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COLUMBUS NOT DISCOVERER?

Capital Journal, Salem

That Portuguese sailors discovered America 70 years before Columbus, according to the Nautical Chart of 1424, by Armando Cortesao, is asserted by Bruce Catton, editor of "American Heritage," the "Magazine of History," a news quarterly magazine sponsored by American historical societies and published in New York City.

Catton reviews Cortesao's book, "The Nautical Chart of 1424" published by the University of Coimbra in Portugal. The author asserts flatly that Portuguese sailors reached at least the island fringe of the New World, and possibly the mainland itself and there is an authentic cartographic record of their voyages. Catton's review says:

"Professor Cortesao devotes his book to an old Venetian chart which came to light recently in the vast collection amassed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, wealthy English scholar and book collector, who died in 1872 and whose enormous library is still yielding rich finds to modern researchers. This chart appears to have been drawn in 1424 by an Italian cartographer, one Zuane Pizigano, and far west in the Atlantic, beyond the Azores and the Canaries and Madeira, it shows a large island and three satellites to which are given the name 'Antilia.'"

"Antilia," of course is the present name for the Antilles, the great islands of the West Indies. It appears in this chart, apparently, for the first time, and Professor Cortesao is convinced that it represents neither myth or legend but authentic discovery—of Haiti, or Cuba, or Jamaica, or perhaps even of the Florida coast. Here, he says, for the first time, is a cartographical representation of the forefront of eastern America, put on parchment nearly seventy years before Columbus made his first voyage."

Medieval legend is quoted as calling of seven Portuguese bishops, who fleeing from the Moors, took ship and sailed west to settle their people on seven mysterious islands off beyond the sunset. In 1475 King Alfonso V of Portugal issued letters patent to one venturer, granting these islands to him, if he could rediscover them, and their existence was dimly recognized.

But there is good reason the same thing may have happened 2000 years earlier for the ancient world was full of legends of fortunate islands beyond the sunset, from Plato and Aristotle to Seneca and Pliny, says Cortesao, who is quoted as saying:

"The Portuguese dared to attack the great ocean sea. They entered it without fear. They discovered new islands, new lands, new seas, new peoples; and furthermore, new skies, and new stars. And they so completely lost their fear of it, that neither the great heat of the torrid zone, nor even the terrific cold of the extreme southern parts, with which the writers of yore used to frighten us, could deter them."—G.P.

THE GREAT HELEN KELLER

Albany Democrat-Herald

We haven't been hearing so much of Helen Keller lately; but all old-timers remember her, and the younger ones, of course, have read of her as the girl who, stricken blind and deaf in her tenth month, triumphed over these handicaps to become one of the most useful and most famous women in the world. Now, at 74, she is about to undertake a world tour; she is still young in spirit.

When we think of Helen Keller we recall also one of the most wonderful of all teachers, who took charge of the apparently helpless little girl's education in Helen's seventh year and remained as teacher, friend, companion and secretary for half a century. This was Anne Sullivan (Mrs. John A. Macy), who should never be forgotten. She taught her to speak, and to read braille. That was the start.

The handicapped girl went on to a graduation from Radcliffe at 24, very little older than the average of her classmates.

Much of her life has been dedicated to helping the blind; years back she raised a fund of \$1,000,000 by lectures all over the world and the writing of books and articles and procuring gifts to the cause of their education.

Miss Keller's help to the handicapped has not been only the money she has raised to further their education but the inspiration she must have been to so many of them through her own victory over two of the most cruel handicaps that can beset a human being.

We salute the young-spirited Miss Keller as she undertakes her long tour. We know she will "see" and learn more than most people with all their physical senses and will somehow manage to do something for those who face a strange world of which their senses give them not the slightest glimpse. She's a most worthy descendant of the great Adams family of New England.

Bruce Blossat

It's time once more for your contributions to the annual Heart Fund. These February campaigns play an important part in the research, educational and community service programs aimed at the eventual control of the heart diseases.

Heart and blood vessel ailments continue to be far and away the nation's No. 1 killer, accounting for more than half of all deaths and more than the next five leading causes of death combined.

But there are heartening things to report: In dealing with high blood pressure, new and improved drugs are bringing relief to thousands, and in certain selected cases, surgery works well.

The use of the antibiotics and the sulfa drugs has been tremendously effective in preventing or minimizing attacks of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease. The drugs either knock out the "strep" infections that often precede the initial assault of fever, or prevent recurrent attacks.

Radioactive iodine is said to be producing beneficial results in treatment of congestive heart failure and the painful agita pectoris. Deaths from an infection of the heart lining have been cut to one fifth of former totals by prompt treatment with penicillin.

Important gains are being registered in the diagnosis of various heart ailments, including so-called "heart attacks." To assure that this work, new tools and techniques have been developed, like the heart catheter, a long, slender tube painlessly introduced into the

heart through an arm vein to take blood samples.

Some of the most spectacular advances have occurred in heart surgery. Today surgeons can often repair damaged heart valves, correct structural heart defects with which some individuals are born, remove blood vessel clots, or graft parts of healthy vessels to replace diseased arteries.

Medical men have devised "heart-lung" machines to take over the heart's work while surgeons operate inside the heart. They have also turned to "cold storage" methods of lowering body temperature, thus slowing bodily functions and reducing circulation during the period required for heart surgery.

All these gains are significant, but there must be many more over a broad front before heart disease is the country's top killer. It is for more new drugs, new techniques, new tools, and new knowledge about the heart and blood vessels that your money is needed.

Without it, this admirable effort, so well begun, cannot lead to the big strides which alone will finally bring these dangerous ailments under control.

'SLEEPER' HARVEST

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP)—Since eight blocks of the boardwalk were torn up to make way for a concrete walk, people working with shovels and sieves have turned up about \$300 dropped by vacationers during the last 65 years.

And She'd Better Show Up PDQ!



Nervous Anxiety, Buffoonery, Political Nose Counting Mark Week In House Vote On Pay

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives is seldom the scene of so much nervous anxiety, buffoonery and political nose counting at one time as it was last week when the lawmakers plunged into the question of whether to raise their own salaries.

They had made it the No. 1 topic of conversation for days in the Capitol cloakrooms and restaurants, wherever two or more congressmen were on hand to ask one another how they intended voting on the pay bill and what they thought the reaction would be in the grass roots.

When the big day came, they poured into the chamber to await the verdict on whether they would continue to draw \$15,000 or \$22,500 and many had even calculated how much of the raise would be spaked up by income taxes.

All awaited the speech they knew was coming from Rep. Usher Burdick (D-MD), the roly-poly, white-haired storyteller who is unequalled in ability to turn the answer into a monkey cage of one-upping, guffawing congressmen.

Burdick said he was tickled by the congressmen who said they lose \$400 per month due to the high cost of living in Washington, D. C., and their present low salaries.

"I've noticed one peculiar thing about these congressmen," said Burdick. "When their terms expire, they come right back striving for another term in which they can go still further behind."

Burdick proposed that since the bill would make the pay raise retroactive to the first of this year, that it be made retroactive to 1934 when he was first elected. While some solons nearly tumbled into the aisles as Burdick flailed away, others sat stone sober as though chilled at the thought of Burdick's words being used as campaign ammunition by their future challengers for Congress.

Louisiana's Rep. George Long, brother of the late Huey, matched Burdick from the opposite point of view by suggesting that all those who opposed the pay bill should (1) not accept the increase if it goes through, and (2) go back home and help elect better men to Congress in their home districts if they don't think themselves worth the pay increase.

In the end, as predicted, two of every three congressmen voted for the increase, which has long been advocated by independent authorities in order to avoid a growing condition in which the only persons who can afford to run for Congress are the well-to-do and the dishonest.

Two of Oregon's solons refused to go along with the pay bill, both of them relative newcomers: Reps. Sam Coon, Baker Republican, and Edith Green, Portland Democrat. Rep. Walter Norblad voted for it. Rep. Harris Ellsworth was out of town.

Coon said he probably would have taken a different attitude if the pay increase had been less and if it had not been retroactive. He said he couldn't "in good conscience" vote to increase his own

Britain To Team With U.S. In Conference

LONDON (AP)—Britain intends to team with the United States at the Bangkok conference in pressing for an unyielding defense set-up to guard Southeast Asia against further Communist penetration. British informants said Friday.

The Churchill government was pictured determined to put teeth into the eight-nation security pact signed at Manila last August. The British favor both a military and economic aid program to bolster Southeast Asia against either outright invasion by Red China or creeping Communist subversion.

U.S. Destroyers Used By Chinese In Red Attacks

By FRED HAMPSON

KEELUNG (AP)—The smashing victory reported by Chiang Kai-shek's navy over the Communist navy off Chekiang Coast Friday was mainly the work of two American-donated destroyer escorts in the hands of courteous, confident and well-trained Chinese.

The master of one of them, Capt. Kuo Shin Chint, told me about it Saturday as he tidied up his ship and pointed over the bullet dents, none of which quite punctured the hull.

"We sighted the Red ships at 9,000 yards and we closed as fast as we could," he said. "At 6,500 yards we opened fire and we were still shooting everything we had as fast as we could at 2,000 yards and keeping an eye on rocks that were all around us."

"By the time we had sunk or shattered the Reds we were in such close water we had to head straight shoreward and make our return to the north which put us under Communist shore batteries for 15 minutes."

"They missed us but not by much. By the time we had turned, got through the rock passages back to sea and safety the Communist radio, which we were monitoring, was called for MIGs to go after us but they never came or if they did they didn't find us."

A total of 21 ships was reported sunk by the Chinese Nationalist navy and air force in two actions Friday near the Taishan Islands off the Red China port of Shachens.

The Communist confusion was so great that they permitted a second group of ships to be attacked from the air in the same locality a few hours later without getting a single Red plane for defense.

Eugene Man Dies After Scuffle Outside Tavern

EUGENE (AP)—Fred Blevins, 41, Eugene, died after a scuffle outside a tavern near Eugene Friday night.

Sgt. Robert Baker of the state police said witnesses told him Blevins was slapped and went to the ground, but Baker said he has not determined whether Blevins fell or was knocked down.

Friends put Blevins in a car, and said he was snoring when they went away. When they returned an hour later, they found him dead.

Coroner Fred Buell said an autopsy showed a brain hemorrhage, resulting from a skull fracture, caused death.

Baker said no arrest has been made.

Senator Morse Welcomed By Democratic Party

WASHINGTON (AP)—Paul M. Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has formally welcomed Sen. Morse of Oregon into the Democratic Party.

Morse, who bolted the Republican Party in 1952 to become an independent, enrolled as a Democrat at Eugene Thursday.

"I am sure your example will have the effect of convincing countless thinking Americans that they can best serve their highest hopes for America by active enlistment in the Democratic Party," Butler said in a letter to the Oregon senator.

Bill of Rights Would Invoke Big Controversy

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Were this nation's Bill of Rights to be voted on today, it would be ratified, but not without provoking great controversy, Chief Justice Earl Warren, said Saturday.

He told an audience at the keynote session of Washington University's second century convocation that controversy over teaching and conduct of our colleges and schools has tended to curb freedom of speech.

Major Legislation Status Shown At End Of Past Week

WASHINGTON (AP)—The status of major legislation at the end of last week:

Foreign Affairs: The President has signed a resolution underscoring his authority to commit U. S. forces to the defense of the Formosa area. The Senate has ratified a mutual assistance treaty with Formosa.

Military: The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill to extend the draft law four years.

Veterans: The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill continuing eligibility of servicemen for GI educational benefits, if they were in service by Jan. 31.

Reciprocal Trade: The House has passed a bill extending the reciprocal trade program three years and giving the President additional authority to cut tariffs. The Senate has not acted.

School Construction: Legislation to provide federal aid for school construction is pending in the Senate and House Education and Labor committees.

Statehood: The House Interior Committee has approved a bill to admit both Alaska and Hawaii to statehood. There has been no House or Senate action.

Pay Raises: The House has sent to the Senate a bill raising the pay of congressmen and federal judges, the increase for congressmen being \$10,000 a year. The House Civil Service Committee has started hearings on bills to raise the pay of postal and civil service employees. The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a bill raising congressional and judicial salaries 50 per cent.

Postal Rates: Legislation to increase postal rates including a one-cent boost in letter-mailing costs, is pending in the House Postoffice Committee.

Taxes: The House Ways and Means Committee is expected soon to recommend continuance of wartime excise and corporate tax rates due to expire in April.

Wages: A bill to boost the minimum wage from 75 cents to 90 cents or more is pending in the House Labor Committee.

Farm Prices: The House Agriculture Committee has started hearings on a bill to restore farm price props to 90 per cent of parity.

Reservists To Meet

A movie entitled "Survival on the Polar Ice" will be shown Wednesday night in Roseburg at a regular meeting of Air Force reservists. The film and a lecture are on the agenda for a meeting of Flight A, 9415th Air Reserve Squadron, at 904 S. Stephens St. Any Air Force reservist or veteran in Douglas County is invited to attend the meeting.

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