

SAITO SUGGESTS FRANK DEALING WITH JAPANESE

'Straight From Shoulder' Talks Would Help, Envoy Says.

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WASHINGTON, April 28.—Hiroshi Saito, Japanese ambassador, proposed today that Japan and the United States deal with each other "straight-from-the-shoulder" to end mutual suspicions and attain common goals.

He said Japan's so-called "hands off China" policy is an honest effort to do that.

"We Japanese and you Americans are so much alike after all that we ought not to have much difficulty with each other," he told the United Press in an exclusive interview.

"You greatly admire courage, frankness, 'straight-shooting' as you call it. So do we."

"If we would be ourselves, and deal with each other frankly we would understand each other and that would be the best thing that could happen to us."

Japan, he continued, has re-stated its Chinese policy in a friendly but frank fashion, so that Japan's position might be known.

Chinese Attitude Explained

"We simply wanted to point out," he said, "that conditions in China are such that loans, military aid and other outside assistance are likely to increase political instability. There have been some particularly disturbing indications of that recently. They arose from European and other powers proffering various assistance to China which increases or were capable of increasing threats to peace and order in Asia."

"As a very close neighbor to China with large and special interests at stake we have said this: That we ought to be consulted whenever a distant country or agency plans some advance to China that might provoke military activities or otherwise disturb the peace and order. That is a frank and fair statement."

"It is nonsense for any one to suggest such a policy is a device to give Japanese business preferential privileges in China. If it is understood that our policy is designed only to prevent disturbances to peace and order, that question would not even arise. We fully support the 'open door' policy of equal opportunity in China. We adhere meticulously to our earlier agreements regarding China."

ants to Be Friendly

Mr. Saito insisted a primary point in Japanese foreign policy was to cultivate friendship with the United States, because, he explained the United States is Japan's biggest neighbor and its oldest treaty friend.

"If America and Japan stand as true friends and co-operate in the maintenance of peace in the Pacific region a long step will be accomplished toward stabilizing that peace and toward stabilizing Japan's foreign policy as well."

Recurring to interests common to Japan and America, the ambassador said:

"America probably has the largest influence on the social aspects of Japanese life of any nation. I refer to sports, pastimes, movies and the like. France and Germany perhaps have the largest influence in matters of law and medicine, and Great Britain in diplomatic, political, naval affairs, navigation and commercial organization."

Baseball Popular in Japan

"American baseball has almost replaced the national game of wrestling in Japan. American football is becoming more popular. Golf has increased in popularity rapidly. There are about 100 courses in use. Our participation in your Olympic games recently showed our interest and proficiency in your sports."

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Indiana's 'Hayshakers' Open Fire on Our Mr. Pegler With BroadSides

Broun Receives Favorable Comment as Hoosier Readers Express Views.

By L. P. Maddox.

"It Seems to Me," by Heywood Broun, a column running for many years in many of our daily newspapers, has reflected just the impartial sort of logic expected from such a caption. But, "Fair Enough," by Westbrook Pegler, a newcomer to The Times columns, should, not only be a business to our readers, but as fair practice in this caption business, head his column, "Bellyacher."

A fair analysis for things unseen, and slightly heard from, would be, it seems to me, from the point of view in this locality, that Westbrook Pegler has been a professional critic all his life. It further seems, that Pegler either, in his seemingly new undertaking, pounces upon the first subject that comes to his literary brain, or that he doesn't care to bother scanning for the scope of vital matter appearing in the daily newspapers from which he might be choosing his subjects.

Take, for instance, Pegler's reference in his appearing in The Times, Feb. 16, to a statement attributed by him to President Roosevelt, to the effect that fair play and square dealing would solve most of the problems of the country. Mr. Pegler presumes, then, along that line of reasoning, that a man should quit when he has accumulated his per capita share of money, estimated by Mr. Pegler to be about \$150, and leave earning money to his brothers from then until death.

As an unfair reasoning and comparison to be applied by an individual, be he even the worst sort of radical who always begins his conversations with reference to some subject or person known to command attention.

President Roosevelt's reminder to the students of Emory university certainly implied good logic and the only real basis of human happiness for all of us. We can't expect Pegler and his like to warm up to such philosophy. However, they will continue to set their jaws and carry on from day to day, questioning people who follow his form of dissipation.

Such articles as Pegler's column on "Hayshakers" and many other subject of that kind have no place in the Indianapolis Times, with its daily intelligent editorials blending with the only efforts made in this century to bring about fairness among us all and a chance for happiness so long desired.

By a Hayshaker.

The following is for the special benefit of your newly acquired columnist, Westbrook Pegler.

In a recent issue of The Times I read your column, Mr. Pegler, in which you referred to the farmers as hayshakers. Now who are you, Mr. Pegler, to call the farmers "hayshakers"? Does it ever occur to you that farmers are an industrious, intelligent class of people who do know a few things besides shaking hay off the end of a pitchfork? Do you know that many farmers and their wives are as well-educated as you are? At any rate we are all capable of reading and thoroughly digesting your daily column, such as it is.

Now, my dear Mr. Pegler, if you were well posted, as you think you are, you would write such "hoosey" about the farmers and your kind. Of course, you don't squawk. Why should you? But, if you were on the farm and working year in and year out for nothing, and proficiencies in your sports.

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It Doesn't Apply

By H. E. Thomas.

In your paper Jan. 31, there appeared an article by Westbrook Pegler about Baltimore, Maryland and I lived in Baltimore a number of years, therefore, I do not enjoy reading such things as he has written, especially in view of the fact, that certain points mentioned are not more applicable to that city than to any other important one, but it would have been more appropriate for Mr. Pegler to have written about his home town.

His comment about incomes certainly does not apply to Baltimore more than it does for any other city. It certainly has not shown up otherwise in my life in four other cities. I am surprised that he did not comment about the row after row of white marble steps that are so characteristic of the city.

Comment could be made on other points in his article, but that would require more time than could be given to the subject now.

By a Daily Reader.

As a daily reader of The Times, I would have your attention called to an article by the highly recommended Westbrook Pegler. Mr. Pegler referred to the farmers as hayshakers and squawks.

Well, to my humble way of thinking, Mr. Pegler's sense of humor is somewhat vague. I would say that any editor who is narrow enough to refer to the people of our basic industry as hayshakers and squawks is an ingrate.

It might be that a man with as many ideas as Mr. Pegler could be used as a high office in Washington, at least as useful there as any place else.

Furthermore, I can not quite understand why a good newspaper would care to have such an ingrate on its staff.

I have one more suggestion to offer. I wonder if it could not be arranged to get Mr. Pegler with the CWA and relieve the people of his column, "Fair Enough."

Whether this criticism gets into the Message Center or not, you have my opinion of Pegler.

By T. M. Squawkie.

It is pretty nice for a judge to be judge, jury and complainant in contempt cases, but Mr. Pegler, you didn't tell it all. The judge is not only the judge, jury and complainant, but he is not required to employ a lawyer to help him complain. Any other citizen of the United States must employ a lawyer to help him complain. Such are the laws of Indiana.

Neither can a defendant defend himself from accusations unless he has money and employs a lawyer. What would you think of a judge who would reverse the decision of a former judge upon the filing of a complaint carrying no specific charge, only a charge of unfitness and with no reason why the defendant was unfit, without a hearing? And what would you think of a sheriff if he would pilfer a home without a search warrant or without a court order?

What would you think of a sheriff who would pilfer a schoolhouse for books or order a child to pilfer for books without a court order?

But that is a small matter. A school teacher can be dragged across a continent by two kidnappers, and two kidnappers, making two witnesses, can prove the teacher a liar.

We pay fabulous sums to judges and lawyers to build up laws, and after we get them ready they too at the wrong end of the horn.

By Claude Smith.

I looked at Mr. Pegler's picture several days before I wrote this. I would like to read one of his articles. After reading one, I still haven't changed my mind. To me, he just looks like one of those white-collared, swivel chair, know it all, sitting behind a highly polished desk with steam heat to toast his shins and finding fault with everything and everybody.

Jan. 16 he tried to assail the farmers. It was pitiful to me. There are a lot of problems on the farm that are too deep for the kid to solve. There are also a number for sale.

I have been in about forty-three states and strung wire in most of them for the W. U. T. Co., read a number of writers, but this kid (Pegler) can disgust me quicker than any one I ever read. I don't suppose he knows a horse from a cow, yet he may know about a canned corn commonly sold in grocery stores.

He refers to the farmer: "If he doesn't get what he wants, he will quit and starve every one to death." If there are people who have worked below the cost of production longer than the farmers, I don't know of them. I hope not. The farmer's enough.

In conclusion, I will refer to one product on the farm for the kid to think over—milk. On the farm it is worth only 4 cents to 5 cents. Milkmen get 35 cents for taking it to town. Is the farmer overpaid?

(Editor's Note: Pegler lives on his own farm in Connecticut and writes his articles from there.)

By D. L. League.

One of the T. M. Squawkies, one of the hayshakers Westbrook Pegler writes about. But, please, console yourself, Peggy, if I may be so free, if many of the shakers are like me the government can't pay them much money.

I never have grown any wheat, so they couldn't pay me for the wheat deal. My pigs were too large at the time the government killed pigs. (If they killed any, prices now do not say they killed any.) I already had cut down on corn so console yourself, Peggy, that at least a few of the hayshaker T. M. Squawkies will get nothing from the government.

I'm not on relief though, and although I paid more than \$1,000 to the former owner of this land for the work that had been done to make it a place to live, I still pay practically \$4 a month rent to the county treasurer. Some of the taxes. This \$4 a month rent is without heat, light or water, except, of course, the moonlight and sunlight, and I can pump the water and cut the wood.

Take those infernal, horrible taxes off the poor souls. Let them have homes without taxing them for homes.

'Bellyacher' Is Brand Placed on Westbrook's Work by One Critic; Others Protest.

By Another Times Patron.

On the editorial page of the Jan. 24 Times, we have read with interest and enlightenment a letter under the title of "Farmer's Views," and signed by "Times Patron." His well-aimed shafts are at Mr. Westbrook Pegler, and we think his argument is a jim dandy. In fact, we think he is so good that we suggest The Times put him on the editorial staff—to sort of ginger things up.

By Constant Reader.

I think it would be a mistake to discontinue the column by Westbrook Pegler as has been suggested by several. Even though we do not agree at times with his point of view, he is an entertaining and often an instructive writer.

Those who are so anxious to suppress the writings of those who are critical some of the administration are seeking to destroy the very democracy which our great President is seeking to save from destruction. The Times always has impressed me as a liberal paper and should continue as such by printing the views and opinions of all types of writers.

By Sherman Long.

I wish to thank the defamers of Pegler, as they are responsible for my getting more out of The Times. Before the fault-finders started booting Pegler's writing I never had read one of his articles, as dear old Broun and the editorial page took up most of my time.

Since becoming interested in Broun I've always been afraid to read anything else for fear of defaming the writer. I am now so impressed with his articles leave. After reading Pegler's article concerning the dignified judges, I hardly know which to read first, Broun or Pegler.

So you see, old faultfinders, you've only one another admirer for Pegler. Is it possible that I'm losing my taste for Broun? Or, perhaps, Pegler just wrote something that blended with my opinion.

By Mrs. S. G.

To Edward J. Barker: I want to answer your message that appeared in The Times recently. If you like Heywood Broun's "It Seems to Me," why don't you praise him in a sensible way, instead of knocking Westbrook Pegler's "Fair Enough"?

The Times prints many interesting articles. I hope to satisfy every one. Why be so narrow-minded and send in foolish messages?

By Ovid Doan.

Your circulation manager certainly is an optimist! He hopes to increase the subscription list from rural districts by sending them sample copies that contain such articles as the enclosed clipping.

Any farmer who, after receiving this copy and reads the clipping, even would consider subscribing, would be disloyal and a traitor to others of his profession. After having read the article and considered it, I am inclined to believe the author would, in an international contest, be crowned "World" by unanimous vote.

The Indianapolis Times certainly has under-rated the temper of the farmer if they believe he will respond to such unfair verbal flaying by forwarding his check to the medium of distribution that it may go on disseminating such inimical propaganda.

(Editor's Note: Believing that freedom of the press begins at home, we do not censor Columnist Pegler even when we do not agree with him. Sorry Subscriber Doan's feelings were hurt.)

Glory to 'Pegler.'

Those readers who recently have criticized Westbrook Pegler's predictions in respect to our President should not be so definite in their conclusions, as none of us can foresee the effect of the many drastic changes which have been and are yet being made in Washington.

We must all "hope" for the best, but be prone in stating definitely that a Roosevelt critic is a coo-coo.

I realize, of course, that everybody should be loyal to our President, but I can't see that they were to our last one, so I'm going to say it seems to me something like it does to Pegler—that we're in a terrible mess, the outcome of which is undetermined.

LOS ANGELES OPENS LARGEST HOSPITAL



LOS ANGELES, April 28.—The world's largest public hospital, twenty stories high, with floor space of thirty acres, erected at a cost of \$12,000,000, now ministers to the ill of Los Angeles county.

The modern public hospital on earth, declares Superintendent Norman R. Martin. It has a capacity of 2,400 beds, is equipped with all the latest scientific instruments, and nearly every service operation of a large city is duplicated within its concrete walls.

Annual cost of operation is \$4,000,000, with operation on a "pay what you can" basis.

Five hundred staff surgeons de-

STAVISKY USES HIS SECRETARY AS 'FALL GUY'

'Stooge' Who Did Swindler's 'Dirty Work' Frets in Prison.

In the following article, sixth in a series relating the amazing ramifications of the Stavisky scandal, which produced near-revolution in France, the character of Gilbert Romagnino, Stavisky's "stooge" is described.

By SAMUEL DASHELL AND THOMAS COPE.

United Press Staff Correspondent (Copyright, 1934, by United Press)

PARIS, April 28.—The most pathetic figure in the whole sordid Stavisky story is Gilbert Romagnino. He is the real fall-guy, the boy who never arrived, who showed courage when wisdom would have counseled flight and who was weak when he should have been strong.

No one knows exactly where he came from. He appeared one day on the Champs-Elysees, uniformed in a camel-hair topcoat like so many of his kind. Something had spoiled his left eye, but on the whole he was good looking in a dark and sparty way.

Stavisky picked him for his secretary after the two had met over some shady deal. When Stavisky died it is probable Romagnino alone could have told how many millions of francs had passed from hand to hand—millions never entered into account books or marked on check stubs—and who got them.

Stavisky's Man Friday

Hired as a secretary, Romagnino quickly became "handsome Alexander's" confident, counselor, body-guard, agent, spy, informant, pal, and stooge. When Stavisky entertained a high personage at dinner in a fashionable cafe, Romagnino was in the vestibule, waiting for a sign. When this came, he quietly slipped a roll of banknotes into the high boots of the guest.

When Stavisky, overcome by the ever-widening circle of his schemes, threatened to lose his sense of proportion or balance, he called in Romagnino and said: "Where do we stand?" Romagnino told him.

The only man who knew Stavisky's real home life, who saw him rolling on the carpet with his children in those rare moments when the swindler was able to forget his schemes and worries, was Romagnino. Like his master, Romagnino thought in daring terms, was able to grasp big ideas. Unlike his protector, he lacked the energy to carry out his schemes.

Surrenders to Police

He served his purpose as a critic and safety valve. He undoubtedly thought he was far more necessary to Stavisky unquestionably never fully realized how much he owed to his stooge. Romagnino was completely forgotten in the swindler's last letters. Worse, Stavisky did not confide in him, tell him of his fear and doubts, at the end. He fled to Chamonix without as much as a word to his long-faithful friend and servant.

Brutally abandoned, Romagnino momentarily lost his control and gave way to panic. He did the unforgotten thing, ran for protection to the law and told enough of what he knew to avert arrest. He told plenty, as subsequent developments demonstrated. But after a little time he knew he was being watched.

The underworld, like an avenging conscience, waited to find him alone. Then, but he fooled them. He had himself arrested and low languages in the Sante, the most abject type of man—the voluntary prisoner.

Monday: Stavisky's Methods.

TWO CITY MEN GRANTED FURNACE WALL PATENT

Application for Grant Made by Inventors in 1929.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Patent rights for a cooled furnace wall were issued to Thomas N. Wynne and Aaron E. Klingensmith, Indianapolis, it was announced today by the United States patent office.

Application for the grant was made by the inventors in 1929. Examiners approved the invention as to eight points of originality and improvement.

One hundred fifty years ago the only known method of generating electricity was to rub glass, wax or resin with the dry hand or a dry cloth.

Dog Racing Sought

GREENFIELD, April 28.—Hugh Frye, who proposes to establish a dog racing track near Cumberland, has asked the Hancock circuit court here asking a declaratory judgment against Frank Stottlemeyer, county sheriff, whom he says he fears will interfere with plans to start the enterprise.

Complaint in the case states that the racing would be carried on in strict compliance with the law. A similar complaint was filed in the court three years ago, and the sheriff won.

It's Frankfort

FRANKFORT, April 28.—This city, not Logansport, has a resident who has only to step from the front door of his home to pick mushrooms by the hundreds. The home is that of Frank Reno. A previously published report gave Logansport as the city of his residence.

Garnishee Law Upheld

KOKOMO, April 28.—Indiana's garnishee law is constitutional, Judge Joseph Cripe of Howard circuit court holds. He gave the decision in the case of William Barlow, who sought to prevent seizure of part of his wages to satisfy a judgment for a grocery bill.

The suit was against the grocer, Guy Schwartz, and a constable, Lewis Kellar.

25.6 PER CENT GAIN IN FOOD PRICES REVEALED

Increase Over Last Year Is Bared by U. S. Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Retail food prices in Indianapolis were 25.6 per cent more on April 10, 1934, than on April 15, 1933, according to a report of labor statistics issued today.

However, they were only 4.5 per cent greater than April 15, 1932. The prices had declined 0.2 per cent from those of March 27 this year.

I. U. DINNER PLANNED

Lawyers' Committee for Banquet Working on Program.

Paul R. Summers and Ray H. Briggs are serving as co-chairmen of the lawyers' committee of the Indiana University Club of Indianapolis for the Founders' day banquet to be held Wednesday night in the ballroom of the Columbia Club.

DEATH GRAZES DILLINGER GANGSTERS



Death narrowly missed the bandit occupants of this bullet-scarred coupe before they abandoned it in South St. Paul, Minn., in the flight of the Dillinger gang after a battle with officers in northern Wisconsin. A policeman is shown pointing to the rear window, shattered by a bullet, with another bullet hole shown in the body, indicated by an arrow. Inside ledge of the car was blood-stained.

Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

By Times Special.

KOKOMO, April 28.—The widow and eight children of Lloyd Campbell, 32, World war veteran, are assured today of \$33 a month standing between them and public charity.

Funeral services for the veteran, who died of tuberculosis, were held yesterday.

The \$33 a month takes the place of nothing which for some time had been the lot of the veteran and his family until a few weeks ago when congress overrode a presidential veto to pass legislation to aid former soldiers.

When first stricken, Mr. Campbell obtained sufficient compensation to support his family. Later this was reduced to \$30 a month; then to \$24.75, next to \$15, and finally to nothing. During the time \$15 a month was being paid, Mr. Campbell was a patient in a hospital at Chicago. Under regulations, Mrs. Campbell was paid \$9 of the allowance and her husband received \$6. From his sick bed, he complained that 3 cents was taken from his family because of postage required to send his share of the money back.

Lifelong Resident Dies

BLOOMINGTON, April 28.—Funeral rites were held today for Mrs. Susan Mayfield, 85, who was born in Monroe county where she spent her entire life. She was the widow of Jesse Mayfield, Civil war veteran, who died five years ago.

Death Takes a Holiday

FRANKFORT, April 28.—Crushed into soft, newly plowed earth by the cleated wheel of a tractor and stripped of clothing by disks the machine was drawing, 17-year-old David Kingley escaped practically unhurt.

The wheel passed over the youth's head an dshouiders which were forced into the soft ground. He was dragged from the seat of the tractor when a long overcoat he was wearing became entangled in moving parts of the machinery.

Unaided, he regained his feet, and sought help, while the driverless tractor continued across the field in which the youth had been working.

School to Be Sold

NOBLESVILLE, April 28.—Hamilton county county won lose another relic of the "little red schoolhouse" era. The Gray school building will be sold at public auction on May 15 under direction of Bert Klepfer, Delaware township trustee.

The building is one of several disposed of since the consolidated school system was established.

Reunion Will Honor Infants Born in Institution Last Year.

The Methodist hospital will hold its second annual baby reunion Saturday afternoon, May 12, when all babies born in the hospital during the last year are invited to return to the scenes of their birth and bring their mothers with them.

More than 950 babies have been born at the hospital in the last twelve months.

Eye Disease Spreading

The serious eye disease of trachoma has recently been increasing among wrestlers, the disease being transmitted through the close contact of the wrestlers' bodies.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SIGNALS SUCCESSFUL

System for Fire Runs Approved by Chief Voshell.

First tests of