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BLOWING OFF STEAM

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Intensity of public reaction to the return of General MacArthur has led to much speculation. Some of our leading politicians are climbing on the MacArthur bandwagon, professing to see deep political implications in the fervor of the public reception. Critics of the administration, such as our own columnist, Fulton Lewis Jr., have gone overboard in using the MacArthur incident as a claimed indication of deterioration in the administration's political strength. Other observers say that the reception accorded MacArthur evidences lack of public confidence in leadership and that the intensity, so much greater than anyone had anticipated, denotes public hunger for a great leader. Still others feel that the administration's wishy-washy policies, fraidy-cat tendencies and appeasement trends are foreign to American principals and that the welcome given MacArthur is acclaim for a man with the courage of his convictions.

Psychology Involved

A measure of truth doubtless exists in each of these interpretations. We believe, however, that to base conclusions on any one, or even all, would be erroneous. We believe the secret of the demonstration is to be found in the same psychology that motivates a crowd at a wrestling match or baseball game. We are witnessing on a national scale a huge blowoff of nervous tension having far less political implication than might be believed. Why do normally quiet, congenial and friendly people go to a wrestling match and yell themselves hoarse while demanding that the "cleanie" murder the "meanie"? Every spectator at a wrestling match knows that much of the exhibition is pure corn. He is not fooled by all the growling, grunting and grimacing. But, nevertheless, he whoops and shouts and pleads. The yelling is most intense while the vaudeville show is in progress. When the wrestlers really get down to business, working for a fall, the outcry dies down. The wrestling fan is expending an accumulated nervous tension. He is freeing emotions which might otherwise be expressed in assailing his mother-in-law, beating his wife, and slapping the children. Because of the emotional release he finds at the wrestling match, he is able to go through the nervous strain of the business week without a breakdown.

We have been under a long nerve strain in this country. We have had a great depression, a hot war, a continuing cold war and a threat of another hot war. During all these many years we have had no real opportunity to blow off steam—to release pent-up emotions. Then comes an opportunity to welcome a returning hero—a man who has dramatized a political situation—so we start whooping it up.

Long Nerve Strain

Why does a baseball crowd always join on the side of the batter protesting a called strike? Try comparing that situation with the astonishing intensity of the MacArthur welcome. It has interesting connotations. We've had some stirring national and international "rhubarb" in the past few years, but this is the first time the crowd has had a chance to join in with booing and applauding. We wouldn't put too much reliance in a theory of deep political motives behind the stirring happenings of the MacArthur welcome. Political reactions doubtless will follow congressional hearings, but we doubt if the intensity of the MacArthur reception has as much political implication as many people seem to believe.

Those who criticize the general, and his supporters, may not realize how effectively they are supporting Communist propagandists. Here is what the United Nations battle report has to say about this: "Objective appraisal of events bearing upon the United Nations military effort in Korea is essential to future plans and operations are to be in consonance with reality. The full impact of the changed situation became evident during the period covered by this report, wherein interrogation of newly captured Chinese Communist prisoners of war has revealed both the extent of the participation of this

Scops from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

If you will be heading for Bend or points east of there, you might be interested in a note just received from the Ovid Doubledays. (They recently sold their ranch on Highway 38 and are spending a few weeks in Boise.) "After the roughest and fussiest trip we ever had we arrived here, Boise, Tuesday evening, Highway 58 is torn up so much that those who know take another route! It's bad from Bend to Burns, too." They have made that trip many times, and usually in one day. But not this time! Up in Washington last year we came to a terrible piece of rough road. There was a big sign, HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT DENOTES PROGRESS. It really was a nice idea. It took our thoughts off the discomfort, and even made us think gratefully of what the better road would mean to others. Transportation naturally leads to communication. I sat down and wrote a letter to the telephone company calculated to make them break right down and sob—and then grab a phone to put in, pronto. I had thoughtfully made a copy for the Public Utilities commission. A day or so later a very pleasant P.U.C. representative dropped in on his way south. He had also dropped in at the telephone company. Seems the hitch now is the cable business between Cottage Grove and Drain "but after that... anything definite, you understand!" Then came a letter from the telephone company. "We are indeed sorry for the long delay. We feel sure, however, that you realize the delay is due to conditions beyond our control, and we want to assure you we are doing everything possible to complete all orders as fast as we possibly can."

Umatilla County Notes Third Suicide in Week

PENDLETON — (AP) — Earl L. Showers, 31, Ordinance, Thursday was the third person to commit suicide in Umatilla county in about a week's time, said Sheriff R. E. Goad and Coroner Pat Folsom. Showers shot himself twice and died almost instantly. Showers and his brother, Ed Showers had been despondent over marital affairs. Goad and Folsom reported. He left no note. Showers was an employee at the Umatilla ordnance depot.

The Housing Problem Is A Headache In Britain, Too



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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Senator Robert Kerr, Oklahoma Democrat, known as a big oil and gas man as well as a poker-playing croony of President Truman's, has jabbed at the general consistently over this issue. Naturally the British and Indian governments started the propaganda that the general had erred in crossing the 38th parallel in pursuit of the North Korean Communists in November, 1950. Our own State department has done nothing to stem this criticism, although Secretary of State Dean Acheson had the facts to refute the criticism. But you know how he is when British or Indian diplomats start talking. The basic charge is that Gen. MacArthur "incited" the Chinese Communists into the war against the wishes of the United Nations. The general's critics are all ready to unload on him when he appears before the Senate Armed Services committee. They ought to look before they leap.

A State department bulletin, published with the approval of Acheson but largely ignored by him since the MacArthur firing, contains a United Nations summation of the November attack and December retreat. It not only approves what Gen. MacArthur did, but in the process pulls the plug on the Acheson-Truman fiction that we can't bomb Manchurian bases for fear the Chinese Reds will get sore. "No North Korean forces were employed in the massive enemy attack; it was an exclusively Chinese Communist operation," the State department's forgotten reprint of the United Nations report reveals. Those who criticize the general, and his supporters, may not realize how effectively they are supporting Communist propagandists. Here is what the United Nations battle report has to say about this: "Objective appraisal of events bearing upon the United Nations military effort in Korea is essential to future plans and operations are to be in consonance with reality. The full impact of the changed situation became evident during the period covered by this report, wherein interrogation of newly captured Chinese Communist prisoners of war has revealed both the extent of the participation of this

new enemy and his basic intentions. There is thus left no doubt that it has long been the plan of the Chinese Communist authorities to commit so much of their war resources in manpower and material as necessary to insure destruction of the United Nations command. Our general attack of 24 November threw the surreptitious Chinese Communist buildup operations of balance and prematurely exposed the decision of the Chinese Communist authorities to intervene—a decision not openly announced nor previously brought to light through political intelligence. That ought to put to rest the minority yapping at the general's heels about the value of his November offensive. It pulled the plug on Communist planning. His critics call it a "disaster." Here is what the UN report has to say about that: "Communist centers of the world have sought to propagandize the thought that our tactical operations initiated on 24 November resulted in the United Nations command being completely shattered. They have sought to create the illusion of a balance and disaster. All of this is pure nonsense. If it is nonsense for the Communist propagandists, it is equally nonsensical and damaging for Kerr, the British, Indians and the State department to so label the military action. Every time Senator Robert Taft or some other critic of Acheson's goes in Asia raises his voice the Truman Democrats are quick to charge that it is direct aid to the Reds. Now that the shoe is on the other foot maybe Acheson and his crowd of diplomatic parrots in press and radio won't be so anxious to sound off. The UN battle report says: "The principal factor underlying the existing situation—that the United Nations command now is opposed by the combined war resources of Communist China—has become somewhat obscured by this rash of propaganda tending to cloud the real issue." Amen.

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

State's Finances Not In Good Shape Gov. McKay Says

SALEM — (AP) — Governor Douglas McKay complimented the legislature Friday for doing a "thorough, painstaking job" but he reminded that the lawmakers had only a "temporary solution" to the state's financial problems. "This is an appropriate time to remind the people of Oregon that state finances are not in good shape," the governor said in a prepared statement, "and that nothing better than a temporary solution has been reached. "Even if the tax program adopted, which was not the one I recommended, is not disrupted by the referendum, all of the surplus built up over a number of years will be used, and there will still be a deficit of several million dollars." The governor promised he would practice strict economy to reduce the deficit. The legislature figures the de-

Income Tax Probe Of California's 'Mr. Big' Advised

By HARRISON HUMPHRIES AP Special Washington Service

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The senate crime investigating committee has called for a general income tax probe of Arthur H. Samish and one of his clients, the California State Brewers Institute. The committee described Samish in its three interim reports as "an almost unbelievable character" who can "safely be called 'Mr. Big' in California." Samish, who described himself as a public relations counsel or a policy consultant, acts as a "virtual dictator" over disbursements of money paid by brewers to the institute on a "per barrel" assessment, the committee said. Samish admitted, the committee said, making substantial contributions to political campaigns to see that "honest, outstanding officials that subscribe to the temperate use of beer, wine, spirits and other things are returned to office." The committee said brewer members of the institute, contributing nine cents a barrel, paid nearly \$2,000,000 to the institute during the past six years, with \$935,943 going to the Samish-controlled fund.

Deductions At Issue

The brewers deduct at least half of the five-cents a barrel assessment for the Samish fund from their tax returns as "operating expenses." The committee said it had recommended to the attorney general and the internal revenue commissioner that the practices of Samish the institute, and the brewer members be examined with a view to: 1. Disallowing the deductions, claimed by the brewers as "operating expenses." The committee said this money, totaling nearly \$2,000,000 in the past six years, "has obviously been expended principally by Arthur H. Samish for purposes almost entirely unexplained." 2. "Assessing Samish for additional income in view of the fact that Samish admitted personally receiving in the past six years, nearly \$1,000,000 in cash from the brewers. This sum should be considered income to him and taxable accordingly, unless he is able to show that the money was expended for properly deductible purposes." Noting that neither Samish nor the institute kept adequate records, the committee said that from the record of its inquiry "it could be said that the money went into Samish's own pocket and stopped there."

Scandal Threat Defied By Baptist Minister

PORTLAND — (AP) — A Baptist minister said here a private detective warned him to resign or face a scandal over making love to a Sunday school teacher. The minister said he wouldn't do it and his wife said those who hired the detective were liars. The minister, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller of the Laurelhurst Baptist church, reported to police that a Harry J. Delaney flashed a badge while the minister and the Sunday school teacher sat in a car at a drive-in restaurant and said: "Ok, doc, you might as well give up. You've been caught." The minister asked police to find out what was back of it. The Journal said that an anonymous phone caller said six members of the church had hired Delaney, operator of the U. S. Protective service, to shadow the minister. The caller said the purpose was to force the pastor to resign "before the scandal ruined the church." Mrs. Mueller said, "we wouldn't resign even if the President asked us."



SCOUTS MAKING CAMPFIRE—Boy Scouts of Troop 7, Cobra patrol, make ready for the annual Douglas District camporee, which began Friday and will continue through Sunday at the Fairgrounds. The boys pictured here will be competing with scouts from all of Douglas district for a proficiency rating that will entitle the winners to attend the Council Camporee May 19 and 20. The boys are Wally Wiles, Kenneth Overton, Bill Goergen, Karl Thiele, Kenneth Gibbons, Steve Reed, Jimmy Storey, Ray Carter and Albert Christensen. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page 1) Atlantic to the Pacific. All of them are presently badly congested, and we are fighting only a token war in Korea.) Suppose we had only ONE line. In that event, do you reckon we'd DARE to launch an all-out war against communism in Asia—including both China and Asiatic Russia? Personally, I doubt it. What does all that mean in terms of the present controversy? General MacArthur, you will remember, has said we should follow a more preemptory policy in our dealings with the red Chinese. We should bomb their supply depots in Manchuria. We should blockade their coasts. We should reconnoiter their territory, so we'll know what they are cooking up against us. If we're going to fight red China, he says, we should fight to win. Natural, adoption of such a policy would amount to giving the dare to Russia. In effect, it would be saying to Moscow: "What are you going to do about it? If it would be accepting a calculated risk that Russia will come into the Asiatic war with both fists swinging." General MacArthur says he thinks Russia wouldn't come in BECAUSE she hasn't transport facilities enough between European Russia and Asiatic Russia to enable her to fight an all-out war in Asia.

He may be wrong. He is merely using his best military judgment, as all generals must do. But at least what he says makes sense. Here's what always happens at these controversial CLOSED hearings: As soon as they are over, men on BOTH sides go out and talk to the reporters who weren't permitted to be present. The versions thus given publicity are usually (quite often, at the very least) flatly contradictory. The upshot of it all is that the public doesn't believe ANYBODY and ends up by LOSING FAITH IN EVERYBODY. That's about what has happened already in this ruckus. It's bad business.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits Filed
JACKETTA — Ella E. vs. Joseph F. Jacketta. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks one-half of joint real and personal property.
GRIVAS — Charles vs. Lotte Linn Grivas. Abandonment charged.
CZZATTI — Oleta Fay vs. Amiel Paul Czzatti. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child.
Divorce Decrees Granted
WOLFORD — Marion from James Lewis Wolford. Plaintiff granted custody of two minor children, and \$75 monthly support.
LONG — Lorraine from Charles E. Long. Plaintiff granted custody of one minor child, \$50 monthly support, \$1,000 gross alimony and property disposition.

Disabled American Vets Install New Officers

Dean-Perrine chapter No. 9, Disabled American Veterans, Roseburg, installed new officers at the meeting Thursday night at the Labor temple. New officers include: Ray Lyne, commander; John Groat, senior vice-commander; Floyd Anglin, junior vice-commander; Thomas Worthen, chaplain; Roy O. Young, treasurer; Tony Stagianno, Sgt.-at-Arms; Leonard Adams, officer of the day; C. E. Hoover, executive committeeman. C. E. Hoover acted as installing officer. He is past senior vice-commander of the Department of Oregon. Following the installation, the auxiliary joined the chapter and served refreshments.

Roseburg Civil Defense Director To Visit Texas

Col. and Mrs. M. Crawford are leaving early next week for El Paso, Tex., to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Austin. Col. Austin has been ordered to duty in England. During his absence as director of the Roseburg civil defense program, Col. Bob Dacey will be in charge. Col. and Mrs. Crawford intend to be gone a month or more.
ADMINISTRATORS NAMED
Myrtle Wilson and Malvin H. Kenney were appointed co-administrators Friday, of the Carroll Alfred Kenney estate consisting of both real and personal property. The two were sister and brother of the deceased, who died April 19, 1950, at Roseburg.

Public Laxity Blamed For Corruption In U. S.

NORMAN, Okla. — (AP) — Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas blames laxity of the public for the corruption disclosed in this country recently. "And unless the people demand higher moral standards, corruption in government and society will cause the downfall of the American way of life," the jurist warned. He addressed a University of Oklahoma "law day" gathering here. "No government has ever been immune from corruption, he said. But there is real cause for concern, he added, "when corruption touches many municipal affairs, government, moves into sports and becomes a critical factor in numerous business engagements." Noting that Americans generally pass a law to cure an evil, he declared that isn't enough. "The law is not and never can be the repository of our entire moral code."

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