

GOLDFINE

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The proceedings in Washington, today, magnified the picture of Bernard Goldfine, as a giver of gifts. Santa Claus, in fact. Specializing - in Christmas presents.

The Boston millionaire admitted - that he made it a practice to ^{*hand out*} ~~lavish~~ Christmas money ^{*to some*} ~~on~~ federal employees.

The list including more than thirty ~~names~~. One - Laura Sherman, Secretary to Sherman Adams. Another, Helen Colle, member of the staff of the White House Appointment Secretary, Thomas Stevens. Most of the receivers of the Yuletide benevolence - secretaries and minor employees of Republican and Democratic officials. Christmas gifts varying - from thirty-five ~~dollars~~ to ^{*a*} ~~one~~ hundred-and-fifty ^{*dollars.*} Sent along, in the form of checks.

Goldfine acknowledged - that he deducted the Christmas presents from his income tax, although such donations are deductible - only if intended as a business expense, bringing some benefit.

Goldfine also deducted from income tax - his gifts to Sherman Adams, twenty-five hundred dollars for hotel bills, the vicuna coat, and the loan of a valuable rug. Last night the textile industrialist conceded - he will pay up on these, if the tax collector insists.

The proceedings today, warmed up - with exchanges ^{the} ~~in~~ between witness and ~~that~~ counsel for the committee, Robert Lishman. When - they got around to a matter of "bank treasurer and cashier checks". Goldfine business firms - purchasing these in large amounts. With more than three quarters of a million dollars' worth of "bank treasurer and cashier checks" - remaining uncashed. Some of the checks- uncashed for a long period of years.

One point is this: You can buy a check of ~~this~~ that sort - and have it made out to somebody, without your own name appearing on it. No record - of whom the money came from. Committee counsel Lishman suggesting - that they may have been

given to public officials. But why did they remain uncashed, for years? Lishman intimated - that they could be used as collateral in obtaining loans. Public officials - "bashful" about cashing them.

The clashes came when Goldfine was asked for an explanation of the "bank treasurer and cashier checks". He wouldn't answer. To one question after another he replied - that the matter was not relevant. None of the committee's business, that is.

RACKETS

Surprise - at a hearing of the Senate Rackets committee, today. When a witness - answered several questions.

They^are looking into the doings of the Maffia crime syndicate. One witness after another - taking the Fifth Amendment. Refusing - to tell any more than their names.

Today, however, Thomas Lucchase (Lu-Kaq-say) nicknamed "three-finger Brown" told the committee - that he's a respectable dress contractor. Asked if he was a member of the Maffia, he gave a reply to that. Saying - no.

But he couldn't, remember the name of somebody he was accused of killing in Nineteen Forty-eight. And then he took the fifth amendment - when asked about friends of his, who are said to be members of the crime syndicate.

CUBA

In Cuba, the American airlift - called off. No more helicopter flights - bringing back prisoners held ^{up} by the Cuban rebels. No reason given - for the sudden stoppage. After five prisoners were brought by helicopter - to the U S Naval base at Guantanamo, last night.

One supposition is that the rebels are afraid - a long series of helicopter flights might give away their hideouts in the mountains of ~~in~~ Oriente Province. In which case - the remainder of the prisoners, more than forty, would have to come out on foot. Making their way - through the jungles.

Today, there was a radio broadcast from Fidel Castro, the rebel chief - ordering the release of all the prisoners ~~at~~ at once. Fidel Castro declaring - the kidnappings were the doing of his brother, acting without authority.

LEBANON

The Secretary General of the United Nations denies that the Lebanese rebels are getting military help from Syria. Dag Hammarskjold saying there is no foundation for the reports of ~~the~~ mass infiltration of men and material cross the Lebanese border.

He made the statement at a news conference, phrasing it in such fashion as to mean - that there is "not now" any such ~~infiltration~~ infiltration. With an inference - that there may have been in the past.

Meanwhile, violence continues in ~~the~~ that ancient land. A three story apartment house in Beirut - blown up today, dynamited. Followed - by a gun battle through streets of the city.

CAPONE

Here's a name like an echo out of the past -
Capone. The story - telling about a brother of Scarface
Al Capone. Ralph (Bottles) Capone - who is now ~~is~~ sixty-four
years old.

In Milwaukee, Bottles Capone made a protest.
Complaining to detective Captain Charles Nowakowski - that,
every time he comes to Milwaukee, he's trailed by detectives,
watching him. He's in Milwaukee rather often. Because he likes
to go ^{to} ~~the~~ ball games - ~~and~~ ^{to} see the Braves play.

Well, the Captain of ~~the~~ Detectives told him - if he
didn't like the attentions of the Milwaukee cops, he could stay
out of the city.

But, meanwhile, there was a small matter to be
taken care of. The Milwaukee rogues gallery pictures of Bottles
Capone - an old one, obsolete. They could use a new one -
and bottles could sit for his portrait.

He did, and the rogues gallery picture was taken.

After which he departed from Milwaukee.

KHRUSHCHEV

The new letter from Khrushchev proposes - talks on ways to prevent surprise atomic attacks. The Soviet Premier - urging a meeting of military representatives. This, of course, in addition to the conference of scientists in Geneva, who are discussing a suspension of atomic testing.

Khrushchev - wanting another parley, in addition. Military men - to consider ways of safeguarding against any surprise attack. The result of their discussion - to be placed before a summit meeting of the heads of State.

Today, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles commented that the letter holds what he called, "some promise". Washington officials think - it's another Khrushchev move to promote a summit conference.

LETTER

Here's one of the weirdest ~~at~~ curiosities on record. The Soviet embassy in London - making public a letter allegedly from the crew of an American bomber in Britain. Stating- they plan to drop a hydrogen bomb in the North Sea. For an explosion - to protest against American atomic policy. Then, they'll fly on to Russia - taking refuge in the world of Communism.

Soviet Ambassador Malik has released a photostat copy of the letter - which is written in long hand, allegedly by the pilot of the bomber. The letter -s igned with an initial "W". The hydrogen bomb to be exploded - "some time after July First." The writer stating - that he and his crew expect the Soviets to give them what the letter calls, "financial aid for the rest of ~~in~~ our lives." The Russians - to get secret atomic information in return.

The letter was mailed from the vicinity of ~~at~~ a U.S. atomic base in Suffolk - and it ^{all} ~~certainly~~ sounds like a fantastic hoax.

DEGAULE

The DeGaulle plan for peace in Algeria - turns out to be nothing revolutionary. In fact, it's rather ordinary.

In the city of Algiers, today, the Premier made a series of promises to Moslems. Saying they'll have - better jobs, better housing, improved schools, and a more equal political status. For example - Moslems to sit with Europeans in the same territorial and municipal assemblies.

There was little mention, however, of a full scale integration of Moslems and Europeans - of which DeGaulle spoke, soon after he became Premier. He didn't say - how unity between France and Algeria would be accomplished. But, ^{he} repeated - that unity was the ideal.

HOOVER

The Presidential airplane, Columbine, landed at Brussels, today - and out stepped a former President. Herbert Hoover, nearly eighty-four - arriving in Belgium to represent President Eisenhower ~~of~~ the Fourth of July celebrations at the Brussels Fair.

But there's also - another kind of celebration. Belgium - giving its thanks to the man, who headed Belgian food relief in the First World War. When Herbert Hoover directed the work of mercy - saving Belgium from the peril of ~~starvation~~ starvation.

ICEBERG

An alarm - sounded along the trans-Atlantic shipping lane. Ocean liners informed - of a thing spotted west of Ireland. Ships - beware.

A Pan American pilot, flying an airliner between the United States and Britain, reports - an iceberg five miles long. Drifting in the Gulf Stream - in the normal path of ocean liners.

In London, a ~~spokes~~ spokesman for the British Admiralty says - it's most exceptional to have an iceberg of that size, in that area, this time of the year. The giant berg - having taken an unusual route from its birthplace, the glaciers of Greenland.

FREEZER

At Portersfield, Wisconsin, Owen Brown runs a tavern, and ^{he} has an extra freezer, ~~which~~ he thought - he'd sell. Henry Herson heard about this, and thought - maybe ~~but~~ he'd buy the freezer. So he went to the tavern and asked about it.

Owen Brown drew a glass of beer, and passed it ~~at~~ across the bar to the prospective buyer. They'd have a leisurely talk - over a glass of beer.

But Herson thought- maybe, first, he'd have a look at the freezer. Drinking the beer - later. So he went out to the garage where the freezer was - looked it over, and then opened the door of one ~~box~~ compartment. So what did he see ~~inside~~? He could hardly believe his eyes - a little boy. Shouting an alarm, he dragged the child out - the six year old son of the tavern keeper. Nearly frozen - but, alive.

Owen Brown came running, and remembered - the boy had been playing with his little sister, four years old. Where was she? They opened the other door of the freezer -

- and there she was, unconscious.

The two children, playing around had opened the doors, crawled in, and the doors had closed, automatically.

Tonight, they^Qre okay. Saved - because Henry Herson decided - he'd wait before having that glass of beer.

P.S. He decided he wouldn't buy the freezer.

PAINTER

At Fontainbleau, in France, Georges Dumoing is - a painter. Georges - also is in jail; where - he made a generous offer.

Pointing out - that the wall of the prison courtyard was shabby, grimey, badly in need of a coat of paint. So Georges, out of the goodness of his heart, offered - to do the job.

Offer accepted, gratefully - and Georges started painting the wall. Moving along - with skillful swipes of his brush. Naturally, the doorway of the prison wall also needed painting, and he got along to that. But this time - only one swipe of paint. Then he dropped the brush, and bolted - took it on the lam. And that is the lurid story of how Georges painted his way to freedom.

GUARDSMAN

In London, the Ministry of War has dismissed charges - against a member of the Horse Guards. Saying - there were "extenuating circumstances". In other words, you couldn't blame the guardsman. But it was an unseemly occurrence.

Thirty-four American tourists - shown around London by a professional guide. Arriving, in due time, at Whitehall - where there is always a member of the Horse Guards on duty. Uniform and immaculate, gold and silver helmet, tunic of scarlet, white breeches, long patent leather boots - sitting there on his horse - like a statue.

The guide - pointing to him, and giving the tourists the usual spiel.

"These men, the picked soldiers of Britain, have the strictest discipline in the world. They can remain still, absolutely still - for an hour at a time."

Whereupon the horse guardsman urged his horse forward, thrust his sword within a couple of inches of the guide's throat, and roared:

"You're a liar!" It was too much Don for the patience - even of a horse guardsman, one of the "queen's finest.

TRAIN

Now lets give a cheer - for the chief of police at Neptune, New Jersey. The officer of the law - taking salutary measures against an evil of this age.

Think of it, you motorists! The chief ~~has~~ has ordered his cops to issue traffic tickets to freight trains which block crossings for more than five minutes. If a long string of cars halts traffic ~~for~~ for more than five minutes, the locomotive engineer gets a ticket.

So give a cheer - all you who, on one ~~one~~ occasion or another, have sat in your automobile waiting for ^a half ~~an~~ hour or so, ~~it seemed~~ while ^a freight ~~train~~ crawled along, stopped, ^{then} and crawled ~~some~~ some more,