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## WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—Wide differences in opinion on 20 leading foreign and domestic issues are shown in the answers to a questionnaire sent by this column to its 700 daily newspaper client editors and 800 members of Congress, top government officials and Washington representatives of labor and business groups. All of these issues will be considered by the coming special and regular sessions of Congress.



On the basis of a 40 per cent return, it is found that there is general agreement on only two questions.  
1. Only 9 to 13 per cent believe that the U. S. should stop further aid to Europe.  
2. On the question of Europe's ability to repay Marshall Plan advances, only 41 to 45 per cent believe that outright grants-in-aid should be given, with no repayment called for.

On all other questions, the opinions of the different groups varied from zero to 100 per cent. Every one of the government officials replying thinks rent controls should be extended beyond the present expiration date of Feb. 29, 1948. Not one of the editors replying would admit opposition to the President's plan that something be done about high prices at the coming special session.

NOT one group showed a majority in favor of a return to price controls. Forty-eight per cent of the government officials answered that some limited form of price control would be necessary to control inflation, which was the most favorable showing.  
A majority of government officials think prices can be brought down without reducing wages. They voted 74 per cent in support of this belief. Sixty per cent of the congressmen apparently hold the same view, but only 32 per cent of the congressmen.  
On the likelihood of a business recession in 1948, the business leaders seem more fearful than any other group, 60 per cent answering that they saw danger ahead. Forty-seven per cent of the editors, 48 per cent of the government officials and 50 per cent of the senators are similarly concerned, but only 24 per cent of the congressmen show alarm over the possibility of a depression.

Editors lead the parade in believing the Taft-Hartley bill is not too tough. They answered 82 per cent this way, as compared to 84 per cent of the congressmen, 85 per cent of the business representatives, 60 per cent of the senators and—surprisingly enough—52 per cent of the top officials of the Truman administration.

EDITORS are likewise the most enthusiastic over prospects of tax reduction, 72 per cent saying they want it next session. At the other extreme, only 48 per cent of the government officials favor it. Congressmen—who will decide the question—favor reduction.

Members of Congress and government officials seem more reluctant to write off the UN than other groups. Only 10 per cent of the senators, 26 per cent of the congressmen and 30 per cent of the government officials favor trying to set up a new world organization now. On the other hand, 41 per cent of the editors and 45 per cent of the business leaders approve this step.

The Congress is, apparently, far more opposed to universal military training than any other group. Only 39 per cent of the lawmakers favor UMT. Government officials are 70 per cent for it, editors 78 per cent and business groups 81 per cent.

Twenty-eight per cent of the editors and 27 per cent of the business groups think the world is headed for another war. But only 19 per cent of the government officials and 22 per cent of the congressmen share that view. And not one senator answered that he thought a third world war was inevitable.

## SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

CHICAGO—(NEA)—As Father John J. Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame, once remarked, Frank Leahy is a master of understatement. Gilmour Dobie for years beat them all at singing the blues. Red Blaik of Army is better than a green hand at playing things down. Georgia has Wallin' Wally Butts, and so on down the line.

But Bernie Bierman of Minnesota wins the gold-embroidered crying towel.

Asked to contribute to NEA's current "Winning Plays of 1947" series, the veteran guide of the Gophers replies: "To tell the truth, we don't have such a thing."

"Until the closing minutes of our sixth game—with Pittsburgh—Minnesota hadn't scored a single touchdown from outside the 10-yard line this fall, except on a pass interception and a fumble recovered in mid-air. And the Pittsburgh linemen were tired when Ralph McAllister ran 14 yards for a touchdown and Frank Brown went 15 for another."

"So we haven't broken away for a long run against anyone. Thus we don't have a play that we could call particularly successful."

"What little ground we have gained has been a matter of pounding away for short gains. And to be perfectly frank, I don't believe anyone would be interested in how we banged out two and three yards."

"The principal trouble is that we have absolutely no speed and very little power in our backfield, so it's tough to break any man away. I'm sorry I can't help you on

## MODERN KING SOLOMAN



## This Is Happy

By PEGGY DERN

THE STORY: Joyce tells Happy that Mrs. Dora has been angling for George for a long time but that he is definitely not in love with her. She concludes that George is a "benevolent despot" where she and her mother are concerned, appears vaguely troubled. Next morning Happy dresses in riding clothes, joins Joyce and Madeline at breakfast.

JOYCE, in riding togs similar to Happy's, greeted her and said, "So you don't like breakfast in bed either?"  
"It's rather a messy habit," said Madeline and smiled. "I don't blame you."

Later, when the horses had been brought to the side drive, Happy eyed the pretty chestnut mare assigned to her, with something very like panic.

"I don't even know how to get on her," she wailed.  
"Joyce laughed. "Oh, well, we'll get you a ladder," she teased. "Don't look so frightened. Susie Q is a lamb."

A groom bent down, faced his fingers together, and said, his voice mellow and soft with the inherent melody of his race, "Jes' put yo' foot in ma han', ma'am, an' hold on to de saddle—and jump jes' a lil' bit."

"I can't! I think I'm scared!" wailed Happy.  
Joyce said sharply, "Nonsense. Happy! George will have a fit and fall in it if you don't learn to ride. Come on—it's easy!"

Happy drew a deep breath, but after a bewildering moment in which panic threatened her again, she found herself in the saddle. Susie Q looked back, seemed to be assured that everything was all right, and moved off slowly.

After the first few minutes, Happy relaxed.  
"What a morning!" she said, lifting her head and sniffing with delight at the very smell of spring itself. "On a morning like this,

George that we met David."  
"Oh."  
Joyce's young face was grim, her eyes hostile.  
"Oh is right," she flashed. "So I'm in love with David and he is with me, and George won't let us be married because David's people didn't come over with Oglethorpe and David earns his living with his own hands and his brain."

THERE was such utter hopelessness, such bitterness in her voice that Happy said impulsively, "If you're in love with David, and he wants to marry you—you're not a child—you can marry him if you want to."

"Oh, sure, and starve to death while George adds the money Father left me to what was left to him, and David and I go with-out!" said Joyce bitterly. "It's what David wants me to do—marry him and tell George to go to the devil. But that \$50,000 is mine—and I want it!"

"Please, Joyce, I don't understand—"

Joyce threw off the hand and said harshly, "Of course not. Nobody could understand who didn't know George as Madeline and I know him. Or Father, too. You see, when Father died he left everything to George. Madeline and I were left allowances, and there were pompous-sounding legal phrases directing George to see that we were provided for. And there was \$50,000 for me when I'm 30! Or when I'm married, provided it is with George's full consent and approval. But I marry without that approval. I get nothing, and the \$50,000 is to be invested in improvements for Sundown and the estate."

Happy gasped. "But, Joyce, that's terribly unfair!"

Joyce's pretty mouth, twisted in a grimace.  
"Oh, no—Father could never do anything unfair—and George is quite the little gentleman, too. He is merely depriving me of the money in order to be sure I don't make a marriage that might reflect on the family name. He doesn't give a darn about me. He's just thinking of the Harrells of Sundown."

"(To Be Continued)

## Buy United States Savings Bonds



These are the types of foodstuffs which will be collected as the Friendship Train makes its coast-to-coast journey, gathering food for starving Europe. The train, which will leave Los Angeles with seven carloads of food, is expected to be 200 boxcars long by the time it reaches New York. Dorothy Malone, who is posing with the samples above, is not included in the shipment.

## Sees Danger Of Racket In European Relief

NEW YORK (UP)—"Begging" letters from persons in Europe should be turned over to relief agencies unless the writers are known to the recipient, Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, executive associate of Church World Service, Inc., warns.  
Barstow said such letters may constitute a new racket playing on the sympathies of Americans. "Church World Service," he said, "has had referred to it many identical letters, thirteen in one instance from the same writer. Obviously, if even a fraction of the letters bring returns, the writer will be disproportionately helped, or perhaps even set up with a stock of goods for black market operations."

Chopped hay must be well cured before it is put into haymows.

## Water Fowls Decreasing In North America

STILLWATER, Okla. (UP)—The number of water fowl on the North American continent has decreased considerably since 1945, according to Dr. F. M. Baumgartner, wild life specialist at Okla-

home A. and M. College. Baumgartner said surveys made during the past summer in Canada and Alaska indicated fewer birds were nesting compared to the range available.

Hunters during the past few years have been "killing the goose that laid the golden egg," the specialist said.

How sharp the blade on kitchen knives stay depends on the quality of steel, the grinding and how the steel is tempered.



## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



## RED RYDER

BY FRED HARMON



## ALLEY OOP

BY V. T. HAMLIN



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Chief Justice

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL	6 Notion
15 Pictured	7 Negative
U. S. justice	8 Foreign agent
11 Lifting devices	9 Indian
13 Naturalized	10 Roman
15 Lease	12 Emperor
16 Gaelic	11 Weep
18 Time long past	12 Observe
19 Still	14 Low haunt
20 Lariats	17 Sun god
22 Eternity	20 Compunction
23 Musical note	21 He is chief
24 Note in justice of the U. S.	22 Morindin dyes
26 Billiard shot	23 Russian communities
29 Mourning	40 Incite
Virgin	41 Bivalve mollusk
33 Poplar	26 Casimir (ab.)
34 Repulse	27 Fourth Arabian caliph movement
35 Oriental guitar	44 Ocean
36 Silkworms	45 Symbol for iridium
37 Nova Scotia (ab.)	30 Roof finial
38 Manuscript (ab.)	31 Beverage
39 Chart	32 Morindin dyes
42 All	33 Russian communities
47 Station (ab.)	48 Canvas shelter
50 Wading bird	49 Altitude (ab.)
52 Ireland	51 Courtesy title
53 Pare	53 Priority (prefix)
54 Pretted	55 Symbol for sodium
56 Mother or father	57 White
57 Spread	
58 Dispatched	
VERTICAL	
1 Release	
2 Rave	
3 Entomology (ab.)	
4 From	
5 Huzz	



# SOCIETY

## AMERICAN HOLIDAY PROGRAM TONIGHT AT CLUBHOUSE

American Holiday will be the subject of the program of the Las Leales Club, which meets this evening at the Woman's clubhouse.

Mrs. W. Q. Verner, Mrs. Charles Eaton, Mrs. W. C. Whately, Mrs. J. F. Kilgore and Mrs. Guy Patterson are to be hostesses. This is to be an excellent program. The quotation for the program is "Where there is room in the heart, there is always room in the house."

## TAYLOR STUDIO TO GIVE PROGRAM WEDNESDAY

Mrs. A. F. Taylor will have the program and present pupils from her studio, for the Wednesday meeting of the Music Club.

The time of the meeting is 3:30 p.m. Hostesses for the program are Mrs. J. F. Collins, Mrs. Bob Vaught, Mrs. Don Parker and Mrs. James Young. Mrs. T. E. Richardson is president.

## MARTHA DORCAS CLASS TO HAVE LUNCHEON

The Martha Dorcas Class of the First Methodist Church will entertain the monthly social, which is to be a luncheon Wednesday at

12 noon in the banquet room of the church.

Officers of the class are to be hostesses and are furnishing the rolls, meat and sweet potatoes. Members are to bring a dish of a vegetable, salad or desert. All members are urged to attend.

## WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM INTERESTING MEETING

Mrs. C. Ferguson was leader of the Week of Prayer program Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the First Methodist church. Five meditations were given at the morning session.

Love, was the first meditation, given by Mrs. W. P. Leslie; Dependence, by Mrs. Ed F. Williams; Sacrifice, by Mrs. Fred Davenport, and Vocation, by Mrs. N. P. McCarney. Mrs. Ida Foster gave the prayer for the free will offering taken at the altar.

Four Meditations were in the afternoon session. Mrs. John Little gave topic on HWA Nan College in China; Mrs. E. R. Townsend discussed Schools in Brazil; Mrs. Herman Hassell discussed Seavert College in Tennessee and Mrs. B. O. Harvell had for her subject the National College for Methodist missionaries at Kansas City.

Lunch was served during the

noon hour in the banquet room of the church. Mrs. Ida Foster, Mrs. W. H. Mullings and Mrs. E. R. Gordon gave Bible readings during the afternoon session.

## NAZARENE MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS MEETING

Monday night at 7:30 the Nazarene Missionary Society conducted an interesting meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McGraw. The newly elected president, Mrs. Wm. C. Emberton, conducted a brief business session, outlining the work for the year and its objectives.

The group elected to convene each second and fourth Monday. Delicious cake and coffee were served to the twenty-five people present.

## Personals

Fatsy Safley who recently underwent emergency surgery at a Ranger hospital has been removed to her home and is recuperating there.

Mrs. R. C. Ferguson plans to attend the Methodist Central Texas District Conference at Gorman Friday, and possibly others from Eastland will attend.

Mrs. Pat Crawford returned Saturday from Amarillo, where she attended the Baptist Conven-

tion and visited her parents at Burkbarnett before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grahs and baby of Breckenridge and Miss Louise Athey of Breckenridge were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. McCarney at their home on West Plummer Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Potts and little daughter, Sarah, 9, and son Michael, 4, have moved to Eastland, from Mineola. They are residing at 108 North Walnut. Mrs. Potts is a niece of Mrs. Allen D. Dabney of South Seaman street. Mr. Potts is a Boy Scout executive and his field covers Eastland, Stephens and Erath Counties. Mr. and Mrs. Potts are Methodist and of course have their daughter attending Eastland schools.

Mrs. Allen D. Dabney visited her mother, Mrs. F. J. Spence, who is very ill in the home of another daughter, Mrs. Frost at Kilgore. Mrs. Spence has been ill for some time and was in the West Texas Clinic at Ranger.

Mrs. Nat Gray, who fell into a fireplace and burned her right arm, is doing nicely but is still in the Eastland Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCullough are parents of a son, born Monday morning at the Eastland Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Meek are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. McCullough on South Lamar are the paternal grandparents.

## Hospital News

Mrs. George Van Horn of Cisco is a surgical patient in the Eastland hospital.

Mrs. Ross' Bishop is a medical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Wilson are parents of a daughter born Tuesday morning, weight was 19 pounds.

Eggs stored small end up lose eating quality much faster than those turned with the small end down.

## Cocky? And How



This New Hampshire rooster has a right to be cocky. It was recently purchased at the ROP cockerel auction in Peoria, Ill., for \$300, reportedly the highest selling price ever recorded for any similar bird. The rooster will be used for breeding purposes.

## Heartsease

By Elsie Glenn

### MIST

Each life is shrouded in vapor, through which shadows are glimpsed.

Things and forms that cannot quite be made out . . . moving here and there. Now we almost have it; now we don't.

Fog. Impulses . . . desires . . . that shock us.

Sudden whims. Strange, is it not? Mists that rise from the waters of life.

Discontent. And then we walk quickly . . . pushing through the mist. Everydayness shrouded in mystery.

Commonplace thoughts disturbed by we know not what. Is this it? Is this what we were seeking . . . through the fog and the mist?

No? A tired hand brushes through the shadow. Familiar things . . . and faces . . . where we may rest . . . for a while.

And the mist again. The urges . . . from the roots of life . . . the relentless seeking for we know not what.

One step forward . . . two falling back . . . all through life . . . The glorious, strange, bitter, thing we're doing . . . living!

It's worth the road through the fog . . . and wet mist . . . For the race is not for the swiftest.

It's an open road . . . for all. The ancient Chinese used to ripen hard pears by putting them in a closed room with burning incense. Ethylene gas in the incense smoke caused the ripening, and today that gas is used to de-green fruits.

## Indian Leader



This new camera study of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, premier of India, was made at New Delhi by Bert Brandt, NEA-Acme correspondent, on his round-the-world photo-reporting trip via Pan American World Airways.

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# AKRON IN ARMS OVER BIG SPREAD OF POLIO IN AREA

AKRON, O. (UP)—The health question of the year in this section of the country is, "what accounts for the polio epidemic in Summit County?"

Summit County has had more infantile paralysis cases this year than any other area of similar size, and authorities fear they aren't close to supplying either a reason or a remedy.

Akron, county seat for 340,000 has 343 cases, while nearby Cleveland, with 1,000,000 inhabitants in the area, totaled only 134 cases. Cincinnati and Columbus, both larger than Akron, reported 100 and 70 cases, respectively.

Although the victims have muscular weakness, less than seven per cent were paralyzed, so city health officials referred to them as "polio-without-paralysis" cases. Although the total number of cases was abnormally high, the death rate was relatively low. Akron had only two deaths from polio, while Cleveland, with less than half the polio patients, had five.

The polio outbreak in Summit County attracted national attention when the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was called into the fight with infantile paralysis experts from all over the country. The foundation is spending \$100,000 on polio in Akron this year.

National health officers have been meeting with state and local officials to work out the problem and take steps to prevent a recurrence next year.

The authorities have heard from Akron's parents, who protested vehemently against the city's failure in combating the disease. Part

of the reason for the protest stems from the fact that the Akron area has suffered heavily for four consecutive years.

Akron's hospital facilities have been taxed beyond their limit, but other communities have contributed nurses and equipment to see that every known treatment is available.

The city is willing to follow almost any suggested remedy and is currently spraying the area with DDT, even though they have little reason to believe DDT will influence the polio rate. Principal targets of the spray are the city's garbage cans and the historic but incredibly dirty Ohio Canal.

If polio is spread by contaminated water, the Ohio Canal is made to order for the purpose. Sewage is dumped into it, trash litters its banks, and industrial plants pump already dirty water from it and discharge it into huge quantities of pollution.

## TIMES HAVE CHANGED A SEARCH SHOWS

LONDON (UP)—Times have changed since the days of James I, when austerity did not apply to kings.

The wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten will cost the British public \$18,

000. The remainder of the modest cost will be borne by the King's own private purse.

James I also married off a daughter named Princess Elizabeth. That was St. Valentine's Day, 1613 and it cost Britain \$215,000—the equivalent of about \$2,000,000 today.

That earlier Elizabeth wore a gown of color of silver, the sleeves embroidered with diamonds and a coronet of gold, pearls and diamonds. The bridegroom, Frederick, Elector of the Palatinate, also wore a suit of cloth of silver. More than 500 yards of silver cloth were ordered for the bridesmaids. A fur-lined velvet cloak, 17 pairs of silk stockings (then a fabulous luxury) and many petticoats of brocade and satin are listed on the ancient "warrant to the Great Wardrobe."

There was a week of new plays, masquerades, balls, fireworks and carnivals until James I protested he was worn out.

## Finds Life With Father Hazardous

MILWAUKEE (UP)—Four-year-old Jimmy Roberts was racing his tricycle when the mudguard dropped off and fell into the spokes of the front wheel.

Jimmy sailed over the handlebars, landed on his nose, and got up minus two front teeth.

His father fixed the mudguard, but his mother didn't quite trust her husband's repair job. She started to walk the tricycle to the garage.

Her intuition was correct. The guard came loose again, fell into the spokes, and Mrs. Roberts landed on her nose.

She broke only one tooth, however.

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