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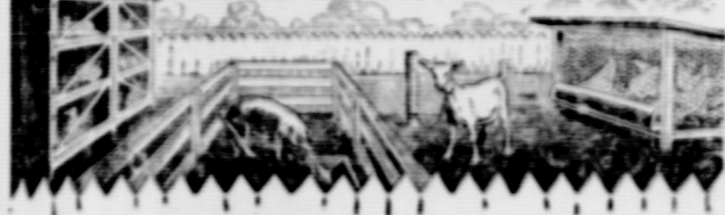
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### Sidelights From Washington

By George Mahon  
Last week I joined with five other members of the Military Appropriations Committee in calling at the White House to discuss a number of matters with President Truman. The President was in good spirits and was looking well.

Most of our discussion had to do with Army expenditures, the retention of bases in the Pacific, disposal of surplus Army property abroad and the atomic bomb.

We pointed out that we had handled the appropriations of funds for, and maintained the secrecy of the atomic bomb project, and we recommended against the release of the atomic bomb secret.

We told the President that members of our armed forces, particularly those abroad, were impatient with delays in the discharge program—that the War Department was losing prestige among the servicemen. We urged a speedier discharge program.

In the course of our conversation I brought up the question of our six million bales of surplus cotton and asked the President to place the government behind a program for the earliest possible disposition of this cotton. He said that he was greatly interested and was already giving the matter consideration. The friendly nations of the world need our cotton. Moreover, it will be up to defeated Germany and Japan to produce their food and provide their clothing.

In Berlin recently I was told by the military staff that Germany was being permitted to resume certain non-war industries and that the revival of the German rayon and synthetic fiber industry was being considered. I insisted that America ought to see to it that the cotton textile industry is favored affording a sales opportunity now and later for American cotton.

I think our government has a good opportunity to work out a program for the profitable disposal of cotton surpluses. Members of Congress from cotton producing areas have been requested to join in this effort and the Department of State and Agriculture have been requested to give immediate consideration to the question.

A large part of the surplus cotton is West Texas cotton, and we have much to gain if the program succeeds. Industrial policies are crystallizing all over the world, and America must try to prevent the world from slamming the door on American cotton.

President Truman shattered tradition last week by coming to the Supreme Court for the swearing in of Senator Harold Burton of Ohio as Justice of the Supreme Court. Since 1941 I have occasionally worked with Senator Burton in conference between the house and Senate Appropriations Committees. He is democratic, modest and friendly, and no one doubts but that he will do his honest best to make good on the Court. He and Chief Justice Harlan Stone are the two Republicans on the nine member Court. Justice Stone was appointed originally by President Coolidge in 1925 and made Chief Justice by President Roosevelt in 1941 succeeding Chief Justice Hughes.

His admonished him to never let grass grow under his feet—so he joined the navy.

If all of us profited by our errors we'd be busy declaring dividends. Some people will spend \$10 on a canary; others \$50 on a lark.

### Alton Barnett Writes

(Ed. note: Following is a portion of an interesting letter from Alton Barnett describing some of the action he has seen in the Pacific prior to the War's end. Alton has received many citations from the Navy including a Bronze Star, a captain's Citation and two battle ribbons.)

Sept. 8, 1945 Okinawa

Since they have no more censorship I don't see any reason why I shouldn't tell you my position. I am now in China Wan bay on the coast of Okinawa and it is still plenty rough. They are already releasing some of the men abroad and will be home soon.

On the night peace was signed, a suicide plane came across our bow and crashed into the bow of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania and knocked her out of action—she was a darn good battiewagon and you can imagine what one of those planes would have done to a tender. Just a little while before that there was a hospital ship at the entrance of the harbor just coming in loaded with wounded men and a suicide plane hit her right amidship and hurled about 575 men into the water and she lit up the harbour with flames the next morning. We went over to help and there were heads and all other parts of the human body all over her bow but she still floated to dock. There was a tanker hit by a suicide plane and she went under the water in about 15 minutes carrying about 300 men down. One afternoon we were all at the movies and suddenly the general alarm went off and we looked and two planes came over the side of the mountain and one hit the Curtis amidship and the other came for our bow and our

batteries turned loose with everything they had. The plane crashed in the water about 200 yards from us and exploded. When the plane hit the Curtis it went on the inside and the bomb on the plane exploded and there was a long line for ice cream and the bunks were filled with men in sick bay and the chow hall was nearly full—it killed them all including about 75 officers. The Curtis went back to Saipan and we were left out here all alone. One night we were aroused from our bunks and went to General Quarters and commenced firing.

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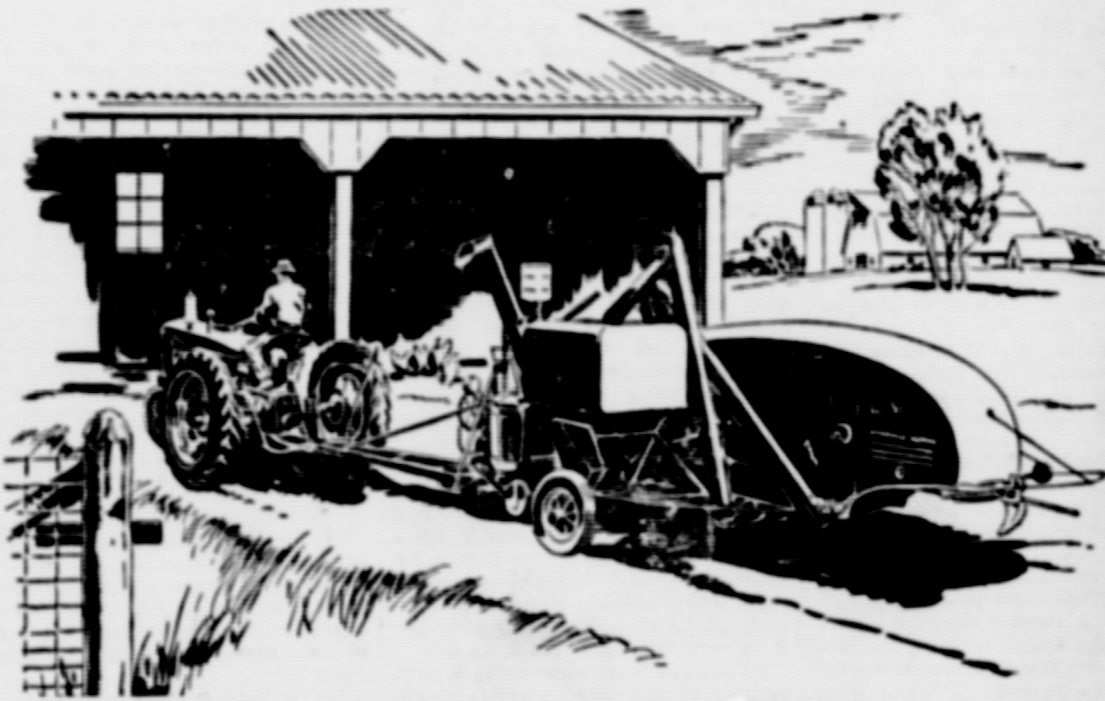
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### JACK SUMROW WRITES

(Ed. note: Following is a letter from Jack Sumrow, son of Wade Sumrow and nephew of E. W. Sumrow of O'Donnell. Jack was recently released from a Jap prison camp. He will be remembered here as he formerly attended school here. Aboard U. S. S. Naval Hospital Ship Rescue.

September 8th  
Dear Mom and Dad,  
Will try and write you a few lines after so many years. It has been so long I may not be able to write anything that will make sense. It has been almost two years since I have heard from you.

I guess you know by now that I have spent 3 1-2 years in one of the worst hell on earth that a man can go thru and still come out alive. But, thanks to God and your prayers, I made it thru and I am still in good shape. I hope it won't be long before I can come home. I was wounded twice during the battle of Corregidor. A Jap shot me thru the left foot. But I guess you know I made him and many of his pals pay. I shot him into with my P.A.R. We killed over 9,000 of the yellow rats. They took Corregidor but they paid for it and they also lost over 150,000 taking Bataan.

You can't guess how badly I want to come home. It has been so long if it had not been for the home I knew I had I would not be here today. I would have laid down and died a long time ago. I have seen many a poor prisoner do just that. I have never been ill since I have been a prisoner. I have worked like hell 7 days a week 28 days a month

and most of the time 30 days a month and starved every since the day of capture. I never weighed over 125 lbs. and I worked all winter of 1943 weighing 115 lbs. starving all the time. But it all over now. Well, mom, I hate to talk about these things but I just can't forget the awful hell the Japs put us thru. I swear I will kill everyone (Jap) I run across as long as I live.  
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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
By GEORGE S. BENSON  
President--Harding College  
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**Vinson**  
Shortly after Fred Vinson was named Secretary of the Treasury he was quoted in the press as saying "the American people are in the pleasant predicament of having to learn to live 50% better than they have ever lived before." When he made this remark he was talking about a future day, one that had not come then and has not come yet, but a completely possible future day.  
Hitler was no longer a menace, when the new Secretary spoke of a 50% higher living standard in America, but Japan still clouded the Pacific. Now that has cleared up also and today's national problem is economic rather than strategic. The strain is no less, but in a different place. Ease felt in America as firing ceased was like the relief of changing hands with a heavy burden.

**Load is on Vinson**  
About a month ago this column carried an outline of Mr. Vinson's tax policies which I frankly consider sound. Now, in view of the changed international picture, it is high time everybody knew more about this generalissimo of post-war finances, czar of economics in the world's most important country. He is a key man on the team that has to win if liberty, civilization and enlightenment survive.

Fred Vinson is 55 years old. Half a century ago he was playing in the yard of the jailhouse in Louisa, Ky. His father was county jailer. The next year he started to school. . . . His coarse hair is half gray now and he has some loose skin under his chin but he's recognized as the "best in his line" and on a job where everybody wishes him well, if that's success.

**A Serious Student**  
Louisa, with some 2,000 inhabitants, is across the Big Sandy river from West Virginia. There young Vinson entered school, there was elected district attorney and from there went to Congress in 1922. At Center College, Danville, Ky., he worked in the library to help pay expenses, took a leading part in athletics and averaged above 95 in grades all through college and law school.

Mr. Vinson is a penetrating thinker. He has years of experience in government and he knows taxes. He is a recognized fiscal expert. That's what put him on the Ways & Means committee and here his ability is still respected. He has been a Federal judge, the successful economic stabilizer of this country, also director of war mobilization and reconversion--the job that's known as "assistant president."

**To Make Mere Jobs**  
Vinson has many prime qualifications for his present job. Amant his thoroughness, it came out a time or two in connection with his work as chairman of the tax section of the Ways & Means committee that he knew more than his witnesses themselves about testimony they submitted. Recollection of these incidents naturally tends to keep alive Vinson's influence among congressmen which is a big asset.

It is told that he studied beforehand the financial statements of big corporations whose officials were to testify, and his questioning them proved repeatedly that he knew more about certain aspects of a corporation's business than did its president. This is the man who planned a tax program to create the most jobs, instead of merely raising revenue for the government, something I have been shouting from the rooftops for four years.

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