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WHAT IS HAPPENING?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

What is happening in Korea?
Are we preparing another Yalta? Are we proposing further appeasement of the Reds? Are we willing to sell out the South Koreans to free ourselves from the politically embarrassing and costly Korean war?

Our newspapers are full of conjecture as a result of General Marshall's visit to Japan and Korea. Marshall says his trip had no connection with rumored peace proposals, but it is a sad commentary on the existing state of government that seldom does one trust statements from a high official. And because the federal government for years has given the people only handout information, and because secret commitments have put us behind the eight ball, we have little confidence in the policies and decisions of our fear-ridden top brass.

The MacArthur inquiry has stiffened our Korean policies. Public reaction indicated widespread dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Korean war was being prosecuted. The State department, running the war on a plan of political expediency, probably was not too happy about being forced to take action often urged upon it, but deliberately shunned. Exposures at the inquiry, show hazy, nebulous and weak-kneed policies, largely dominated by a fear complex.

We can't help recalling that it was General Marshall who insisted on a coalition of the Chinese Nationalist and Communist factions, after General Wedemeyer's recommendations had been shoved into a pigeonhole, with the public denied even a peek at the report, because it didn't square with the State department's Red appeasement tactics.

Peace Feelers Indicated

Marshall may be telling us the truth that his trip was not for the purpose of discussing peace terms or a cease fire order. We will accept his statement, although we've been told so many lies by administration leaders in the past, it is difficult to believe anything.

But U. N. officials apparently hold the theory that recent actions on the part of our leaders indicates a willingness to consider a negotiated peace in Korea. Advocates of a "tough" policy contend that a negotiated peace, causing us to "lose face" in Asia, would be as bad as outright defeat. There is fear that we might be willing to return to the prewar status of a divided Korea, putting us right back where we started.

If we were to recognize the 38th parallel as a dividing line we would sanction a steal—an act of aggression. We would leave the seed for renewal of the conflict.

Syngman Rhee, president of the Korean republic, recognized this fact in his recent statement, based on suspicion that undercover activities are in progress, when he said, "We will do something in desperation if the United Nations should make any decision contrary to our national security."

Perhaps fears of appeasement and negotiated peace are unfounded. We hope so. We hope that our State department will adopt as a policy the resolution voiced by the Korean president: "Our aim and determination to fight communism will never change."

The Oregon Journal is starting a series of articles on reducing. It proposes, of all things, that the diet be composed almost exclusively of fatty meat. You can have all the meat you want, but lay off the carbohydrates, says the Journal writer. Now if the Journal will tell us how we can afford to buy the required amount of meat to maintain such diet, we'll take the diet plan off the "impossible" list.

A saying is going the rounds that "during the depression days we were broke and we ate hamburger. In these days of inflation we eat hamburger and are broke."

Soups from the MENDING BASKET
By Viachett S. Martin

In yesterday's column we left the Colwell family, Uriah and Ena and their five children at the wooded slushing—(A sixth child would be born only three weeks after the terrifying experience of coming down the mountain in the dark and rain with boulders plunging down, and trees crashing as the earth slid toward the river).

"When we found the slushing filled with river water over the children's heads," said Mrs. Ruth Perkins, my father shouted for help. He shouted until the McClellans, a quarter of a mile away, heard him in their big log house and came to help. The three boys, Elmer and Ora, were big strapping fellows. They helped us through and at their home we found a fire to welcome and dry us, and hot coffee to drink.

"The McClellan place had a long lean-to which they offered us as a temporary home until we could decide what to do. . . . Daylight showed that over an acre of the Colwell's garden had slid into the Umpqua, taking farm tools with it. The cattle were scattered, of course, and what about the other animals?"

"As soon as it was possible, my father and some neighbors went up on the hill. They found that sick horse still in the barn, with its front feet on one side of a big crack in the earth floor, and its hind feet stretched across the opening in the ground. It took about a dozen men to get all four feet on one side of the crack." Mrs. Perkins laughed then, although tears had stood in her eyes during part of the story. "Yes, the horse was all right—lots better."

"The neighbors helped hunt cattle and horses, and my father killed

Time To Land?



Fulton Lewis Jr.



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WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON—The hatchet job on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's administration of the Japanese homelands is gaining momentum. And a number of the same characters who whittled away at Chiang Kai-Shek and China's freedom can be seen crawling out of this woodwork.

I doubt if anybody fighting in the Pacific during World War II thought they were killing Japs so the USA could turn over that country to Socialists or Communists. Yet, Gen. MacArthur's critics charge him with failing to promote government control of Japanese industry and the Japanese people.

"Failure in Japan," a recent book by Robert B. Textor, a civilian who spent two years in Tokyo working on the government payroll as a civil information and education officer, harps on the idea that nationalization of Japanese industry is the only way to handle that country's economy. He also balks at American investment in Japan, but has nothing to say about British Socialist investments in China.

Textor peddles State department gospel in his writings, which reduces his views to relative unimportance, except for one thing, he acquired a friend during his formative days when he was learning how to think about the Far East. His friend is none other than Owen Lattimore, the Baltimore Bugle.

Just because Secretary of State Dean Acheson and other officials of that department have no memory now of ever having seen or heard of Lattimore when the Baltimore Bugle was running in and out of the department, doesn't mean that Lattimore is a wraith. He is as un-ghostly as any of the other State department advisers who hate Chiang Kai-Shek for trying to save China from the Communists.

Gen. MacArthur and his able aide, Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, put together a new constitution for the Japanese when they had finished licking that country in the war. Constitutional lawyers say it is a model of democratic processes and most Japanese leaders agree. In addition, deliberations are underway to close a deal on a Japanese peace treaty which will give that country a friend to start over again as a friend of this country.

Naturally we can't have the Japs budding up to the Russians if we want to hang onto anything we have left in the Pacific. Japan is a rugged industrial nation when it is producing at full clip, which is the way we want it now that the Russians and Chinese Reds have started a war in Korea.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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too cynical about the Burmese and their first election. "We've been working on democracy for a long, long time, and it would be quite unusual if so many as 60 percent of our eligible voters should go to the polls in a national election."

I wouldn't recommend armored cars filled with police carrying tear gas bombs and Sten guns as trimmings for a democratic election day (note the small "d," please). I can't help wondering if the long run such things would be any more dangerous than our growing political theory that GOOD MEN can't afford to run for office.

one individual. I CAN do something about our problems?" I wonder.

What can you or I, as individuals, do about our big national problem that isn't as good as it ought to be?

Well, WE CAN go to the polls and VOTE AGAINST the office-holder who, in our opinion isn't doing what he ought to do.

As long as men who aren't as good as they ought to be keep getting returned to office we'll have a government composed of men who aren't as good as they ought to be.

Highway Funds For Oregon Hiked

SALEM —(AP)—The State Highway commission will have \$2,300,000 more to spend for immediate highway construction, W. C. Williams, assistant chief highway engineer, said.

The money includes \$1,400,000 in federal funds, plus \$900,000 state matching funds.

The federal money is the final 30 percent of the federal aid for Oregon for the fiscal year ending June 30. The government had held back this money pending final federal population figures.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock, now in Washington, D.C., telegraphed Williams that the money is being made available. Williams said it would be spent immediately, as the projects to spend the funds are all ready for contracting.

Of the total, \$1,200,000 will be spent on primary highways, \$800,000 on secondary roads, and \$300,000 in cities.

Damages Asked In Suit Over Auto Collision

Lillian W. White filed suit in circuit court Wednesday demanding \$10,000 general damages from T. C. Doherty for physical injuries allegedly received in an auto collision.

The plaintiff was a passenger in a car driven by John Sutton, the complaint states, when a logging truck driven by the defendant collided with it. The accident allegedly occurred Sept. 7, 1950 on the Days Creek road, 1½ miles east of Days Creek.

The complaint charges the defendant was negligent in approaching the covered bridge which the plaintiff's car was leaving.

In a second suit filed Wednesday, the State Industrial Accident commission asked for recovery of \$1,404.41, allegedly remaining to be paid as employer contributions by Alvin M. Claughton.

Also filed was a suit by the Industrial Electrical Service Co. against Earl Webb. The plaintiff charges that \$460.78 is due on account for services performed and merchandise delivered.

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War Casualties Below Highway's Toll - Truman

WASHINGTON —(AP)—President Truman said total "casualties" in Korea have been fewer than 80,000, including killed, wounded, sickness and deaths from accident.

Mr. Truman departed from a prepared address to the annual highway safety conference, in which he deplored the 1,035,000 deaths and injuries on the highways last year.

"We have been attempting to stop an act of aggression in Korea for the last year," he said.

"The total casualties for the whole operation have been less than 80,000, and that includes everything: sickness and death in jeeps by accidents, killed on the front, captured on the front and wounded."

"It has been less than 80,000, and that means every kind of death and injury that could take place in that operation. That is on the mind and tongue of every citizen."

"But right here at home we kill and permanently injure 1,035,000 people, and there is no outcry by the sabotage press, no mistatement by the columnists or the congressional demagogues."

"And I wonder why? I wonder why?"

In his prepared speech, the President told the highway safety officials "a highway accident does just as much damage to the defense effort as a deliberate act of sabotage by hostile agents."

He said 35,000 were killed and more than 1,000,000 injured in traffic accidents last year, an 11 percent increase over 1949.

The number of U. S. land offices has declined from 120 to 15 in 60 years as available homestead land decreased.

KIDNEYS MUST REMOVE EXCESS WASTE

Headaches, backache, loss of pep and energy, heaviness and dizziness may be due to slow-down of kidney function. Doctors say good kidney function is very important to good health. When some everyday condition, such as stress and strain, causes this important function to slow down, many folks suffer nagging backache—feel miserable. Minor bladder irritations due to cold or wrong diet may get up your nose or frequent urination. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used successfully for millions for over 50 years. It's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help the 15 coiled kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

Electric Chair Claims Negro In Louisiana

OPELOUSAS, La. —(AP)—Edward Honeycutt, 24-year-old Negro rapist of a white woman, died in the electric chair here Friday. He died only 22 minutes after the state supreme court refused to issue a writ of habeas corpus to halt the execution.

The execution was witnessed by the 30-year-old rape victim, a white housewife, and her husband.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License

SCARBROUGH - HUMPHREYS —Gordon Clyde Scarbrough and Betty Louise Humphreys, both of Myrtle Creek.

Divorce Suit Dismissed

RANKIN —Arnetta vs. Dillon William Rankin. Dismissed on motion of both parties because of reconciliation.



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