

**By ED CREAGH**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—You never saw such pig-headed people as are the Russians. I hope I never have to hold another conference with them—but, of course, I will.  
The year was 1945. The place was Potsdam, in the heart of conquered Germany. The writer, addressing himself to his mother and

father, was Harry S. Truman, then now as president of the United States. He was thoroughly fed up with his first Big Three conference and wanted to go home.  
Truman's "Dear Mama and Mary" letter is included in the latest installment of his memoirs, published in Life magazine. The former president makes these main points about his Potsdam talks with Soviet Premier Stalin and British Prime Minister Churchill and Clement Attlee, who replaced Churchill as prime minister in mid-conference:  
1. The only secret agreement reached was a pledge by Stalin that the Russians soon would enter the war against Japan. They had

promised to do so earlier that year at Yalta and Truman says American military leaders were "most anxious" to have them carry out their promise.  
2. Russia wanted a formal, public invitation from the Pacific Allies to join the war but Truman wouldn't agree. He calls the Soviet bit "a cynical diplomatic move" to claim credit for winning the Japanese war, and declares: "I was not willing to let Russia reap the fruits of a long and bitter and gallant effort in which she had no part."  
3. The "most bitter" debate of the conference came over the still unresolved question of Russia's satellite countries. Truman relates

Churchill complained of Russia's building an "iron fence" around its puppet states, and that Stalin snapped back: "All-fairy tales."  
4. Stalin wanted the shape of the postwar world determined solely by the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States, while Truman insisted all nations be given a voice through the then-forming U.N.

5. The Soviet leader wanted Germany stripped of most industry, arguing that "Germany was a dangerous business rival... unless we kept her on her knees." This was the line of argument then being advanced by Henry Morgenthau Jr., whose resignation as secretary of the Treasury Truman accepted shortly before leaving for Potsdam. In an earlier installment of his memoirs Truman told of turning thumbs down on the Morgenthau plan which contemplated reducing Germany to an agricultural state.  
On the personal level Truman found Stalin polite and likable, with a "wry humor," but determined to change the subject any time anybody else mentioned an instance "where the Russians had stolen the coffin and disposed of the body."  
Truman said he became so fed up with "beating around the bush," as he puts it, by both the British and the Russians that he threatened at one time to walk out of the conference. He says Stalin's reaction was to laugh and say he'd like to go home too.

**Lutheran Ladies' Aid Meets At Forrest Home**

The October Ladies' Aid meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was enjoyed by 19 members and guests at the home of Mrs. Joseph Forrest on Buckhorn Road, with Mrs. Don Stapleton as co-hostess.  
The Rev. W. Sylvester opened the meeting with devotions. Mrs. Lewis Wilson, president, conducted the business.  
Plans were made to serve refreshments at the family night meeting Oct. 20, when the Rev. Mr. Reidel of Ashland will be guest speaker on the "Synod Venture of Faith" program. He will be assisted by Ed John, chairman of the local congregation.  
Mrs. Herman Hasbargen, zone chairman of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, read an invitation for three members to attend a training institute at Medford Oct. 23 and 24.  
A report was given by the group that attended Concordia Day at Portland in September.  
Rev. Walter Sylvester closed the meeting by a topic on the parable of "The Talents."  
Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Donald Hasbargen will be the hostess for the next meeting, Nov. 3.

**New Construction Value Is Higher**

PORTLAND (AP)—The light construction journal Western Building reported Wednesday the value of new construction in the West last month was higher than that of September, 1954.  
The magazine reported that the total number of building permits showed little change from the number issued in September a year ago. For dwellings, however, the number of permits gained more than valuation, contrary to the recent trend.  
A total of 51,786 building permits, with a valuation of \$298,451,142, were issued in September this year in the 292 Western cities and counties considered in the survey. The same communities a year ago issued 51,986 permits with a valuation of \$287,062,628.  
Residence permits last month totaled 18,383 units with a valuation of \$189,584,248. In September, 1954, the same cities and counties reported 18,440 dwelling unit permits with a valuation of \$185,434,263.

**Appliance Dealer Advertises Apples**

WENATCHEE (AP)—A Chicago appliance retailer plans to spend half a million dollars advertising Washington apples, giving the industry "the greatest single publicity boost ever," the Washington State Apple Commission reported Monday.  
Secretary-manager Harold Coppel said Polk Bros. of Chicago will advertise the apples in Chicago newspapers, radio, TV and billboards until the first of the year as part of an observance of its 29th anniversary.  
The company will dedicate the campaign to its customers: The "apple" of the company's eye. Boxes and single apples will be given to 40,000 customers visiting 10 Polk Bros. stores in Chicago.  
"Washington apples will be put before the 7 million consumers of the Chicago area in a more forceful manner than we could ever hope to accomplish," Coppel said.

**Seattle Man Bids High For Tract**

SEATTLE (AP)—A Seattle business executive was the successful bidder for four parcels of land put up for sale by the government at the abandoned site of the once-proposed Voice of America broadcasting station near Duwamish.  
The General Services Administration announced Tuesday that Sidney S. Eland, president of the Quench-Nestbit Bottling Co., was the high bidder on each of the parcels.  
His over-all was \$65,695. The land embraces 240 acres.  
Eland told the Associated Press he plans to return the properties to dairy farming since barns were left there intact. He said he probably would lease the land.  
The \$65,695 purchase price compares with \$115,000 payment by the government to the original owners when the land was acquired for Voice of America use. While the government was in possession, it removed all fences, some farm buildings and timber and made about 15 acres unfit for farming by spreading of gravel.

**Rains Destroy Onion Growth At Lake Labish**

SALEM (AP)—For the third straight year, onion growers in the Lake Labish section have lost their million-dollar crop.  
The heavy weekend rains destroyed virtually all of it.  
Growers in the area, located north of Salem, planned to meet Tuesday to consider an application for federal help.  
The onions generally are harvested by this time of the year. But because of rains late in the spring, the crop was planted late. When the rain hit last weekend, most of the onions were lying on top of the ground.

**Seattle Co. Tentatively Wins Baker Gas Contract**

BAKER (AP)—An ordinance awarding the Baker gas distribution franchise to the Cascade Natural Gas Co. of Seattle got tentative approval from the City Council Monday.  
The final approval is expected within the next two weeks, council members said.  
Stewart Matthews, president of Cascade, said the firm would order material Dec. 1 and would begin delivering gas to the area by about March 1.  
Baker voters six months ago rejected an ordinance which would have set up a municipal gas distributing system.

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**COURAGEOUS**—Two-year-old Carol Frances Woodward, both her arms amputated, solemnly plays with her toy dog in a Ticonderoga, N. Y., hospital. Carol's arms were amputated after she fell beneath a moving train. The courageous girl spends endless hours playing with her constant companion, the toy dog.



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1 Well-footed bird	1 Challenge
5 House pet	2 Rubber trees
8 Young cow	3 U.S. coin
12 Toward the sheltered side	4 Chemical compounds
13 Before	5 Stop
14 Iroquoian Indian	6 Wife
15 Cease	7 Golfers' mounds
16 Goddess of infatuation	8 Goddess of vegetation
17 Cleave	9 Dry
18 Bars legally	10 Exist
20 Sowed	11 — your pet
22 Born	19 It's nice to have a —
23 Steamship (ab.)	20 Animal hide
24 Halley's, for instance	31 Seize
27 Profit	33 Uncooked
29 Sport (ab.)	36 Edible rootstock
32 Harem rooms	37 Irish (pl.)
33 Precept	40 Operated
34 Beverage	
35 Small tumor	
36 High in stature	
37 He moody	
38 Compass point	
39 Shoemaker's implement	
40 Annual income (Fr.)	
41 Doctor (ab.)	
42 Natural channel	
43 Talking bird	
47 Lure	
51 Pen name of Charles Lamb	
52 Fish eggs	
54 Famous English school	
55 Cease	
56 Bitter vetch	
57 Peruse	
58 Carry (coll.)	
59 Summer (Fr.)	
60 Salts	

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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