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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

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NIPPON'S WOOING OF CHINA

JAPAN'S courtship of China reminds us of one of those impossible, old-fashioned, "ten, twent' and thirt'" melodramas.

The black-mustachioed villain of the piece would pursue the heroine through four acts of the most diabolical persecution imaginable. He would tie her to the railroad track so the fast mail might run over her. He would bring her to the carriage of the old sawmill so she might be sawed in two. He would put knockout drops in her coffee and throw her off Brooklyn Bridge. Then, in the last act, dagger in hand, he would hiss:

"Now, me proud beauty, will you marry me?" and somehow he always seemed astounded when she replied no, she preferred her rags and her virtue to becoming the plaything of such as he.

THE soldiers of Nippon, in full war kit, have just marched into Peiping to take over this ancient Chinese capital. Overhead roared their battleplanes. But this time, instead of bombs, they dropped mashnotes.

"The Japanese Army has driven out your wicked rulers," the raining pamphlets proclaimed. "And it will keep them out. Although Nanking is prepared to wage a destructive war, do not be afraid. The Japanese Army will protect you."

There is something magnificently and breathtakingly naive about all this. If you didn't know otherwise, it would sound as if the Japanese were indulging in a bit of subtle, if grim, humor.

But such is far from the case. They are in deadly earnest.

And yet, whenever the Chinese offer mild objection to this "protection," the Japanese give them a burst of artillery and machine-gun fire. At the same time they solemnly assure the world of their sad regret over having to resort to such harsh measures.

"You see," they explain, "the Chinese are not sincere. They can't be trusted."

All of which would be funny indeed were it not so terribly tragic.

SIGNS OF LIFE WELCOME

HERBERT HOOVER may not be the ideal leader for a Republican revival campaign—the matter of leadership being one to be settled within the party—but it seems to us the country ought to greet with cheers, rather than jeers, any move by any prominent Republican to bring the Grand Old Party back to life.

We hope, then, that—barring a better proposal by someone else—the members of the party will give serious consideration to Mr. Hoover's plan for a big national Republican battle rally next winter and for other activity intended to make the party a real factor in the elections of 1938 and 1940.

More activity, of course, won't earn the Republicans any title deed to a bigger representation in Congress next year or to the Presidency three years hence. They will have to offer the country something a great deal better than they have been offering. But it would be good to see them at least trying once more.

Our system of government functions best with two strong parties, each keeping the other on its mettle. Since 1932 the Republican Party has provided such feeble opposition that the Democratic Party has grown overconfident and careless. And here lately the Democrats, with the Republicans lying down on their job, have taken to fighting each other.

If the Republicans can put new life into their party the Democrats will have to tighten up their lines. That will be fortunate for both parties, and most fortunate of all for the country.

INTERSTATE DRIVER CONTROL

A FORETASTE of what the uncontrolled traffic accident problem may bring is seen in the bill before Congress to prohibit operation of motor vehicles in interstate traffic by unlicensed drivers.

The proposed legislation, already favorably reported by Senate committee, would hold within state borders all vehicles in states which do not license drivers following an examination testing eyesight, ability to read and understand traffic signs and signals, and proper driving ability. It also would impose an age limit of 16 years and require state provision for revocation and suspension of licenses.

While the legislation would not take effect for four years—giving states time to enact proper laws—it behoves Indiana and other "safety delinquent" states to put their houses in order without waiting for compulsory measures. More than half the states, including Indiana, would be affected by the proposed law.

The recent Legislature dodged the real safety issue when it failed to require examination of license applicants. The next Legislature must face the issue squarely.

ADVISING ALL AUTHORS

A LOS ANGELES man recently won fame of sorts by writing a novel in which he did not once use the letter "e." A Georgia author has rivaled this achievement by producing a book in which every word begins with the letter "s."

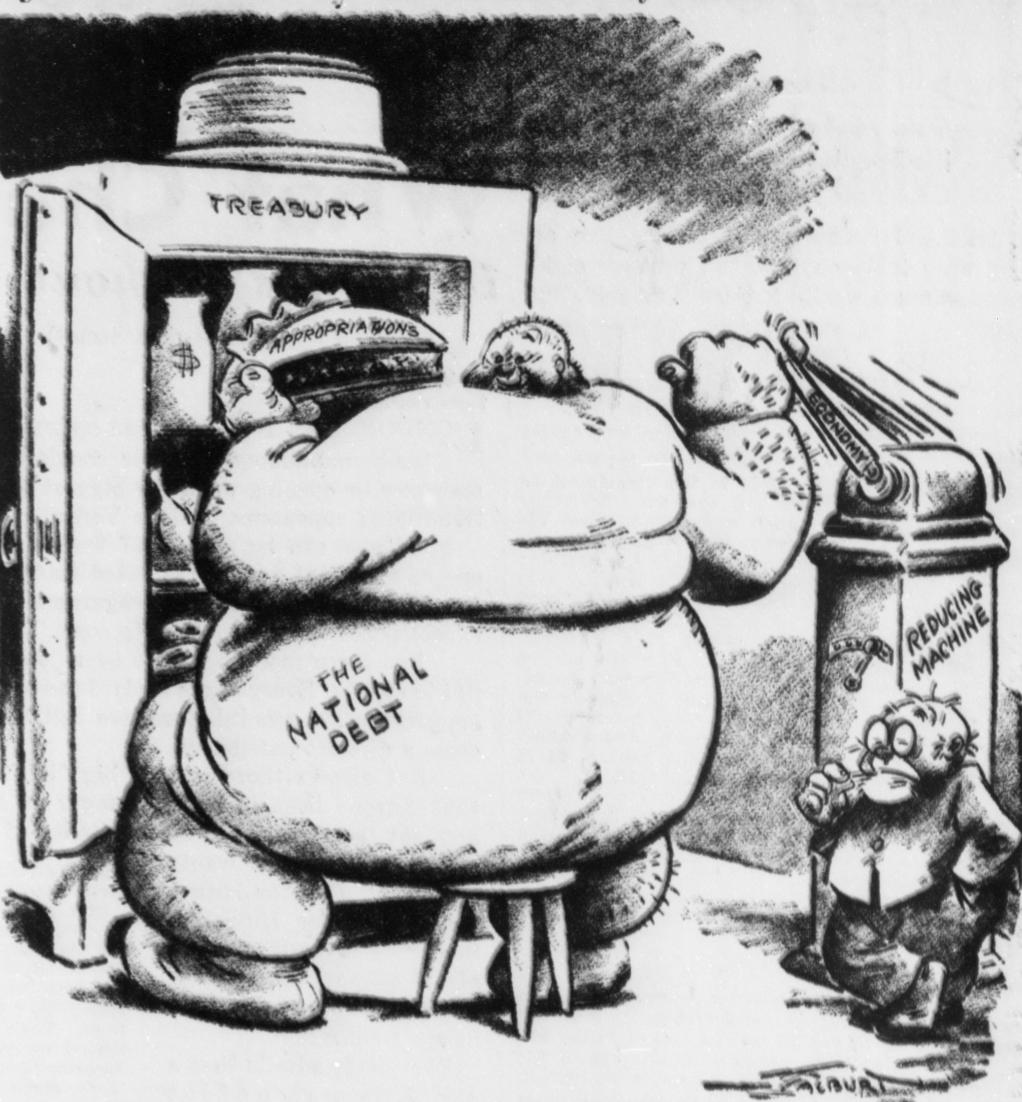
It has been suggested that, still more remarkable, some newspaper columnist ought to try turning out a day's production without employing the capital "I." That, probably, is too much to expect. Indeed, we are constrained to offer a few words of advice to writers who may be inspired by the feats of the Los Angeles literateur and the Georgia genius:

Such striving seems stupid, strained, superfluous. Sedulous scribes should show sanity, soundness, sobriety; should select suitable subjects, syllables, sentences; should seldom sacrifice sense seeking sensational satiety. Scorn sibilant scintillation! Stop silly stunting! Start saying something!

Inviting Labor Violence—By Herblock



Just Fadin' Away to Nothin'!—By Talbert



Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

C. I. O. 'Administrator Spokesman'
Arouses Suspicion That He May Be
None Other Than Lewis Himself.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Paul Anderson, who does Washington for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, recently had an important interview with one who, from certain indications, may be visualized as a man with bushy eyebrows and prognathous chin.

"Availing himself of the precedent established by the President himself in laying down the regulation for his press conferences," Mr. Anderson wrote, "This executive took the role of 'administrator spokesman' for the C. I. O." This suggests that the "administrator spokesman" occupies in the C. I. O. a position equal to that of Mr. Roosevelt in the Administration, and the total authority of his remarks gives me strongly to suspect that the statement accurately presents the sentiments of John L. Lewis.

So I have read the salty truths and the "administrator spokesman" of the C. I. O. acknowledging a serious breach between John L. Lewis and President Roosevelt, and further find it impossible to imagine anyone who could commit John L. Lewis to this position but John L. Lewis himself.

That, however, is mere deduction. The "administrator spokesman" who, in the absence of absolute identification, will be referred to as "John L. Doe," reminds the President that the United Mine Workers alone contributed \$500,000 to his last campaign, and bitterly resents the President's refusal, after long temporizing with the riots of the C. I. O. to endorse these methods.

THE interview bespeaks a belief on the part of John L. Doe that in return for the \$500,000 and the C. I. O. votes, the President should have helped Mr. Doe to bulldoze unwilling Americans into the ranks of the C. I. O.

Mr. Doe said, "The mercenaries of the steel companies have murdered 18 of our men, and not one word of condemnation has been uttered from those sources from which we would naturally expect it. It may be true that murder is not an offense against the Federal Government, but it is a moral offense against any government."

THIS salty truth assumes, however, that the Chicago police force, which killed 10 of the 18, is a mercenary arm of a steel company, and that a workman driving to work was a murderer when he got a brick through his windshield, lost control of his car and ran down a picket.

HEARD IN CONGRESS—

Rep. Vinson (D. Ky.): Our genial friend from Pennsylvania (Rep. Rich) uses a stereotyped expression, "rubber stamp," as applicable to Democratic members of Congress. I wonder how many of us were here and had the opportunity of observing the attitude of the gentleman from Pennsylvania while the Interior Department appropriation bill was pending, when he made a very splendid speech in behalf of a certain appropriation included in that bill, in fact, stood in with the subcommittee with respect to that.

Then the distinguished minority leader came down and first smiled at the gentleman and then pulled his eyes down, the gentleman from Pennsylvania did not vote the way he talked.

The hour has arrived for courageous Democrats to fight for the re-



Mr. Pegler

TRUCK DRIVER PRAISES SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

By R. W. Ade

I am a tank truck driver. As you know, I travel the streets all day long, and I want to compliment our Chief of Police Morrissey on his latest move to curb fast, reckles driving on our city streets. The signs along the streets indicating speed permitted are doing more good than anything that ever has been done. Let's have more of them, as in Chicago. No matter what streets you travel, there is a sign that tells you how fast to drive.

But our Chief is overlooking one of the greatest perils—our kids on bicycles. They ride two, four and six abreast. Blow your horn at them, and they just stay put, blocking the street. They also run through red stop lights and preferential streets.

Now is the time to teach these kids to respect these regulations, because they will be the motorists of the future. I suggest that police impound the bicycles of those caught violating a traffic rule for 30 days. I believe this will teach them to respect traffic rules.

All police should be detailed to watch traffic violators. I saw two boys on a bicycle run a red light, and a squad car was sitting nearby with two police in it, but they did nothing about correcting the boys for their dangerous practice.

WANTS MERRY-GO-ROUND
TO JOIN BROWN, BARNES

By Huron Lacy

The Merry-Go-Round tells us that the real reason Congressmen want to go home is political cowardice. It is not the heat but the lack of courage to face the issues. Now if we can persuade the Merry-Go-Round to join Brown and Barnes and stop so much backsliding, if we can encourage the Merry-Go-Round to continue to tell the truth, perhaps we can dedicate a portion of the right-hand side of The Times editorial page to education. This light will dispel

the shadows that lurk on the left-hand side of the page.

ANALYZE THE REACTIONARY ROT OF
PEGLER, JULY 28. Note well the inaccuracy with which he discusses fascism, communism and democracy. How much light would an uninformed person gain from a study of that column? Observe the sort of mind that defends the Congressmen who stampede to go home. If The Times will permit one-fourth of its space to be used to express truth, we will keep VanNuys at home after the next election, so that he will not have to worry about the heat of Washington.

COMENDS VANNUYS
FOR COURT STAND

By X. Y. Z.

Patriotic people should commend Senator VanNuys for his stand on the Supreme Court bill. We need men like him who will stand up for constitutional government, regardless of what party dictators advise.

We need men at all times who are loyal to duty.

We need no time servers who are ready to obey when Simon says "thumb up" to them. We need statesmen at all times.

WANTS MERRY-GO-ROUND
CALLED ENDURING

By J. C. J.

Dick Heller, executive secretary to Governor Townsend, in a recent address openly denounced the renomination of Senator VanNuys, accusing him of disloyalty to the President and his party, insisting that Democratic officials must "obey the mandate of the people."

Not doubting Mr. Heller's sincerity of purpose or his qualification as a Democrat, it is obvious that his political fortunes will gain more momentum if his record for the intelligent reasoning of average voters is elevated to a higher standard.

The mandate of the people in the last election approved the first Administration of President Roosevelt. Our senior Senator gave sincere and intelligent support to this program. The Court bill, however, was presented later. With no existing mandate that this bill become a law, it was our Senator's constitutional duty to use his better judgment for the interest of the people he served.

Senator VanNuys' fidelity to the Democratic Party will endure any equitable analysis. He was in the truthless years, vigorously defending the principles of Jefferson and Jackson when some of the present nobles were school teachers who probably felt political associations undignified. Others were debating to which party to align themselves.

While the Democrats are cleaning up, why not make it a complete job, building for the future? What about the Congressman who won such hearty praise from Republican ex-Senator Watson? Who was Mr. Watson referred to when he said: "Republicans can have no quarrel with the comparatively few Democrats who voted against the New Deal?"

There should be no fear about the result. If there were enough conservative Republicans and Democrats in Indiana to win at the polls, President Roosevelt never would have been re-elected. As for the Court battle, anyone who was for the letter writers in Senator VanNuys can see that the writers are saturated with Old Guard Republican propaganda. The letters long since have given the writers away, and it is too late for them to pretend to be anything else.

The Democrats should have even less fear if Senator VanNuys runs as an independent. He would split the conservative vote, weaken the Republicans and insure the election of a Democrat pledged to support the President beyond the possibility of a doubt.

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Why overlook the Congressman who voted with the Old Guard for the Power Trust on the Holding Company Bill?

While the Democrats are cleaning up, why should they overlook the Congressman of whom it could be said—everybody is for peace and everybody is for humanity, but not for starving the destitute, or for the Power Trust, or for knifing the President?

DAILY THOUGHT

By RUTH E. MULRYAN

The song of a bird at early morn, Gold sun kissing the tasseled corn, Clover flowers lifting odors sweet, As the rippling rivulet winds in cool retreat.

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Bright butterflies pause in sweet repose,

Fragrance and beauty of flower and vine,

All render their charm to summer time.

SUMMER TIME

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By RUTH E. MULRYAN

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments—Leviticus 26:14.

WHEREVER there is authority, there is a natural inclination to disobedience.—Hailburton.

By Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—All the Senate talk

about the Wagner Housing Bill overlooked the fact that New York, and other densely populated Eastern states, have been paying a large part of the West's agricultural and reclamation bills.

For instance, no member of Congress has been more squeamish in supporting a reclamation bill benefiting his state than Rep. Jack Dempsey of New Mexico.

That state now has a population of only 400,000, but Rep. Dempsey put through a total of 10 measures this session authorizing or appropriating funds for the benefit of New Mexico.

Among these was a \$6,000,000 reclamation project

and a \$4,000,000 project for the canalization of the Rio Grande River.

TO some of the politicians in the House, principle

is apparently, one thing and consistency another.

After a protracted struggle, the ban against simultaneous job-holding by husbands and wives was repealed.

When the ban was adopted in 1933 some 3000 husbands and wives were dismissed, and a number of divorced and unwed relationships were directly attributed to it.

The House voted for repeal by a large margin.