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## ASIATICS TAKE NOTE!

Charles V. Stanton

Was the short-lived Guatemalan fracas staged as a sort of sideshow to teach Asiatic anti-communist forces how to combat the Red menace? No one would admit it, of course. But it is an interesting conjecture.

Our State Department has been very disturbed by the presence of a Communist-dominated government so close to the Panama Canal. A comparatively few years ago we might have taken more direct action to get rid of political undesirables in the neighboring state. But current world conditions call for more finesse in cleaning out a nest of subversives.

While troubled by this Red cancer in our own hemisphere, the State Department has been striving to inspire anti-communist forces in Asia to combat increasing aggression in that part of the world. The desired spirit of resistance, however, has been hard to build, particularly in face of mounting Red victories.

The revolution in Guatemala is the first really decisive victory over communist aggression anywhere. Yet it was achieved strictly by a small group of fiery politicians who, when encouraged to lead out, found ready cooperation among the populace of the oppressed country.

### Straw Men Exposed

We imagine our own State Department was calling most of the signals for the revolt in Guatemala. It was not hard to find leaders among exiled Guatemalans.

They have a unique practice in the Latin-American countries.

A person who gets into political trouble, if he can escape to a neighboring state, is usually given asylum and becomes a political exile. He then spends most of his time trying to formulate a political coup that will permit his return. Thus, when someone wants to start a revolution, it is easy to find leaders.

Naturally our State Department would be expected to deny any hand in the Guatemalan affair, but denial doubtless would be accompanied by crossed fingers. It was too pat to be considered otherwise.

Asiaties undoubtedly will interpret the fracas in the light of their own problems. The victory by rebel forces in Guatemala exposed the Red regime to be composed by straw men. But because the straw men had guns, and could keep the populace under domination, the Communists were in the saddle.

### Populace Supports Rebels

But when guns appeared in the hands of anti-communists the populace rushed to help clean out the nests of the subversives. Tyrannies of Red oppressors are not conducive to party popularity.

Is there not, then, a lesson for overrun and threatened Asiatic countries in the strategy connected with the revolution in Guatemala? Will not anti-Red leaders in Asiatic countries see a hope that they too can lead successful revolutions? Will they not gain confidence that they too will find cooperation from oppressed people if they can show those people an opportunity to throw off the yoke of tyranny?

We can only conjecture and surmise as to the strategy by which the Reds were overthrown in Guatemala, and we can only suspicion that there was a large measure of demonstration engineered by our State Department as a suggested pattern for the Asiaties we are attempting to draw into the anti-communist fight.

At least it's a good example.

## Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — The marital romance of movie star Laraine Day and Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants baseball club, is a victory of later love over dislike at first sight.

The first time Laraine, who looks like the girl every man hopes to wed, met Leo was in one of those velvet skip-rope Manhattan night clubs.

"Everybody crowded around to talk to him as if he were important," she recalled. "I didn't know who he was, but I certainly did dislike him."

The feeling was so strong that two years later, when Laraine saw Leo boarding a plane on which she was a passenger, she hoped he wouldn't sit by her because she dreaded having to talk to him. But Leo sat down and did most of the talking.

"I looked over at him after a while," said Laraine, "and suddenly thought to myself, 'This is the man I'm going to marry.' He didn't know it — but I did."

Soon after that they were married. As a girl Laraine hated baseball so much that she would umpire a game at school to keep from having to play it. But today she watches some 77 baseball games a year.

"It's making a nervous wreck out of me," she said. "I don't feel like an average fan. Winning and losing affects our lives. It's our future."

"When we lose a game, I'm much more upset than Leo. He doesn't bring the game home with him."

"If the Giants win, we take in a movie. We never go out after he loses a game. But it's not because she feels miserable."

"He says, 'People always ask you how you lost — they never ask you how you won. But if you've lost a game, there is no point in losing it over and over again.'"

Laraine, who recently completed a leading role in "The High and the Mighty," has adjusted her firm career so as not to let it conflict with the job of being Mrs. Durocher.



## In The Day's News

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the communist brand of the hammer and sickle permanently buried into its rump.

I'd say that before we can reach the desirable stage of "peaceful co-existence" with the Soviets that you mention we'll have to convince the men in the Kremlin that they JUST CAN'T HAVE THE WORLD WITH THE SOVIET BRAND BURNED INTO IT'S RUMP.

Convincing them of that is our present job. It's a big job. Once we get them convinced that WE CAN'T BE TAKEN IT will be comparatively easy to figure out a way to get along with them in the world.

But as long as they think they can TAKE US, they'll keep on trying.

What went on in Guatemala is still puzzling—including the sudden ball trick the communists apparently tried when President Arbenz resigned in favor of a junta that seemed to have been rather heavily loaded with communists.

The anti-communist crowd, however, refused to fall for it and held out for elimination of all communist influences in the capital.

I still hope the anti-communists down there (who seem to have handled themselves rather well so far) turn out to be Guatemalan PATRIOTS who are ready to fight and die if need be to free their country of communism and KEEP IT FREE.

If the spread of communism is to be checked, there must be found somewhere in the world some nation that is ready and willing to FIGHT FOR ITS OWN LIBERTY.

Guatemala might be that nation. Anyway, it's worth hoping.

At the moment, it will have to be agreed, the world is a rather grim-looking spectacle. The farther one looks, the harder it is to see a bright spot.

Wait a minute. Do you remember the general reports from the valley of the Rio Grande about this time a year ago? It was so dry that everything was cracking open.

BUT NOW THE RIO GRANDE IS STAGING THE BIGGEST FLOOD IN ITS LONG HISTORY. You never can tell.

## Harry Truman's Condition Better

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Former President Harry Truman was reported greatly improved and past the critical stage of his illness Tuesday by Dr. Wallace Graham, his physician, who gave a personal report on his patient's condition.

Mr. Truman's condition has been listed as serious since last Saturday, a week after he underwent an emergency operation for the removal of his appendix and gall bladder.

Dr. Graham said Mr. Truman showed signs of being his old self Tuesday morning, and greeted him with this comment:

"Well, doctor, I'm over the hump. We have this thing whipped."

The doctor said the former President has improved greatly. "I would say the critical stage is past," the doctor told a news conference. "Mr. Truman is showing signs of being his old self. He is quite alert. His eyes are clear and he certainly is much better."

The former President's recovery has been hampered by his hypersensitivity to antibiotic drugs needed in his treatment.

erly Hills, which has a soda fountain in the den.

"Leo loves ice cream," she said. "I serve him a banana split for lunch, and a thick chocolate milk shake in the afternoon. In the evening he likes a variety of sundaes."

Nobody pitches harder for Durocher today than the girl who looked at him in an airplane seven years ago and suddenly realized he was her world.

## FBI Reports On Powell Said Out Of Files

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.

WASHINGTON (AP) — William F. McKenna, the administration's top housing scandal investigator, testified Tuesday an FBI report listing eight arrests of Clyde L. Powell, ousted former top official of the FHA, is missing from the agency's files.

Powell's record came out as he refused for the second time to answer questions by senators investigating million-dollar "windfall" profits from builders of government-backed apartment projects.

Twice at hearings before the Senate Banking Committee Powell has based his refusals to answer on "my constitutional protection against being compelled to be a witness against myself."

Committee Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) tried without success to get Powell to answer questions about his past record in which the FBI showed arrests dating back 28 years for embezzlement, larceny, bad checks and disorderliness. Capehart then said that Powell, "hid behind the fifth amendment."

The senator placed in the hearing record Powell's 1934 application for an FHA job. Capehart said it showed the 38-year-old Powell replied "no" to the question whether he ever had been "arrested for any reason whatsoever."

McKenna, deputy Housing and Home Finance Agency administrator, said he has been unable to find any trace of a 1941 FBI report on Powell.

He said the record, showing the arrests, was sent to the Civil Service Commission in 1941 and again in 1948. In normal course it would have been forwarded to FHA, McKenna said, but it is missing.

Only a disorderliness arrest, at Washington hotel in 1943, occurred while Powell was in FHA's employ as a special commissioner in charge of rental housing. Powell then forfeited \$5 bail.

## Americans Hold Sway At Casino In Baden-Baden

BADEN-BADEN, Germany (AP) — The croppers of Baden-Baden's famous gambling casino are boning up on their English. Once, French, German and perhaps Italian sufficed. But these days the "Spielbank" sees more Americans than anyone else, be they officers and civilians stationed in Germany or part of a huge tourist crowd.

As a result, this looks like this watering place's best year since before the war. A tropical garden in the Black Forest, the town of Baden-Baden has attracted kings, nobles and shoe manufacturers, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers for many generations.

The hotels are jammed. So are the places where maladies are treated with a series of "baths," hot, saline waters that gush from the earth and apparently have some properties to alleviate arthritis, rheumatism, gall bladder troubles, and even nervous tics.

The French still more or less "occupy" the area—it's part of their zone—but these signs are fast disappearing. The visitor taking a "cure" is now king.

Some doctors scoff at the baths. But old-timers who have been coming here for years are still ambulating around at incredible ages, able to pack away three square meals a day without burping and they contend there's something to it.

OSC Professor Will Succeed BPA Engineer

PORTLAND (AP) — Eugene C. Start, 32, professor of electrical engineering at Oregon State College, will succeed Sol E. Schultz, resigned, as chief engineer of the Bonneville Power Administration, it was announced here Wednesday.

The appointment is effective July 1.

Start, a native of Oregon, was graduated from Oregon State and has taught at the Corvallis school continuously since 1927. Since 1939, he has been consultant engineer for BPA. He was civilian scientific observer at the Bikini atomic tests in 1946.

## Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

Whether by accident or intent, the bill to authorize the appropriation of funds for foreign aid—called the Mutual Security bill—comes to the floor of the House at a time of great tension in world affairs. I am certain, however, that it could not have been "planned that way." The bill is a big one in that it covers our world-wide efforts, and it has been the subject of much study and long hearings by the Foreign Affairs Committee. The Committee just happened to finish its labors and send the bill to the House for consideration coincidental with: (1) the visit of Prime Minister Churchill and British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden; (2) the disturbing speech made in the House of Commons by Eden; (3) communist activity in Central and South America which is causing serious worry here; (4) a new government of France which is moving independently in dealing with the Indo-China problem; and (5) the fizzling out of the conference in Geneva.

Only about 27 percent of the some \$3.5 billion in the bill goes to Europe. That, as well as the remainder, is mainly for the purpose of bolstering up the defense efforts and military ability of the free world.

Although it seems necessary to go ahead with expenditures of this type while world tension continues, I shall vote for this authorization bill with no enthusiasm. I cannot escape the feeling that there is just a slight touch of hysteria behind the writing of millions and billions into such a bill. In other words, I respect the experience, the wisdom and sincerity of the Foreign Affairs Committee but I wonder about their ability in the field of mathematics.

For example, one thing in particular bothers me about the bill. Of funds PREVIOUSLY appropriated some \$2.6 billion are still unspent, although obligated—meaning that contracts or other commitments have been made. To over simplify the matter a bit, I would feel better about it if they would use up the money already given before asking for more.

The bill referred to is not, however, the final step in taking this money from the treasury. The Appropriations Committee will set the amounts recommended to be appropriated. Perhaps that committee, more versed in figures than is the Foreign Affairs Committee, can straighten out the mathematics.

It seems pretty certain, as this is written, that the forthcoming Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control bill will contain a paragraph authorizing the construction of the Green Peter Dam on the Santiam River as a multiple-purpose project including power, navigation, irrigation and flood control. This legislation was introduced this April. What it means is that planning and construction money can be appropriated for this dam. If the so-called partnership bill is enacted for this project later the Federal government will be relieved of the necessity for borrowing some \$28,000,000 to pay for the power facilities which will then be paid for locally. Meanwhile this much needed flood control dam will become eligible for appropriations.

New York got the biggest allotment—over 36 million dollars. Vermont got the smallest—4 million. The state-by-state breakdown includes: California \$47,108,037; Idaho \$6,697,775; Montana \$13,351,734; Oregon \$12,889,469 and Washington \$14,961,966.

## Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The Pentagon will have the equivalent of 30 civilian vice presidents if new proposals by Defense Secretary C. E. Wilson are approved by Congress. Mr. Wilson wants Army, Navy and Air Force to have two more assistant secretaries apiece for a total of six more "v.p.'s."

Each service now has a secretary, an undersecretary and two assistant secretaries—a total of 12.

The Department of Defense now has an undersecretary and 11 assistant secretaries.

Every one of these civilian vice presidents, of course, has his deputies and assistants, plus equivalent military men in uniform to tell them what it's all about. The result is that there is now proportionately more top bureaucracy around the Pentagon than there ever was.

This explains in part why sessions like Secretary Wilson's big conference and clamor at Quantico over a recent weekend seems like a good thing. They help everybody get acquainted with everybody else on a first-name basis. The official attendance was around 150. Call "em vice presidents and you won't be far wrong.

MORE EVIDENCE THAT automobile salesmen aren't on the job in these recession days—plugging their product and pinning down prospects—has been furnished by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey.

At a "Borrowing Committee" meeting of about 30 leading bankers from all over the country, brought to Washington every so often to review government loan programs, the secretary asked how many of the group had been called on by an automobile salesman this year.

Only two of the bankers raised their hands. Secretary Humphrey then asked how many of the group would now be in the market for a new car if solicited and sold.

Fifteen raised their hands. P.S. to salesmen. Secretary Humphrey himself isn't in the market. He just traded in the old convertible which he drives around town himself when it develops mechanical trouble. This is what made it safe for him to raise the question.

THE OLD SUBJECT of liquor and entertainment expenses for the State Department and U.S. embassies overseas is always good for a debate in the Senate and this year was no exception. To his real nature, it's called officially "representation money."

Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), a Quaker, a teetotaler and one of the really few sincere advocates of economy in the Senate led off this year by proposing to cut the fund from \$300,000 to \$300,000.

"We should not try to float our foreign relations in a sea of champagne," he said. "We should try to bring about simplicity in the lives of our government officials at home and abroad."

Senators of both parties jumped on him. Sen. William Knowland (R., Calif.) said the charge that this fund was for the mutual incitation of our foreign service was unfair. Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.) said that if the government didn't provide for this, the U.S. diplomats abroad would have to pay it out of their own pockets.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) pointed out that the money was used to entertain congressmen when they went abroad.

Sen. Edward J. Thye (R., Minn.) cited statements by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles himself saying that in trying to economize by staying at a hotel in Geneva instead of renting a villa, and by cutting down on entertainment, he had lost many chances to hold informal meetings with foreign statesmen where the real work of these conferences was accomplished.

Adlai Stevenson Will Vacation In Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — Adlai Stevenson, former governor of Illinois and 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, will vacation in Oregon next week.

Democratic party officials said Stevenson would arrive Saturday and spend a week at an undisclosed Oregon ranch.

On July 10 Stevenson will address a Democratic rally at Eugene.

## More Property Bought By State

SALEM (AP) — Purchase of another piece of property on the Capitol Mall was approved Tuesday by the State Board of Control here.

The board oked a price of \$16,750 for the lot at the northeast corner of the Center and Summer Street Intersection, near the mall's north end.

A program at MacLaren School for Boys for providing temporary living quarters in the vocational building was also approved by the board.

Tuesday afternoon the board is meeting in joint session with the Intermediate institution advisory committee and Sanford Bates, consultant on penal institutions, on site selection and policies for a proposed new intermediate institution for the state.

The institution, for which an appropriation of \$1,250,000 was voted by the 1953 Legislature, is scheduled for construction in Marin County. Money for purchase of a site will come from the Emergency Board.

Bates, with state officials, visited two possible sites for the institution Monday.

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