

Battalion Editorials

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For A Free Press . . .

There is good in all things for those that would seek it. So say the wise men. Applying the maxim to the recently concluded trial of Associated Press correspondent William N. Oatis, we find at least two items of proof.

Oatis was sentenced yesterday to 10 years' imprisonment for engaging in espionage against the Czechoslovakian government. The sentence, which will be commuted to five years with good behavior, followed a trial that AP officials in New York labeled "a sham and a mockery of elemental justice."

The veteran correspondent, who has been held incommunicado for 70 days preceding the trial, admitted to the charges of espionage. That particular endeavor, however, has a very broad interpretation under "liberal" Czech law.

Specifically, Oatis did what every efficient newsman does—he sought the news from as many sources as possible so as to present a clear and true story of events in Czechoslovakia. That country interprets newsgathering as the relaying of official government announcements, newscast and communist press items. Anything beyond that, is called espionage.

It's from this interpretation that we gather our two rays of journalistic sun-shine. Both constitute compliments of the highest order.

Can We Trust Red China?

The first goes to Oatis. In summing up his case the government prosecutor said of the AP correspondent: He is "particularly dangerous because of his discretion and his insistence on obtaining only accurate, correct and verified information."

Though we're sure the prosecutor did not mean it as such, the last part of the charge is one of the highest compliments that can be paid a good newsman.

The danger of such journalistic excellence to a government of the type found in Czechoslovakia is not hard, however, to imagine.

Compliment number two also comes from the Czech prosecutor who blatantly declared, "As long as the United States is ruled by 60 families, American journalists will be spies."

We must admit our ignorance as to the exact significance of the 60 families, but we must also express some pride in responding to the last charge.

We've been called busy-bodies and snoopers before but not often has anyone dignified our profession with the title you give it. And, as long as you continue to interpret the term espionage the way you now do, we hope we can continue to live up to your title.

Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor. You've sharpened our determination to uphold freedom of the press.

THE STAGE is set. The Chinese Communists and North Korean Reds have agreed to preliminary talks. Gen. Ridgway has asked for reasonable assurance of safety for his delegates to the Sunday parlay. And the questions continue thick and fast.

Is this it? Will the Reds agree to an acceptable cease-fire? Has Russia advised her puppets to go home and twiddle their thumbs? Will Red China still insist on a seat in the UN? Can there be reasonable assurance that any cease-fire will not be just an opportunity for the battle-weary Reds to catch their breaths?

Maybe we're pessimistic or maybe our better judgment is bedeviled by the exhuberance of youth. We can't see much hope in cease-fire talks.

How anxious is Red China for peace when she agrees to parleys only after aggravating delays—and then broadcasts her replies on remote channels and in Korean rather than English? What basis have we for relying on any promises the Chinese should make?

Of course, we shouldn't expect much else than what we're getting. We're so busy falling all over ourselves at the prospects of peace that the Reds can well sit back and enjoy it.

Rep. Teague Reports

House Amends Agriculture Act Which Will Benefit Farmers

By OLIN E. TEAGUE, Sixth District Representative

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Sp)—The House of Representatives took final action this week on a resolution amending the Agriculture Act of 1949 which will be of much benefit to our Texas farmers. It will open the way for the hiring of Mexican workers to compensate for the labor shortage in our cotton and citrus growing areas.

The resolution passed by the Senate last month prohibits farmers from hiring persons entering the United States illegally under penalty of law. Although there was an effort made on the House floor to pass the Senate version, the Poage resolution, which did not contain the penalty provisions for hiring aliens illegally in the country, ultimately was adopted.

Conference Necessary

Inasmuch as the House and Senate versions differ, it will now be necessary for the two bills to go to conference where the differences will be ironed out, and a final version will be presented to both Houses for their approval. It is my hope that the conferees will ultimately adopt the House resolution, particularly insofar as elimination of the penalty provision is concerned.

The House version of this amendment to the Agriculture Act of 1949 would authorize the Secretary of Labor to recruit Mexican labor and operate reception centers for these migratory laborers. It would further authorize the Secretary of Labor to arrange for the necessary transportation, assist in the negotiation of contracts between prospective employers and employees, and act as a medium to guarantee performance of the wage provisions contained in the contracts.

Under this bill, to secure the labor, employers must agree to pay not exceeding \$10 per worker to the United States for the purpose of defraying the expenses in-

curring by the government in the recruiting of such labor, the operation of the reception centers, the transportation, and to guarantee the government against loss resulting from its guarantee of wage provisions.

Prove Shortage Exists

Before the farmers in a specified area will be able to obtain any of this imported labor, it will be necessary for them to show to the Regional Director, Bureau of Employment Security, Department of Labor, that a shortage of domestic workers exists, and that such employment will not adversely affect wages or working conditions in a particular area.

The Regional Director must then certify this condition to the Department of Labor here in Washington in order that he can take the necessary steps to contract with the Mexican government for the required labor.

The recruited laborers will be subject to existing immigration laws but will not be required to pay a head tax upon entry to this country, nor will they be required to post a bond for departure upon termination of their employment. Further, it will extend the present Mexican-United States agreement on the importation of Mexican labor until December 31, 1953. The present agreement expires July 15 of this year.

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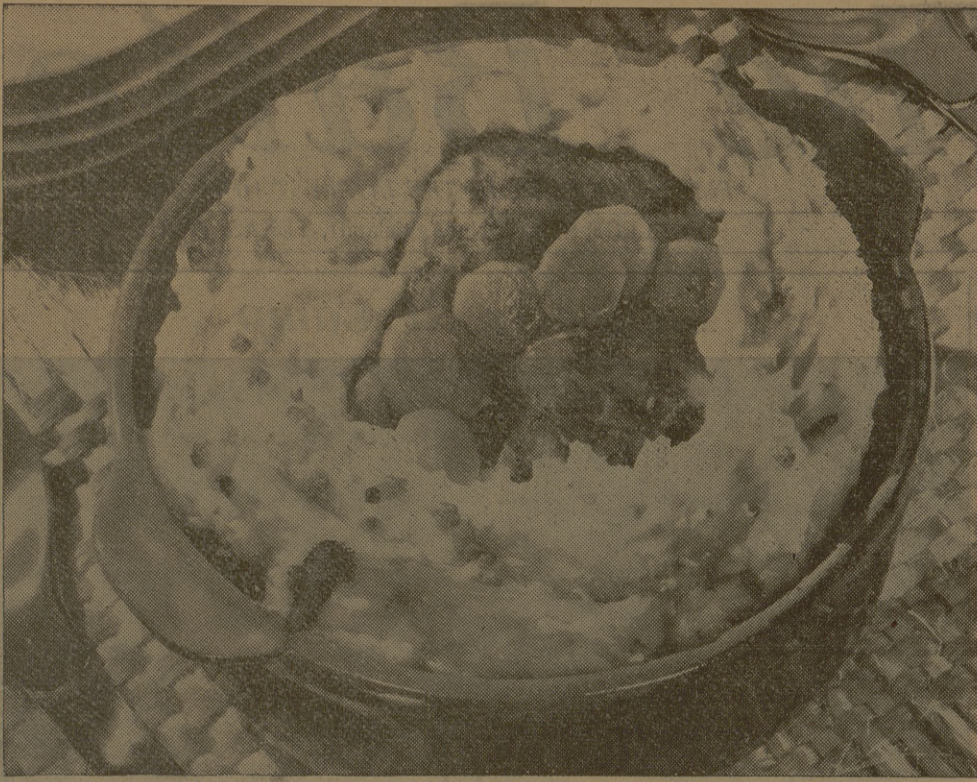
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This easy-to-make Chicken Casserole with Duchess Potato Topping forms the backbone to an easy Summer menu.

Simple Menu Can Answer Food Needs

Summer certainly is not the time for cooking elaborate meals, but the family's appetite knows no vacation. So, poor mom is hard put to it to come up with something appealing to her family and yet easy and quick enough that it doesn't imprison her in the kitchen on days when the mercury soars.

Something that can be partially or wholly prepared ahead of time is usually the best answer, especially if luncheon is served at noon and the big meal in the evening. A three-dish dinner that is well-balanced nutritionally, colorful and tasty is the ticket that answers all the demands for a good dinner.

Here it is:

Chicken Casserole with Duchess Potato Topping
Fresh stuffed tomato salad
Lime Chiffon Pie
Iced Tea.

And here's how you do it:

Cook ahead of time chicken, carrots and peas.

Now, use this recipe:

Chicken Casserole

2 cups diced cooked chicken
1 cup cooked carrots
1 cup cooked peas
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 1/2 tablespoons flour
salt and pepper to season.

Heat the broth; thicken, stirring constantly. Arrange the hot cooked chicken, carrots, and peas in layers on a well-margarined casserole or baking dish. If leftovers are used, reheat all food. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Pour the thickened broth over the chicken and vegetables.

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Duchess Potato Topping

6 medium sized potatoes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg (if desired)
2 tablespoons margarine.

Peel potatoes, cook in boiling salted water until done. Drain thoroughly. Dry out on the surface or in the oven. Mash thoroughly or rub through a sieve. All margarine, pepper, egg and nutmeg (if used) and mix thoroughly. Arrange around the top of the casserole dish, leaving the center with the chicken and vegetables peeping through.

Bake in a moderate oven for about 15 minutes, until delicately browned.

Serve piping hot.

To prepare the salads, peel and core ripe, red uniform sized tomatoes. Scoop out a little of the insides of each. Arrange each tomato on a lettuce leaf (or other salad greens). Mash one small package (for four tomatoes) of Philadelphia cream cheese. Moisten with sweet milk until creamy, stirring consistency. Grate in 1/2 teaspoon onion juice and season with salt and pepper. Stuff the tomatoes with this dressing and serve ice-cold from the refrigerator.

OPS Says More Meat for July

Prospect of more beef and veal on meat market counters during July has been indicated by a new Office of Price Stabilization ruling. The Houston District OPS has been advised that the July quotas for cattle will be 10 per cent higher than in June, when the quota for slaughter was 80 per cent of the 1950 base period.

Under the new ruling, meat handlers may slaughter 90 per cent of their 1950 base during July. The calf slaughter quota for July has been raised five per cent above the June figure.

Math Professor Studying for PhD

W. E. Koss, math professor, is working on his doctor's degree at the University of Illinois during the summer, according to W. L. Porter, head of the mathematics department.

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Diced Carrots 19c
- 2—No. 2 1/2 Cans Mallory
Sliced Baby Beets 19c
- 2—303 Cans Libby's Golden
Cream Corn 31c
- 3 Pound Carton Mrs. Tucker's
Shortening 33c
- PRODUCE**
- Home Grown
Tender Okra lb. 15c
- California
Avocados 2 for 29c
- 2—Large Heads—Firm, Crisp
Lettuce 25c
- Firm, Fresh Texas
Peaches 2 lbs. 25c
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- Pictsweet—6-Oz. Cans
Lemonade 2 cans 37c
- 12-Oz. Pkg. Ozark Queen
Strawberries 33c
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Sliced Bacon lb. 47c
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LFL ABNER One Shock Coming Up

PLEASE COME HOME!!
YOU HAIN'T NO BACHELOR WATNESS NAMED MAYMIE!!—YO IS A SOB!!—SWEET OLE LADY, NAMED MAMMY!!

WHO'S OLD?
WHY AH IS MERELY SEVENT--ER AH MEANS SIXT--OOPS!!--GULP!!

DON'T TRY TO TAKE MY GOIL AWAY, LADY!! SHE'S TH' BEST ONE I EVER HAD

WE GOES BOWLIN' TOGETHER--WE GOES T' PASSLIN' MATCHES, THERE AIN'T NO 3 TRUCK DRIVERS ON TH' LINE WE CAN'T LICK!!

BUT, TH' NICEST THING ABOUT HER IS-- NOBODY TRIES NO STEAL HER AWAY FROM ME!!

NATCHERLY!!—AH IS TOO LOYALTY!! (GROWN UP THET BUMP ON MAH HAMD SHORE IS THROBBIN'!) THET LL RESTORE HER MEMORIT!!

??-TH' DOOR'S OPEN!! THERE COME TH' TERIFIC SHOCK THET LL RESTORE HER MEMORIT!!

LFL ABNER Ask the Man Who Eats One

MAMMY!!

THASS A NICE SONG, LADY--AFTER YO SINGS IT, RUN THROUGH A COUPLE 'O CHORUSES O' 'SONNY BOY'!!

BUT--DON'T YO RECKANIZE HIM--HE IS YO'RE CHILE--AN YO IS HIS MAMMY!!

AH NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE IN MAH LIFE, DEARIE--AN TH' NAME IS MAMMY!!

??-GASP!! MAH OWN NATCHERL--BORN MAMMY--D-D-DON'T KNOW ME!!

AH WANTS T' GO SOMEPLACE, AN DIE!!

IF YOU WANTA DIE YOU DON'T HAFTA GO NO PLACE, SON--JUST STAY HERE, AN EAT SOME O' THEIR MINCE PIE!!

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NEWS — CARTOON

Library Elevator Gets Repair Job

Repair work began recently on the library building elevator, according to Robert A. Houze, college librarian.

The contemplated repairs will include renovation and complete overhaul of the elevator and its entire shaft, as well as replacement of the cable system.

The repair work is necessary because of the extreme worn condition of the elevator, utilized more than any other on the campus, stated Houze. Another less important reason can be attributed to the seasonal shifting of the building, which is influenced greatly by weather conditions such as rain and wind, and is due to the high bentonite content of the soil.

Work on the project will continue for several days, said the Librarian.