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## WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—In the nation-wide poll of opinion which this column has been conducting on 20 leading foreign and domestic issues, many of the 1500 members of Congress, government officials, business representatives and newspaper editors wrote in extended answers. Some of those answering the questionnaire signed their names and authorized direct quotation. For instance:



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"I think the leaders of both parties are playing partisan politics with the special session issue," wrote Republican Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon. "Right now we need bi-partisan action in the interest of the whole country, rather than political jockeying."

On European aid, many shades of doubt were revealed by the written-in comments. One Republican senator said he would favor a \$15 billion program, but no more. A Democratic senator gave the opinion it will take "more than \$30 billion." Another senator favors a one-year program only, to see how it works. Still another said aid to Europe should be stopped—"Soon!"

Making aid to European countries conditional on their blocking communism was questioned by 40 per cent of the senators. "We must not dictate form of government to other countries," wrote one. Others were of the opinion it would not work. Sen. Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia wrote, "Such a course would work to the advantage of communism."

MEMBERS of the lower House of Congress are particularly outspoken on nearly all issues. It is impossible to quote them all in this space, but here are a few samples:

On loans to Europe—"Raise the money by selling bonds to prevent inflation," suggested one congressman. On the question of making the loans repayable, another wrote, "Don't make me laugh!"

The Marshall Plan came in for some biting comments from congressmen. "What do you mean by the Marshall Plan? It hasn't a chance. It will fail, period. Just bunk, ditch it!"

Prices can be brought down without reducing wages, "if we reduce exports," answered a Westerner. Another congressman thought prices could be brought down if we could "reduce taxes and end strikes."

Many of the newspaper editors who answered, similarly made additional comments, but there was much diversity in their editorial asides. From Mississippi came the observation, "The Marshall Plan is a success only if it blocks communism." On making European loans repayable, an Iowa editor wrote, "There ain't no such animal."

An Oklahoma man says, "The South met its reconstruction problem after the Civil War by pulling in its belt and working. Europe should do likewise."

AN Illinois editor said that what this country needs is another P. T. Barnum, to put on a show every time American aid is passed out in Europe, so the people over there will know where their help is coming from.

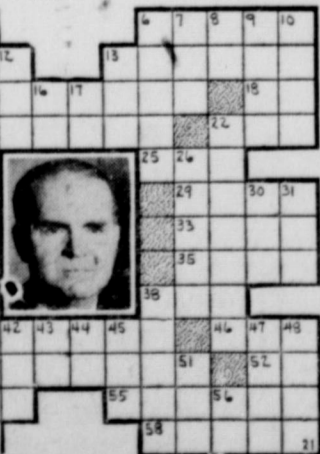
On domestic issues, a Michigan editor thinks, "Prices and wages could have been stabilized last spring if the steel and coal operators had not been so eager to grab off the big profits."

As a final commentary on this whole enterprise of trying to find out what very important people are thinking on the top issues of the day, it seems appropriate to quote Rep. John M. Vorys of Ohio. "I always marvel at the nerve of those who expect people in responsible positions to take time to answer perplexing, momentous questions, 'Yes' or 'No,' so that the pollster can sell the compiled answers," wrote Vorys. "Since you always know the answers and like to point out how congressmen don't know the answers, you should be able to write a number of columns on the tabulation of these questionnaires."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Ambassador

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## This Even Beats Perrillo's Racket



## Outnumbered 1058 to 1 She Isn't Bothered

SALT LAKE CITY (UP)—The male-to-female ratio in the College of Engineering at the University of Utah is 1,058 to one. But that doesn't bother the one female engineer-to-be, 24 year old Glenna Webb of Salt Lake City.

The technical-minded ex-Wave enrolled in the college of engineering because she wants to be a radio electrical engineer.

"At first, the all-men classes bothered me," Miss Webb smiled, "but I'm getting used to it." In the university's long history, only five women have been graduated from the engineering school.

Less than half the children entering the first grade in Nebraska are graduated from high school.

## Record Farm Income Expected In Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (UP)—Nebraska's 1947 farm income probably will reach \$1,250,000,000, according to State Agriculture Director Rufus M. Howard.

The previous high mark was last year's \$849,000,000, exclusive of \$24,584,000 in government payments. Howard considers his estimate conservative. The billion-dollar in-

## SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

COLUMBUS, O.—(NEA)—Wesley E. Fesler realizes that some of the old guard will dislike him for it, but he violently disagrees with those who see little change in football down through the years. "Why, even in the last 20 years the game has grown tremendously in its complexity," says the Ohio State coach.

Twenty years ago, Wes Fesler was an Ohio State freshman, became an All-America end in 1928-30, has coached ever since.

"In 1930 a player could be rather stupid and still play a pretty fair game," he explains. "Our Ohio State team of 1930, for example, had only a few simple signals, the opposing team seldom had more than one or two defensive formations. That was only 17 years ago."

"TODAY a coach prepares his team for about eight different defenses, and the opposing team springs two or three new ones."

Wes Fesler has an idea the free-substitution rule may be changed before another campaign arrives. He opposes the abolition of scouting, declaring that it makes for sounder football and a better and more interesting game.

He stresses that football is the one game in which it pays the spectator to take his eyes off the ball.

About 90 per cent of the spectators keep their eyes glued on the ball-carrier, and by so doing miss all the interference, down-field blocking, etc., that make plays work.

Psychological warfare in football takes strange twists. "En route from Providence to Hamilton for the Colgate game," relates coach Charles A. Engle of Brown, "we were parked in Albany for a couple of hours. Every one in a while an engine gave us a nudge to see if we were still there. We were, and we couldn't sleep."

"The next morning the conductor said it was the roughest ride he'd had in 20 years, and told me why. The Holy Cross team was also on the train."

"Holy Cross was going to play Syracuse the next day, and the engineer was a Syracuse man."

Funny factors influence games, Rip Engle points out. "Brown, trailed 21-0, at the half at Princeton," he asserts, "and just as I started to give my boys instructions, an ambulance pulled up outside our locker room with red lights blinking and siren screeching."

"The driver blew his horn throughout the intermission to such an extent that I couldn't make myself heard."

Rip Engle later found out that the driver, a Princeton man no doubt, served two years in the Army's psychological warfare branch during the war.

come does not necessarily indicate record-breaking profits for the farmer, he said, since production costs and the price of goods also are increasing. Farm commodities buy less than they did a year ago, Howard said. The ratio of prices received by the farmers compared to prices paid is one point below that of 1946.

## Long Skirts Sinful N. Y. Pastor Says

NEW YORK (UP)—The Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker said in a sermon at the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church that the new-style long skirts were a sinful waste.

"Christian women," he said, "ought to resist this miserable, selfish modern style of dress as

true sin—to what purpose these full, flapping, flowing garments now down to their ankles when recently they were up to their knees, because some designer in Paris cracks the whip, when all over the world there are thousands who need that cloth not to make them more alluring, but to keep them warm?"

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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER

AREN'T YOU GOING TO PICK UP LADY FOR ME LADY?

BE YOUR AGE, HILDA! THAT HANKY GAG WENT OUT WITH THE BIRTH OF A NATION!

MODERN GALS DON'T EXPECT MEN TO WAIT ON THEM! THEY CAN LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES!—WE MEN LIKE WOMEN TO BE INDEPENDENT!

COME ON, MEATBALL! BETHANY WANTS US!

YOO HOO!

I WONDER IF THE FOREIGN LESION TAKES WOMEN?

## RED RYDER

BY FRED HARMON

YES, YOUR DAUGHTER AND BILL HUPP WENT FAST HERE TOGETHER. I WARNED HIM AWAY FROM HER. SHE'S A GOOD DUSTER!

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH HIM, BUT I'LL SEE YOU LATER.

DAD! NO! NO! DON'T SHOOT!

## ALLEY OOP

BY V. T. HAMLIN

MY GOSH! YOU TALKED TO YOU OR DO YOU WANT TO BE AN OLD MAID? THE RIGHT MY STARS, YOU'RE DUMB ABOUT MEN!

MY GOSH! YOU LEFT ME ALONE UP HERE ON THIS AWFUL BEAST. WHAT'S THE MATTER, DID SIMPSON HIT YOU TOO?

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BY GOSH! YOU GOT GET HOME ANY TOO SOON 'TILT MEI DELIVERE ME FECH DUMB HELPLESS FEMALE!

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