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Editors and Editorials

Let's get this straight.

The editor of this newspaper has no occult sources of information. All that he knows, he reads in the newspapers. If he manages to know more than any reader, about anything, it is simply because his business requires him to read more newspapers than the average reader.

In all reading, about all subjects, it is highly important to understand that no newspaper prints all the news. The best intentioned editor can only print what he thinks is the most important news. Most editors try to be fair in their comment upon public matters but not all of them. Make it your business to discard sources of information that you know are tarnished by hatred, prejudice, self-interest and a mental incapacity to see anything but one side.

We have no illusions about editorial popularity. All that an editor has to do to be popular is to pick a side, become rabidly partisan and thus please his faction. It does not require intelligence.

Frankly, we appreciate very much the generous comment of readers who have been kind enough to record their appreciation of our efforts to fill the role of an editorial writer. We hope that our articles will be interesting, even to those who do not agree with what we think.

Moreover, the cardinal principle in our approach to the job of writing is that those who disagree with us may be right. Frankly, we do not think they are, or we would be writing as they think. We have to express our own views, such as they are, and such as they may be.

Again, it is always well for all of us to remember that there is so little absolute wisdom in the world that none of us have very much intelligence. It is a long road toward complete knowledge and if any human being becomes suddenly endowed with perfection, the rest of us would not recognize it.

In the course of life we sometimes realize that few things are as good or as bad

as we often imagine they are. The future will well take care of itself and its problems. Our function is to do what we consider is the wisest and best thing to do today. We can safely leave to unborn generations the problems that will confront them.

Blocking Aid to Education

A news article in The New York Times recently intimated that Representative John Lesinski, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, is suddenly dissolving the special Federal-Aid-To-Education sub-committee, headed by Representative Graham A. Barden, of North Carolina, was attempting to produce a showdown on the school-aid bill by getting it to the floor of the House for a vote.

This is a far-fetched conclusion in view of the obstructionist tactics adopted by the chairman to prevent the full committee from meeting to consider the educational measures before it. Mr. Lesinski stubbornly refused to call a meeting of his committee and, even when a majority of the members "revolted" and called a meeting for action, he managed to keep a quorum from attending.

The position taken by the Michigan representative is essentially that espoused by Cardinal Spellman, of New York. Despite the fact that the Barden Bill is supported by Representative Andrew Jacobs, of Indiana, who, like the chairman, is a Catholic, and other Catholics, as well, Mr. Lesinski has taken the position that unless he gets what he wants, there will be no bill reported by the House committee.

Meanwhile, there seems to be no rush to sign the petition filed with the Clerk of the House, which, if it obtains the names of a majority of the members of the House, will force the education bill onto the floor. For some strange reason, the members of the House do not seem inclined to force a vote on the Federal-Aid-to-Education measure. Whether they are influenced by the leadership of both parties is a question raised by The Washington Post, which admits the suspicion that the leaders on both sides have reached agreement to keep the House "from ever having a chance to vote on the subject."

GOLDEN GLEAMS

It is the grossness of the spectator that discovers nothing but grossness in the subject. —William Hazlitt.

He can never be good that is not obstinate. —Thomas Wilson

One butcher does not fear many sheep. —Alexander the Great.

The Human Race



WHO KNOWS

1. In what sport are all-metal shoes worn?
2. Who is the author of "Mice and Men"?
3. What English poet swam the Hellespont?
4. Who wrote the words to the song "Sweet and Low"?
5. What 17th Century Englishman is famous for his diary?
6. In what war was the Battle of Bull Run fought?
7. What was the original name of Columbia University?
8. Who said: "A man is a worker. If he is not that he is nothing."
9. Who composed "The End of a Perfect Day"?

10. Can you identify Virginia Dare?

The Answers

1. Horse racing.
2. John Steinbeck.
3. Lord George Gordon Byron.
4. Alfred Lord Tennyson.
5. Samuel Pepys.
6. The War Between the States.
7. King's College.
8. Joseph Conrad.
9. Charlie Jacobs Bond.
10. First white child born in Virginia.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

Zipper Cover?

After 14 years of gathering material on the subject, the professor is to write a book about burlesque. Are we right in assuming it will feature a zipper cover? —The State.

First

Though Russians now claim to have looped the loop by plane before anybody else, we believe this was first performed in a Kansas cyclone on a kitchen door. —Milwaukee Journal.

Sounds Reasonable

It is our guess that John Howard Payne wrote "Home-Sweet Home" returning from a vacation. —Grit.

Too Thin

Andrea Kekessy, a world champion skater, has escaped from Hungary to Austria. The ice at home must have got too thin for even a champion to risk it. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Before

Washington seems to hod the type of quiz programs where gifts are handed out before questions are asked. —Christian Science Monitor.

Today's Short Story

Brief cases are carried by lawyers who hope the one they are working on won't be. —The Wall Street Journal.

Inconvenient

Wearing no necktie, Ted Williams is barred from the better New York restaurants. Besides, there would be the inconvenience of shifting everybody to the right side of the room. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Explained

George Bernard Shaw keeps himself before the public by making silly statements that are unbecoming for any civilized man, such as his proposal that prisons be abolished and that "incorrigibly dangerous or mischievous human beings, sane or insane," be put to death like hungry tigers, fleas, lice, and locusts. —Charlotte Observer.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

What They Say Whether Right or Wrong

Norris E. Dodd, Director-General, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization: "More than half the people of the world go to bed hungry."

Fairfield Osbourn, president, Conservation Foundation:

"It can be said that the road to peace and the road to plenty are one."

Vergil D. Reed research official:

"The dreaded buyers' strike has certainly not materialized. It would be dangerous to invite it."

Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator:

"British production is running fifty per cent above pre-war—which is a superb accomplishment."

P. A. Ongley, New Zealand doctor:

"That ninety per cent of the diviners sincere does not lessen the harm they do."

Alben W. Barkley, Vice-President:

"After all, I'm no different from you or anybody else."

Robert A. Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio:

"We face today a struggle of ideas and not of arms."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, President, Columbia University:

"There are some who build out of catchwords and fallacies a testament of inescapable conflict within our economy."

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture:

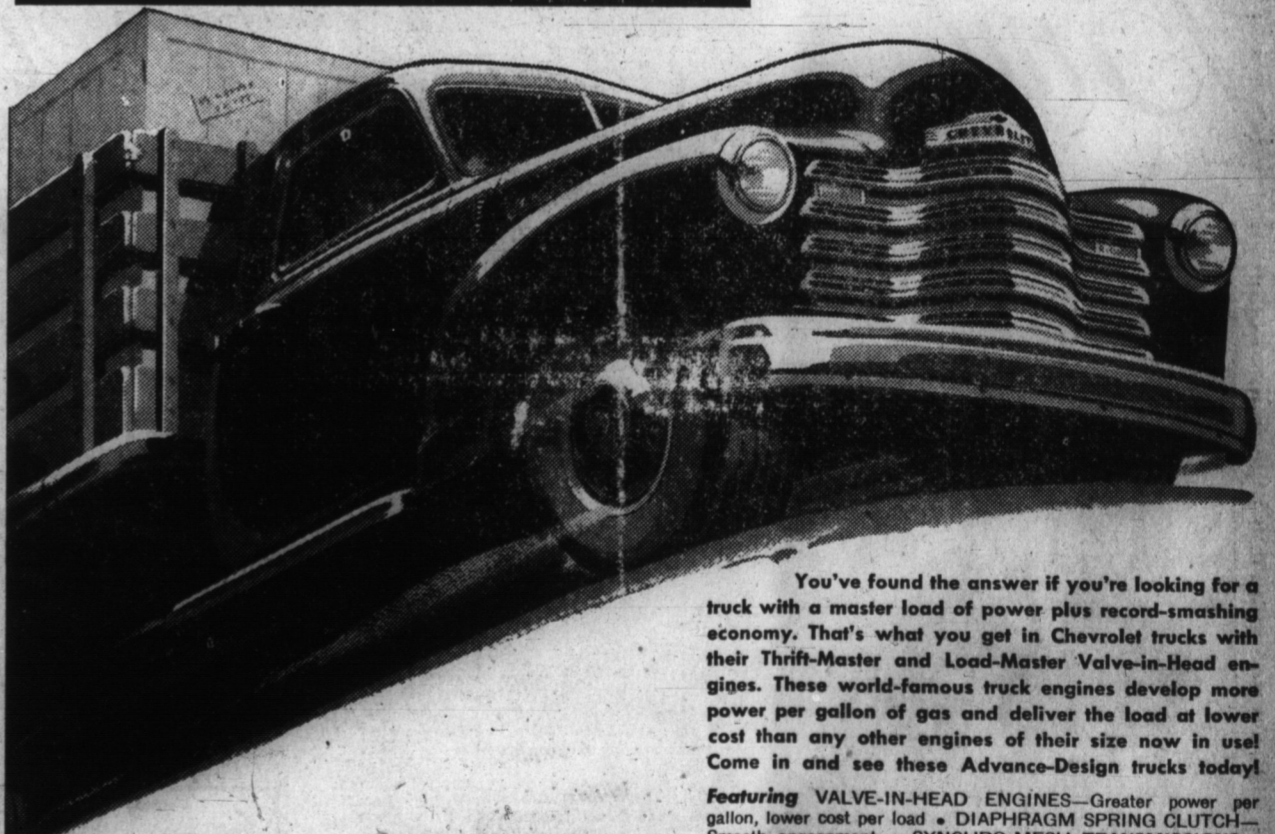
"Let workers and farmers unite in achieving a full employment, full production economy."

Marshal Tito, of Yugoslavia:

"I do not think there is a possibility of war in the world."

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