

JOHNSON

*L.T. Aldridge, Fisher. Thurs. Apr. 30-'64.*

*Now, said the President to the Queen - "Luci, you're the star of this show." Lyndon Johnson, taking a back seat - in Winchester, Virginia. Watching his youngest daughter crowned - Queen of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.*

*Still, its hard for the President of the United States - to be unobtrusive. Winchester gave Mr. Johnson - a rousing reception. Including an angel with wings - who ran from a gtoup of schoolchildren to get the President's ~~angel~~ autograph.*

## ECONOMY

*The condition of our national economy?*

*Prosperity - without serious inflation - says the Labor Department.*

*The latter part of the statement - is the focus of attention tonight. Experts have been worried about higher wages - higher prices, and so on - up and up.*

*But the Labor Department says the rise in the cost of living is moderate. Last month - one tenth of one per cent. No - run away inflation.*

## FLOOD

*The moonlight may be wonderful on the banks of the Wabash - but not the flood! It has just about ruined the economy - of the entire river valley, says George Gettinger - of the Wabash Association, who today told a house public works sub-committee - that twenty-one million acres are involved. Cities, farms, pasture land - all damaged by the Wabash and its tributaries - with damage running into - many millions.*

*Too much for the area to recover from - by itself. Federal help - needed. After which the Hoosiers can go back to singing - about moonlight on the Wabash.*



## ALASKA

*If you wonder whether an earthquake could knock out an American military base - the answer is "yes". The Alaska earthquake disabled our major installations - along the Dew Line. Shattering the power facilities - and bringing the instruments to a standstill. Tearing up an air strip - and preventing planes from landing or taking off.*

*How long - did this paralysis last? Seven minutes - according to General John Gerhart. Reserve supplies - were quickly brought out. Motors - installed. Instruments - repaired. In the words of General Gerhart - "we cranked up again in seven minutes."*

*The Dew Line operating again - seven minutes after the Alaska earthquake convulsed a large part of our Forty-ninth state.*

*Which reminds us: I wonder whether Washington has forgotten Alaska?*

## IDEOLOGY

The two Red giants are preparing - to celebrate May Day. <sup>And</sup> They ~~was~~ already <sup>are</sup> insulting one another.

The Soviets began it - by extending an invitation to Peking. Then - withdrawing the invitation - the first time - this has ~~be~~ ever happened. One explanation of Khrushchev's faux pas - is that the satellite leaders urged him to be conciliatory toward Mao Tse Tung. <sup>They</sup> ~~had~~ that Khrushchev got cold feet - after the invitation had gone out. Cold feet about the possible behavior - of a Red Chinese delegation in the Soviet capital. So he followed it with an invitation - for them to stay in Peking.

Mao's retort - is that he had no intention of being represented at Moscow's May Day. And won't be again - until the Russians get rid of their "cowardly deviationist." Another of Mao's pleasant epithets - for Nikita Khrushchev.

## CASTRO

The latest remarks by Fidel Castro indicate -  
*also has* that he ~~is~~ <sup>has</sup> got the Soviet Union worried, ~~As well as~~  
~~the United States.~~

Subject - the American U-2 flights across Cuba. Castro insists that he won't permit the flights to continue - once he gets control of the Soviet missiles. Which leaves a delicate problem - on Khrushchev's doorstep. To hand over the land-to-air rockets - or not. Why - delicate? Because the boss of the Kremlin obviously doesn't want - a war over Cuba. And he knows that the U-2 flights are necessary - because of his inability to persuade Castro to permit on-site inspection.

Here's another point:- The American Ambassador to Moscow - has been discussing the Cuban problem with Mikoyan. Castro complains - that the Russians have no authority to speak for him. He said this at an Embassy party in Havana - while looking directly at the Soviet Ambassador.



## CUBA

The State Department has Castro's Cuba -  
and Castro's sugar - on its mind. For - a special reason.  
The bearded dictator is indulging in - some rather  
weird transactions on the world market.

Consider this - Castro, not selling - but  
buying sugar. Surreptitiously ordering twenty thousand  
tons - from European ~~brokers~~ brokers. Paying - cash *for it.*  
*Then*  
~~And~~ sending it - to Bulgaria and Red China.

Secondly, Castro is "leaking" false estimates  
- about the sugar harvest in Cuba. Underestimating  
production - by about half a million tons. Blaming-  
heavy rains. But the Cuban rainy season was just average  
this year - according to the Weather Bureau in Miami.

What's Castro - up to? Apparently he's trying  
to raise - the price of sugar. His method - <sup>predictions</sup> ~~made~~  
of a shortage in the fall. His hope - a run on the market.  
Clients, paying high - for his chief crop.

## FERRY

The loss of a ferry on Pakistan's Meghna River - is the old story. ~~The~~ Ferry - overcrowded.  
~~The~~ River - deep.

The Meghana River empties into the Bay of Bengal - at the Ganges Delta. The bed of the river, dropping off sharply - to a depth of one hundred feet. Everyone who has seen the Meghna - wonders how those unwieldy ferries ever manage to cross from one bank to the other.

Sometimes - they don't. Today a ~~ferry~~  
~~master~~ <sup>crew</sup> crowded two hundred and fifty passengers - aboard  
~~his vessel~~ <sup>their ferry,</sup> Which capsized - in midstream. The toll -  
more than one hundred and fifty, ~~Drowned.~~ - ~~or suffocated.~~  
Tragedy <sup>in</sup> ~~along~~ the Ganges Delta. - ~~on the Bay of Bengal.~~



## QUEEN

Ceremonial occasions in Holland just now - seem to be bittersweet. Yesterday, the wedding of Princess Irene in Rome - with her parents absent for political reasons. Today, Queen Juliana's fifty-fifth birthday - under the cloud of the family quarrel. Her Majesty, taking the salute - as usual, ~~But~~ finding it hard to smile <sup>as</sup> ~~at~~ her subjects ~~as they~~ paraded past.

The Queen invited the Dutch Prime Minister to the Palace. A rare gesture - that should have pleasant overtones. Instead - it had the opposite meaning. Queen Juliana, showing her people that the Crown and the government are not feuding <sup>- Dick -</sup> ~~because of~~ Princess Irene's marriage to Prince Carlos, who claims the throne of Spain.

## WINNER

The racing ticket that won <sup>that</sup> a record amount of money was held by - an anti-climax. Think of the drama if the winner had turned out to be - a waitress, <sup>a secretary,</sup> Or - a housewife; Or - a tourist spending a week in New York.

Instead, the story takes us into - the racing world. Bill Bresnahan, who bought the ticket at Roosevelt Raceway - owns part of a farm that raises trotting horses in New Jersey. Sharing the ticket, Joe and John Saker - also of the trotting farm; Plus <sup>one</sup> Mike Sherman and 3 others. <sup>Seven</sup> ~~Four~~ men, connected with horses - <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ lucky with horses, Splitting that record winning on a four-horse parlay - at Roosevelt raceway, <sup>One</sup> ~~One~~ hundred and thirty two thousand, two hundred and thirty two dollars - and eighty cents.