## This Week in Washington

Elliott Roosevelt's new book, now running serially in a national magazine, has set official Washington, particularly the State department, back on its heels.

The younger Roosevelt, who accompanied his father, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Yalta, Teheran, and his other important conferences during the war, presents a new picture of possibly why Russia is obstreperous in the peace conference and in the councils of United Nations. He quotes the late President as having said to him at Casablanca:

"I'm talking about another war, Elliott. I'm talking about what will happen to our world if after this war we allow millions of people to slide back into seclslavery. Don't think for a minute that Americans would be dying in the Pacific tonight if it hadn't been for the shortsighted greed of the French and the British and the Dutch . . . This time I've tried to make it clear to Winston (Churchill) that while we're their allies, they must never get the idea we're in this war just to help them hang on to medieval empire ideas. I hope they realize, after we've won, that we're not going to sit by and watch their system stultify the growth of every countyr in Asia and half of Europe."

And it makes Washington wonder if this conceptoin of our foreign policy held by the late president, is our present foreign policy.

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President Truman has decided definitely there will not be a special session of congress. He says that members of the congress deserve time for their election campaign and moreover there is no reason facing the nation now for a special session. So the president apparently believes that inflationary tendencies are not dangerous to the nation's economy; that the new OPA price control legislation is sufficient for the time being; that the recent losses in the stock market in Wall Street do not present any nation-wide crisis; that the housing situation does not constitute an emergency, and that the country can weather whatever comes between now and time for the new congress to convene next January.

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Claude R. Wickard, rural electrification administrator, and former Secretary of Agriculture, who, by the way, has moved his office lock, stock and barrel back to Washington from St. Louis, declared that the need for electricity on farms is greater than in city homes and that failure to realize this fact is one of the reasons why private electric utilities have failed or refused to serve rural communities.

"The farm is a factory and needs electricity for efficient production in the same sense as a modern city factory," Wickard says. Wickard also declared that no REA cooperative should be satisfied with anything less than a power source, as well as a distribution system, which will supply the ultimate requirements of every potential consumer in the area it plans to serve. In other words, that it should build power plants and not be satisfied to buy electricty from private utility lines.

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High tribute was recently paid to Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the soil conservation service, recognized today as dean of the world's soil conservationists. And this recognition recalls the 30-year struggle Dr. Bennett has made to gain national action on the soil erosion problems of the nation. He started back in 1905 in Louisa County, Va., and during the next quarter of a century he built up confirming evidence in surveys throughout the country of the damage to the nation's soil by erosion and by loss of minerals and water through farming. In 1929 he presented evidence to congress which resulted in establishment of 10 erosion control experiement stations and four years later he was selected to head the country's first soil and water conservation agency, the soil erosion service. Since 1935 he has been chief of the soil conservation service, made a permanent agency of government that year. During that time farmers and ranchers have organized upwards of 1,600 soil conservation districts covering about 900 million acres and 4 million farms, or two-thirds of all the farms in the country These districts are directed by their own farmer boards. But we are still losing about a half million acres of land a year and this damage has been costing up about 4 billion dollars annually, and nearly a billion acres of farm and ranch land need complete, planned conservation treatment.

### SPORTSMEN'S SHOW IN BALTIMORE OCT. 25 - NOV. 3

The League of Maryland Sportsmen is sponsoring a sportsmen's show, to be held October 25 thru November 3 in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md. This is the first big spectacle to be put on by the League since the war.

Doors will be open daily from 1 P.M. until 11 P.M. and there will be a continuous display of thrilling exhibits and unusual attractions to please the whole family. Features will include indoor ski-jumping, high diving, archery, log-rolling, canoe tilting, fly-and bait-casting.

Bailey Goss, popular sports commentator on radio station WBAL, Baltimore, will be the master of ceremonies, introducing acts such as the amazing indoor ski-jumping of Siegfried Steinwall former coach of the U. S. Olympic Ski Team, and the accurate marksmanship of the Shooting Mansfields. There will also be attractions which will please the children. For instance, Jumbo, the world's largest sea lion and Coley Bay, the Wonder Horse.

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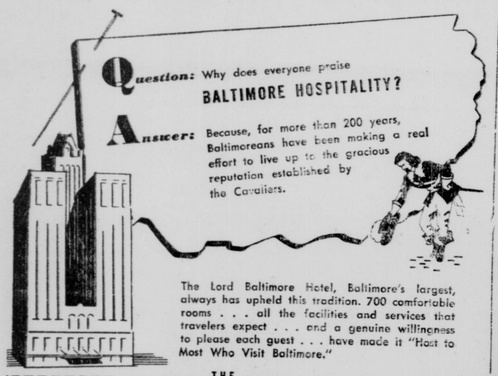
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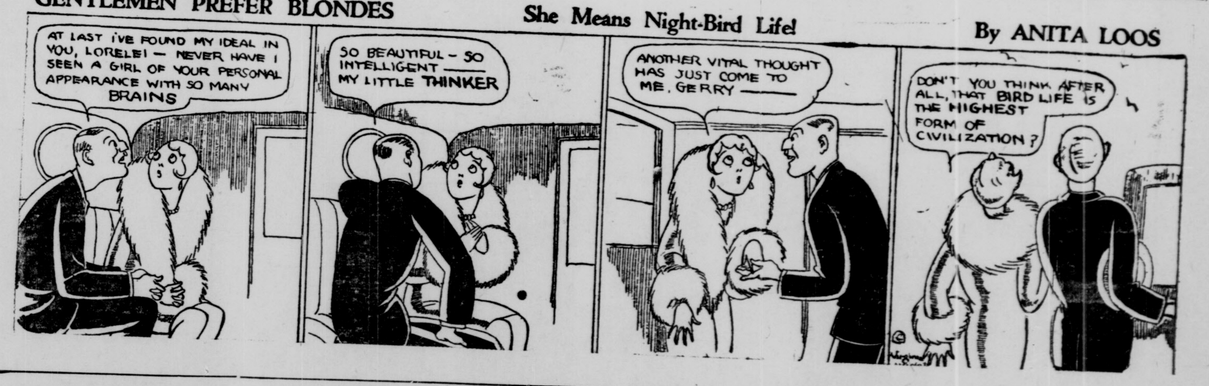

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