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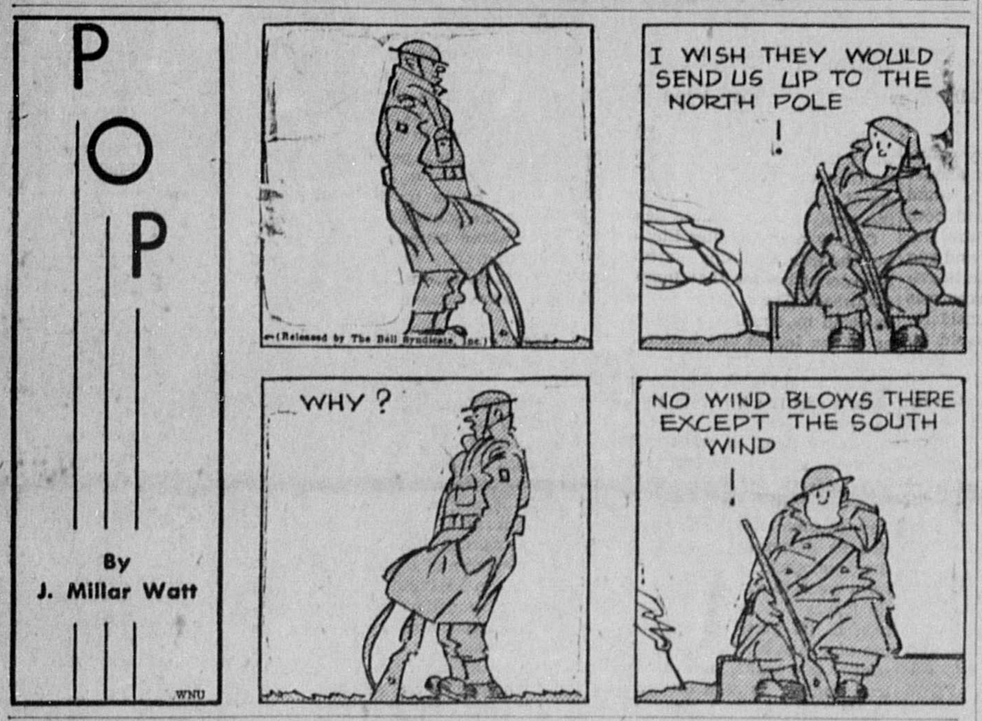


ON SECOND THOUGHT

She—Darling, do you love me still?

He—Yes, better than any other way!

Real Hero!

Smith—I hear your brother married a widow with four children so he'd be reclassified out of 1-A.

Jones—Yes, but the draft board said anyone that brave was just what the army needed!

Only One Trouble

Jones—What do you say about getting our wives together and having a big time tonight?

Smith—Swell. But where will we leave them?

But He Breathes

First Private—I never thought they'd take that fellow in the army. Why he can't even wear suspenders!

Second Private—Why can't he wear suspenders?

First—He's so weak-kneed they lift him right off the ground!

Pleasant Rest

Jones—Do you have hot and cold water at your boarding house?

Smith—Yeah. Hot in the summer and cold in the winter!

Score One

Nit—What kind of toothpaste do you use?

Wit—Staybrite!

Nit—I thought you used gun powder, the way you're blowing off all the time!

Don't Mention It

Native—The death rate of this town is lower than any place in the state.

Stranger—I believe it. I wouldn't be caught dead here myself!

FROM THAR TO THAR

Nit—Who invented the accordion?

Wit — Probably some guy who couldn't decide how big the fish was that got away.

Toonerville Trolley

Conductor—No smoking, sir.

Passenger—I'm not smoking.

Conductor—You have a pipe in your mouth.

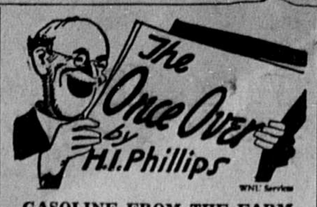
Passenger—I've got shoes on my feet, too, but I'm not walking!

How Dare You?

Lady—I want to see some gloves.

Clerk—What kind, kid?

Lady—Young man, I'm not accustomed to being addressed in that manner!



GASOLINE FROM THE FARM

The American Chemists society is told that enough gasoline to supply America's cars of the future can be made from cane sugar, sweet potatoes, corn stalks and other farm products. Fine! Now if somebody will produce a good road map from a head of cabbage and show us how to make an all-hot out of radishes we will feel all set for happy weekends in the postwar world.

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It will be like driving over hill and dale in a vegetable dinner.

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But it is going to seem funny to see a sign on the gasoline station, "CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF THE CORN BORER."

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And we don't think we will feel quite right when we take the car in to be gone over and hear the mechanic say, as he examines the carburetor, "It's a sugar case. This car has got to go easy on sweets."

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The convention of chemists hears that farmers will find a new and perhaps better living in raising "gasoline."

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Exit the man with the hoe; enter the man with the hose.

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"He's got a wonderful farm" you will hear somebody say. "He raised over ten thousand barrels of fuel last season, despite the bad weather."

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It may even reach a stage where, looking at a load of hay, you will naturally wonder whether it's high test or regular.

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And how, we wonder, will we feel about corn and sweet potatoes when we know that they are full of gasoline? There was something about sweet corn that always appealed to us, but we thought of it only as a vegetable, particularly nice at clambakes and Elks' picnics. Now we shall always feel after eating a few ears that we should go in to have our carbon removed and valves reseated.

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The same way with sweet potatoes. Who can ever feel the same about a sweet potato in the era when even as you take a second helping you feel that you are keeping some poor fellow from getting his share of gasoline?

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What burns us up is that there is no way to get gasoline from a tomato. That's the only vegetable we have ever been able to raise.

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IF SHE CAN COOK, OKAY!

The girl who is a good cook is coming into her own again after years of deflation. Her glorification is at hand. The high cost of eating out, coupled with what you get for your money, is making dinner at home seem a major treat.

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For years the gal who could cook was denied just acclaim, due to the mushroom growth of restaurants, luncheonettes, taverns, etc., where a dinner saved expense and bother, without destroying the digestive tract.

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This was the era when restaurants put out a fairly good meal at a reasonable price. Not only that, but they threw in a little air of solicitude and courtesy.

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Dinner for two in the medium-class place would cost $2.50 at the outside, with cocktails at twenty-five cents. Today if you get away with a check for less than $5 you're getting sandwiches. The run-of-the-mill lunchrooms are charging twice what they did before Pearl Harbor. Even the dogwagons require a bankroll for successful attack.

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And it's not the decline in quality and quantity that hurts as much as the absence of anything like attentive service. The best waiters have gone into the war effort. And the replacements have come from the beaneries.

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The old-time smile, gracious manner and customer-is-always-right mood has gone, and the poor proprieter isn't wholly to blame. Help is so hard to get that he has to stand for anything.

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The customer had objected to a nail in the mashed potatoes and the failure of the waiter to bring him a fork.

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Three cheers for the little gal who is handy in the kitchen!

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One of the biggest laughs in the movies this year comes in a short episode in which the customer is made to apologize to a waiter for hurting his feelings.

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"She may not be a beauty, but she's a fine cook," used to be a sort of apology. Today it's becoming a major decoration with palms and stars.

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Home cooking never seemed more wonderful. Or so important to the budget.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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INTERNATIONAL SIDE-STEPS BY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON. — Treasury Secretary Morgenthau is again taking up the postwar world bank proposal in which the basic idea is that the United States contribute the bulk of the money, but forfeit a control commensurate with its investment.

State Assistant Secretary Berle is in London negotiating for a postwar air agreement, but, he says, not considering the acquisition of air bases for the United States. Ex-Governor Lehman is working on food rehabilitation plans, whereby we contribute the food, and other officials are laboring on world WPA plans which call for the United States to finance reconstruction.

The working basis upon which all are proceeding in all these things seems to be approximately the same, namely, that this country must give but not take. Our negotiators seem inclined to look at this nation as rich and powerful, and they wish to be free with its power as well as its money.

They are perfectly sincere. Their premise is that we must "help" the world, but they follow it so deeply that they want to repudiate every thought of gain for us as unworthy, any thought of acquisition as almost a sin.

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LONG RANGE VIEW

But take the long range view. Suppose we spend and lend postwar money throughout the world for its rehabilitation. At first sight that looks like real help, and it is—temporarily.

It is just about the same help as a shot in the arm, only that, then come the after-effects. After the money is spent, or when the loan cannot be repaid, you begin to get the real appraisal of such help.

Foreign nations cannot repay except in goods, but we can take only a very limited amount. For them to borrow more and more money from us never improves their position, only plunges them further and further in a debt they already cannot pay.

But to give them the money outright helps them only temporarily also. If it enables them to build industries that compete with ours, it hurts our trade, weakens our position for good in the world, and gives them some improved positions as against us—but does it "help" the world as a whole?

Of course not. It only helps France, or Poland, or whatever nation, as against the United States, which really hurts the world, if you assume that our leadership and our superior position is good for the world in the first place—as you must.

The only way a real constructive, economic "help" could be achieved is if we get something productive economically out of such gifts and loans—if we get business, for instance, that improves our people or trade, or airfields that strengthen our position and our leadership.

This is not nationalism, imperialism, or such tommy-rot; it is the simplest common sense.

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OFF ON WRONG FOOT

The whole thing, therefore, seems to be getting off on the wrong foot—the idea of giving unbalanced by acquiring, the notion of weakening the world, not building it up—and I mean weakening in every respect, because a man who makes a loan to another man who cannot repay weakens both himself and the donor. This can only be justified as charity, not economics.

The handling of the situation demands wisdom, and restraint, on the world bank. The first questions that must arise from any common-sense standpoint is whether it is needed, whether existing exchange facilities (already managed completely by our government) are not enough for any good use.

Second question is the maintenance of the American dollar value. If it is maintained as a respectable norm to the people of our country and the world, will this not in itself "help" the world more than a fifty-cent dollar or a worthless dollar?

Most of these agreements will have to be submitted to congress for appropriations or approval. If the agreements merely raise a fight and get into politics (and they certainly will on this current basis) what benefit to the world? Does it not seem possible that they may lead instead into a complete nullity of any sound practical effort to help the world?

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WARREN AS KEYNOTER

The surprise designation of California's Governor Warren as keynoter (spokesman) for the Republican presidential convention has been generally attributed to Governor Dewey. Actually it was conceived and engineered by National Chairman Harrison Spangler.

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