

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by
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President Roosevelt's pro-Finnish attitude upsets New Deal critics . . . Copper still holds the reciprocal trade agreement with Chile . . . Wise old Republican politicians are undecided on Dewey's candidacy for the presidential nomination.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt's slap at Soviet Russia for invading Finland, plus his proposal to help the Finns with their own debt payments to Uncle Sam, is flabbergasting the bitterest of New Deal critics. Actually Roosevelt now has the ball, running towards the anti-Communist goal line, while the conservatives and patriots who have been winning sentiment against the New Deal because of its pinkish tinge and its implied hook-up with Moscow objectives, deserting their posts a grim, opposing tackle, are converted into a cheering squad, urging the President to even greater efforts against the Soviets.



The President

It is one of the most extraordinary reverse plays in the history of politics, especially as it comes on the eve of a presidential campaign in which the main issue will be whether the New Deal shall be continued by Roosevelt himself or someone satisfactory to him. Various side plays add to this strange situation. For example, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, who opposed repeal of the arms embargo to keep the United States out of foreign entanglements, is now demanding that Roosevelt break relations with Stalin, recall the United States ambassador to Moscow, and, by inference at least, take a step towards war.

Roosevelt's delighted comment at a press conference—that the critics of the United States foreign policies are Soviet and Nazi leaders plus a small number of statesmen in the United States—shows the New Deal's satisfaction over developments which virtually have both teams playing on "Quarterback" Roosevelt's side.

Reversal of Form Has Benefited Roosevelt

The nearest comparison in political history was Woodrow Wilson on foreign policy. Elected on a "kept us out of war" issue in November, 1916, he asked congress to declare war the following April. But that case is really not comparable for the simple reason that the election intervened between the two happenings. This reversal of form which has benefited Roosevelt so amazingly has occurred before the selection of a single delegate to the national conventions which hope to name his successor.

The men who criticized the President so bitterly just a few months ago for wanting to take a step—embargo repeal—which they insisted would endanger the neutrality of the United States are now urging Roosevelt to go further with his neutrality as between Russia and Finland. They want him to slap Russia down. The whole thing puts quite a few of the high-ranking Republican leaders in a very silly position indeed.

To appreciate the full significance of the development, however, it must be remembered that there had been two tremendous build-ups in this country affecting details of the whole development. Most important was the growing conservative resentment about the alleged "Reds" and "Communists" in the Roosevelt administration. It was these left-wingers who were blamed for the "purge" against senators who opposed the President on the Supreme court issue.

Copper Holds Reciprocal Trade Agreement With Chile

Only the well-known and highly successful stubbornness of Secretary Cordell Hull lies in the way of quietly dropping overboard the proposed copper item in the pending reciprocal trade agreement with Chile.

Actually there would be a larger bloc of senators enraged by a reduction in the duty on copper than almost any other one product. Most of the copper producing states are small in population, but each of them has two senators, and they include most of the states from Michigan, where it is very important, west to the Pacific.

To complicate the situation further, there is already a good deal of indignation in the mountain states of the West against the administration because of the use of Argentine canned beef for the navy.

In fact so impolitic is the suggestion—on the eve of a presidential campaign—to reduce the duty on copper by 50 per cent that there are those who say the whole thing was a smoke screen. The logic of these observers is that if there were a lot of talk about copper, and then the

red metal were left out, there might be less opposition to the remainder of the agreement than if so much effort had not been used in fighting the copper cut.

Feeling on copper on Capitol Hill is the stronger because it was the plain understanding of congress, when the law authorizing the reciprocal trade agreements was passed, that the so-called "excise" duties should not be affected. This is made clear in the committee reports at the time, but congressmen are now very sorry they did not take the precaution to write the prohibition directly into the law.

So-Called Excise Tax on Oil Has Been Cut in Half

Already one of the so-called excise taxes—that on oil—has been cut in half in a reciprocal treaty—though there is a little humor there in that Venezuela, which was supposed to be the big beneficiary, promptly increased its export tax by just that much. The net result of this, so far as imports by the United States of Venezuelan oil are concerned, is that the treasury at Caracas now gets the money which hitherto went into the treasury at Washington, while the delivered price of Venezuelan oil at United States ports, after payment of duty, remains the same.

But copper is a horse of another color entirely. It so happens that about 40 per cent of the known copper reserves of the world are in Chile, and that the biggest mine there also happens to be the world's No. 1 low-cost mine. Whereas many of the copper mines inside the American tariff wall happen to be high-cost producers. Thus the copper mine owners, and workers as well, are considerably excited about what may happen.

It was the tremendous political strength of this copper bloc in congress which really put over the log-rolling excise taxes on the top of the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill.

Technically Cordell Hull is well within his rights in regarding these "excise" taxes as tariff duties. They are nothing else, despite the incorrect labeling of the impost. And, as a tariff duty, it is a "trade barrier" within the meaning of Cordell Hull's policy of removing obstructions to international trade, and within the meaning of the law which authorized the reciprocal trade agreements.

Republican Politicians Are Pretty Desperate

Is it possible for Thomas E. Dewey to win enough support from elements now opposing him to land the Republican nomination for president? The answer to that is a very positive "Yes, but." For no one can say at this moment that he will not, and no one can say that he will.

If you listen to conversation among the group most determinedly against him—the big campaign contributors—you might be sure that he could not possibly bring them into camp. If you believe that, the whole story is told. It will not be possible for Dewey to win enough politicians to his banner—enough of the men who will actually control delegates after the first few ballots at the Republican convention—unless he first wins over at least some of the big campaign contributors who now are strongly against him.

But conversations with a few of the wise old politicians who have visited Washington since Dewey made his Minneapolis speech convince this writer that the door is not closed.

To get the picture clearly you must realize that the Republican politicians are pretty desperate. If they should think, six months from now, that Dewey was the man most likely to win of all the candidates before the Republican convention, the objections they are voicing now would melt away like a morning mist before a strong sun.

Long Since G. O. P. Leaders Had President That Sued

It has been a long time since the Republican politicians had in the White House a President who really suited them. Herbert Hoover didn't even please them on patronage, much less as a leader. Calvin Coolidge was highly satisfactory, but it must be remembered that the Republican leaders didn't really pick Coolidge. He was forced on them by a rank and file ground swell at the Chicago convention after Harding had been nominated for President and the leaders, in that famous smoke-filled room, had chosen Irvine L. Lenroot for vice president.

William Howard Taft was highly unsatisfactory. He paved the way for the Bull Moose split, and eight years away from the pie counter. Theodore Roosevelt provoked new headaches for the Republican leaders every few days during his entire administration.

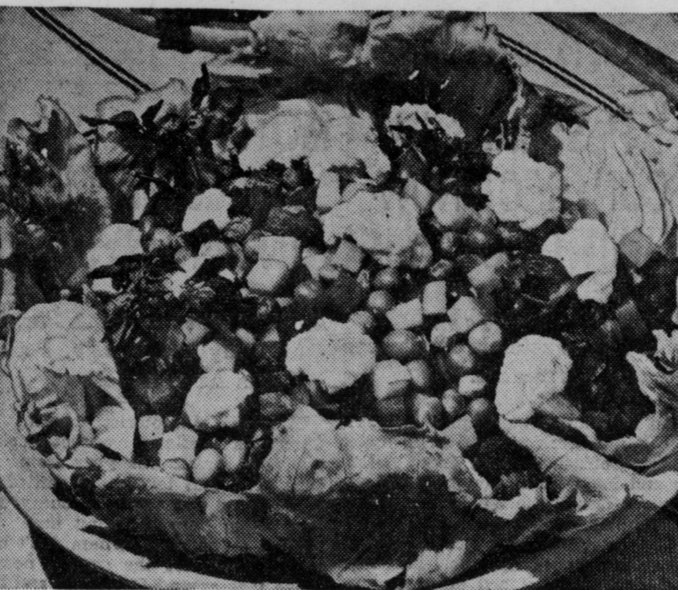
So William McKinley was the last President actually chosen by the Republican leadership who pleased them after he reached the White House.

So if Dewey should run like a bear cat in a few presidential primaries, knocking off some of the other leading contenders by handsome majorities and thus proving that he was the most likely man to win the election, the politicians would be willing to forget all about his youth and various other objections.

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Household News

By Eleanor Howe



VEGETABLE SALAD BOWL
(See Recipes Below)

V Stands for Vegetables

Vegetables are not apt to be prime favorites with men; practically every man has a little black list of his own—vegetables he just will not accept graciously. Father is apt to be as chary of spinach and other vegetables as his own eight-year-old, and to look upon salads as mere woman's nonsense! It isn't strange, if Junior, who adores his Dad, begins to proclaim his likes and dislikes in no uncertain terms. Like father, like son! So coax father to keep his, "I-don't-likes" to himself—at meal time.

But there are salads and vegetables that father really enjoys. You'll find suggestions in my booklet, "Feeding Father," for preparing them, and recipes, too, for his favorite meat dishes and desserts.

But to get back to vegetables, have you ever wondered why the very people who love to nibble on a raw carrot, fresh from the garden, are the ones who need to be coaxed to eat them once they're cooked? You'll find one solution to the problem of getting Dad and Junior to eat their carrots, right there. Why not serve them crisp, raw carrot sticks for a vegetable? Or make a crisp, colorful salad by combining shredded raw carrots and shredded raw beets with the tender young leaves of raw spinach? Mix lightly with sour cream salad dressing or french dressing, and serve from a salad bowl so that the boys may help themselves.

Perhaps just changing the methods of preparing and serving them is all you need to do to arouse family interest in vegetables. Here are some recipes that are just a bit out-of-the-ordinary—recipes I think your family will enjoy.

Onions Baked in Tomatoes.

(Serves 4 or 5)

- 2½ cups canned tomatoes
- ½ bay leaf
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 6 onions (small)

Combine tomatoes and seasonings and cook for 10 minutes. Then remove bay leaf and cloves. Melt butter, blend in the flour, and add to tomato mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Peel onions, place in a casserole and add tomato mixture. Cover and bake in a moderately hot oven (370 degrees) for 1 hour.

Golden Potatoes.

Pare potatoes and cut into cubes. Add sliced raw carrots, using about equal amounts of potatoes and carrots. Cook in boiling, salted water. Drain and set over a low flame for a few minutes to dry out. Force through a potato ricer or mash thoroughly. Add hot milk and beat until the potatoes are light and fluffy. Add a tablespoon or two of butter and season to taste.

Pennsylvania Dutch Spinach.

(Serves 4-5)

- 4 slices bacon (diced)
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 egg yolk (beaten)
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 7 fresh green peppers
- 4 cups raw spinach (chopped)
- 2 hard cooked eggs

Cook bacon until crisp. Remove from the pan. Add flour to bacon fat and stir until smooth. Mix water, sugar and vinegar and add to the flour mixture; cook until thick. Combine beaten egg yolk and sea-

We're Sorry

In a recent article on homemade bread which appeared in this column, the recipe for Yeast Bread should be corrected to read "seven to eight cups bread flour."

soning and stir into the first mixture. Cook for about 2 minutes over a very low flame, stirring constantly. Combine hot sauce, cooked bacon and chopped raw spinach. Serve warm, garnished with slices of hard cooked egg.

Lima Beans en Casserole.

- 1 pound lima beans, dry
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons onion (minced)
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 1 pound pork sausage

Cook beans in boiling water approximately 1 hour—or until nearly tender. Pour in baking casserole. Meantime, place sugar, salt, onion, prepared mustard, vinegar and water in saucepan and bring to boiling point. Pour this heated mixture over the beans. Make sausage up into small cakes and place on the beans. Bake approximately 45 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees).

French Fried Asparagus Tips.

- Cooked asparagus tips (short and thick variety)
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- ¾ cup soft bread crumbs (very fine)
- ½ teaspoon salt

Fat for deep fat frying
Drain asparagus. Beat egg and add water to it. Dip the drained asparagus in beaten egg. Roll asparagus tips in bread crumbs—patting them on so as to cover asparagus tips thoroughly. Place carefully in a deep fat frying basket and fry in fat heated to 370 degrees. Fry until tips are golden brown; drain on unglazed paper. Serve very hot.

Busy Day Salad.

(Serves 5)

- 1 cup cooked beets (diced)
- 1 cup cooked carrots (diced)
- ½ cup green peas (cooked)
- 1 cup cauliflower flowerets (cooked or raw)
- 3 tablespoons sweet pickle (minced)
- 1 teaspoon onion (minced)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- Mayonnaise dressing.

Drain the vegetables thoroughly and mix lightly. Add pickles, onion and seasoning. Serve from lettuce lined bowl with mayonnaise dressing.

Send for Copy of 'Feeding Father.'

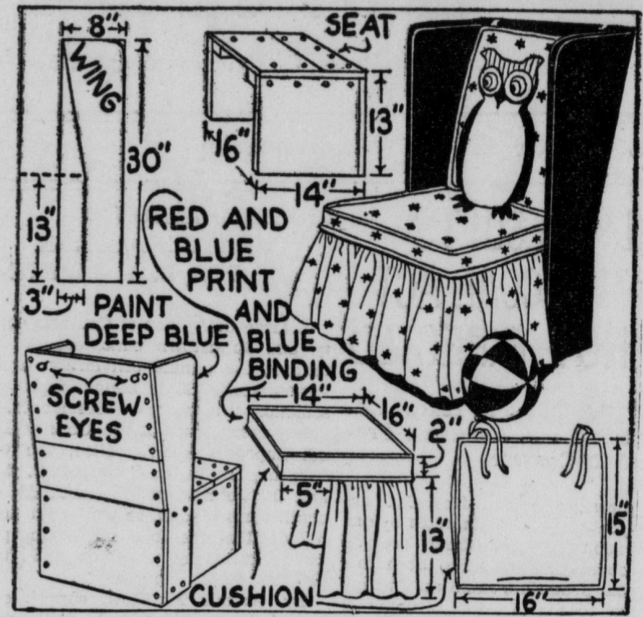
For just 10 cents in coin you can add to your kitchen library, this very practical and clever book. You'll find in it recipes for quivery custard pie, for spare ribs with apple stuffing, for oyster stew, and recipes for all the other good "home-style" dishes that men like.

To get your copy of this cook book now, send 10 cents in coin to "Feeding Father," care of Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

About this time of year the family supply of jams and jellies runs very low and we begin to hoard the few remaining jars. Next week Eleanor Howe will give you some of her favorite recipes for mid-winter jams and marmalades, which can be prepared right now, to supplement your stock. She'll give you, too, a recipe or two for delicious hot breads to serve with them.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



A gay winged chair for the youngster

A GOOD deal has been said about children having to live in a giant's world where all the furniture is made for grown-ups. Furniture stores are now selling chairs; tables; beds and dressers made for children. Here are all the dimensions needed for making a child's chair at home. It is of 1-inch material and the sketch shows clearly how it is screwed together after the pieces have been sawed according to the measurements given. The chair is painted deep blue; the back, seat cushions and full skirt are of red and blue cotton print with blue bindings. All dimensions for the

cushions and skirt are also given in the sketch.

NOTE: If you enjoy making what you want from next to nothing, don't miss Mrs. Spears' newest Sewing Book (No. 4). It is full of information for making useful things. Books No. 1, 2 and 3 contain a fascinating array of things to make for the home. Mrs. Spears has made three patterns for Early American quilt blocks which she will send FREE with your order for four books at 10 cents each. Quilt block patterns only—10 cents for set of three. Send order to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. Can you write 600 in Roman numerals?
2. Is the income of the President taxable?
3. Who cut the Gordian Knot?
4. Which of our wars was known as Mr. Madison's war?
5. Which is the middle verse of the Bible?
6. Which woman has had more statues erected to her memory than any other woman?
7. Which race is increasing its population the fastest?
8. Do plants grow more at night than during the day?
9. Which is the correct quotation: "Far from the maddening crowd," or "Far from the maddening crowd"?
10. What per cent of the world's population is still governed by monarchs?

The Answers

1. DC.
2. His salary as President is not. Any other income he may have, is.
3. Alexander the Great.
4. The War of 1812.
5. The eighth verse of the 118th Psalm.
6. Joan of Arc.
7. The white races of the world are doubling their populations every 80 years, the yellow and brown races every 60 years and the black races every 40 years.

History's Biggest Bang

The blowing up of the volcanic island of Krakatoa, in August, 1883, provided the biggest explosion in history. Two-thirds of the island "went west," and the catastrophe caused huge waves that traveled half round the earth. The air disturbance was also terrific, and scientists estimate that air waves went seven times round the world. The sea rose 50 feet, and rushed up the beaches of Java and Sumatra, destroying 300 villages and drowning over 30,000 people.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Bronchitis, acute or chronic, is an inflammatory condition of the mucous membranes lining the bronchial tubes. Creomulsion goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to like the way it quickly lays the cough or you are to have your money back. **CREOMULSION** for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Are Women Better Shoppers than Men ?

GRANTING a woman's reputation for wise buying, let's trace the methods by which she has earned it. Where does she find out about the advantages and details of electrical refrigeration? What tells her how to keep the whole household clean—rugs, floors, bathroom tiling—and have energy left over for golf and parties? How does she learn about new and delicious entrees and desserts that surprise and delight her family? Where does she discover those subtleties of dress and make-up that a man appreciates but never understands?

Why, she reads the advertisements. She is a consistent, thoughtful reader of advertisements, because she has found that she can believe them—and profit thereby. Overlooking the advertisements would be depriving herself of data continuously useful in her job of Purchasing Agent to the Family.

For that matter, watch a wise man buy a car or a suit or an insurance policy. Not a bad shopper himself! He reads advertisements, too!