gertie of the newspapers—had come apart at the seams and fallen into the gorge."

"THE BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT that tops them all is the one about Charles Coghlan," said Eugene Burr who writes the theatre pieces for Playbill.

Even if the dollar is worth only fifty cents, its value will never be as low as some people will stoop to get it.

NOTICE OF LEASE

North Carolina, Martin County. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston at a special meeting held November the 15th, 1950, and by virtue of the General Statutes of North Carolina, section 160-59, the undersigned attorney will on the 15th day of December, 1950, in front of the Courthouse door in the Town of Williamston at 12:00 o'clock noon, offer for lease for the term of one year, beginning January 1, 1951, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land.

All that certain tract of land lying and being just South of the David Moore farm, beginning at a point where Martin Street intersects Gurganus Street and running South 43 degrees West to the canal, thence along the canal to the David Moore line or corner, thence along the David Moore line or corner, thence along the David Moore line North 34 degrees 30 minutes East to a point where Martin Street would intersect the David Moore line if the said Martin Street extended in a straight line, thence a straight line to the point of beginning, same being the lower end of the Halberstadt Farm in the Town of Williamston.

This tract of land has on it one tobacco barn. The successful bidder will get all crop allotments. These allotments for the year 1950 were as follows:

Tobacco 4.4 acres
Peanuts 2.9 acres

This the 15th day of November, 1950.

Board of Commissioners Of The Town of Williamston
Chas. H. Manning, Attorney.
No 21-23 de 5-12

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Russell T. Roebuck and Josie Roebuck, vs. Amanda Roebuck, Herbert Roebuck, Archie Roebuck, Shepherd Roebuck, Willie Roebuck, Mrs. Letha Taylor and husband Clarence Taylor, and Mrs. Lella Cowen and husband, Rupert Cowen.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County in the above entitled proceeding, on the 30th day of November, 1950, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1950, at 2 o'clock P. M. in front of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company building in the Town of Robersonville, County of Martin and State of North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Cross Roads Township, Martin County and State of N. C. containing 205 acres, more or less, and bounded on the East by the lands of J. F. Wynn, Lum James and W. F. Wynn, on the South by the lands of J. S. Peel and S. E. Roberson, on the West by the lands of Z. D. F. White and on the North West by the lands of the Everett heirs, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a cypress in the Everett Mill Swamp, corner of this land and the land of J. F. Wynn, and the Everett heirs, thence S. 8 de. and 30 E. 30 chains S. 43 E. 10.70 chains, S. 10 E. 12.90 chains, S. 14 1-2 E. 10.70 chains, S. 30 E. 16.25 chains, S. 1 1-2 W. 15.50 chains, N. 78 1-2 W. 16 chains, N. 4 W. 14 chains, N. 89 W. 4.30 chains, N. 85 W. 13.35

chains, N. 45 1-2 W. 11.50 chains, N. 12 1-4 W. 2.40 chains, thence along the run of the Everett Mill Swamp to the beginning, as shown by a map of same made by T. Jones Taylor, Surveyor, on the 30th day of October, 1924, which said map is now on file with N. C. Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

The terms of said sale are cash and the successful bidder at said sale will be required to make a cash deposit of 10% of the amount of his bid.

This the 30th day of November, 1950
Elbert S. Peel, Commissioner.
En de 5-12-19 226 He de 6-13-20-27

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court

Before The Clerk

MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

(Bear Grass, Bee Tree and Turkey Swamps)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County Drainage District No. 1 have levied an assessment in the amount of \$72,886.00 upon the lands within the boundaries of said District. This assessment has been made in accordance with the Classification Sheet filed by Board of Viewers of the said District with their Final Report and in accordance with a Certificate filed by the Board of Drainage Commissioners with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on the 1st day of December, 1950.

All persons owning land or any interest in land within the boundaries of Martin County Drainage District No. 1 (Bear Grass, Bee Tree and Turkey Swamps) are hereby notified that the Board of Drainage Commissioners for said District propose to issue bonds of said District for the purpose of raising money for the payment of the total cost of completing the organization of said District and the construction of the canals in said District according to plans and specifications set out in the Final Report of the Board of Viewers of Martin County Drainage District No. 1 and as approved by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County; said bonds to be issued in an amount not exceeding \$72,000.00, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six percent per annum, payable semi-annually. The principal of said bonds is to be paid in ten equal annual installments, the first installment on principal being due on the 1st day of July, 1954, and the remaining installments on the 1st day of each July thereafter for a total of ten years. The first payment of interest is to be due on the 1st day of July, 1951, and semi-annually thereafter on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July of each year through and including the year 1963. The first payment to be made by the landowners on their total assessment is to be due on the first Monday in September, 1951.

Any landowner in said District not wanting to pay interest on the bonds or to have bonds issued for his assessment may, prior to the 15th day of January, 1951, pay to the Treasurer of Martin County the full amount for which his land is liable, to be ascertained from the Classification Sheet and the Certificate of the Board of Drainage Commissioners of Martin County Drainage District No. 1 showing the total cost of the improvement and have his lands released from liability from said assessment.

This 2nd day of December, 1950
MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
By: F. M. Wooten, Jr., Secretary
de 5-12-19-21

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