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TIME TO GET TOUGH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

James Marlow, syndicate columnist, asked a question in one of his recent columns. "If the whole flaming debate over General MacArthur could be reduced to one, all-important question," said Marlow, "this would be it: Would you make the decision that might — the emphasis is on 'might' — bring Russia into the war on the side of China, starting World War III?"

It is a good question. It is a question each of us should ponder carefully.

In weighing the question, one must take into consideration many side issues, the apparent trend of State department thinking, the military advantages and disadvantages, prospects for help, and the possible direction of enemy strategy.

In the first place we should realize we already are in World War III. It has not yet developed into a big war, but it is a war involving many nations. It resembles the feeling-out tussles of two boxers, starting a 15-round bout, who spar carefully in the first few rounds as they probe for weaknesses.

No decision ever would be reached if the two boxers continued to spar lightly throughout the full 15-rounds.

Some of our allies are content to go on fighting a holding operation in Korea, hoping the war will not spread. It is barely possible fighting can be contained in that small arena for a considerable length of time. We can continue sacrificing men with no hope of obtaining a decisive victory.

Russia Enjoys Advantage

We may anticipate, if we try to contain the war in Korea, that Russia will be prodding other sore points, just as she is using Iran and Czechoslovakia as threats against peace. If we permit Russia to call the plays, we will be bouncing around like a tennis player.

So long as we continue to be fraidy-cats, admitting our fears, placating, pleading and pussyfooting, Russia will enjoy her bullying role. How far will Russia go if someone calls her bluff? Does Russia want full-scale war? Is Russia prepared to fight on our terms instead of her own?

So far we have let Russia push us around. Maybe—and just maybe—we could turn the war of nerves on Russia if we were to be a little tougher. We don't know because our timid policy makers have been afraid to try.

Expanding The War

We are already in the preliminaries of World War III. If that war must be expanded, where should it be fought? Our State department seems to think Europe is the great danger spot and should be protected at the expense of Asia.

If we are forced into a fight in Europe, it will be a fight between ground armies. Russia will have a tremendous advantage in manpower. By capturing and utilizing factories and slave labor, Russia can improve her production of military supplies while we spend many long months in strategic bombing. The land area she would seize would be advantageous.

If, on the other hand, the Asiatic war were to be expanded, Europe probably would be safe while Russia protected her soft underbelly along the China frontier. While huge ground armies would be available, through combination of Russian and Chinese armies, we could carry on an air war from island bases out of the reach of land armies. It would be a long war of attrition, but it would be a war based on productive capacity in which we would have the advantage, rather than on manpower, at which we would be at a disadvantage. Asiatic land areas would be a liability to Russia rather than an asset.

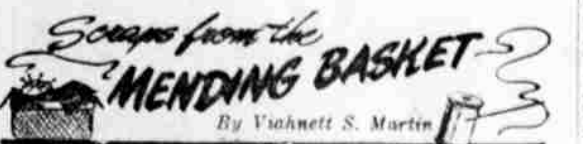
Forceful Policy Needed

We speak only of obvious factors. Many more complicated and less evident issues require consideration.

Policies concerning international affairs no longer can be made by the United States alone. We have surrendered our authority to the United Nations, The United Nations is feeling its way. It is timid, which, in part, accounts for some of our timidity.

The American people are an aggressive people. We do not like stalemates. We do not subscribe to the British policy, demonstrated for centuries in its colonies, of maintaining a fighting force while carrying on business as usual, even to the extent of selling arms and ammunition to the enemy. But other of our United Nations friends string along with the British idea and it appears that our State department is sympathetic.

We believe it is time to stop talking to Uncle Joe with a Harvard accent and start using tougher, Western style language which he can understand.



By Vachnett S. Martin

"A home is not so much the building as it is the story that goes into it," said Mrs. Harry Holt. "The notches on the basement wall that indicate each child's growth each year, the battered sawsaw under the oak tree, the boy-littered sandbox. Maybe some day our wading pool with a dignified fishpool with lily pads in it. I wonder if then I shall have time for a hobby?"

It seemed to Mrs. Holt had six very lively hobbies right then. The Holts, with their six children, had just come back from one of their numerous trips to the beach, and were settling down for school next day. Mrs. Holt, who is slight of figure with twinkling blue eyes and braids that are definitely red, includes civic work and the relations, too, in her daily schedule.

"I plan everything," she says firmly, "and I do mean everything." But I knew that did not mean she would hesitate to adjust her planning to a sudden trip up or down the coast, for instance, on their yacht, Winds Belle, named for the oldest daughter.

"Family comes first! So when we planned this house we planned to include everything that would make the housekeeping as easy as possible. The house must serve us. Not be a burden on us. Each child planned his or her own bedroom, and suggested ideas for the rest of the house. It was a family project, even to the building. Harry was contractor and engineer. All of us worked. So there are memories of togetherness in this house."

"The walls, floors, partitions are of poured concrete. It would make a good hospital," said Mrs.



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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off. It's a good trick if you have enough fodder for the cannons.

Against these typically Asiatic tactics, we are pitting superior maneuverability and modern Western weapons. General Van Fleet, 8th army commander, expresses confidence in the outcome. He tells his troops:

"In three days of battle, you have proven your superiority against 400,000 attacking Reds. We have enormous superiority in fire power and all types of weapons. In fact, we have tremendous superiority in everything except numbers."

Those are bold words, spoken by an able general who commands an army of good men. We'll see what we'll see, and we'll live in hope.

I'd like to quote here a report from the front that gives a tragic sidelight on this Korean war. It is from Jim Becker, one of the frontline correspondents. He says:

"The tired and dispirited people of this war-ridden land began plodding south again today, with their meager belongings strapped to their backs and balanced on their heads.

"They know the road well. Many of them had been down it twice before. Each time they gathered their cooking pans and clothing and rice and children and old folks and plodded to the south in a formation of misery.

"Always before they seemed to retain some hope of a better life to come. The pitiful people who today began the southern journey once again appeared to have lost even that. The thing that dies last in a man — THE HOPE OF A BETTER TOMORROW — seems to be gone in these people.

"I wonder if they will ever come back."

That's war in the villages and the country. Here's another picture — of war in the city. It's painted by Tom Bradshaw, another frontline correspondent:

"Inside Seoul, little shops are open for business with plenty of customers. . . . The big open air market is bustling with activity. . . . The Chosen hotel is still almost untouched. . . . flowered shrubs are in bloom in the courtyard.

"When I got there, somebody handed me a plate of peach ice cream and somebody else gave me a can of beer. . . . But the smoke clouds of war are drawing close."

That's war for you. In the city and in the country.

Remote Control Of Typo Unions Adds To Strained Relations With Press

NEW YORK — (AP) — Labor relations between newspaper and their employees "are becoming increasingly difficult," the American Newspaper Publishers association was told.

The reason for this, said a report by the ANPA's special standing committee, is that local unions "are steadily losing their right to freely negotiate" because of control by their parent bodies.

Holt thoughtfully. (She is a registered nurse.) "If ever it becomes too big for just Harry and me. . . . We were standing in the long corridor-like part of the combination kitchen-breakfast room-utility room, each of which pens off a little. There are picture windows overlooking the wide Creswell valley where a gorgeous sunset may be seen. "After all I do spend much of my time in this part of the house. So do we all, for that matter," she said, as she drew a guest book from her desk in the utility room.

When Mrs. Holt opened a small door at floor level in the long wall, she laughed. "Do you know, everyone who talks more about this than any other thing in the house? It is here so the children can sweep their play clutter into it when they are through. I like it for kitchen trash, too. There is a barrel at the bottom, of course. This lavatory is here, too, for them to use. It keeps them out of the kitchen sink when I am busy."

And she wondered if some day she would have a hobby. She has one now. Efficiency planning to make life happier for everyone around her!

DRIVER INJURED
Alex Williams, 2120 Van Buren street, Eugene, was in "fairly good" condition at Cottage Grove hospital Wednesday noon, the Drain Enterprise announced.

Williams, who drives a lumber truck, failed to complete a turn at Pass creek, south of Cottage Grove, and crashed into an embankment. The truck was owned by Beaver Transport Co.

BLOODMOBILE IN DRAIN
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Drain Thursday, May 17, from 2 until 8 p.m., at the grade school gym, the Drain Enterprise announced.

Registration cards will be placed in business houses throughout the city for those wishing to contribute. A meeting for recruits will be held at the grade school Monday, April 30, at 8 p.m.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SAVING TIME AT INTERSECTIONS

The Bend Bulletin

Accelerating the movement of traffic without increasing its danger is a problem which, sooner or later, confronts all American cities. Linked to this is the problem of cutting down the traffic accident rate without retarding traffic movement. The first is ordinarily met by such devices as one-way streets and through streets and these, in a measure, are usually successful. The second, however, depending as it largely has on "stop" signs of one kind or another, has typically had a slowing effect. The use of timed lights, with information given the driver so that he may miss the red warning by driving at just the right rate of speed, has helped somewhat. And more recently a new approach has been made to the question. It is keyed on the peculiarity of the human mind which manifests itself in resentment of compulsion and in willingness to do that which, seemingly at least, springs from the individual's own thought processes.

They're using this method down in Tulsa, where the results have been good enough to warrant a report in the news bulletin of the Public Administration clearing house.

It will happen at almost any intersection that traffic is halted now and then when none is passing on the cross street. The sign takes no account of whether the thoroughfare needs protection at any given moment. Last year in Tulsa a stop in obedience to the sign and for that reason only. By the time they can resume progress it may be that there is cross traffic so near that they must wait longer. This amounts to little for one car at one intersection, multiply it by many cars and many intersections and it adds up to a pretty impressive loss of time.

In Tulsa they are doing away with the "stop" signs. Instead, there are new signs of distinctive reading "slow, yield right of way."

What this means is that the driver must be ready to stop if circumstances warrant but that otherwise he will go on through. The enforcement ordinance requires that one of these signs shall yield right of way "to all vehicles on the intersecting street which are so close as to constitute an immediate hazard." But if the driver "goes through" the sign has an accident in the intersection he shall "be deemed prima facie in violation of this law."

The "yield" sign, that is to say, has all the force and effect of one calling for an unconditional halt. At the same time it leaves it to the driver to use his head. And drivers are capable of doing just that regardless of a large amount of opinion to the contrary. In Tulsa they are proving that it is worth driver's own judgment.

MARINE ON SHIP

Pfc. Donald C. Malone, USMC, Myrtle Creek, is serving with the 71-man marine detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Boxer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Malone.

His unit provided the ship with a trained and equipped landing force, if needed. The Boxer, which is operating in Korean waters, recently completed her third trip to the western Pacific since the start of hostilities.

MOTHERS BANQUET DATED

The senior mothers' banquet for graduating Roseburg high school seniors has been scheduled for May 16 at the Riverside Grange.

Mrs. Norman Olson, mother of Frank Olson, who is president of the senior class, will be the official hostess, representing mothers of seniors. Approximately 180 seniors are expected to attend. A theater party, sponsored by Don Kaddabaugh, follows the affair.

ROSEBURG SEAMAN

Russell C. Aulry Jr., seaman, USN, Route 4, Roseburg, is a member of the fleet aircraft service squadron seven, based at the U.S. naval air station, San Diego.

Service squadrons maintain the navy's aircraft at peak proficiency. They are capable of all types of aircraft repair short of major overhaul.

WORKER ELECTROCUTED

W. J. (Al) Lloyd Lane, 47 of Dorris, Calif., was electrocuted Thursday at the W. A. Scangler Lumber company mill here. A boom cable he was holding came in contact with a 6600-volt power wire.

Reader Opinions

Horrors Of Third World War Mentally Pictured

ROSEBURG — I see Fulton Lewis is hankering for a fight. He will see plenty if the war-mongers listen and take his advice to bomb Manchuria. War in earnest will start when we jump into China. Does he think we will not start a war by invading one of the biggest nations on earth? What a mess to get into! None of the U.N. nations in Europe is willing to fight, nor are they able to wage war. They even have not recovered from the last war. No one knows which way Germany would go. Germany is split. How would it react? Europe is tired of war. It is weak. Europe would be a weak ally.

Lewis criticizes Acheson and Truman for their attitude toward Manchuria and Formosa. If I wanted to start a third world war, I would not hesitate to bomb China or Manchuria. If you carry a chip on your shoulder, there are plenty of bullies ready to challenge you sooner or later. Bombing and invasion threats are war talk. If a third world war does start, Oregon, California and Washington, Seattle and Portland are most certain to experience bombing — and they may be atomic bombs. These states and cities are within bombing range of Russian planes.

What about our forests? Incendiary bombs would create havoc worse than hell itself. Will war be fun? Read Fulton Lewis' ideas about war and what should be done about it in Wednesday's News-Review. Sounds like it from what he says. How would the entire coast range look to you if it were ablaze from first bombs? Would it be funny? If a third war starts, anything may happen. Invasion by an enemy force is possible.

D. M. MURCH
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Complaints Made Against Dogs Running At Large

ROSEBURG — I am wondering why towns can't pass laws to make people keep their dogs up during gartien season and bird nesting season. Across the road from my window I can watch dogs chasing pheasants out of their nests on the Veterans hospital grounds. I would estimate a hundred or more pheasants there. I can see the dogs chase the hens off the nests, then come back and destroy the nests.

Don't dog lovers love anything else? And if the dogs are loved, why aren't they kept at home where valuable hunting dogs belong, instead of being permitted to roam neighborhood gardens.

The dogs get into my chicken house, tip over garbage cans, break down fences to get in and out, and run through the garden. They have killed three valuable shrubs on my place alone.

It may be a little thing to worry about in these troubled times, but the pheasants in this neighborhood are tame. They come right into our yard to eat with our chickens. We like a nice garden and flowers. We don't like mongrels running at large over the garden truck we want to eat.

Do our laws prohibiting dogs from roaming at large have teeth or are they lame imitations? A horse roaming at large would land in a corral in a hurry. But a horse eats only grass and distasteful nothing else.

If we haven't enough laws, let's make some more.

MRS. W. J. MULHOLLAND
1914 Mulholland drive
Roseburg, Ore.

Water Shortage In Coast States Getting Serious

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — It's going to be another dry summer along the Pacific coast. From Bellingham to San Diego the cry is going up again: Not enough water.

In southern California, where drought conditions have prevailed for seven years, underground water tables are at their lowest levels in history. Reservoirs are filled to only 10 percent of capacity and the wells which supply many communities with water are running dry.

"This is only April," one official of the state division of water resources observed. "What's it going to be like in August?"

Even the traditionally rain soaked Pacific Northwest is feeling the pinch although the situation isn't serious as yet. In Central Oregon it hasn't rained in 47 days and the Cascade mountain city of Bend has instituted restrictions on lawn sprinkling.

In northern California, grain plantings in the upper Sacramento valley are parched and the ranges are turning brown. Large scale irrigation is necessary to keep crops alive in the valley's southern portion.

Grain Losses Heavy

In the fertile San Joaquin valley the weather has been ideal for cotton planting and germination. But it's so dry that hundreds of acres of unirrigated grain are a complete loss.

Finley Sawyer, chief hydraulic engineer for the Los Angeles county flood control district, reports that the vital San Gabriel river will probably be completely dry this summer for the first time since the 1930's.

Laverly says rainfall in the watersheds has been only 33 percent of normal. The result may be summer water rationing in some cities. San Diego has hinted at it. Montrose and La Crescenta, near Glendale, have it already.

Parts of the foothill community of Altadena are already being supplied with water by tank trucks.

Southern California has been hit the hardest. The average rainfall for the past seven years was 19.88 inches. Normal is 15.13 inches. The difference represents approximately 212,251,120 acre feet of water southern California should have received but didn't.

Labor Hesitating About Role In New Economic Setup

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Labor has paused on the threshold of re-entering the economic mobilization setup to make sure how much weight it will swing if it steps in.

The United Labor Policy committee announced it will not be ready for another week to name labor's representatives on the new wage stabilization board. The ULP's represents some 15,000,000 members of AFL, CIO and some railroad unions.

The reported reason was that labor wants a "package" settlement of its differences with mobilization director Charles E. Wilson.

Labor bolted the original nine-man board, and its other mobilization job, when the industry and public members of the old board voted over labor's dissent for a ceiling on wage increases equal to ten percent above levels of Jan. 15, 1951.

Labor made it a major condition of returning that the board have dispute-settling functions, lacking in the original setup. With that battle won, labor is apparently determined to make certain it wins its battle for a greater voice in the mobilization command.

Ousted Commie Tells Of Soviet Agents In U.S.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Benjamin Gitlow testified Tuesday that agents of the Russian secret police began operating in this country about 30 years ago.

Gitlow, who says he was ousted from the Communist party in 1929 after a dispute with Joseph Stalin, said he had personal knowledge of such activity while he was a top party leader in the United States.

Gitlow testified before the subversive activities control board. It is holding hearings on whether the American Communist party must register with the attorney general as a foreign-controlled organization.

The board tentatively ruled that Gitlow would have to confine his testimony to the period in which he was an active party member.

The ruling followed objections of Communist party attorneys to an observation by the witness that the party, having been established on a policy of compliance with Moscow directives, had not changed that policy in recent years.

Gitlow said the Russian secret police, then known as the OGPU, had agents regularly assigned to the United States as early as the first part of the 1920's.

He noted that the force later was known as the NKVD, and added "it has since changed its name again — I do not know what it is now called in Russia."

For ten years, Gitlow testified, he held some of the highest posts in the Communist party, and ran twice for vice-president of the United States.

Then, he testified, he quarreled in Moscow with Stalin over leadership in the American Communist party and was expelled.

He asserted that he knew of no instance in which the Communist party in the United States had disobeyed a directive from Moscow. And, he added, such directives were "continuous" when he was in the party.

Failure to register, after a control board order, is punishable by fines of \$10,000 a try, or convictions, and five years imprisonment for individual officers responsible for registration.

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