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## GENERAL JOHNSON Says:

**Murphy and Jackson Are Rabble Rousers Unfit for Their Jobs and Jim Cromwell Couldn't Even Sell Peanuts.**

**By HUGH S. JOHNSON**

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Murphy moves up to the Supreme court and Mr. Robert Jackson becomes attorney general. There isn't any use saying anything about it except that it could have been worse. There is little to distinguish these gentlemen for such positions except that they are radical New Dealers and Third Termists.

It might be supposed that an lawyer of passable distinction, would be better qualified for a place on the highest court in Christendom than a zealot and lame-duck politician without presumption to either professional qualification. But Mr. Roosevelt does not think so and here in particular it might have been worse. Indeed, it has been worse, as witness the appointment of Hugo Black.

The new attorney general is a brilliant young man distinguished most in official position by business-baiting utterances and demagogic speeches.

Mr. Roosevelt may now in words condemn such tactics in a plea for unity as ranging "class against class," but this appointment of about the most effective oratorical rabble rouser in his official family is sure to send a chill down the spines of the "economic royalists."

**Tolerant as Wild Cats.**

If actions speak louder than words, these two appointments just about cancel out the heart of the President's speech opening congress and asking the country to balance income through united effort, "calmness, tolerance and co-operative wisdom."

These radicals have about as much tolerance as a cage full of turpentine wild cats plus a couple of licks.

The appointment of Mr. Edison as secretary of the navy was a recent decision. Mr. Edison has not of late been the apple of the President's eye. He, with Assistant Secretary Louis Johnson, are supposed to have been in the dog-house



**A PEANUT VENDOR!!**  
Jim Cromwell is that to General Johnson; Doris Duke does not agree.

for what has been called "pre-mature" appointment of the dolorous Stettinius preparedness committee. Naval preparedness and construction, in spite of millions appropriated, had not moved with the zip, speed and smoothness that might have been expected.

Perhaps Mr. Edison has been put under a pulmotor. He starts by proposing the power of commanding and compulsory orders, not merely in war but in "emergency." Emergency could mean anything. If the secretary of the navy can't get his supplies with millions to spend, he is little more likely to get them by taking over industrial plants by commandeering. The proposal may show a new galvanic crackdown vigor in Mr. Edison—but it doesn't show much sense.

**Could Peddle Peanuts.**

But I have saved the prize for the last. Mr. Cromwell-Doris Duke's husband—is to be our diplomatic representative in Canada. I wouldn't say a thing against Mr. Cromwell except that, if he were a little better equipped, he could acceptably peddle peanuts.

He has no qualifications whatever as our minister to one of the warring nations in this world crisis except the contribution he and his wife have made, or may make, out of her tobacco fortune to the New Deal campaign chest.

Of the other appointments, I have said they might be worse. This might also be on the theory of the doctor who advised a victim of halitosis to eat strong cheese and garlic to improve his breath.

**Shooting Hull's Pants**

The tariff is the prickiest subject in politics. Watch the drum-fire barrage being prepared to shoot the pants off Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade agreements.

**A Welcher's Squawk.**

Lord Beaverbrook, British lord of the press, says that President Wilson, "General Pershing and eight congressmen," "encouraged Britain to think that the war debts would be canceled and that the money was in lieu of immediate manpower."

It is a poor time to revive this Uncle Shylock British alibi. The allies never asked us for anything in that war that we did not give without a single selfish reservation. Lord Beaverbrook's is a welcher's squawk.

## HOW, WHAT, AND WHY?

**Value of Soybeans**

W. B. F. asks: "What value has the soybean in the general feeding of cows for milk production?"

Prof. F. P. Bussell of the plant breeding department replies: "The soybean is a good source of protein when mixed and ground with oats, barley or corn. If good yields of the beans are obtained it may be cheaper to grow a protein supply in this way than to buy it in purchased feeds. A Jefferson county grower got 35 bushels an acre of Cayuga soybeans in 1938. It would seem that soybeans would be profitable if yields of 25 to 30 bushels to an acre can be obtained."

**Peach Outlook**

B. M. C. inquires about the outlook for peaches in 1940.

The answer, from Cornell bulletin E-425: "Since 1932, production of peaches in the United States has averaged lower than during the preceding ten years. In 1939 the crop was 20 per cent larger than the previous five-year average."

Peach growing has paid New York growers relatively well during recent years, and the immediate outlook seems to be more favorable than for most other fruits grown here. New plantings, however, are reported to have been rather heavy in recent years, especially in the early-producing sections. The longer term outlook is not so favorable. It will depend on whether demand improves as rapidly as production increases."

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Automobile owners paid \$1,529,312,125 in taxes in 1938, according to the Automobile Manufacturers association. The value of all new automobiles in the United States and Canada was but \$1,331,598,129.

The Social Security board reports there were 3 per cent more persons hunting jobs last November than there were in October.

The WPA reports that 2,152,252 persons were on its rolls on Dec. 27, 1939, in increase of 8,582 in a week.

The New Deal electric power program has cost the nation's taxpayers \$1,178,138,834 since 1933.

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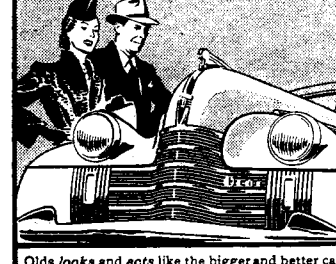
**Melon Seed Mixup**  
H. W. Smith, Darlington, S. C., watermelon grower, believes his watermelon and muskmelon seeds must have been mixed up. In his fields last fall he found a muskmelon measuring 33 inches in diameter, 13 inches in height, and weighing 22½ pounds.

**Maryland Single Taxers**  
Hyattsville, Md., adjacent to the nation's capital, was the first community in this country to try the single tax for local revenue purposes. A law passed in 1892 fixed the single tax system, but it was declared unconstitutional shortly thereafter.


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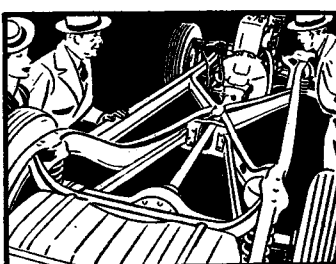


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