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### Tut, Tut, Mister, You Aren't Out of the Woods, Yet



**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

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.—James: 5:11.

#### The Next War

Predicting the shape of the next war is a pastime long dear to the Jules Verne type of writer. Some have been far off the beam, but the better ones have only had to wait for time to catch up with them and prove at least the substantial truth of their fancies.

One of the more successful of these oracles is the Swedish engineer, Sven Lindequist, who foresaw stratosphere bombing more than 20 years ago and, being a practical sort of prognosticator, designed one of the first high-altitude airplane engines.

The other day Lindequist ventured the prediction that guns would be obsolete in the next war. Their place would be taken by jet or rocket-propelled, radio-controlled bombs weighing up to 10 tons and capable of landing with precise accuracy from a distance of hundreds of miles.

These would be made in underground factories, Mr. Lindequist said, and fired from a camouflaged opening to the front lines. There they would be loaded with explosives and sent on their way.

Fantastic? Well, one might have

thought so except that next day the papers carried a report from the U. S. army ordnance department which gave sober credence to the Swedish engineer's prophecy.

The report, based on statements of captured Nazi scientists and on our own forces' observation, informed Americans that New York and other east coast cities had missed being targets of the German V-bombs by only six months. But for the crippling RAF raid on the V-bomb plant at Peenemuende in 1943, which killed hundreds of technicians and destroyed much experimental equipment, this country could not have escaped before allied armies had smashed the Nazis.

As it is, the Nazis claimed that pinpoint bombing at 3000 miles would have been possible by November. Our intelligence officers have not denied the claim, nor do they seem to see anything outlandish in the Nazi boast that V-bombing at a range of 15,000 miles was possible and imminent.

So there is the next war. It will begin with a salvo of precision rocket bombs, sent from hundreds or thousands of miles at tremendous speed, striking without sound or warning, wiping out a whole city, perhaps, and most of its inhabitants.

Then will come retaliation. City after city will be leveled, more thoroughly than in this war. The surviving civilians will be in constant flight from the unseen — the explosives and, maybe next time, the gas and bacteria bombs. They will live underground in caves and shelters.

Does anyone think it impossible? Does anyone still want to talk about "inevitable" war with anybody? Does anyone think that all of us should not use what brain and persuasive strength we have to work for enduring peace?

## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Tall, stately Senator Jim Murray of Montana is 89 years old, but during a closed-door session of his small business committee he nearly got into a fist-fight with 54-year-old Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana. Fortunately for both, Senator Tom Stewart of Tennessee jumped up and spoiled the bout. Senatorial dignity was saved.

It all happened when the senate small business committee held its first closed session this year. Hitherto, the committee's work has been done in open sub-committees which have stepped on the toes of several big business groups and battled hard for little business.

Some senators haven't liked this. Also, they haven't liked the fact that Chairman Jim Murray delegated the committee's work to its counsel, Dewey Anderson. Most committee members, busy with other committee assignments, have been content to let Anderson have free rein—with the exception of Ellender of Louisiana and Admiral Tommy Hart. Hart, the new Republican senator from Connecticut, had never attended a full committee meeting.

Finally, after pressure from Ellender and Hart, Senator Murray called one. Immediately the sparks began to fly. Ellender began interrupting the chairman, and the chairman asked that there be no more interruptions until he finished making announcements.

"But you don't know what's going on in this committee," burst out Ellender. "Why, you've got a wild man here running things for you!"

He referred to committee counsel, Dewey Anderson, former California legislator who hopes to run for the U. S. senate next year. Anderson and Ellender have never liked each other.

"If the Democrats run Anderson for office next year, they'll be giving the Republicans a chance to save campaign expenses," continued the gentleman from Louisiana.

#### Fighting Names

Murray ignored the outburst, but Ellender, one of the better Louisiana politicians, elevated to the senate by his old friend Huey Long, kept grumbling. Finally, when he made some inaudible comment under his breath, Murray called him a liar.

Ellender retorted with a more descriptive name and then started to jump on Murray. Senator Stewart of Tennessee finally pulled him back into his seat.

Ellender continued his complaints, without benefit of flat-waving. He complained about a lot of things Anderson had done, including a newsletter to businessmen Anderson started to publish twice a month. Ellender had refused to approve this publication, although Murray okayed it via long-distance telephone and, according to Anderson, a majority of the committee later gave their okay.

"That is the sort of thing the committee should decide upon only after discussion," Ellender insisted.

He and Senator Wherry also complained about the size of the committee staff and the fact that some staff members were borrowed from agencies of the executive department—a common practice in the senate.

"This man Anderson won't even tell me who the staff members are," stormed Ellender. "I've been after a list of them for three weeks, but he keeps pushing me off."

In the end, the committee overruled Ellender on the method of holding sub-committee hearings. It also supported Chairman Murray in borrowing personnel from government agencies. And as the meeting ended, he and Ellender even shook hands.

#### Is MacArthur Hospitable?

Handsome Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland got slightly exercised on the senate floor this week about this column's speculation as to why he left Manila after five days, when he had expected to remain five weeks.

Actually, the senator should not have been too upset over the implication that General MacArthur didn't want him wandering around the Philippines investigating things. Because just as good men as Millard (some say even better) have been barred from Luzon by MacArthur.

They include: Four generals, all treasury department officials, and all officers working for Gen. William Donovan's office of strategic services.

The treasury department had to protest to the White House direct before MacArthur would permit its officials to enter the Philippines. They have finally been admitted.

But the surgeon general of the army, Maj. Gen. Norman Kirk, never did get into Luzon; nor did Lieut. Gen. Edmund Gregory, the quartermaster general of the army; nor Brig. Gen. James Simmons, of the surgeon general's office; nor Brig. Gen. John F. Davis, of the supply forces. MacArthur barred them all.

## WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Maybe there is hope for women eventually doing something about the world's problems after all.

The mail that has come in to refute an article I wrote a while back saying that women wouldn't really like to have trained experts doing their housework is a good sign.

If intelligent women really would get the job of running a home as well organized as men have their office, then they could have time for helping to run their communities.

No man could be a big executive without turning over his routine office work to persons trained to handle it. If a man had to type his own letters and answer his own telephones and talk with ever caller who came to his office, he wouldn't have time to do anything else. Successful men know this and so relieve themselves of the responsibility for handling any part of their job

they can get someone else to do.

So if women really want to be able to hire "experts" to come into their homes for a few hours a day to do their routine job for them and wouldn't — as many of them claim — have to over-see and direct the worker, the successful wife and mother may eventually be able to use some of her ability and common sense outside her home.

Having experts do part of her work is the only way the intelligent woman with a husband and family will ever have time enough to work seriously at making her home town, her state, and her country a better place.

If the intelligent women of the country really mean what some of them say, maybe in another fifty years the running of houses will be worked out as systematically as the running of offices, and women will share equally with men the job of running the country.

## Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Polishing off the United Nations charter at San Francisco in a little over eight weeks constitutes an all time record for speed the way these things are measured. The impatient tendency has been to pooh-pooh the conference and all its works for dragging along since April 25 but, after all, great proxies move slowly Rome wasn't built in a day, and it's a good thing glaciers don't fly—as the tortoise didn't remark while sliding home past the hare.

There's a moral for congress in the San Francisco speed, however, when you consider how long it takes to get anything done on capitol hill. On the same day San Francisco conference opened, War Mobilization director Fred M. Vinson appeared before a house committee and asked for action now on renewal of the reciprocal trade agreements act, the Bretton Woods international monetary fund, and bank extension of the export import bank legislation, and repeal of the Johnson act prohibiting loans to defaulting foreign governments.

Just for the fun of it, take a look at what has happened to those four measures on which Judge Vinson wanted so much action in such a hurry. The trade agreements act was passed by the house on May 26, reported out in the senate June 9, has been debated off and on since then.

As they go into the stretch there is every probability that the San Francisco charter will be drafted before the trade agreements act becomes a law. The Bretton Woods measure passed the house on June 7, but is now tied up in senate committee hearings without an indication of when it will be considered by the senate. Export-import bank legislation containing provision for full repeal of the Johnson act has just been introduced in the house. The delay here has not been the fault of congress, but of the foreign economic administration which took two months to draft the bill it wanted con-

gress to consider.

There is an even chance that nothing will be done about this legislation before the end of the present session when congress goes home for vacation, nor is it unusual that congress unfinished business is always tremendous, only about 10 per cent of the bills introduced in congress get acted on at all. This isn't unmixed evil, for a lot of the bills don't deserve passing, but a good clean job of handling legislative business would at least call for outright killing of the bad bills, instead of the merely allowing them to wither on the vine.

Alert and conscientious congressmen are aware of this tradition of slow motion as evidenced by the work of the LaFollette-Monroney joint committee to study reorganization of congress. But even this committee, which has been holding hearings since last March 13, has made only one report. It is working on two other reports, but if it takes over three months to plan the reorganization of congress, think what speed is demonstrated by drafting, in a little over two months, a plan to reorganize the whole cockeyed world. The San Francisco speed is, in fact, almost equal to the best that congress has shown since the early days of the New Deal, the record is probably the passage of the original lend-lease bill in 1941. It became a law in just two months and a day after it was requested by President Roosevelt. Some of the war appropriation bills have been pushed through congress in a little over a month, but these records have been made only after weeks of hearings by appropriations sub-committees which theoretically examine every item before approving. With this lack of speed the chronic condition in congress, it will be a great though pleasant surprise if the senate ratifies the United Nations charter in anything less than the two months required to draft that document in San Francisco.

### Side Glances



"I suppose your son will be going to the Pacific now—I caught a dreadful cold once changing climates, so do tell him to be careful!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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

#### BIDDING COURAGE

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 The night before Pearl Harbor, the American contract bridge

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league, at its annual meeting, voted to launch a fight against

#### Questions & Answers

Q—What is the percentage of unknown dead among our armed forces in this war?

A—Graves registration service of the quartermaster corps estimates only a little over 2 per cent of the dead in our 321 overseas cemeteries are unknown.

Q—What is the oldest light-house in continuous service in the United States?

A—The Boston Light, originally built in 1716.

Q—What nations are known as "Middle America"?

A—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and the three Caribbean island republics—Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

Q—What percentage of the world's silver is produced in Mexico?

A—Mexican mines produce nearly half the world's silver output.

Q—How many Kentucky Derby winners has Jockey Eddie Arcaro ridden, and which were they?

A—Three—Lawrin in 1933, Whirlaway in 1941, and Hoop, jr. this year.

cancer in children. Even though it has adopted several war activities since then, it still continues its fight against cancer.

The eastern mixed team-of-four is one of the events that has been turned over to this cause. It is the outstanding mixed team-of-four play of the year. For a great many years, New York teams have won this event, but this year a New Jersey team, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kreps, Miss Constance Little and Lee Sager, tied for first.

Mr. Kreps is a past president of the New Jersey bridge league. He won this match for his team by going to 3 no trump. Most of the other teams, when North bid 3 diamonds, passed the hand and, of course, North was down one. However, Kreps made 3 no trump because East elected to establish the heart suit for his partner rather than shift to clubs.

## IN FORMER YEARS

#### 30 Years Ago

Attorney Colon R. Eberhard was elected to the board of education.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingner returned from their wedding trip. Miss Harriet Young, who was in Berlin at the outbreak of war, sailed from Bergen, Norway, for her home, according to information received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young of May Park.

#### 15 Years Ago

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Cauthorn returned from a two-week auto trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Owen Price, student at Eastern Oregon Normal school and a letterman in major sports both at the normal school and La Grande high, was appointed physical education director in the junior high school.

#### 10 Years Ago

Lynn Larson, secretary of the Commercial club, concluded the liberation of 5,000 parasitized earwigs in La Grande. The parasites were released to exterminate the earwigs.

Mrs. E. G. Kirby went to Portland to visit her son, Edwin, who was attending medical school there.

### Funny Business



"George always carries that placard when he goes shopping with me!"

## SO THEY SAY

Preparedness does not incite war any more than insurance invites fire.  
 —Brig-Gen. John W. Mahan.

V-E Day didn't mean much to the boys in Italy. First of all, the war's not over and, secondly, the Germans gave up in Italy a few days before the rest of them, so it didn't stir us up much.  
 —Lieut. John W. Buzick, Monette, Ark.

To no one man do the United States owe a greater debt than to Marshal (Gregor I) Zhukov.  
 —Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sugar shortages will last for one or two more years.  
 —Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Britain's minister of food.

Though governments may change and parties may quarrel, yet on some of the essentials of foreign affairs we stand together, that is, doing no disadvantage to the political party opposite.  
 —Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

### This Curious World



NEXT: The flowers that bloom in the summer.