

GOLDFINE

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Bernard Goldfine, at the congressional hearing today, testified - that he gave gifts to John R. Steelman, former chief assistant to President Truman. Also - that Steelman helped him a lot, in trying to get a loan from the R F C.

As presidential assistant, Steelman occupied the same post in the Truman administration - as Sherman Adams does today. Goldfine paid hotel bills for Sherman Adams. Who, on his part, made inquiries in behalf of the Boston financier. So the two cases may sound - a good deal alike.

So what does John R. Steelman have to say about it? He says - yes. He recommended a twelve million dollars R F C loan - to enable Goldfine to construct a garage in Boston. Which garage would have been useful - as an underground bomb shelter. The project, however, fell through.

As for the gifts, the Truman presidential assistant says - he began receiving them from Goldfine after the business of the garage.

"Oh yes" said he, "I'm on his regular Christmas list. He always sends us a box of canned foods, fruits, and so on. I don't know him as well as Sherman Adams. I don't give him anything, but I always thank him. He really seems to like to give Christmas presents. He really does," says John R. Steelman.

Today's proceedings were enlivened by a typical Goldfineism. When the textile tycoon was explaining - that he picks his friends[^] from both political parties, Democrats as well as Republicans. Somebody made the remark - that he "collects" important friends. To which Goldfine expostulated, with dignity.

"They collect me, as much as I collect them" said he.

Actually, the proceedings today were mostly a systematic effort ~~km~~ by the sub-committee - to line up a case of contempt against Goldfine. He's been refusing to answer

questions all along - on the ground of "irrelevancy."

So today, the sub-committee tried, repeatedly, to make the questions relevant. Questions - concerning Goldfine's financial affairs. But the Boston millionaire continued his refusal to ~~give~~ answer - although the sub-committee was, outspokenly, trying to build up a case of contempt of Congress.

SENATE

The Senate, this afternoon, passed a bill - under the threat of a presidential veto. A measure - putting up two billion, five hundred million dollars for slum clearance and housing construction. This is eight hundred and eighty-five million dollars more than the White House asked for - and President Eisenhower thinks it's too much. Hence the possibility - of a veto.

RACKETS

The Senate rackets investigating committee heard - from tough Tony Accardo, today. And what did the Senators hear? Fifth amendment - which tough Tony took one-hundred-and-fifty-four times.

They say he was once a bodyguard for the late Scarfare Al Capone, and is at present - head of the criminal mob founded by Scarface Al.

The investigation concerns - ^{labor} ~~labor~~ racketeering in the Chicago restaurant business. Testimony stating - that ~~he~~ tough Tony ordered the murder of an attorney for the association of restaurant owners. Anthony Champagne- saved from gangland bullets, only by the interposition of influential friends.

His predecessor a restaurant association lawyer, Abraham Feitlebaum - had a similar escape from underworld killers. Whose plan it was - to throw him out of the high window of his office. Dangerous business- being legal adviser to the Chicago restaurant people on labor matters.

Tough Tony and the fifth amendment - set a pattern for several other Chicago hoodlums, who, as witnesses today, repeated monotonously - that ~~them~~ they wouldn't answer questions on grounds of self incrimination.

The committee got mighty tired of ~~me~~ this, and ordered charges to be drafted - citing Tough Tony for contempt of Congress. Chairman Senator McClellan adding - that the other hoods face the same thing. Jail sentences, the committee hopes - for ~~me~~ contempt.

HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood has been having - a battle of musicians.

A revolt - against the union, the American Federation of Musicians. Which has been running things - for fifty years.

Today - the decision, with a vote in the major studios of Hollywood. The motion picture musicians giving a majority - to a newly formed union, the Independent Musicians guild of America. Which they now name - as their representative in collective bargaining.

The split began with a revolt against James Caesar Petrillo - Czar of the musicians for many years. Another union official Cecil Read broke with Petrillo - and launched a new organization. A month ago, Petrillo retired as union President - and now the Hollywood musicians go over to the new union.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower - back in Washington - after his Canadian visit. Leaving Ottawa, he talked with Canadian Prime Minister Diefenbaker - about the scare, when a taxi driver told of two men he ~~dropped~~ dropped at the golf course, where the President was playing yesterday. The taxi driver - believing the two characters ^{were} ~~was~~ carrying guns.

President Eisenhower - not at all alarmed by this incident. Talking to the Prime Minister at the airport - he laughed it off.

CUBA

The Cuban rebels have released - the last of three Canadians, whom they kidnapped. Richard Sargeant of Toronto - arriving today, at the Guantanamo naval base.

~~Frank~~ Brought in - by helicopter.

All the American civilians have been turned loose - and one American navy airman. Who arrived at Guantanamo - last night.

This leaves twenty-nine American servicemen - still held captive in jungle hideouts. A rebel broadcast announcing, today, that they will be set free shortly.

Admiral Gerauld Wright, Commander of the U S Atlantic Fleet, describes the situation as "very exasperating." The slowness of the rebels - in releasing the prisoners.

CYPRUS

Terrorism on Cyprus - worse than ever. Seven people killed - in murderous outbreaks. One - a Cypriot monk. Another - a nun. Stabbed to death - near a monastery. A later dispatch tells of a Turkish policeman - shot and killed.

SOVIETS

The United States will reject the latest proposal from Khrushchev - politely but firmly. The Soviet Premier, in a letter to President Eisenhower - having suggested a two-way trade agreement between the United States and the U S S R with an American loan - to help the financing.

The refusal can be perfectly polite. Washington replying - that the United States does not go into commercial deals with ~~other~~ other countries. But, on the contrary - encourages business through private channels. And, as for a loan - Moscow could make arrangements for credit with private firms.

APE MAN

Strange tale of anthropology - from Soviet Russia.

Reporting - the existence of "ape men" in Central Mongolia.

Living in the remotest of desolate mountains - glimpsed, occasionally, by people of the Mongol tribes. Who call them - "almas."

An article by a Russian scientist, Professor Porshnev states: "These ~~are~~ ape men resemble human beings. But their bodies are covered with reddish black hair". The "Almas" have round shoulders, bent knees - powerful jaws, and low foreheads.

He believes - they are survivors of ~~the~~ neanderthal cavemen, who flourished - back in the ice ages. Linger on - today -- in almost unaccesssible parts of Asia.

All of which brings to mind, immediately - the "abominable snowman" of the Himalayas. The mysterious creatures so often reported. Do they tie in - with the "almas" of Mongolia? Russian anthropologists believe - this may be the case.

Last year a Soviet scientist made a report from the Pamirs - towering ~~■~~ mountains on the verge of the Himalayas.

Declaring - that he caught sight of strange beings -
answering the description of the "abominable snowmen". Or -
the "almas."

Today's dispatch adding - that the University of
Leningrad is planning an expedition to the Pamirs to find
possibly - neanderthal man surviving down to the present age.

DUKE

News from Britain - that, yesterday, the Duke of Bedford escorted his one-millionth paying visitor. Showing him for a price - through Woburn Abbey, historic seat ~~at~~ of the Dukes of Bedford.

You'd think His Grace would be satisfied - with a million customers in three years. But -not at all. Because they included - only ten thousand American tourists, the most profitable of all.

Yet the Duke made especial endeavors - to lure the American cousin. At Woburn Abbey, he put in soda foundations, juke boxes, rock 'n roll.

"One year," he relates, "we tried - a bison barbecue. But that didn't work."

Well, what more do those American tourists want than barbecued ~~buffalo~~ buffalo?

However, His Grace has not given up on the Americans. Today announcing - a plan to put up a motel at Woburn Abbey. And what could be more American - than a motel?

However, the Duke may be missing a trick. Today, he said he's rented the grounds for a special event, next month. A convention of nudists, I wonder if that should attract the American tourists, if His Grace the Duke of Bedford were to invite them to the nudist convention?

RADIO

At Yuka, Mississippi, Mrs. Sue Vinson - had trouble with ^{her} ~~the~~ radio. Which emitted - a strange, squeaking sound.

Some kind of static in the ~~set~~ radio set - thought Mrs. Vinson.

At the same time, she was having trouble - with her cat. Which -kept jumping on top of the radio set. She drove the cat away, time and again. But the cat came back - jumping on top of the radio.

Finally, the puzzled housewife investigated - and opened the back panel of the radio set. The cat watching. When - out jumped a mouse. The cat pounced ~~on~~ on the mouse - the ~~squeaking~~ squeaking mystery solved.

ROBBERY

At Reynolds, Illinois, Jake Seaver, eighty-nine years old - has a powerful gift of language. Cussin' people out - when he gets mad.

Jake was in a local bank, when a robber held up the place - at the point of a gun. And Jake just let him have it - with a blue streak of profanity. The bandit threatened - he'd shoot Jake if he didn't shut up. But Jake kept cussin' him out.

The robber, so disconcerted - a bank employee was able to grab him. But he broke loose - taking it on the run, and getting away. His ears burning - with the cussin' out he got from Jake Seaver.

DEMOCRATS

In the State of Washington, they've picked - Miss Democrat. And what a surprise - for the Democratic politicians.

They staged a contest open to young ~~men~~ women of Spokane County. An essay contest - the prize to go to the best essay on "why I should exercise my right to vote". The winner - to get a hundred dollars, presented by the governor at the Democratic ~~state~~ state convention. Where she'd be crowned - Miss Democrat.

The politicians wanting, of course - a pretty face, a cute figure and a fetching smile. Something like the queen - of a beauty contest.

The winner - Bonnie Jean Crown, twenty-two years old. The Democrats - utterly flabbergasted. Finding - that she's a nun in a dominican convent. Her name in religion - Sister Consilia. Hardly - a candidate for a beauty parade.

Today, at the Dominican Convent, the Mother Superior announced - that Sister Consilia will go ~~in~~ to the Democratic ~~State~~ State Convention - will accept the prize money from the

Governor, and will take the honors - as Miss Democrat.

Don, Sister Consilia says - she isn't much for politics,
but likes President Eisenhower. Completing - the consternation
of the Democrats.

JAPAN

Now - a story of luck and happiness. A dispatch from Japan - telling how the village of Hanazumi was in desolation. Because of drought - a lack of water. The normal water supplies - drying up.

But - there was new hope. When the word got around - that there were deposits of coal underground. So that might be a new source of prosperity - coal making up for the lack of water, offsetting the dry, barren fields, the parched acres.

So the farmers at Hanazumi - started digging for coal. But, instead - they struck water. Fountains of water - Fountains of water - pouring out.

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