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WHY EDITORS GET GRAY

Charles V. Stanton

Eugene's city council has launched an attack upon W. M. Tugman, editor of the *Eugene Register-Guard*. The storm broke in the midst of a council session recently, when members took exception to editorial statements and launched a verbal attack upon the editor. Written statements were presented by one of the councilmen. A committee has been named by the mayor to draw up a bill of particulars on the part of the council.

It was a unanimous action which charged the editor with "falsehood and half-truths." An apology was demanded.

It appears that the attack upon the editor stems from city zoning plans. The city planning commission recommended a zoning pattern, which was rejected by the city council. The council substituted its own plan. A referendum petition resulted.

The Eugene newspaper charged secret meetings of the council and claimed that the public was not informed of the thinking of the city officials until the council rejected the commission's plan and substituted its own. The council held that the criticism implied "crooked decisions are made against the public." The editor is charged with a purpose "to pit the planning commission against the council."

Motives Misunderstood

We are not trying to defend the editorial policies of our good friend Editor Tugman. He is perfectly capable of his own defense. He has not yet had opportunity to reply, as the attack started just as he was boarding a plane to attend the meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, D. C.

But reading the account of the affair, as it appeared in the *Register-Guard*, it would appear to have originated from one of those misunderstandings which cause editors to become prematurely grey-haired.

Any editor who has escaped having someone charge him with trying to "run" the community, hasn't maintained a local editorial policy. Yet we have known very few editors who have had any desire or intent to "run" things.

We are quite well acquainted with almost all the editors in Oregon. Each and every one of them is vitally interested in the welfare of the community he serves. His interest is obvious. The success of his business depends upon the health of the community, physical, spiritual, and financial. Consequently he strives for community improvement, not only as a citizen but also as a selfish businessman.

The editor feels it is his duty, through the news columns of his newspaper, to keep the public as fully and as truthfully informed as possible. Through his editorial column he endeavors to interpret the news, to encourage public thinking, to promote prosperity, maintain good government, improve living standards, and, in general, suggest those things he believes right and proper for the community.

Conflicts Inevitable

An editor, being human, has ideas and opinions which often conflict with ideas and opinions of his readers. He often is so convinced his position is correct that he will battle vigorously to gain his point. We doubt that newspaper readers would have much respect for an editor who wasn't willing to go to bat for his ideas and ideals. But the more vigorously he advances his projects, the more conflict inevitably follows.

So he frequently finds himself charged with trying to "run" the community. He finds himself accused of falsehoods, half-truths and propaganda—easy terms to invoke when there is a clash of ideas.

Reading of the Eugene fracas, it appears from this distance that Bill Tugman is up to his neck in just one of those affairs any editor of experience has encountered on numerous occasions. Bill is probably into the fight a little deeper than any other editor of the state would be embroiled because he is considered the foremost authority on municipal affairs among Oregon editors. Because he has made a long and detailed study of municipal affairs and municipal planning, he is vigorous in his presentation and diligent in fighting, as a good citizen should be, for what he believes to be for the community's betterment.

He may be correct in his thinking or he may be in error. We would not attempt to judge. But we are positive his intent is not to "run" things, nor to force his ideas upon the people he serves.

In one demand he has made we are willing to join. Tugman insists that policies affecting the public be made in public, not at secret meetings. No other course should be tolerated anywhere.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—The dream of thousands of authors today is to develop a fictional character in which the public never loses interest.

An example is Tarzan of the apes, one of the great literary earners of all time. This jungle strong boy became more of an industry than a character. And he probably will still be making money long after Africa is paved.

How can an author tell when he's created one of these jackpot characters of the book world? He can't. He has to wait for the public to tell him.

It worked out that way with Frances and Dick Lockridge, whose latest (and 30th) book, "Death and the Gentle Bull," comes out next month. It is the 18th volume in their Mr. and Mrs. North mystery series. Back in 1931 Frances told Dick, then a young drama critic on the New York Sun, an amusing adventure that had befallen her during the day. He wrote a short story about it—the first appearance of Mr. and Mrs. North in print—and sold it to the New Yorker magazine for \$50.

The editors liked the Norths and asked for more skits. The Lockridges wrote them, but still had no idea of the literary gold mine they were sitting on.

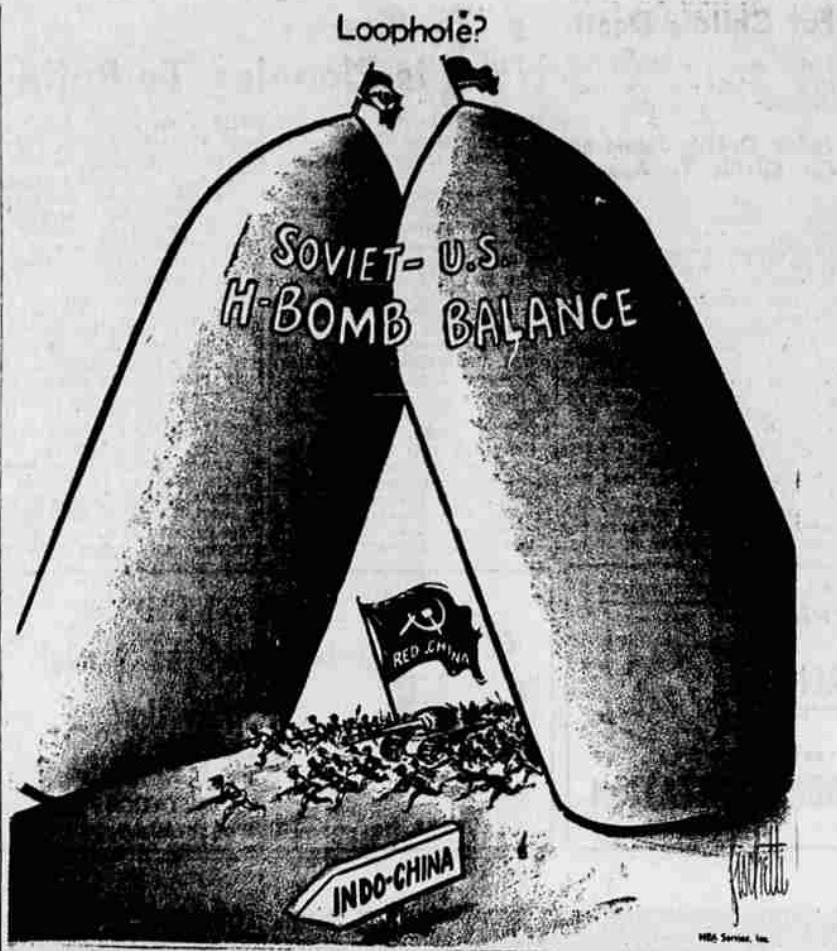
"It is amazing to us how it has ballooned," Frances said. "At first the Mr. and Mrs. North stories were things that actually hap-

pened to us. Later they were about ordinary domestic things that could happen to any family. It grew from these simple stories of home life to—well, to what it is now."

The American public began taking Mr. and Mrs. North to its heart in a big way after the appearance of "The Norths Meet Murder" in 1940.

In 1945, following a hitch in the Navy, Dick gave up daily newspaper work. The Norths had become a fulltime career. Mr. and Mrs. North became a successful Broadway play, then they went into the movies. For 11 years they have been a top radio series (CBS) and now have gone into television (NBC). The Norths also are considering the comic strip field (after all, didn't Tarzan make that jump, too?).

The adventures of Pam and Jerry North now are plotted in a pleasant upper Westchester country place amid an atmosphere of



Air Force Drops 78 Persons As Security Risks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force has reported the dismissal last year of 78 civilians and 34 uniformed personnel accused of links with Communist or red-tinted organizations.

Air Force officials also told a House Appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public Saturday that another 150 military personnel were separated "for some what closely related reasons" and that an additional 104 such cases are under study.

Secretary of the Air Force Tamm said the civilian dismissals all "involved actual or alleged membership in the Communist Party, or affiliations or sympathetic association with communist organizations or persons, or Communist inclinations."

He said there were many additional resignations and separations for security reasons which had not yet been reported to headquarters here. He promised a report on them later.

The military dismissals stemmed from 727 security risk cases investigated last year, Air Force officials said, adding that another 811 military cases are under investigation now.

Assistant Air Force Secretary H. Lee White said the civilians ousted were not necessarily "out-and-out Communists, but there might be some evidence that would indicate leanings that way, and the defense establishment would be better off without them."

Father Beats Wife, Son To Death At Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—Police Sgt. S. M. Bowerman said a truck driver apparently went berserk, killed his wife with a baseball bat and beat his 12-year-old son, fatally in their home here Saturday.

Police broke into the Otto Reinhold home after being called by Reinhold's frantic mother-in-law. The found the 35-year-old man in a bathtub, alive but with his throat and wrists cut, Bowerman said.

home-eeked food, cats and literary violence.

It is a real husband-and-wife team job. Frances does the plots. They must plot over for a day or two. Then Dick goes into his study, and does the writing. He writes from 9:30 in the morning until one in the afternoon, turning out 1,500 to 2,400 words a day.

We think that a plain puzzle mystery is no good," said Frances. "You have to have characters that are interesting."

"I take a perfectly blank piece of paper, and try to think up a murder I would like to read about myself. We don't use tricky methods. We generally shoot or stab."

The murder plots in the Lockridge household are entirely literary. "Sometimes we get a little mad while working out a story," said Frances, cheerfully. "But Dick and I don't have any big hot arguments."

The other love of their lives is cats. They have three, named, oddly enough, the same as the three Siamese cats owned by the Norths—Martina, Gin and Sherry. They like to sit at home, and Frances still does all her own cooking.

They now turn out three mystery books and a juvenile a year, plus a stream of articles from Dick's ever flowing typewriter.

"I try my best to get Dick to take off a month between books and vegetate," Frances said. "But he's miserable if he isn't writing."

"I'd rather be haunted by what I'm writing than by the feeling I'm not doing anything," replied her husband mildly. "It makes me feel I have fallen out of life when I'm not writing."

In all the years he has written about Pam and Jerry North he has never described what they look like, feeling that is something the reader can best imagine for himself. My idea is the Norths look pretty much like Dick and Frances Lockridge, a very pleasant couple, who look like—

Well, like Mr. and Mrs. North should look.

McKay, Morse May Enter Campaign Fight In Cordon, Neuberger Political Battle

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay is matching Senator Wayne Morse in his attitude toward Oregon's coming senatorial battle between Senator Gray Cordon and Richard L. Neuberger.

Both indicate they will very likely get into it before the November balloting, but neither will commit himself firmly to stump the state. It appears almost certain, however, that if one dives in the other won't be able to resist, the plunge himself—and each with special reason.

McKay is backing Cordon for reelection to the hill, for they have been Republican party allies in Oregon and now work hand-in-hand here on resource problems. McKay in the cabinet has become the Eisenhower administration's top policymaker in this field that is so important to the West; and Cordon in the Senate has become the administration's chief spokesman on the policies.

Cordon, moreover, is chairman of the subcommittee on Interior Department appropriations through which McKay's annual budget must pass. The secretary only last week came to Cordon with a plea that he restore some \$60,000,000 to his budget which the House had whacked out the previous week.

McKay expects to campaign for Cordon this fall if the senator requests it. Otherwise, he says he won't get mixed up in the Cordon-Neuberger battle.

Likewise, Morse has been hinting for months at lending his personal efforts to Neuberger's bid for the Senate—but he won't come out flatly and say what his plans are. Continuing to call himself an independent but maintaining his previous Republican registration.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Fears that United States forces may soon become directly involved in Indo-China fighting are growing. So are doubts on the wisdom of direct negotiations with the Chinese Communists at the Geneva conference.

U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is on something of a double spot.

The curious and little-remembered fact is that what Dulles has been saying publicly in recent weeks is entirely consistent with what he had to say nearly four years ago, under similar circumstances at the start of the Korean war. The steps in this latest development are worth retracing.

As far back as last Sept. 2, Dulles declared in his American Legion speech at St. Louis: "If there were open Red Chinese aggression it would have grave consequences which might not be confined to Indo-China. Nobody got excited then."

He repeated this assertion in his Jan. 12 speech before the Foreign Policy Council in New York. He told how this threat would be met:

"The Way To Deter aggression," he said, "is for the free community to be widely consistent in its own choosing." The basic decision, taken by President Eisenhower and the National Security Council, "was to depend primarily upon a great capacity to retaliate instantly."

Then, in his March 29 speech before the Overseas Press Club in New York, Dulles explained why he had made these policy declarations. Asserting that Red China and Russia had made it clear they intended to dominate all of Southeast Asia, he said:

"The United States feels that this possibility should not be passively accepted, but should be met by united action."

All this, however, follows close-

ly the pattern of Dulles' statements just before and after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea.

Dulles went to Korea in June, 1950. He went to the 38th parallel and looked across at the North Korean troops from which a number of border raids had come. He then went to Seoul and addressed the Republic of Korea Parliament.

This speech was written by Dulles before he left Washington. It had been cleared by President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft and other Republican leaders.

"The American people give you their support," Mr. Dulles told the South Koreans. "The American people welcome you as an equal partner. . . . You are not alone. You will never be alone as long as you continue to play your part in the great design of human freedom."

Six weeks later Dulles spoke in San Francisco. "We had hoped that public declaration might contribute to peace. But already the time fuse had been lighted. Almost at the exact time I was speaking in Seoul, the Communist regime was proclaiming its program. . . . That next Sunday the Red army was hurled against the Republic of Korea to impose that program."

Compare that first sentence in the paragraph above with what Secretary Dulles said in New York March 29.

"The chances for peace are usually bettered by letting a potential aggressor know in advance where his aggression will lead him. I hope these statements will serve the cause of peace."

The catch in this—as it refers to Indo-China, applied also in Korea. Have the Communists now already lighted the time fuse?

When the Korean truce was finally arranged, there was a gen-

Radford States Italy And France Will Face Facts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adm. Arthur Radford declared Thursday that France and Italy "must sooner or later face up to their problems realistically and realize that their future prosperity and security lies in unity with Western Europe, including Germany."

The North Atlantic Alliance, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said, "needs a German contribution, and above all, it needs a Franco-German unity."

Both France and Italy, he added, have been slow to bring about the fulfillment of this unity concept. Radford made these points in a strategy briefing given to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Of the Middle East, Radford said that the current intense feeling between Israel and the Arab states is "a bar to any unity of action between them and is a menace to peace in the area."

Radford devoted much of his briefing to the problems of Asia, particularly to Indo-China, but he pictured the problems of one area as being a part of the global problem created by the challenge of communism.

The challenge of the Communist threat, Radford said, could last as long as 100 years and plans should be prepared accordingly.

Radford said the loss of Indo-China to the Communists would greatly strengthen the Communist world's military position and its economic resources, but that more importantly, the loss would have political and economic effects far beyond Asia.

Radford said that the United States would continue to give military and moral support to Indo-China. He added that the United States has "no desire, however, to assume responsibility for the conduct of military operations" in Indo-China. He supported Secretary of State Dulles' call for "united action by the free nations to save the day in Southeast Asia."

Hawaiian Jap Doesn't Believe U. S. Won War

HONOLULU (AP)—A Japanese fighter, indicted on a charge of violating the immigration law, says Japan won World War II "and you can't make me believe otherwise."

The farmer, Kametoku Tomei, 64, was accused of refusing to file an annual alien address report and the U. S. attorney's office said he insisted that Hawaii is part of Japan.

"Hawaii is a part of Japan," Tomei told a reporter.

"Everything else is a pack of lies."

Tomei's children, all born here and U. S. citizens, left home several years ago. They were angered and embarrassed, said the eldest son, Shigemichi Tomei.

"We tried everything to explain the true situation to him," Shigemichi said. "He wouldn't believe us. I even offered him money to take a trip to Japan to see for himself but he refused, saying the time had not come to visit Japan yet."

Ernie Pyle Honored On Death Anniversary

IE SHIMA, Ryukyu Islands (AP)—Ernie Pyle, who believed the little, personal story was just as important as the big one, was honored again Monday on the ninth anniversary of his death.

More than 300 Americans joined island officials and residents in paying tribute to the memory of the beloved chronicler of the American foot soldier in World War II.

Pyle was cut down by a Japanese machinegunner as he was heading for the front lines on this tiny island near Okinawa April 18, 1945.

Pyle is buried in Hawaii, but a simple white monument here marks the spot where he fell. It reads:

"At this spot the 7th Division lost a buddy—Ernie Pyle."

Dress Ripper Disrupts Easter Parade In N. Y.

NEW YORK (AP)—Easter parades, happy and smiling in the spring sunshine, jammed Fifth Avenue for their traditional stroll Sunday. But one man in their midst had little spirit for the occasion.

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Later in court he struck at a patrolman and bit and scratched him. He was held for investigation of the dress slashing and for felonious assault on the policeman. Police said he had once been in a mental hospital.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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it set for a half hour it wouldn't be more than maybe a fourth mud at the bottom.

That, too tells its story in this spring of 1954. There is less water in this vast valley of the Missouri than the people who live here would like to see.

On into Iowa—the land of the corn and the hog. There is plenty of both in sight from the car windows. The fields are full of pig-little rascals about a foot long. If there is anything cuter than a pig about that age, I have yet to see it. And if there is anything less glamorous than a full grown hog I don't know what it could be.

I mean, of course, a full grown hog in the natural, on foot, and maybe emerging from a mud wallow. After the hog has been processed into bacon and the bacon has been properly fried and artistically disposed upon a plate around a couple of eggs that have also been fried—well, that's another story. When a pig is fulfilled its ultimate destiny it is a lovely enough object to gaze upon.

The corn itself isn't actually visible. What one sees is a myriad of round bins. These bins—I know that "crib" is the proper word for a building in which corn is stored, but it's hard for one who grows up in the cornfields to think of these round metal containers as corn cribs—clutter the landscape around every village and county seat town. They look exactly like the tank farms that surround the big oil refineries, and at first one wonders what they're storing all this oil for out here in the corn belt. The tractors that have replaced the horses and the mules that once were the standby of the prairie farmer must be simply voracious users of fuel.

Then it breaks in upon you that the world has changed. It used to be that corn was put in a temporary structure called a crib be-

cause a PERMANENT structure wasn't needed to hold corn that would be fed to hogs and cattle during the winter months that follow directly after the husking and the cribbing of the corn.

It's different now. Corn, you see, in these days of farm problems is no longer just a feed for livestock. It's a prime raw material out of which votes are made, and as such it is too precious to be stored in an open crib thrown together out of rails or two-by-fours and narrow boards.

Ah, me. There have been great changes in farming since the days when I grew up back here in the corn belt. I'll bet anything that if one watched carefully the graves in the cemeteries where the rugged pioneers who took this country away from the Sac and the Fox Indians are buried he'd see the blue grass that covers them heaving and rolling in many a spot.

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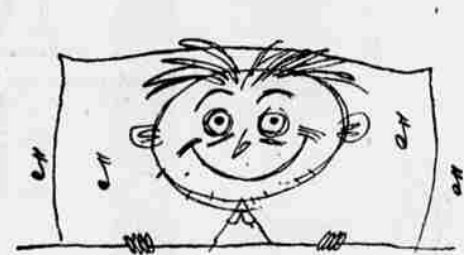
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