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WAIT FOR VERDICT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The MacArthur hearing in the U. S. Senate is nearing conclusion with completion of examination of witnesses. Senators are gathering up a few loose ends and trying to decide whether a report should be attempted. General MacArthur wisely declined an invitation to submit a rebuttal. A second appearance by MacArthur would only have prolonged the inquiry, which already has run seven weeks. What has the inquiry achieved?

The answer to that question apparently hinges upon a person's political affiliations.

Administration followers declare that President Truman and the State department have been completely vindicated. Outside the family circle, however, the MacArthur position gains support.

The inquiry has shown one positive result. Our Korean policy stiffened immediately in response to public reaction to MacArthur's recall. Possibly as a result of that sterner policy, peace proposals have emerged. Russia is seeking truce terms based on appeasement.

The hearings also have brought out a large amount of information which the public should have many months ago, but which was withheld for reasons of political expediency. The inquiry also has revealed some of the reasoning of the national policy makers.

Opinions Differ Widely

We find wide differences of opinions concerning the MacArthur incident. These declarations from political leadership are heavily tinged with party opportunism, demagoguery and grandstanding. The political propaganda with which the inquiry has been surrounded makes it difficult to obtain an objective opinion.

It is evident that two opposing ideas are involved in our policies concerning the Far East.

One school of thought is that we should be bold, firm and willing to take calculated risk.

The other is that we should take a purely defensive position, avoiding all possible risk, doing nothing which might in any way be interpreted as aggression.

Insofar as these conflicting opinions appear in policy matters they are healthy. It is always wise to have sharply conflicting opinions. From such conflicts we reach compromises which avoid either extreme. It can be dangerous when one side is overwhelmingly powerful and can take such action as it may desire without opposition. Such totalitarianism always leads to disaster because there is no brake on extremists.

The one thing brought out by the MacArthur inquiry that frightens us is the timidity, vacillation and confusion within the State department, and the apparent willingness to sacrifice honor, prestige and lives for political expediency.

People Will Decide

We believe the American people, as a whole, want no part of either extreme presented at the Senate inquiry. We do not propose to carry a chip on our shoulder or deliberately court a fight. Neither do we propose to take the cowardly position and beg, bribe and appease to avoid a fight.

In between is a middle ground where we can walk boldly and proudly, daring no one, but making it obvious that we will defend our own honor; that we will permit no aggression against defenseless people, and that the principle of democracy will be protected among those friendly people who prefer democracy.

We can never walk with a clear conscience when we fall in any of our responsibilities, or when we temporize with bullies or practice appeasement for purposes of political expediency or dollar economy.

We believe the people of both major political parties approve a moderate but firm course; that they feel entitled to all information which can be released without endangering security; that they have a right to know what our policies, if any, are and that no commitments be made without the knowledge and approval of their elected representatives.

The people will have an opportunity next year to determine our future policy. Perhaps then we will know what the MacArthur inquiry will have achieved.

Ever since I read, and quoted in this column, the loving admonitions of Rozelle Applegate Putnam, written to her parents-in-law, I had wondered if the elder Putnams ever made the long hard trip across the plains, and how they made out; also if they ever changed their minds about disowning the daughter Virginia about whom Rozelle wrote so beautifully.

Recently while visiting with Mrs. Maude Deaver and her aunt, Mrs. Hedrick, in Drain, I asked the two questions. For answer, Mrs. Deaver put a small leather memorandum book in my hands. It was Charles F. Putnam's notebook of the trip — they came around through Panama, making that dangerous and uncomfortable trip overland between the two ships on which they made the journey from New York to San Francisco in 1853.

The jottings are just what you might expect, yet how very interesting, read this long while after! How little he guessed that 98 years later this book would be of such interest as he jotted down the items he wished to get "in New York when there".

"I small scribble and stops I wood saw
1 Poterliche Forge and Bellows
2 common steel sledge hammer
1 Anvil
1 Over coat
Sack coat & pants Spectacles
red ear rings red
and cast steel

We want some pickles and some garden seeds—

"We arrived at N York 13 April Left N York 20 April arvd at Aspinwall 28th 1853 Barbours 12 same day Garzona at night Left Garzona 29 arvd in Panama 30 Saturday left Panama 5th May for California arvd San Francisco morning of the 21 May 1853 in San Francisco 7 days

"Left San Francisco for Portland 24 May arvd Portland May 26 there 1 1/2 days arrived at my son Charles Saturday 11th June 1853—we were in Panama 5 1/2 days—

Each of the many boxes shipped was numbered and the contents listed. Of them—more anon.

Sutherland To Oil Streets; Water Main Job Readied

Oiling of Sutherland streets was planned for early this week at the 181 city council meeting, reports the Sutherland Sun. The councilmen laid aside \$4,000 for the purpose.

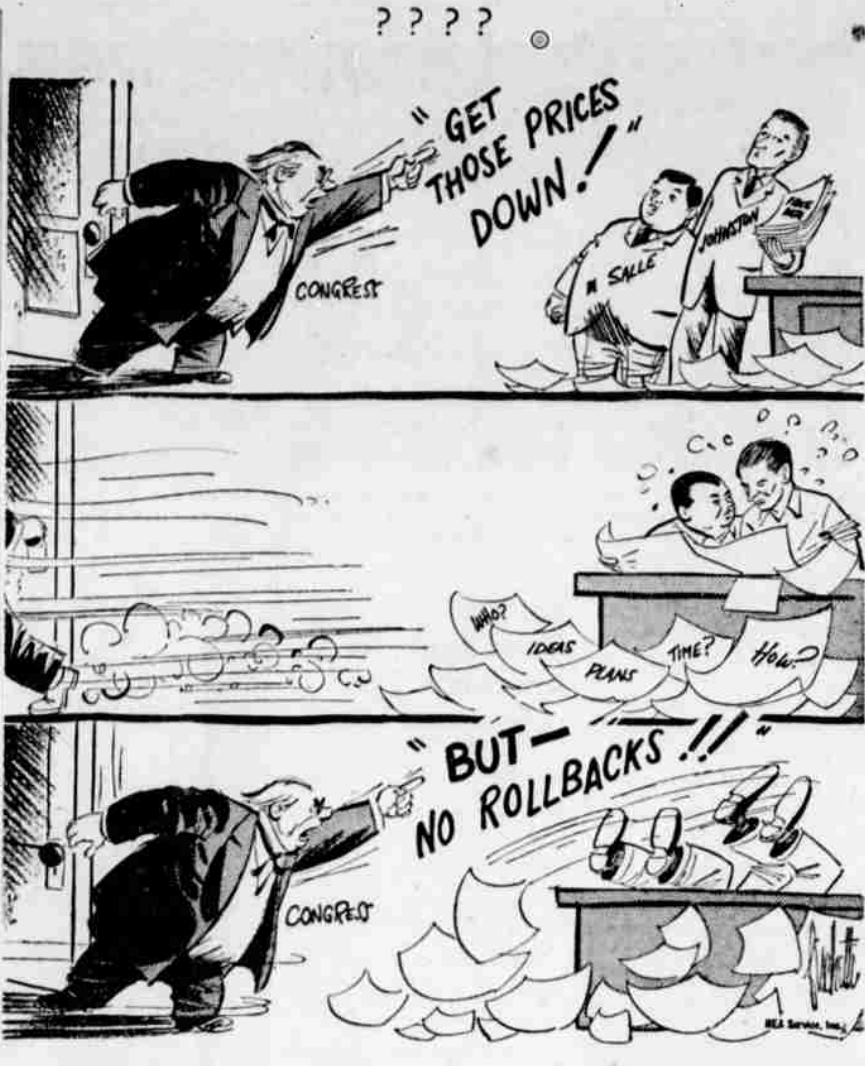
It was decided to hire a night fireman for the city.

The State Construction Co. of Seattle has started excavation in Sutherland in preparation for laying water mains. Contractor Rocco Alla said the project will be completed in about 15 days.

A diamond smaller than the head of a pin has been cut with 53 facets, according to the National Geographic Society.

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Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Lean back and relax for this one. I've got a friend who wants to get something off his chest. It may boost your blood pressure a bit, but in the long run it will save you a lot of worrying about all of the so-called down-trodden in Europe we're supporting.

From here, the column is a letter I received from this friend a few days ago:

"I have only recently arrived in this country after seven years abroad. I served as a foreign service officer of the State department. I was a captain in artillery during the war. After the war I took a crack at military government in Germany. When the State department took over I was offered seven thousand per annum, which looked pretty good.

"I got a pleasant surprise when I found that the job included a 12 room house, well furnished, rent free. Also I got a chauffeur, a butler, a chauffeur, a gardener, and an automobile. I also got free laundry and cleaning service and the government paid my telephone bill. And also I got an extra hundred dollars per month for entertainment money. This, however, was not enough; I got 10 percent of my salary as a bonus for living under what the State department calls extreme hardship conditions.

"Nobody in this country could have lived as I did on less than \$100,000 per year. And I was only a country resident officer. There are 163 similar positions.

"I certainly had a lot of fun. I had no duties. I went fishing one day, picknicking the next, drank the next, played golf the next, loafed the next and then took off for the weekend.

"But I guess there comes a time when a real American gets tired of such unsavory robbing of the taxpayer. About last Christmas I time I threw in the towel and resigned. I intended to let it go at that. Mr. Lewis, but when I came back here and saw some of the poverty in the West Virginia hills I just could not believe that this country is so poor and yet we are spending everything to make Europe rich. There is more poverty in this state than there is in all of Europe.

"Mr. Lewis, I'm not a beggar. I am gainfully employed with a respectable company and am making life anew. But this colossal waste of our government, especially the foreign aid, has got to stop.

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

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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business that has been disturbing us so greatly in recent weeks.

The Iranians HATE the British. Hating the British, they seize this moment when the world is in turmoil and Britain is weak to despoil and humiliate them.

As the dispatch so significantly says, IT IS REALLY A PLEASURE for them to see the British taking orders instead of giving them.

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ise that without British know-how they'll soon be in a mess.

But they just don't care. They'd rather be in a mess AND BE RID OF THE BRITISH, who have been giving orders to Iranians for a century or more.

I rather imagine you and I might feel the same way about it in similar circumstances.

The catch, of course, is this: What will RUSSIA do about it if Iran gets into a mess with the big oil operation she has taken away from the British? Will Russia step in and take it over?

It could. That's what scares US. The point is trying to make here is that the Iranians have done what they've done because they despise the British and not because they love the Russians.

Here's a thought for us to ponder.

For upwards of two centuries, the British ran the world. All in all, it seems to me, they did a fairly good job of it. I rather imagine the people whose lives they have run (including the Iranians, the Indians, the Egyptians, the Malaysians, and so on) are better off than they would have been if the British had kept their noses out and these people had been run during these two centuries or more by their own local despots.

But you can't laugh this off. During these years when the British were running the world, they got themselves cordially hated and now they are paying the price.

With the British fading out of the picture, we seem to be stuck with the job of running the world. Will we do a better job of it than the British have? Will we HOLD the respect of everybody, while pushing them around and telling them what to do? Or will we, too, come to be hated by everybody? I wonder.

Instead of taking money away from them, as the British have done, we're GIVING THEM MONEY. But we seem to be doing it in a snooty, Lady Bountiful, sort-of-generous-people-we-are sort of way.

I have a notion that if somebody treated me that way I'd hate his guts.

Bill Tison Experiences Action-Packed Navy Duty

Bill Tison of Roseburg is home on for a three-week leave after an action-packed 11-month tour of duty with the navy. He shipped out in December on the aircraft carrier Valley Forge, serving with carrier air group No. 2.

His outfit later was transferred to the Carrier Philippine Sea to serve a second term of duty — the only navy air group to serve two terms within a year to date, according to the Portland Journal.

The Philippine Sea returned to San Francisco June 9 with 2,500 men aboard, making a record run from Japan to San Francisco, the Journal reports. Tison served four years aboard the carriers Intrepid and Midway in World War II.

Before enlistment, he was with the highway engineers office in Roseburg. He will return to Moffett field in July for re-assignment.

Auxiliary Organized For Mercy Hospital Aid

An auxiliary to assist as needed in operating Mercy hospital under its expanded program has been organized, and a meeting of all persons who have received invitations to attend has been called for Monday night July 2.

Mercy hospital plans formal opening of its new wing early in July.

The auxiliary will operate without officers during the summer months, but will start functioning in September under a definite organization, according to Mrs. W. F. Amiot, one of the members active in starting the group.

Committees will be set up on surgical dressings, sewing, medical and surgical, advisory and financial.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ronk and three children six miles north of Myrtle Creek was burned to the ground June 17, according to the Myrtle Creek Mail. There was no insurance. They are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ronk temporarily.

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New Ethics Code Adopted By Assn. Of Oregon Editors

GEARHART, Ore. — (AP) — The Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association will be governed by a new code of ethics.

The code was approved here Saturday at the group's closing business session.

It is a condensation of an older code. A committee made up of Marshall N. Dana, formerly of the Oregon Journal; Philip H. Parrish, The Oregonian; Frank Jenkins, the Klamath Falls Herald and News; Giles French, the Sherman County Journal at Moro, and Gordon A. Sabine, dean of journalism at the University of Oregon, prepared it.

The code:

"1. We pledge ourselves to print the truth regardless of consequences; to speak factual accuracies and simplicity, and to be fair.

"2. We subscribe to the tenets of good taste; we reserve the right to decide what is fit to print, but the public interest and not the private interest — even that of the newspaper — shall be the basis of such decision.

"3. Freedom of the press, guaranteed by the constitution, is a right of the people as well as of newspapers, is an essential part of the general liberty given to the people and must, therefore, conform always to the interests of the people.

"4. The public is entitled to news of public interest whatever its origin.

"5. High competency and thorough training are essentials for all in the newspaper profession.

"6. Advertising must be as truthful as news and editorials.

"7. In the interest of world-wide human freedom we support all efforts to make the press free throughout the world.

"8. We affirm that the printed word, medium of global communication, is a means to the end of freeing the human mind from bigotry, hate and intolerance, and for the establishment of better living, international peace, and justice to all.

"9. To the above principles the newspapers of Oregon heartily subscribe as an expression of their duty to society and in the support of the belief that a free and responsible press is essential to the freedom of mankind."

New Chevrolet Agency At Myrtle Creek Slated

A new Chevrolet dealership will be opened in Myrtle Creek Saturday. Under the management of Frank Young of Roseburg, the firm will be called the Young Chevrolet company, according to the Myrtle Creek Mail.

Young, his wife and 15-month old daughter, Linda Ann, plan to move to Myrtle Creek soon. Marjorie Harris of Roseburg will be bookkeeper and secretary.

The new building was constructed by Todd Building company of Roseburg. It has 5,000 square feet of floor space.

BROTHELS DUE FOR AXE

SINGAPORE — (AP) — Police announced they're going to make an all-out drive against "red light" districts in Singapore.

They said they would have done it sooner to wipe out brothels and prostitution, but the anti-vice squad had its hands full the last several months investigating the Singapore riots of Dec. 11.

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DEALINGS IN DIRT
The Real Estate Market Lively — The Transfers Reported for November

W. Kuykendall and wife to Mrs. Eliza E. Mattoon, lot 9 in Drain, \$1.
C. E. Tracy to John Applegate, quit claim to E. S. of Chas. Applegate's donation land claim and other lands, \$150.
Aaron Rose and wife to F. F. Hatchkiss, . . .

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Those names that appeared in the 1889 Review . . . does anyone know whether these folks are in Roseburg — Kuykendall, Mattoon, Tracy, Applegate? Aaron Rose, of course, we recall as Roseburg's founder. We get a great deal of satisfaction from tracing Roseburg's course through history . . . Just as we get lots of satisfaction from setting up a complete insurance program.

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