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Read It and Weep!



EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM
IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project.
LA GRANDE — A city of 10,000 — Extend the city limits.

TODAY'S TEXT

But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. —Leviticus 19:34.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win; To doubt would be disloyalty, To falter would be sin.—F. W. Faber.

Culinary Crisis

Recent reports from San Francisco bring the comforting assurance that the persons responsible for that city's famous cuisine are taking their assignment in the coming world conference with the seriousness that it merits.

Only those of completely insensitive palate will discount the magnitude of the task which San Francisco's restaurateurs and chefs are facing. They have the power to make or break the digestion of the world delegates during the deliberation. And anyone who has noted the influence of digestion upon intellectual processes and emotional stability must admit that these men can possibly alter the course of history.

Shall the delegates be fed a diet of rationed food, no better or worse than what other American restaurant diners are getting? Shall the menus reflect

the gravity of the delegates' duties with offerings of austere simplicity?

Or shall the restaurateurs brave the heckling of steak-hungry patriots by procuring the finest food obtainable by hook or crook, and instructing their chefs to lavish upon the basic ingredients the full virtuosity of their art?

Will a few weeks in a gastronomic utopia exert the deciding influence in creating an utopian future? Or will they engender a false atmosphere of amiable world brotherhood that will vanish on impact with coarser home fare?

These are questions that deserve the careful consideration they seem to be getting. We are willing, of course, to let the presiding geniuses of the kitchen make the final decision. But if anybody wants our opinion, we are all-out for a policy of culinary appeasement.

Reflect, for example, upon the matter of mealtime beverages. Americans are coffee drinkers. The British and Russians prefer tea. And it is upon the representatives of these three peoples that the fate of the Golden Gate conference will largely depend.

Now suppose that the British and Russians, to start their day, are given the American hotel or restaurant conception of tea — not carefully brewed and piping hot, but consisting of a cup of tepid water plus a pinch of leaves in a revolting little cloth sack with a string on it.

Would this dank potato endear the British and Russians to their ally? Would they feel amiable and conciliatory toward each other, or even at peace with themselves? There is only one answer.

We can only hope and pray that a benevolent fate will hover over the skillets and guide the hands of San Francisco's chefs as they broil and baste in

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

Without much publicity the house food study committee headed by Representative Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico has been holding closed door sessions with the men responsible for food production.

Last week the committee quizzed War Food Chief Marvin Jones, OPA Head Chester Bowles, FEA Head Leo Crowley, UNRRA Director Herbert Lehman, OWM Administrator Fred Vinson and representatives of the army and the navy. This is the first time in months that all these key officials have been together to try to work out a solution to the food problems.

Some time this week two matters discussed backstage are due to be announced. Perhaps the more important is that Chester Bowles will raise the support price for live hogs, now \$12.50 to \$13, with the ceiling remaining at the present figure. Bowles will assure the nation's farmers that this price structure will hold through September of 1946.

Last year the War Food administration cut the support price for hogs to \$12.50 and asked farmers to taper off their record 1943 hog crop of 120 million to about 103 million. This was a serious blunder and was vigorously opposed by Economic Stabilizer Vinson.

Result was that the farmers, afraid they would be left out on a limb at the end of the war with millions of unwanted hogs, cut down their run to only about 87 million. The OPA assurance should mean an increased hog crop this year and next.

In addition, war food administration will announce certain relaxations in slaughtering regulations to permit more authority for state inspectors and less for federal inspectors. One quick result of this move should be the channeling of more meat into interstate trade.

Coddling Nazi Prisoners

Several members of the house military affairs committee are up in arms over what they feel was a whitewash given the army on its treatment of German prisoners at Papago Park camp, near Phoenix, Ariz.

A report by committee counsel Ralph Burton was mildly critical of the army's handling of prisoners. But several members refused to sign because they felt it was a "whitewash."

The report was issued without signature and no member of congress participated in the investigation. One investigator was sent to Arizona last month, but his report failed to touch upon some of the most serious

charges made against the army.

For some time Florida's Representative Bob Sikes has been planning a special study of German prisoners as a result of another military affairs committee report four months ago which he felt was a whitewash. Last week when the new Papago report came to him, Sikes not only refused to sign, but insisted that the wording be changed to make it plain that committee members had not written the report or investigated the situation. Sikes will now demand a thorough investigation by members of congress.

The investigator's report did not even comment upon the charges by Representative Harless of Phoenix that the army has made no attempt to separate Nazi and non-Nazi prisoners; that only fanatical Nazis have been given authority among the prisoners, and that the actual leader among them has been Gustav Ender—one of the few old-time Nazis who is a member of the Order of the Blood. To join the order, one must have participated in the Munich beer hall putsch of 1923.

The report also did not mention that Ender and his henchmen have hanged or executed prisoners for anti-Nazi statements, or for failing to pass on to the Nazis U. S. military information which they might learn working as office clerks.

The Hate-Boys

The first serious attempt to put the so-called "hate-boys" of the House of Representatives in their place occurred recently. Both Clare Hoffman of Michigan and John Rankin of Mississippi were told off in no uncertain terms by colleagues.

Representative Matt Neely of West Virginia, venerable ex-Senator and ex-Governor, raked Hoffman for an anti-Semitic speech against Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter; while Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Negro minister from New York, slapped back at Rankin's attack on Governor Dewey for signing a state law against race discrimination.

Hoffman did not let Neely's speech go unanswered. He arose at once to deny the charges in a long speech which was more vitriolic. But this in turn did not go unchallenged. Representatives McCormick of Massachusetts, Marcantonio of New York, and Sabath of Illinois all challenged Hoffman.

Although the Congressional Record shows a vicious speech by Hoffman, it does not See WASHINGTON . . . Page 4

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

The man who retired after running an elevator in Britain's House of Commons for 45 years, but failed to get a pension because for all those years he ranked as a "temporary employee," was the victim of the kind of attitude a lot of people take toward their jobs.

Instead of admitting to themselves that they will be working at their same kind of job for years to come and so had better try to do a job as well as they can, they let the months and the years slip by while they work haphazardly and think of themselves as merely marking time, "until something better comes along."

In this group are the women who will probably never marry, yet always think in the back of their minds that their real job will some day be running a home.

And so, though they may have the brains and ability to make a good thing of their

jobs or to carve out a real career for themselves, they never get around to it. They go right on for years working on a temporary basis.

There is no percentage in either men or women looking on a job as temporary, unless at the same time they are laying plans and working toward the achievement of some permanent career.

If they aren't making plans, they most likely will become a fixture on the temporary job or just trade it for another "temporary" one.

And they stand to lose more than the elevator man who lost his chance at a pension because he was a "temporary" employee for 45 years.

They stand to lose their chance at success, and the satisfaction of creating a plan for a career and carrying it through to completion.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Space in Washington is now so tight that even Jesse Jones, who as Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator had two big offices and used to pass out millions here and more millions there, couldn't find desk room for personal use when he got bounced out of the government to make way for Henry Wallace. Jones finally got an office suite in the Statler which the hotel management is letting him use, and he carries on his private business from there. Says he still has some, too.

When Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Phil Murray of CIO and Bill Green of AFL finally came to agreement on their "New Charter for Labor and Management," their first idea was to take it across Lafayette Square to the White House and let the president announce it. Then it was pointed out to them that this was a statement to show how capital and labor could get along without government interference and it would be silly to let the president set any of the credit for it. So they announced it themselves.

Proposals to take 10,000 war planes up in the air and crash them are being seriously considered by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce as one way to get rid of some of the surplus aircraft that will be sitting around, useless, when the war is over. The idea is being studied by a technical committee which sees in the opportunity to make a large number of scientifically controlled crash tests a means of adding greatly to designers' knowledge of structural weaknesses.

Over 50 possible tests have already been listed, which would shed new light on flutter and vibration, limits of engine performance, at full power, fire prevention, blind flying and automatic pilot control. Only obsolete or war weary planes would be used. Pilots would of course bail out after setting controls for the crashes which would be covered by high speed cameras.

Prisoner of War camp near Heppenheim, Germany, from which 250 half-starved and medically neglected American soldiers were rescued, had not even been reported to International Red Cross authorities. Its existence was therefore not known to U. S. military commanders advancing east of the Rhine. The entire case represents a flagrant violation of Geneva convention and is believed to be the worst maltreatment to which U. S. soldier prisoners had been subjected on western front.

Possibility that desperate and defeated German leaders may try to take U. S. and Allied hostages with them into their last stand retreat is a cause of some official concern. It provides background for Department of State's recent announcement that Swiss government had been asked to make a check on present whereabouts of 27 U. S. citizens deported from liberated areas formerly occupied by the Germans.

Donald M. Nelson is reported to have literary ambitions, wanting to write a book about his experiences as head of War Production Board. "Washington comment is that if he told all he knew about all the feuds there have been in WPB it would probably make interesting reading. Nelson has had little to do since his last return from China, and would like to get out of government service.

Soviet Russia withdraw from Chicago conference on international aviation last fall, giving the impression it had no interest in postwar air commerce. A hint on the size of U. S. S. R. air transport operations, however, was buried in recent report by Foreign Economic Administrator Leo Crowley. He revealed that Soviet transport planes carried nearly half of the six million pounds of tin moved out of China in 1943, and carried nearly twelve million pounds of wolfram ore from China to Russia in 1944.

American Bankers' Association lobbyists are said to be unable to see the Bretton Woods for the Dumbarton Oaks.

Side Glances



"Every time it's the same—they get my favorite hero in an awful mess, then sing about soap! Is it any wonder I get all my home-work wrong?"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

AVOID A "SMOTHER" BY PROVIDING EXIT

(This is the fourth of six articles on the smother play, the most difficult play in bridge to recognize.)

Today's hand is identical with the one given yesterday. I showed you where the declarer made his contract in using the smother play. However, I want to show you today how to defeat the contract.

The second diamond was ruff-

♠ 8765	♥ K432
♦ 1053	♠ 974
♣ 965	♥ A108
♠ KQ7	♦ A102
None	W
♠ J6	E
♣ KQJ7	S
♦ 42	Dealer
♠ 9654	♠ A Q J 10 9
	♥ A K 8 2
	♦ 3
	♣ J 8 3

15 Years Ago

President Hoover nominated Ralph R. Huron as postmaster of La Grande for a third term. His first appointment was during the Harding administration.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Wanderlick returned from a visit in Portland with friends and relatives.

Orland Anson purchased a 400 acre farm near the Grange Hall from Earl Rand.

10 Years Ago

George T. Cochran was elected grand master of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Master Masons of Oregon at the session held in Portland. During the Masonic meetings in Portland, L. L. Snodgrass was elected grand junior warden of the Oregon Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

One of the largest American Legion meetings of the year in La Grande was held at the Saca-Jawa inn, with an attendance of 125 members and representatives present from The Dalles, Hermiston, Union and Baker.

Harvey Carter was installed as president of the Mt. Emily Ski club at the annual banquet. Other officers were Ed McGregor, vice-president; Don Ostland, secretary, and R. E. Gerards, treasurer.

Questions & Answers

Q—What will happen to the Sudetenland—one of the causes of German-Czech friction that brought on the war—when peace comes?

A—Czech President Edward Benes says the Sudeten Germans must leave when Czechoslovakia is reconstituted.

Q—Are the French going to use Dakar after the war?

A—They plan to build a land-air-sea base there. The U. S. uses Dakar now.

Q—By what name do we know Yunnan, or Yunnan-fu, China?

A—Kunming.

This Curious World



Quiz Corner

WHY ARE PORCUPINES IN CANADA PROTECTED BY LAW?



ANSWER: They are one of the few sources of meat available to a man lost in the woods without a gun.

NEXT: Altitude highs and lows.

Funny Business



"Since I have to speak Junior anyway, why not make use of the energy?"

SO THEY SAY

The nation must be willing to pay a stable insurance premium to maintain a state of technological preparedness. In addition we must be willing to pay to keep industry ready and able to shift rapidly to war production. —Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance.

Education is very much more than a formal or institutional matter. It includes the whole nexus of influences—home and family, work and play, church and state—which help to shape the individual. —Dr. Everett Case, president Colgate U.

If there ever was a group deservin' a serviceman's sympathy it's these poor suffering characters whose lives have been suddenly uprooted, who have been forced to make one of the most dramatic readjustments of the decade.

—Sgt. Charles Avedon, editor Army newspaper Midpacifican, on the surfers.