

From UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE
Monte Bourjaily, General Manager
220 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

BIOGRAPHY -- DREW PEARSON
Co-Author of "Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round"

Drew Pearson is a tall, slender, professorial-looking individualist, whose prime amusement and occupation is observing the merry-go-round of national politics.

He was born in Evanston, Illinois, in 1897, and was graduated from Swarthmore College in 1919. Imbued with high Swarthmore ideals, he went to the Balkans with the British Red Cross and later became head of the Quaker Relief work in Serbia, Albania and Montenegro.

After two years of this he returned to teach in the University of Pennsylvania, but after a year of it, he heard the East a-calling, and he started on a world merry-go-round of his own.

In 1922 he shipped as a seaman on the S.S. President Madison out of Seattle and landed in Yokohama, where he wandered North to Saghalien and Nikelaevsk and back to Vladivostok. Here, being out of funds, he persuaded a girl in the passport office to give him a passport for a bar of chocolate, and so to Japan and a letter of credit.

His travels brought him along the China Coast to the Philippines and eventually to Australia, where he tied up with a lecture bureau and lectured for six months in Australia and in New Zealand.

Thriftily arranging to write for newspapers in every important Australian city, he sailed for London. He continued to write for these papers and for papers in India and South Africa for the next ten years.

On his way to London, he stopped over in India and visited the jail and the home of Mahatma Gandhi.

In Europe he interviewed Europe's twelve greatest men for a news syndicate. His whole trip took him a year and six months. He started with \$700 and returned with \$734.

Once again he resumed teaching, this time at Columbia, but travel called him again and he returned to Japan and China, crossing the Gobi Desert this time and visiting the Tibetan border.

All this time he was writing for American magazines and newspapers. In 1926, he became foreign editor of The United States Daily. In 1927, he covered the Geneva Naval Conference. In 1928, he accompanied Secretary of State Kellogg on his trips to Paris and Dublin, and accompanied President Coolidge to Havana.

In 1929, he joined the Washington staff of The Baltimore Sun and that year covered the London Naval Conference. In 1931, his report on the Cuban Revolution received honorable mention for the Pugsley award on the best journalistic work of the year.

In 1925, he was married to the Countess Felicia Gizycka, daughter of Mrs. "Cissie" Patterson, editor of The Washington Herald.

In 1932, after publication of "More Merry-Go-Round", Pearson was dismissed by The Baltimore Sun. He asserted that the dismissal was due to the protest made by Secretary of War Hurley against the chapter in the book called "The Cotillion Leader". This, The Sun denied.

Mr. Pearson is one of the leading experts and writers on foreign affairs in the United States. His extensive contracts make him one of the greatest sources of public information in Washington.

- - -