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EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM

IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project.
LA GRANDE—A city of 10,000—Extend the city limits.

THOT FOR DAY

Then gently scan your brother man,
Still gentler sister woman;
Tho' they may gang a kennin' wrang,
To step aside is human. —Burns

Help For Holland

To most Americans the Dutch have always seemed a quaint people with their windmills, wooden shoes, tulips, storks, wide starched caps and wider breeches. We've chuckled at them and their queer clacking language, but we have also admired them for their industry and neatness, their apple-cheeked health, and their resourceful battle against the encroaching sea.

Perhaps the average American's picture of the Netherlands has been a little distorted. The Dutch have known bitterness and unrest and bleak poverty. Yet in the main our impression of a healthy, happy people has probably been accurate. At least it was until May 10, 1940.

On that day, nearly five years ago, commenced what is doubtless the most tragic chapter of Dutch history. The Germans invaded the low countries to "protect" them from the allies. Four days later, after the Dutch armies had capitulated, the Luftwaffe flew over the great city of Rotterdam unopposed, and bombed it to rubble.

From then on the night of terror grew blacker. The Nazis, early convinced that their brutality was not forgotten or forgiven by their Dutch neighbors, resorted to cruelty. The stout-hearted Dutch fought back as best they

could with sabotage, passive resistance, disobedience and ridicule.

Last fall release seemed imminent. Allied armies drove up from Belgium to free the southern Netherlands provinces. Then the Germans held. And for the greater part of the country still in Nazi hands, the worst was only beginning.

The Germans opened dikes and dams and poured the bitter brine of sea water over land made sweet and fertile by the toil of generations. The important source of food thus lost cannot be reclaimed, it is thought, for at least ten years. Starvation thus was added to indignity and fear.

In the ruins of the once proud city of Rotterdam, and in the streets of Amsterdam and the Hague, Hollanders dropped and died of starvation each day. There was food only for the German conquerors. And their cruel fury apparently increased as defeat loomed nearer.

Now at last the day of liberation is at hand—not only for the Dutch but also for the English, as the Germans are driven from their V-bomb installations on the Netherlands coast. And there is nothing in all the present tide of allied victory that brings greater cause for solemn rejoicing.

Relief organizations apparently are prepared to move in quickly once the Nazis are driven out. And there is urgent need for haste. The little country whose markets once abounded in golden butter and cheese, rich cream and other enticing food is now without even sufficient bread for most of its people. Each day's delay in bringing food to them will mean the death of hundreds more.

It is, in part, for such people as the Dutch that the president has asked us to tighten our belts. As we think of them we might reflect on the meanness of the sacrifice we are asked to make.

Funny Business



SO THEY SAY

Don't be a gadabout. The girl who flits from job to job doesn't avoid hard work or mental tasks but she probably will avoid success.

—Retard Your Thinking, labor department women's bureau pamphlet.

The lower our taxes are, the more purchasing power will be left at home in the hands of the people—money that can be spent by them for the things they want to buy or that can be saved and invested in whatever manner they choose.

—Beardsley Ruml, pay-as-you-go tax plan originator.

The United States navy today can go anywhere in the world and take its supply base right along. The striking power is unlimited. The necessary fuel supply and repair facilities constantly will be within ready range.

—Commodore Worrall R. Carter of Norfolk, Va. Service Squadron 10 commander.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Believe it or not, but Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace has been carefully studying the work of Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, and has paid private tribute to him.

One of Hoover's closest advisers, when he was secretary of commerce was Dr. Julius Klein, director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, later assistant secretary of commerce.

Twice, Wallace has called Klein in to ask his advice on the reorganization of the new commerce department.

Wallace also dropped a significant remark to business callers the other day about Hoover. He said that Herbert Hoover unquestionably was the best organizer and had the greatest vision of any secretary of commerce in recent history.

It is predicted by some of those around Wallace that he will go back to a lot of Hoover's ideas about running the commerce department. This probably will mean a clash with the state department on the important point of foreign trade. Hoover had his own experts stationed abroad to report on foreign trade. But Harry Hopkins let this be taken over by the state department. Many businessmen have urged that it be transferred back.

Ex-Senator Gillette Testifies

One of the most tiresome things about congressional hearings are the monotonous statements made by witnesses. Pages long, they are usually less illuminating than ten hot questions.

Chairman Guy Gillette, of the surplus property board, for 12 years a senator, knows this, but when called to testify before the senate small business committee, he found himself with a very long statement on his hands.

Senator Wherry, of Nebraska, who was acting chairman of the hearing, asked Gillette if he had a prepared statement.

"I have a prepared statement," replied Gillette, "but I believe it might be well to leave it with you without reading it unless you insist on it. I haven't read all of it myself."

"You think you'll agree with it?" asked Wherry joshingly.

"Yes, I do," replied Gillette flashing a broad smile, then proceeded to answer the committee's questions.

FDR—His Own Secretary of State

Just after the new millionaire team of

state department executives was appointed last December, Mrs. Roosevelt telephoned her husband, then at Warm Springs, expressing her strong disapproval. She felt they did not represent her husband's philosophy on foreign affairs. FDR's reply, briefly put, was: "If they don't behave I'll fire 'em."

The president also reminded Mrs. Roosevelt that he was running foreign affairs himself.

There is no question but that the president is anxious above all else to avoid the failure of his old chief, Woodrow Wilson, and has set as his most cherished goal the winning of the peace after the war. But today, with many other problems to watch, the president cannot devote all his time to foreign affairs. In addition, his periods of rest and relaxation necessarily have become longer, so that he is not it Washington as much as formerly.

Since the November elections, actually the president has spent not much more than two months in the White House. He went to Warm Springs shortly after elections, then to Hyde Park for Christmas, then to Yalta two days after his inauguration, then immediately after his return he went to Hyde Park, and now is away at an undisclosed place again.

During one important part of his time, the trip to Yalta, the president was giving his time exclusively to foreign affairs. And also he keeps in touch with things by courier and cable. However, it is impossible for him to watch everything, and the snubbed invitation to General De Gaulle, is a case in point.

State department career diplomats, by inference blame the president for this serious blunder in our vitally important relations with France. They infer that they were merely carrying out orders from FDR to invite De Gaulle to come to Algiers—French territory—which was like De Gaulle inviting Roosevelt to be De Gaulle's guest in Puerto Rico.

Secrecy At Yalta

But a strong state department would have saved the president from this error. Sumner Welles, as under-secretary, never hesitated to stand up for what he thought was the right policy. If he saw the president getting off on a tangent he battled it. See WASHINGTON... Page 4

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

"He scattered thumbtacks outside my bedroom door so that I would step on them in the morning," a Chicago woman recently told the judge who was hearing her divorce testimony.

Sounds cruel—but maybe at that, the mental thumbtacks some wives scatter around in the morning probably do about as much to ruin a day.

Like the wife who never gets up to cook her husband's breakfast, but lets him cook and eat a solitary meal and start off to the office to earn the money to support her without a pleasant or encouraging word.

Or the wife who does get up and cook the breakfast, but doesn't trouble to put on any make-up or comb her hair, or slip into something fresh and attractive.

Or like the one who picks up last night's

argument-right where it left off, and gets in a few nasty cracks to rankle in her husband's mind all day and make his co-workers wonder what has happened to his disposition.

Or the wife who gives her husband numerous errands to run on his lunch hour and on his way home, with the reminder after each one, "Now be sure you don't forget that, George."

Or the wife who starts worrying out loud as soon as she is awake about her day, and all she has to do.

Or the one who starts the day off by giving a detailed account of how bad she feels.

Certainly those are mental thumbtacks any man has a right to resent being scattered in his path when he is trying to get ready to face a new day of work.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Average citizens, probably know little about the workings of the approximately 800 Industry Advisory Committees and Labor-Management Advisory Committees functioning in Washington today, but they're here nevertheless and going nobody knows for sure just where.

The idea of calling in a batch of citizens having highly specialized knowledge of one kind or another and asking them to tell their government how things should be done goes back to 1863 when the National Academy of Sciences was given a federal charter in which it was stipulated they should give advice whenever needed.

The four-dollar, polysyllabic, political science name for this sort of thing is "functional group representation." It was rather slow to catch on but from a number of quarters it is advocated there should be more functional group representation to correct what's wrong with your government. Labor organizations keep needing for more of it and so do the business and farm pressure groups.

The Joint Committee to Study Reorganization of Congress, headed by Senator Bob La Follette and Congressman Mike Mansfield, may even hear proposals that Congress should have some of these advisory committees hanging around to give free advice when called on. The theory behind this is that while congressmen come from all over and give the country good geographic representation, there are too many lawyers in Congress and this is supposed to work to the detriment of the doctors, merchants and chiefs, as well as to the bachelors, bakers and candlestickmakers. In a perfect state, it is argued, these and all others should be represented proportionately in government.

European countries have experienced with this type of thing in various ways. France, Czechoslovakia and even Germany under the Weimar Republic had such a setup. In Italy it was highly developed under the corporative state.

Growth of the idea from 1863 on has been slow but steady. Up to War I only 60 such advisory groups had been created. Bernard

Baruch is the real daddy of the modern Industry Advisory Committee. He created some 400 of them when he was Chairman of the War Industries Board in 1917 and 18. They passed out of the picture after the Armistice, though many people thought they should have been maintained. They were revived as code authorities in the blue eagle NRA days, passed out again when the National Industrial Recovery Act was declared unconstitutional.

But in 1933 a Business Advisory Council of businessmen was organized for the Department of Commerce. It is still functioning. It was responsible for the creation of the Committee for Economic Development, admittedly the best of the postwar planning agencies. Just after he was named Secretary of Commerce, Henry Wallace put the Council to work on the problems of small business.

Foreign Economic Administration has a Trade Relations Staff, which has done much to keep America's exporters and importers alive during the war years.

Surplus War Administration is geared to use many of the WPB Industry Advisory Committees.

Board of War Communications is made up of representatives from telephone, telegraph, cable and radio companies, to co-ordinate war communications problems for the government military services.

The Petroleum Industry War Council took in the whole oil production, refining and marketing industries in a tight little organization under Petroleum Administrator for War Harold Ickes. Such an organization would not be permitted for a minute in peace times under the anti-trust laws, but here it is as a war-time phenomenon, functional group representation in government developed to its possibly highest degree.



"I don't see why you have to go fishing with the boss! If I were you I'd go fishing with the War Labor Board—they're the ones who give out the raises!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

"SMOTHERING" KING

PROTECTED 3 TIMES
(This is the second of six articles on the smother play, the most difficult play in bridge to recognize.)

This hand was originally played by John R. Crawford of Philadelphia, now in the army. Johnnie was the youngest man to become a life master.

Once again we find the king of trump well protected by East. East won the first two tricks

None	W	E	K 853
Q 72	N	S	A K J 10
Q J 109	W	E	8 2
6 5 4	N	S	9 8 6
Q 10 7	W	E	
	Dealer		
	Duplications—E-W, vul.		
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	3 ♠	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening—♥K, 10			

with his king and ace of hearts and Crawford ruffed the third heart. The jack of trump was led. Naturally, East did not cover.

When West showed out, another round of trumps was taken. Then the ace and king of diamonds were cashed. Crawford ruffed another heart. Now the two high clubs were cashed by Crawford. A small club was played which West had to win with the queen.

West had nothing to return but a diamond. Crawford held the ten and nine of trump while East

Questions & Answers

Q—Where is the world's largest airport?
A—Tinian Island in the Marianas, with several 8000-foot runways for Japan-bombing B-29's.

Q—How fast does a rocket go at moment of release from a plane?
A—400 feet a second, about the plane's speed. Two seconds later, 1400 feet a second.

held the king and eight of trump. The ace and a small club were in dummy.

Crawford trumped the diamond with the ten of spades and East was helpless.

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago, April 9

John Staub, dean of the college of liberal arts at the University of Oregon, was in the city.

Homer A. Galloway and Daniel M. Dozier of Wallowa county purchased 400 acres of the George Palmer Lumber company's cut-over lands on Cabin creek. Frank H. Fager of Cove purchased 80 acres of the lumber company's land on the Looking Glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Propeck packed their prairie schooner and started overland for their homestead in the Lookout mountain country. They planned to make their home there permanently.

15 Years Ago, April 9

An increase of over 4000 volumes in circulation has been made by the La Grande public library in the first three months of 1930, as compared with the first three months of 1929. At the close of 1929 there were approximately 16,700 volumes in the library and 515 had been added in three months of 1930.

Farmers in the Lower Cove area were sowing alfalfa, barley and spring wheat.

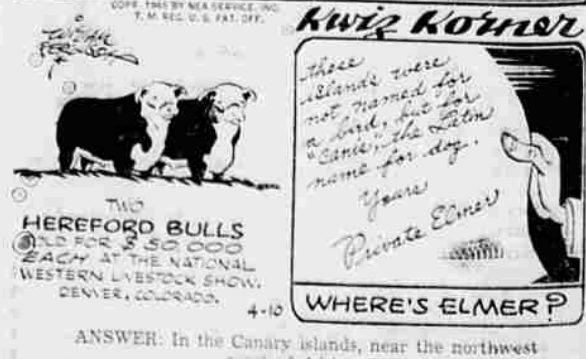
Floyd McLin, teacher at Willow school attended the Inland Empire Educational Association convention in Spokane. Also attending is Harold King, high school instructor. They drove there with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler.

10 Years Ago, April 9

Arrangements were being made for participation of the La Grande high school band in the state music contest at the University of Oregon.

At a meeting of the La Grande Neighborhood club, the president, Mrs. H. G. Avery, announced that the Union Pacific club house building which was recently given to the club to be used as a club house would be moved to N and Sixth streets.

This Curious World



ANSWER: In the Canary islands, near the northwest coast of Africa.

NEXT: The "great circle" from Panama to Shanghai.