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PEARL HARBOR DAY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

This is the anniversary of the most tragic day in American history—the anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

The intervening years have been few, yet even in such a short space of time we have forgotten much of the terror of that day.

Statistics are dull, but we should never forget the cost of Pearl Harbor—eight battleships, 10 other warships, 48 Navy planes, 97 Army planes, and, worst of all, 3000 men killed or missing. Hundreds of bodies still remain unrecovered from rusted hulls in the historic harbor.

Pearl Harbor and its mistakes should never be forgotten. Yet even in these few years we have allowed our defense preparations to lag, opening ourselves wide to another sneak attack, even as a careless boxer turns away from an aggressive opponent.

Pearl Harbor still carries deep scars resulting from that sneak attack. Debris from millions of dollars worth of defense installations, destroyed by the air attack, still may be seen. Time has softened those scars. National prestige, which sank to its lowest level in our history, was restored in a mushroom cloud of flame over hapless Hiroshima. We proved to the world that we could absorb a terrific punch and still come back fighting—fighting victoriously.

The peace we had expected, as we tasted final victory and revenge for Pearl Harbor, is today a precarious peace. War clouds hang ominously on the horizon. Yet, as our defenses slept at Pearl Harbor, so, today, we permit political bickering, interdepartmental strife and false economy to weaken our defensive strength. We are again subject to sneak attack.

While the world waits for a guiding hand to direct it on the path to reconstruction, we fumble and bumble, as we place the welfare of political parties above the safety of the nation and the world.

We refuse to measure up to stern realities, desperately clinging to a false, insecure prosperity, drunkenly staggering along the suicidal road of socialism, glorying in the jingle of dollars in our pockets but heedless of the debts we have accumulated; knowing that our dreams, induced by drugs of propaganda, must eventually be dissipated, but postponing the inevitable day as long as possible, while we wallow deeper and deeper along the dangerous path in the pleasure of our revels.

Will it take another Pearl Harbor to bring us out of our dreams? Must we again sacrifice thousands of lives and millions of dollars before we awaken to the fact that something for nothing is but a dream and that we must pay—and pay dearly—for so-called welfare? Will we go on and on along the road of socialism until it is too late to return, destroying forever the form of government we fought so hard to save only a few brief years ago?

Pearl Harbor was a tragic day in our history. We feel deeply the loss of the lives of heroes who died in that catastrophe. Yet thousands of lives are being lost daily throughout the world because we have failed in our responsibility for leadership in world affairs.

Our prestige suffered because of our defeat at Pearl Harbor, but our prestige, regained through victory, is deteriorating rapidly today because we permit abuse and humiliation of our nationals, by unjust imprisonment at the hands of those who seek our destruction.

This is a day when Americans, recalling the unity which came from the shock punch at Pearl Harbor, should pledge themselves that their government shall be placed above the plane of political party, pressure power, and class favoritism.

No greater tribute could be paid the heroes of Pearl Harbor than a determination to preserve the Constitutional government for which those thousands of lives were sacrificed.

Marshall Plan Nations Matching American Money

PARIS — (AP) — European countries, says a U.S. government survey, have spent almost \$3,000,000,000 of their own money on recovery under the Marshall plan.

The money is part of "counterpart funds" which the European countries must put up, in their own currency, matching Marshall aid from the European Co-operation administration dollar for dollar.

The European money comes from ordinary government funds, raised by taxation and bonds, and from what European citizens pay for Marshall plan goods.

The ECA must pass on the uses to which these counterpart funds are spent. More than half of the three billions has gone to stimulate industrial production. But Britain and Norway used their counterpart funds to retire national debt.

Other projects underway with the counterpart money include these:

THE NETHERLANDS—to reclaim land from the Zuider Zee, providing new homes and new food lands for a growing population.

AUSTRIA—harnessing of the Enns river to provide electric power.

GERMANY—power station in West Berlin (the Soviet zone sup-

plies the power now), coal mine developments and railroad building.

FRANCE—investments in the steel industry and improvements in the coal mines and electric power system.

ITALY—drainage, irrigation and flood control in the Veneto region to reclaim much-needed farm land.

The U.S. has appropriated about \$9,000,000,000 for the Marshall plan but not all of it has been used to date. Thus the equivalent of only \$3,000,000,000 in counterpart funds has been approved for withdrawal. Of this, \$2,795,500,000 has been put to use.

DRAWNS DISCORD IN DEATH WASHINGTON — (AP) — Dr. Hans Kindler, former conductor of the Washington Symphony orchestra, requested in his will that he be buried "preferably on a hilltop."

"I definitely do not want my body to be handled by undertakers, nor to have it exposed after the second day. Just a few bandages will be sufficient," he wrote. For music at his funeral he wanted the slow movement of the Haydn quartet in C major (the Gypsy), and "any of the better chorales of Bach."

When he died, his funeral was arranged by undertakers, and the music requested was not played. The Musical Art String Quartet, which he wanted to play, is no longer in existence.

COMBINATION STOLEN BRIDAL VEIL, Ore., Dec. 7. —

Every Day Is Christmas



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

When I write a letter to my friend Mrs. Finney, I always think of the way she used to receive mail in the days when she lived 28 miles from the nearest white neighbors, down in the Indian Nation. Mrs. Finney will be 94 years young this Christmas day; she was in her twenties then.

Mail days the young Indian runner would come into the kitchen and gulp down scalding hot coffee out of an extra sized cup Mrs. Finney kept for him. Meanwhile "Sha-pa-nah-sha-wa-ko," as she was known to the Osage, wrapped the outgoing letters in a tea towel, knotting the ends securely.

This the lad placed in a fold of the blanket an Osage always had with him. Off he would go . . . "When he came to Salt Creek he would take off his blanket without stopping his steady lope, plunge in, swim across, holding the mail high over his head! He never lost a letter; never got one wet."

It seemed bred in a runner to

keep up his steady gait which, as it has been proven for a fact, would outrun and outwind a horse. An Indian runner was consecrated to his task—another time I will tell the story of the runner who was shot . . .

Towards evening, as Mrs. Finney watched the hill, an easy-running figure would be silhouetted against the sunset as the runner came over the hill. Letters meant a lot in those days! By sending over to the Kaw agency where mail was brought down from "the states" by a special arrangement, the Finneys received their mail more often, sometimes two or even three times a week! The Finney's trading post was half way between the Kaw and the Osage agencies.

"I'd fry extra turkey-breast for him when I cooked our supper. We never bothered to use the rest of the wild turkey. Or maybe a good thick piece of venison. Two or three cups of coffee, always scalding hot! I never saw the beat, the way an Indian could eat when he set his mind to it!"

Western Powers Score Victory Over Vishinsky's Peace Proposal

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — (AP) — One of the strange chapters in the history of the United Nations now has come to an end. On Sept. 23 President Truman announced there was evidence of an atomic blast in Russia.

And on that day Russia's foreign minister, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, got up and made a peace proposal in the U. N., which had been set up four years ago to keep peace.

1. He suggested a peace pact among the Big Five nations: United States, Russia, Britain, France, China.

2. He suggested the U. N. condemn preparations for a new war which he said were being made in the United States and Britain.

The U. S. ambassador to the U. N., Warren R. Austin, called the Vishinsky proposal propaganda. Later he said:

If Vishinsky wanted to cooperate with the rest of the world, the Russian peace proposal was unnecessary; but if Russia didn't intend to cooperate, such a peace pact would be a mockery.

Still, the Vishinsky proposal let the U. S. in a kind of box. How could the western powers counter the Russian move with some move of their own?

On Nov. 14 Austin got up and proposed an American-British resolution. This resolution was hardly more than what already is contained in the U. N. charter or things the U. S. and Britain had said before:

It called on U. N. members to take part in the work of the U. N.; to restrain the use of the veto in the security council where Russia has vetoed majority decisions 41 times; to settle disputes by peaceful means; and so on.

So now the U. N. was going to have to vote on the Russian proposal and on the U. S.-British proposal.

This would give both sides a chance to show how many supporters they had in the U. N.

Employees at the Union Pacific depot wondered today whether to yell: "We wuz robbed!"

Someone entered the depot Sunday night and hauled the safe outside. But he fled with the combination and now no one can open the safe to see if anything was taken.

In the Day's News

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ered, that the more children the bigger the bonus per child. Anyway, if the child continues in school the bonus will be paid up to age 23.

WHAT'S cooking? Well, when things like that happen in an area that for centuries has had MORE PEOPLE THAN FOOD you can paste it in your hat that somebody is looking for cannon fodder.

HERE'S something else you could call significant:

A Young Republican — John Tope, chairman of the Young Republican National Federation — says in an address to the Indiana Young Republican convention: "Young people are becoming increasingly dissatisfied over the position our party is taking in combatting this Democratic drive toward socialism . . . It is too much to expect that THE MOST CONSERVATIVE OF US should sit idly by and see elections lost by default as the result of party machinery being controlled by individuals who are interested solely in PERSONAL BENEFITS or by individuals incapable of effective leadership."

YOUNG Tope's words are carefully chosen, but I presume he means to say that the Republican party is now (and has been for some time in the past) controlled by a clique of old fuddyduddies who are more interested in GETTING BACK INTO POWER than in saving the country from a threatened danger.

I may, of course, be putting words into his mouth that are rougher than he means to utter. I have expressed often enough the personal opinion that that is what is wrong with the Republican party nationally. So I'd better add that I HOPE that is what he means.

Anyway, he goes on to say: "Our only hope for success lies in a revitalized Republican party. It is up to us (he was talking to a convention of YOUNG Republicans) to furnish this revitalization through the introduction of new methods, new leadership and new spirit."

WISH he had added this one more thing:

"It is up to us to provide a revival of FLAMING, FIGHTING FAITH IN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AS ENVISIONED AND OUTLINED BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS."

That would be a cause worth fighting for.

I'd like to add, purely on my own, that it will take flaming, fighting faith in the vision of the

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COFFEE APLENTY

Brazil Drought Rumor Untrue, Claims Expert

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Unfounded rumors of drought in Brazil are getting part of the blame for sky-rocketing coffee prices.

Countering coffee drought shortage reports with U. S. crop estimates, a government expert agreed with investigators for a Senate agriculture subcommittee that sharp price jumps are large by the result of rumor rather than fact.

Brazil, he told the Senate group, is expected to have a larger crop of coffee beans for export next year than it did this—when export was larger than last year.

Albert M. Prosterman, commodity specialist for the Commerce department's office of international trade food branch, answered coffee-drought shortage reports with an estimate from the U. S. embassy in Brazil.

"That 1950 harvest will exceed 1949 by one-half million to one million bags," he said.

Senator Gillette (D-Iowa), chairman of the subcommittee trying to learn why coffee prices have soared, commented:

"There is no question there is monopolistic control of coffee in Brazil, and Brazil dominates the coffee market."

Doukhorbor Home Destroyed By Fire

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 5.—(CP)

The home of the Doukhorbor who invited his followers to leave Canada earlier this year, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Police believe it may have been the work of his own people.

The burning was the latest development in events which prompted a crack-down by the British Columbia government following the dynamiting of Canadian Pacific railway lines through the West Kootenay valley.

Police reinforcements were sent to the district during the weekend.

The burning of the small shack home of John Lebedoff, leader of the radical Sons of Freedom, followed a meeting at which police and railway officials explained the seriousness of bombing railway tracks.

Hundreds of miles of railway track are under guard today. Railway speeders precede each train, and all bridges are under special watch.

Lebedoff called for a trek to Russia or Turkey early in the year, but he has made no reference to his plan in recent statements.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 30 YEARS AGO

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Case Baffles the Officers
Myrtle Creek was visited by a burglar last night, who entered the store of Rice Bros. and Adams, the Myrtle Creek Bank and the ticket office at the depot. As no one saw the burglar, the whole affair remains a mystery. The man would be a mystery. It is thought that the burglar was committed after midnight. It was first discovered by Mr. Rice when he came to open up his store this morning and found the safe had been blown open.

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Judging by this news item of 1919 nobody in Myrtle Creek went out after midnight—except burglars. Remember . . . an insurance policy against theft never sleeps.

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