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## COMPOSITE VISITOR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The president of the National Institute of Life Insurance, Holgar J. Johnson, told newspapermen at a meeting in New York that the newspaper is "the greatest composite visitor" to the American home.

Do you enjoy a visitor who speaks authoritatively on any subject—a visitor who can tell you all the news of the day, at the same time interpreting those items you might otherwise find it difficult to understand? Do you enjoy a visitor who knows everyone in town and can tell you who is getting married, who has had "blessed events," who has been in trouble with the law, who is going on a visit or has just returned? Do you enjoy a visitor who attends all the meetings in town and tells you what transpired? Do you enjoy a visitor who is acquainted with all the town's business houses and industries and can give you all the information you may desire about prices, styles, services, etc? Do you enjoy a visitor who can draw funny cartoons, tell stories, show pictures of current events, people in the news, athletic events and matters of human interest?

You certainly would delight in having the visitor we describe in your home. It would be impossible, of course, to concentrate all that information and ability in one human being. But you do have such a visitor in your daily newspaper—a visitor combining all the talents enumerated, plus many more—the knowledge of what hundreds of people want to buy, sell, rent, or trade, what has been lost or found, what services are offered, or the prevailing prices on used automobiles.

The definition of the newspaper as a "composite visitor" certainly is apt.

### THE 38TH PARALLEL

News from the press wires indicates we are being conditioned for a halt in Korean fighting at the 38th parallel. It is rumored, in fact, that a "deal" has been made with Great Britain, that we will not cross over into North Korea. Our own State department is giving us little information but apparently is proceeding, in its usual roundabout way, to feed us propaganda designed to build public sentiment favorable to the 38th parallel halt.

We certainly want an end to fighting in Korea at the earliest possible date. We want an end to the tragic casualties of the war. But should we be content with half a victory?

We have previously made the grievous mistake of stopping short of total victory.

When we stopped the first World war without invading Germany, permitting her to escape any serious punishment for her crimes, we paved the way for the second World War.

When we failed to halt aggressions by the Axis powers, stultifying ourselves by appeasement, we opened the door to history's worst slaughter.

When we fell for Soviet trickery and deceit, failing to use common sense in following up our second World war victories, granting concessions at Potsdam and Yalta, and speeding demobilization, we set the stage for Russian aggression and the mess we are in at present.

If we stop in Korea at the 38th parallel, we will have achieved only half a victory, leaving the Reds in possession of stolen territory.

Russian had no right in Korea. Her job was only to accept the Japanese surrender in that area. But she stayed. To stop short of the Manchurian border is to admit Russia's claim to satellite control over North Korea. Halting at the 38th parallel indicates willingness for appeasement. It puts us right back where we started.

Much as we dread the thoughts of prolonging a war, we believe it is time to show tough determination. We have seen the result of leaving a job half done. This one should be completed.



With flower-books and a botany at hand, I sometimes feel a bit stupid when I end up by querying Dr. Helen M. Gilkey, professor of botany and curator of the O.S.C. herbarium. I wrap a specimen in wax paper, and enclose a self-addressed postal too. Once my query got "covered up" — Dr. Gilkey is snowed under at times! — and she wrote apologetically some time later, after receiving the query: "We do try to answer our mail the same way as we receive it!" Although Dr. Gilkey is a very busy person she is also most gracious — one letter has little sketches on it too better illustrate her helpful differentiation in flower characteristics.

So, after about three years of this, I was surprised and pleased to learn that my professor friend was the author of a "Handbook" I borrowed from the State library, and thought it fine. When I mentioned my discovery to the author of the botany, I was told: "It is not very well adapted to your area, because the Umpqua divide separating Lane and Douglas counties, brings about many differences in the flora of the two."

Imagine that! Dr. Gilkey in her last letter mentioned a book she and her sister had been enjoying. I quote — "I'm sure she will not mind."

"Driftwood Valley" by Theodora S. Stanwell-Fletcher, true story of a young couple who went into the far wilds of British Columbia, spending a year or more, including a winter, isolated by deep snow from the world except by skin. They collected biological material for the university, hence include fascinating accounts of wildlife in the region. The author's de-

### AEC Worker Fired For Tip To Land Speculator

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Atomic Energy commission has fired an employee on grounds he tipped a land speculator it planned to build a big plant in South Carolina.  
 Gordon Dean, AEC chairman, said the man discharged was W. Conrad McKelvey, who has been employed on housing and other community problems in connection with the Carolina hydrogen bomb plant.  
 Dean said McKelvey had given advanced information to Walter V. Pace, a grocery man from Utah, "to the effect that another person could profit by land buying" near the site. He said Pace made purchases of property.  
 Dean said the matter is being investigated by the FBI.

## D-Days For Uncle Joe



## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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can hear, seem to be scattering their stuff all over the place.

Speaking of bombs, a retired oil millionaire in Los Angeles offers to be \$100,000 that Russia doesn't attack us this year and \$200,000 that she doesn't attack in 1952. He says: "The offer is worldwide. There are no strings attached. If I win, I'll turn over the money to the Boy and Girl Scouts of Los Angeles county."

It's a good bet. If he wins, it will be wonderful and if Russia attacks us and he loses and has to pay up his money won't be worth much, anyway.

Have you been following this pigeon business in Scotland? If so, you'll recall that a couple of hundred pigeons have been making a mess of the city hall . . . The city council, after quite a lot of discussion and advice, fed the pigeons grain soaked in Scotch whisky, expecting to get them drunk and then catch them . . . The birds gobbled up the whisky-soaked grain, soaked drunkenly back to their rooftop haunts in the immediate vicinity and feathered there until they sobered up. After that, they went back with renewed enthusiasm to the job of making a mess of the city hall.

That story encourages me greatly.

I thought we had all the screws balls over on this side of the water.

I learn from the teletype this morning that one of the top White House problems at the moment is whether or not to fire the stenog who got the white mink coat.

The normal political method is to fire the lower down, with a great show of public virtue and the strong hope that the firing will distract public attention from the higher ups until the whole thing blows over. In this case, however, the firing of the stenog would be an admission that something was wrong somewhere—and that's what the politicians don't want to admit.

Isn't politics wonderful?

In closing, this one comes from Paris:

"The four power deputies (diplomats from the U.S., Russia, Britain and France) opened their second week of meetings today, fortified by a French lunch 'designed to ease the tension.'"

The lunch was served at the Rose Palace in Paris. The Rose Palace is one of the places you go to see when you're doing the city. It's a wonderful place to describe to the Rotary club when you get home. The lunch, I take it, was in keeping with the building.

The incident confirms my personal opinion that if you're going to save the world you can do it more comfortably as a diplomat than as a soldier.

## Free Men Must Junk Neutrality Idea In Event Of U.S.-Russian Struggle

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

In the councils of the United Nations, in the newspapers and over the radio stations of free peoples in many Asiatic and European lands, on the streets and in the shops and factories of their cities, you hear the refrain:

"If the United States and Russia want war, let them fight. But let us stay out of it. Let us be neutral."

No one can attempt to say accurately how widespread these sentiments are. Happily they are not general. But they must be viewed with sadness by all who appreciate how vital it is to free men everywhere stand together to resist the evil course of totalitarian communism.

We know these attitudes spring more from emotion than from reason. The emotion is fear, buttressed by a sense of frustration and defeat.

But in all attitudes rooted in emotion, men seek to find reasons to justify themselves. If these peoples are ever to muster fresh courage to see the reality of their present peril, they must be deprived of the comfort they are gaining from false reasoning about Soviet-American relations.

They profess to see this as a straight-out U.S.-Russian struggle. Actually it involves every corner of the globe. No patch of earth is likely to be unaffected by the final outcome.

The one great reason why the focus is on Russia and this country is that they represent the two poles of supreme strength in the world. We may thank Hitler for that. He so devastated Europe that the balancing power of once-great France and Britain was taken out of the world scales.

When the last battle was fought, only we and the Russians walked away from the field strong. What if the fates of war had decreed it should be BRITAIN and RUSSIA? Can we doubt that all of Russia's venom and energy would today be pouring into a contest with the British?

Others, shored up by the Marshall plan, narrowly missed.

From the moment Allied victory in World War II was assured, Russia knew this country would be the one real obstacle to its global ambitions. Russia—not the United States—made it a two-nation struggle.

The United States did not seek this fight. It did not seek leadership as a world power. Both these things were thrust upon us by the harsh realities of Europe's post-war ruin.

The Soviet Union directs its fire upon us because we are the only nation that needs to be defeated. How long would any other hold out against the Red tide if we were wiped from the scene?

Far from this being "our" war with Russia, it is every free man's war. If we should go down, they would all go down. The notion that free people may somehow remain neutral and free in a world swept by an all-devouring communism is a feverish fancy, a wild illusion born of nightmarish fear.

If troubled peoples in many places do not soon awake from this dream, they will be shaken out of it rudely by the pounding tread of the totalitarian's boot.

## Voluntary Credit Curb To Battle Inflation Begun

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Federal Reserve board moved Tuesday to put a voluntary credit restraint program into effect to help curb inflation.

The voluntary program will begin at once. The board and three other agencies are working now on recommendations to President Truman on ways to reinforce it, partly by compulsory controls aimed at holding down lending.

Loans by banks and perhaps by other types of lending institutions have increased at a record rate in the nearly nine months since outbreak of the Korean war — fostering inflation, the board contends, by swelling the supply of money.

The new program is aimed especially at choking off loans for buying up existing businesses where no increase in production would result and at halting loans "for speculative investment or purchases."

The board has appealed to "all financial institutions in the United States," and to commercial and investment banks and insurance companies in particular, to cooperate in the voluntary loan-restraint program.

While government lending agencies will not be covered, the board urged that they restrict their lending too.

The private institutions were asked to "eliminate loans which are not necessary to financing the defense program and are not essential to the needs of agriculture, industry and commerce."

The board said Attorney General McGrath had approved its program, giving participants exemption from the anti-trust law for actions they take in carrying it out.

The program is intended to relieve the lenders from feeling under pressure to grant loans lest competitors pick up the business after they have turned it down.

Its operation will be in charge of a 12-member "national voluntary credit restraint committee" to be appointed by the board with four representatives each from the life insurance companies, investment banks and commercial (checking account) banks.

This committee will "meet from time to time for the purpose of considering the functioning of the program and advising the board" regarding it.

## Dr. Florence Blazier, Ex-OSC Teacher, Dies

PORTLAND — (AP) — Dr. Florence E. Blazier, 62, professor emerita of home economics education at Oregon State college, died her Monday.

She became ill while visiting friends in New York recently and was flown back to Portland, where she underwent surgery several days ago.

Dr. Blazier retired from her post at OSC in June, 1949, after 25 years as head of the department. She served as chairman of the home economics division of the Oregon State Teachers and Inland Empire Teachers associations. She was prominent in educational circles throughout the northwest.

A sister, Mable Blazier, Portland, and a brother, Charles Blazier, Eureka Springs, Ark., survive.

# Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dean Acheson's ambassador-at-large, Philip Jessup, is in Paris doing what comes naturally. He is busy scolding the Russians.

As head of the U.S. delegation at the big four deputies' conference, Jessup is described as having wagged a finger at Soviet Deputy Andrei Gromyko. Gromyko, as usual, is spending all his time beating our brains out with his propaganda.

Gromyko ignored Jessup. It's too bad we can't get the State department to do the same thing. Most of the American people do. Gromyko has had a taste of Jessup's anger at other international conferences and knows it's all bark and no bite. In fact, Gromyko probably would lose a lot of his gabby fighting trim if Acheson in his genius didn't provide Gromyko with an international platform every year or so on which to beat the drums of vilification against us.

Along about now we ought to be sending in the first team of international wranglers. President Truman has seen fit to bring in the first team of American industrialists for the home front war. The same thing ought to apply to international problems.

The last time Acheson sent Jessup on an errand was to the Wake Island conference between Gen. Douglas MacArthur and President Truman. Not long after that session Fearless Phil got the news from Korea that the Chinese Communists had about a million troops pouring across the South Korean border. Every time he goes anywhere we get bad news.

In business you'd be allowed two years of bad management at the most before stockholders and the labor union would be hinting your services were needed elsewhere. Acheson and Fearless Phil go on forever, swapping mild insults with the Russians, then panting home to tell us about their witticisms.

The type we should send to talk to Gromyko doesn't exist in the high echelons of the State department; at least, if there are any of them—rough and ready fighters—Acheson probably has them shuffling red tape in Pago-Pago. Onetime ambassador to China, Pat Hurley, could do a job on Gromyko, but the State department debating society talked him right out of the department.

Pat Hurley was the only man who ever banged the table and actually yelled back at Stalin in a face-to-face conference. The incident resulted in a new respect on Stalin's part for Hurley and a new attitude toward the U.S.

Angus Ward spent a year in a Chinese Communist prison because he wouldn't take their guff so now he's at Nairobi, British West Africa.

Jessup's meanderings in China, along with some previous comment in this space about John S. Service, his globe-trotting comrade, stirred Chester E. Shafer, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin attorney, to write me about the fighting qualities of Chiang Kai-Shek's troops on Formosa. Unlike Jessup, Service and Mr. Shafer, my information is that the Nationalist troops are pretty good. Good enough, at least, to give our boys on Korea a breather.

Shafer says not. He was in China as a personnel staff officer of the army during the war. He thinks that out of 1,000,000 able-bodied men on Formosa only about 20,000 can do much fighting. He doesn't explain, however, why the Chinese on Formosa are any less formidable than the Chinese Communists killing Americans in Korea. Same blood, same background, and even from the same families in many cases.

One other point the ex-captain from Milwaukee raises is that Chiang can't train troops. U. S. army missions on Formosa are lying if such is the case, and if they are the Pentagon should call them home for court-martial proceedings. They say that Chinese troops on Formosa are equipped and ready to fight.

Shafer says that if the Nationalist troops ever do set foot on China they will desert and join the Communists. This hardly explains all the stories coming out

## Polish Liner May Lose Dock Rights

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Polish liner Batory, which has been in hot water with U. S. authorities since Communist Gerhart Eisler escaped this country aboard her, may lose its New York docking facilities.

The Batory, owned by the Gdynia-American line, has been using a French line pier. However, the French company says it needs the pier for its own use. The Batory's pier lease expires March 30.

Moreover, City Marine Commissioner Edward P. Cavanaugh Jr. said Friday he considers the Batory "an undesirable occupant" of city piers.

New York piers are leased to ship lines and must get city permission to share another line's facilities. Cavanaugh indicated the Polish line would have trouble getting other pier space.

Eisler, alleged one-time No. 1 U. S. Communist, stowed aboard the Batory in May, 1949, and escaped to the Soviet zone of Germany. He had been free in bond on contempt of Congress and passport fraud charges.

Since then, the liner has been thoroughly searched by federal authorities each time it docked in New York. The ship's crew has been ordered to stay aboard while in New York.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 4:00 P.M. And 9:15 P. M.

BLOW AT LIBERTY BANGKOK, Thailand — (AP) — Austerity has hit hard at a section of Bangkok's night life. A new law says all opium dens must close at midnight.

Sales in Oregon retail stores amount to more than one and one-half billion dollars a year, according to the Census Bureau.

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