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MEMORIAL DAY

By Charles V. Stanton

Tomorrow we observe a holiday. Once it was a holiday fraught with meaning. Now we give little thought to the original purpose, while rejoicing in an opportunity to really celebrate the coming of spring by excursions to the mountains, lakes, ocean, or enjoying some outdoor sport or activity, either as a participant or spectator.

Memorial Day originated as a tribute to the men who died in service of their country. It became known also as Decoration Day, a time when we place flowers on the graves of our departed loved ones. But, with our changing mode of life, it has now become the first holiday of spring, devoted chiefly to sport and frolic.

We still tend the graves of our loved ones. A few of the faithful observe traditional ceremonies honoring the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice demanded by their military service. But these ceremonies are secondary.

As mobility has increased, we have gradually departed from the serious side of the holiday and have taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by travel facilities to gain personal enjoyment of the day.

Hazards Involved

In the "Good 'ol Days" (which most of us will agree were not so good) Memorial Day was the occasion for quite a ceremony. We made a real event of the Memorial Day parade, program and picnic.

Then we became a nation on wheels. The invention of the automobile, the era of highway building, the development of recreation as an industry completely changed the picture. No longer were we tied to one place. We could spend a holiday at considerable distance from home. We could get to a favorite recreational spot, either in the woods, at the lake or the seashore, or we could attend races, ball games or other entertainment events.

During winter months our travel is restricted. We take trips from necessity, rather than for fun. But with Memorial Day generally observed as a full holiday, we are like children turned out for recess. We find release from the preceding period of confinement.

This very condition creates a serious hazard. In our exuberance we take chances. We forget that our reflexes, slowed by months of limited driving, are not as fast as they will be later in the season after we have done more highway driving. We become impatient. We try to travel too far.

So, on a day we set aside to honor our dead, we fill our morgues and hospitals with the victims of our celebration.

Caution Essential

Nor is our carelessness confined to the highways. We are apt to overtax our strength, little realizing that the winter months have softened our muscles and shortened our wind. We well know that last summer it was no trick to swim across the river or the lake. Now, however, midway, we find our strength failing. We forget, while having fun, that our skin is still tender and that exposure to the sun can produce a dangerous case of sunburn. We take chances in climbing, or with fire. Hundreds of people over the nation will die from accidents which could have been avoided had they been careful. For hundreds more a day which starts out with pleasure will end with tragedy.

So, as we prepare to cram all possible pleasure into the too brief holiday which comes to us Thursday, let's take sober recognition of the dangers that surround us and use extreme care that next year we will not be among those for whom flowers are in order.

Bruce Biossat

President Eisenhower's national appeal on behalf of his 71.8-billion-dollar budget is meeting the reserved reception which could easily have been anticipated.

From a good many who might well have been expected to be in his corner, the question comes: "Why did he wait so long to speak up in firm tones?"

From those who long since have placed themselves in opposition to the President's budget the report is that they are still largely unmoved.

K. Of C. Retains All Its Officers

THE DALLAS K. Of C.—The Oregon Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, Sunday re-elected its entire slate of officers and voted to hold next year's meeting at Newport.

Officers are: Frank J. Schwab, Mt. Angel, state deputy; Edward J. Bell, Stayton, secretary; Eugene P. Roden, Pendleton, treasurer; Arthur H. Flynn, Hillsboro, advocate; and Joseph Bernards Jr., Milwaukie, warden.

Schwab defeated Joe McCormick, Portland, for the top state position.

Schwab said he would reappoint the Rt. Rev. Damian Jentges, abbot of Mt. Angel, as state chaplain.

Delegates to the national convention, to be held at Chicago in August, will be Roman Bertrand, The Dalles; Elroy Berquist, Milwaukie; Phil Gent, Eugene; and Robert Geenan, Portland.

QUINT IN HOSPITAL—MONTREAL—Marie Dionne is reported undergoing radical treatment in Hotel Dieu Hospital for a blood vessel tumor on one leg. A person close to the Dionne family said the ailment is an old one and the quintuplet's condition is not serious. Marie is expected to remain in the hospital another week or two.

"Here's a Real Rough Battle, Monty—"



Hal Boyle

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—Leaves from a roving reporter's notebook:

Here where God makes the weather and weather makes the man there is national news—the kind is green.

After five dreadful years of drought that put a parching curse on nearly one fourth the nation, the blessed rains have revived the earth into a new dream of Eden.

The Great Plains, sere and crisp for so long, now roll in endless waves of green so bright on a clear day it almost hurts the eye. And the drought-bowed spirit of man climbs like a morning glory.

The feeling of relief and renewed hope runs right on out to the Rockies, down through Texas to the border. There is grass now for the hungry cattle. The nation's bread basket looks forward to a little more dough.

A fellow sees a small mud puddle, and chirps, "Hey, what's the name of that new lake? It wasn't here last year."

Said E. T. Lowther of The Emporia Gazette: "Now every prospect—farm, city, business—is pleasing."

Said Arthur F. Duncan of The Kansas City Star: "Most authorities seem to agree the drought finally is broken, and if it is those same authorities agree agriculture and business in this area are anticipating a good year. Industrial expansion in some parts of the state may forecast a trend."

Amid the chorus of jubilation throughout Kansas, where historically politics and the weather are the two most important topics of conversation, there has sounded one disturbing note.

The rains came during the reign of a Democratic governor, and the Republicans are mortally afraid that, come election time, the Democrats will claim they have a better pipeline to the Almighty.

The long drought dramatically called to national attention the plight of the farmer in the Midwest, and Southwest.

Less well known is the fact that the falling water table, crumbling the foundations of homes, plants and stores, caused millions of dollars of real estate damage in the towns and cities.

Here is just one example. A man paid \$20,000 for a small brick home in Kansas City less than five years ago. The drought caused the foundations of his front

IN THAT curious period of backing and filling after the budget's introduction in January, sentiment against a whopping federal outlay built up strongly both in Congress and among many citizens. The mood of the country now favors substantial reduction.

Possibly the President's appeal will have a long-range effect that today is not readily apparent. If it does, the chances are that the defense program, for which he spoke most forcefully, may come closest to the level he seeks. But foreign aid and certain domestic services would appear to face hard going no matter what.

Should it happen that way, there would be some irony in the fact. For so thoughtful a public figure as the eminent scientist, Dr. Vannevar Bush, no advocate of unpreparedness, has suggested that it is in the defense field—the massive core of the budget—that real savings might well be made.

BELIEVES that greater unification of the armed services, thus eliminating what he sees as quite wasteful competition and duplication, holds a big key to lower defense spending.

Whether or not this is the key, Bush has some good and responsible reasons in believing that the nation's defense might be helped rather than hurt by reduced but more wisely applied expenditures.

Unless tighter control of defense spending can be developed, the ax wielders in and out of Congress will find that the armed services they are hacking away at government's fringe growth. The big rock in the center will go largely unscathed, marred only by the loss of a few small chips. And there's not much economy in small chips.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A National Labor Relations Board order Monday directed that a bargaining election be held for employees of the Sperry and Hutchinson Co., who work at Russell's Inc. department store in Eugene.

The firm distributes trading stamps.

The election is to be held within the next 30 days.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)—A woman who claims she was the victim of "an indecent assault" in the ladies' restroom of a passenger train asked Monday that her \$35,000 damage suit be heard in Federal Court.

Mrs. Lester E. Seymour and her husband filed suit for \$35,000 against the Northern Pacific Railway Co., claiming the incident took place Sept. 28, 1956 while she was on a train traveling between Auburn, Wash. and Spokane.

She contends a man forced his way into the restroom while she was there with an infant daughter. The assailant is described as one of a group of dishonorably discharged soldiers.

Mrs. Seymour, a resident of Nez Perce County, Idaho, claims she suffered shock and bruises in the attack and nervousness from the manner in which the railroad investigated her complaint.

The Seymours filed petition in Federal Court here asking that the suit be transferred from District Court in Nez Perce County.

Wilson Advises Against Economy On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson told economy advocates Tuesday they should not make foreign aid their whipping boy.

It would be "folly for us to slacken at this time our efforts to establish the basis for a just and lasting peace," he said.

The defense secretary, accompanied by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the administration's request for \$1,900,000,000 for military aid in the coming year.

Wilson said in a prepared statement that it is natural to want to reduce government spending, but he said it is "unfortunate that so many people first reach for our foreign aid program as a whipping boy."

Wilson said the aid program has "paid dividends in security much greater than the cost" and that military assistance is "in no sense just a handout."

Adm. Radford said it would be "a dangerous misconception to assume that our superiority in modern weapons has reduced our need for allies."

Radford testified that Soviet leaders have "no intention to abandon their ultimate objective of world domination." He said the reason for an apparent lessening of Communist emphasis on violent activity at this time is because of the present strength of the free world.

The new administration bill would provide for registration with the Labor Department, to

based largely on soil samples from various parts of the earth. But said under questioning that he has no convincing evidence which he cannot discuss publicly because of security rules.

An AEC official told the subcommittee earlier that the commission is working on a plan to test some atomic weapons underground with the idea of eliminating fallout.

Earlier, scientists had assumed that particles like those of strontium 90, sent into the high stratosphere by nuclear bomb blasts, were spread fairly evenly over the whole world before they sifted down in the course of years.

Machta said, however, there is convincing evidence that no matter whether they enter the stratosphere in the tropics the particles tend to concentrate in the northern temperate latitudes. He said that conceivably twice as much volume of radioactive material might accumulate there as had been forecast.

Some subcommittee members promptly fired questions bearing on the worldwide argument now raging as to whether H-bomb tests continued without bringing strontium 90 levels up to the danger point. Machta said he could talk only about meteorology, not human tolerance of the substance which is absorbed into the bone and remains radioactive there for years.

Machta said turbulence on the borders of the jet streams that carry through the high atmosphere may account for the concentration of fallout.

He indicated his conclusions are

Again, let's quote Kipling: "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

"Till Earth and sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat."

Things that seem utterly logical and reasonable and as they ought to be in America can be UTTERLY ILLOGICAL and unreasonable and quite intolerable in China.

And vice versa.

Getting on with Formosa—There are reports that the United States WILL MAKE A SHARP REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF U.S. SERVICEMEN STATIONED THERE in an effort to relieve some of the tensions.

Nothing can be more certain than this.

The sooner we can get our troops off foreign soil—which can come about only when our allies and associates in the free world are willing to accept responsibility for maintaining their own economies and defending their own liberties—the better it will be for us.

On Monday, Roland D. Montgomery, 40, a former state police officer stationed at Hood River, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to violate the securities and mail fraud statutes.

And last week, Edgar Robert Errison, who the government contends was the leading figure in the promotion of the Mount Hood Harbor and Plywood Co-operative of Estacada, pleaded guilty to false representation in the sale of memberships and to using the mails to further sales. The government charges that investors were bilked of \$650,000.

Wilson and his bloodhounds have aided in searches for some 30 persons in the last three years.

He said he intends to get rid of four of his dogs, to make pets of the other two, and to take a job as night patrol deputy in Polk County.

Wilson came from California in 1954 with his bloodhounds to help search for a family that had been missing in the Coast Range two weeks. The dogs led searchers to the family, all dead.

The state Forestry Department hired Wilson, to make the bloodhounds available for subsequent searches. Wilson said, however, the frequent journeys and the care and feeding of the dogs were getting to be too much of a burden.

BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION—PORTLAND (AP)—The 1957 Legislature passed more beneficial labor legislation than any previous session in the history of Oregon, a state labor leader said here Monday night.

George Brown, political education director for the state AFL-CIO, said labor would have been helped even more if the Senate had not been evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.

WOMAN KILLED—HOOD RIVER (AP)—Mildred Grace Miller, 19, Hood River, was killed Sunday night in a two-car collision near Odell, five miles south of here.

Her husband, who was driving the car, was not hurt, nor was Mrs. Shirley K. Williams, the driver of the other car, and her two children, 10 months and 3

Broader Security For Labor Welfare-Pension Funds Set In Bill By Administration

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration broadened its proposals for protection of labor welfare-pension funds Monday to cover all funds and to provide criminal penalties for stealing from them.

The broad new bill was presented to a Senate Labor subcommittee by Secretary of Labor Mitchell, who said that findings of the Senate rackets committee, other congressional probes and his department's studies had brought the conclusion "that our original proposals may be improved and strengthened."

The new proposals went far toward meeting objections which Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) had raised to the former administration proposals in testimony before the same hearing. Douglas is the author of another bill on the same subject.

Douglas' bill, like the new administration plan, would apply to both union and management-operated funds and would provide criminal penalties for misuse of the funds.

Housing hearings are also to start in a few days on similar legislation, a major step aimed at curbing labor corruption. An estimated 75 million workers and members of their families are beneficiaries of these funds.

The new administration bill would provide for registration with the Labor Department, to

together with annual audits, on all such funds on which tax exemptions or deductions are allowed under the federal tax laws, as well as plans covering employees in any industry affecting interstate commerce.

The bill would provide for a maximum \$5,000 fine and five-year prison term for anyone convicted of embezzling such funds or falsifying or destroying fund books or records.

The secretary of labor would have power to conduct his own investigation and subpoena witnesses and documents.

The former administration bill had proposed that it be discretionary with the secretary of labor whether data filed with the government were to be made public. But under the new bill all such data would be published "under such regulations as the secretary may prescribe."

Red Chinese Radio Calls For Ouster Of American Troops

HONG KONG (AP)—Peiping radio declared Tuesday the people of China "could no longer tolerate the U.S. aggressors" on Formosa and called on the Nationalists to drive the Americans out.

The broadcast was the latest in Peiping's propaganda exploitation of Taipei's anti-American riots Friday over a U.S. Army court's acquittal of M. Sgt. Robert E. Reynolds.

The Peiping broadcast contained some of the bitterest and most inflammatory denunciations of the United States that monstrosities of the Red radio could recall.

Declaring that indignation meetings were sweeping the mainland over the Reynolds incident, the broadcast urged the Nationalists to "drive the American aggressors out of the island for the sake of peaceful unification of our great motherland."

The broadcast also issued a "serious warning to U.S. imperialism" that Formosans would "not tolerate the turning of this part of Chinese territory into an American colony."

The press and radio in Communist North Korea also denounced the U.S. forces on Formosa and saluted the Taipei rioters "who valiantly rose up to uphold their national pride and legitimate rights."

In Seoul, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Chung Whan charged the Taipei riots were "a direct result of the U.S. policy of 'divide and conquer' directed by the Kremlin."

The atmosphere on Formosa was considerably less tense, but the 9,000 Americans on the Nationalist island were sticking to their offices and quarters as much as possible. The most seriously injured of the Americans hurt by the mob, Embassy Press Attache Alexander Boase Jr., was still hospitalized but was reported improving.

Interior Head Opposed Dams Tax Writeoff

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate subcommittee was informed Monday that Secretary of the Interior Seaton had recommended denial of a \$5 million rapid tax write-off for the Idaho Power Co. The tax privilege was granted last month for two dams in the Kells Canyon area.

The staff of the Senate Anti-trust and Monopoly subcommittee was supplied a copy of Seaton's letter to Arthur S. Flemming, former director of the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), which was dated March 28.

ODM's action in granting the rapid tax amortization has been criticized in Congress. The subcommittee is considering legislation which would limit such benefits to defense and direct defense-connected industrial expansion.

The tax writeoff privilege permits a company to write off against income taxes all or part of a project's cost in five years, instead of the normal 20 years or more.

Objections Specified—Seaton listed several reasons for objecting to giving Idaho Power tax privileges for the dams on the Snake River.

He objected to issuance of the certificates on grounds the Federal Power Commission had licensed the hydroelectric dams on the basis their construction would be without expense to the federal government.

The secretary contended that granting the certificates paved the way for the government to have to pay interest on money which it would have to borrow due to decreased tax revenues during the amortization period.

Citing the FPC's decision that the projects "will be realized without expense to the United States to the extent that the projects are constructed by a non-federal entity," Seaton said:

"Since the foregoing excerpts from the Federal Power Commission's opinion indicate the great weight assigned to the benefits to be achieved without cost to the federal government, it is my view that it would be most inequitable for the federal government now to assume any portion of the cost of these licensed projects."

FIVE BODIES FOUND—YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)—The bodies of four men and a woman, all Japanese—were found today in a lifeboat drifting about 12 miles off the coast of central Japan.

The five were believed to be from a small cargo ship which disappeared May 20 en route from Nagoya to Tokyo. Seven persons were aboard, including the wife of a deckhand.

VENICE, Italy (AP)—A three-judge court Tuesday returned its formal verdict acquitting all three top defendants of complicity in the death of pretty Wilma Montesi.

The decision ended a three-month trial that slumped to its anti-climax last week when State Prosecutor Cesare Palminteri told the court the prosecution's chief witness had lied repeatedly. Palminteri said no proof had been developed against any of the three accused.

The trial started in a blaze of publicity with rumors of dope and sex orgies in high official circles and of influence wielding by leading officials. The body of the 20-year-old girl was found on a beach near Rome three years ago.

Accused were Giampiero Piccioni, 34-year-old jazz pianist, who was accused of manslaughter by allegedly abandoning Wilma's body on the deserted beach; Ugo Montagna, Rome playboy and self-styled marquis; and Saverio Polito, former Rome police chief, Montagna and Polito were accused of trying to cover up for Piccioni.

Polito was forced to resign his police post. Piccioni's father, former Foreign Minister Attilio Piccioni, quit his cabinet job at the height of the uproar over the case. For a time the government of then Premier Mario Scelba was in danger.

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