

—And Baby Makes Three



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Day's Complaint Is Off Base

Albert M. Day, Oregon state fisheries director, is way off base in a complaint made to La Grande's city manager about conditions at the city airport. Day apparently got the heck scared out of him recently during a night landing at the field. At least, such was indicated in a letter to retiring City Manager Fred Young. Day had been over into the Snake river country, and returned to La Grande after dark. His pilot was headed toward the north and approached for a landing on the north-south runway. The field's longest runway had been closed for repairs, and such information was on file at all civil airways radio facilities. "As the pilot came into the darkened field for a landing, he noticed the power and telegraph wires alongside the railroad track at the south end of the field. Fortunately, he jumped his plane over these wires just in time to avoid a crash. . . . It was one of the most dangerous landings that I have ever experienced, and I have flown in Alaska, Mexico, Canada, and all parts of the United States," Day stated. To begin with, the pilot was way too low. The wires at the south end of the field are only about 35 feet high, and are

considerably more than a quarter of a mile from the end of the runway. Had the pilot not seen the wires he could very possibly have hit the ground 300 yards or more short of the runway. In the second place, the wires are noted on the reverse side of all aviation charts. Most pilots check these charts, the Airman's Guide or the Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) before flying into strange fields. In the third place, the runway in question has approach lights, which were on at the time of the incident, but which were not observed—apparently because the pilot was too low. Any one of three or four routine checks by the pilot, either in person or by radio, would have informed him of the condition, which is so slight as not to be considered dangerous by Federal Aviation Agency officials, who certainly do not take aviation safety matters lightly. No one likes to be frightened by a near miss, in an airplane or in a car. Mr. Day reacts to near misses like every other person. He was frightened. But rather than complaining about the airport, which is a good one—all things considered—he should either get his pilot on the ball or change pilots.

Inflation Talk Brings Uneasiness

Times are good, but people are uneasy. Increasing labor strife is a symptom. Employment rose to an all time high of 67.6 million in mid-July. More people than ever before have jobs. But another report from the government fact finders shows that the cost of living is still inching up. It is at an all time high too. At the AFL-CIO convention one speaker took the position that too much talk about inflation is bad for the country. He said such talk scares people and makes them reluctant to invest and take a chance on the future. He thinks a lot of inflation talk is generated by employers intent on blaming rising wage rates for rising prices. Putting it the other way around, it could be said that this union speaker is touchy on the subject of labor's contribution to inflation and is trying to minimize inflation in order to take the wind out of the sails of employers who shed tears over inflation at the bargaining table. We are inclined to agree with those who contend that inflation moves along partly because so few understand it. The

Cabinet Committee on Price Stability for Economic Growth took this position when it wrote its recent 1,600 word comment on the nation's economic position. Whenever it came to a place where the word "inflation" normally would have been used, it wrote "rises in the general price level." Everyone is aware that prices are high. If we talked more about high prices and less about inflation the whole problem might be more understandable. Whatever pushes prices up is inflationary. And if anyone tells you it doesn't make any difference at a time when more people than ever are working, ask the person who is retired and is living on a pension, or the man who invested in government bonds and held them to maturity, or anyone who is trying to provide for his future by saving for retirement. Or ask the union member if he still enjoys the benefits of the wage increase he had to go on strike for or whether it somehow vanishes due to "rises in the general price level," known otherwise as inflation.

TO OPEN CONSULATES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States and Poland will re-open their consulates in each other's country "in the near future." The State Department said the action stems from an agreement last year and reflects a gradual improvement in relations with Poland since the end of the Stalin era.

SULLIVANS VISIT SULLIVANS

LISBON (UPI) — Five young Sullivan brothers were guests Wednesday aboard the U. S. destroyer "Sullivans," named for the five brothers killed in naval action in 1942. The young Sullivans are sons of Col. Charles P. Sullivan, of Eureka, Ill., U.S. air attaché in Lisbon. They are not related to the "fighting Sul-

SCHINES ANNOUNCE BABY

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — The wife of hotel heir G. David Schine gave birth Wednesday night to a 6-pound, 8-ounce girl at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. It was disclosed Thursday. Schine was an assistant of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

European Leaders Worry Over U.S.-Soviet Deal

WASHINGTON—The big factor behind President Eisenhower's talks as he sits down with the leaders of Western Europe results from essentially the same problem as that which confronted Franklin Roosevelt at Yalta when he sat down with Stalin. Stalin at that time was ready to make a deal which virtually amounted to dividing up the world into three spheres of influence among the then three great powers. The British were to be supreme in Western Europe and Africa; the United States in the Western Hemisphere and the Western Orient—including Japan, the Philippines, Russia was to be supreme in Central Europe and the rest of Asia. Roosevelt vetoed the idea, though a modified deal was made between Winston Churchill and Stalin to divide up the Balkans under spheres of influence, the British taking jurisdiction over Yugoslavia and Greece; the Russians over Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania. It should be noted, carried out his part of the agreement to the letter, according to Churchill's memoirs. During the years that have passed, the French, British and other West Europeans have nursed a lurking worry that the world's two greatest powers, the USA and USSR, might form a loose alliance which would divide the world into two general spheres of influence.

USA-USSR Deal?

Basically this is what worries De Gaulle and Adenauer and Premier Segni of Italy right now. It worries the British much less. The British, fearful of being caught in the middle of an atomic war between the USA and USSR, have reversed their position completely. Once worried sick over the idea of American-Russian partnership, they are now encouraging it.

But Chancellor Adenauer knows that close cooperation between the USA and USSR means that his ideas for the unity of Germany will go glimmering. He also knows that German ambitions for regaining the provinces of east Germany now held by Poland will never be fulfilled. He also knows that Germany's best role is to be the balance of power between Russia and the United States.

President De Gaulle also sees Russian-American friendship as blocking his grandiose ambition for a French comeback. The idea of Khrushchev and Eisenhower sitting down together infuriates him, chiefly because it is tacit recognition that they represent the world's two great powers. And France is not included.

De Gaulle has been spurring his diplomats to organize the United States of Europe so that in the future there will not be two but three world powers—the USA, the USSR, and the US of Europe—with Charles De Gaulle representing the latter.

It's this personal jealousy plus balance-of-power politics that Eisenhower has to cope with during his conference in Europe.

Taxes Vs. Taxes

High-ups in the justice department once again are dragging their feet on the Alabama income tax

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

NEW YORK — Boris Kolozyn, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy, criticizing American courts as he put the four young Kozmin brothers aboard a plane for Russia to rejoin their parents.

"American justice detained them for five years. They were taken from their parents. We are glad to deliver them back to their parents."

NEW YORK —The Rev. C. Kilmer Myers, conducting in New York's richest and most famous church the funeral for a 15-year-old Negro girl killed because of a gang fight Sunday night.

"If you cared about her, then let this be your memorial to her. Let there be no more sudden death in the streets of the lower east side."

LONDON —Novelist A. J. Cronin, complaining that after a 23-year fight the Soviet government would not even pay him in caviar the royalties for three million copies of his books sold in the USSR.

"Meanwhile, I receive from my Russian readers an enormous effusive fan mail and requests for autographs and photographs. This is undoubtedly the unkindest cut of all."

MOSCOW — Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York Philharmonic orchestra, replying to a Soviet music critic who called him "cocky" and immodest for interrupting a concert to explain modern music and for repeating one composition.

"Repetition of it had been demanded by the audience . . . their rhythmic clapping meant 'again.' So in my very best Russian I asked if they wanted the piece again and, when they responded with cheers, I played it."

case involving three political henchmen of Gen. Wilton B. Persons' brother, the ex-governor of Alabama. The case appears on the way of becoming one of the most politically influenced in the Justice department.

On Jan. 12 this column exposed the fact that the Treasury department had recommended criminal prosecution of three Alabama politicians who had raised money for Ex-governor Persons when he was Governor of Alabama. Persons is the brother to Gen. "Slick" Persons who replaced Sherman Adams as No. 1 White House assistant.

It was revealed on Jan. 12 and in subsequent columns that the Treasury recommended criminal prosecution on Dec. 15, 1957, but the Justice department in a letter dated March 10, 1958 refused to prosecute. Usually tax recommendations by the treasury's internal revenue service are considered almost mandatory upon the Justice department. If the Justice department does not prosecute, it usually develops that political influence has been exerted.

One day after publication of the Jan. 12, 1959 column, the Justice department hastily reopened the Alabama tax case, and, after a flurry of activity, arrested the three men named by this column. They are: Jimmy Thrower, ex-mayor of Dothan, former member of the Alabama ABC liquor board; S. E. Gellerstedt, who was on the payroll of Berke Brothers Distillery and Taylor Wines; Donald D. Solomon, in whose Headland National Bank some of the liquor-political money was deposited.

Finally on March 9 the three men were formally charged with tax evasion. The charge was made just a few days before the statute of limitations would have expired. This, however, was five and a half months ago. Since then nothing has happened. A federal grand jury has been called in Birmingham to consider various federal cases, but the Justice department in Washington, as of this writing, has not sent the three cases to Alabama for prosecution.

Officials in the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham say they can't prosecute without the facts and files, and the files are carefully secreted in Washington.

Baker Boy In Critical Condition In Portland

PORTLAND (UPI) — Barton Wood, 9, Baker, remained in critical condition in a local hospital today from a head injury suffered Thursday in a fall from a bicycle at Baker.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood of Baker, was flown here by Don's Flying Service.

Attendants at Providence hospital said his condition remained unchanged throughout the night.

House Space Group Concerned More Of Missiles Than Stork

By FRANK ELEAZER

UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The trouble with so many graduate students, the witness seemed to be saying, is their wives. They keep getting pregnant.

So naturally I stuck around to see if the House Space Committee had anything to propose.

This committee had always seemed more concerned with missiles than storks. As a matter of fact it's been so busy star gazing this year it hasn't had time for a number of pressing problems on earth.

One of these committee members heard recently, is what all we don't know about our oceans. So they had called in some experts on oceanography. And I'm afraid the experts confirmed the worst that the members had heard.

We know more about the surface of the moon, said Dr. Gordon A. Riley, than we do about the floor of the ocean. Riley is professor of oceanography at Yale and a member of the Oceanography Committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

How About Ice Age

He said while we spend billions of dollars to try to get into space, we've doled out a paltry few millions to find out what goes on in the ocean. And he seemed to think we could lose the next war under the water.

"We have a wonderful new weapons system, probably the best in the world, in the Polaris missile submarine," Dr. Riley said. "Yet we cannot use our submarines, and our submarine de-

fenses, efficiently until we know more about the ocean."

And it's not only the Russians we have to worry about, according to Riley. He said we may be bringing on another Ice Age. This could bury our northern states under glaciers and snow, right down into Ohio.

That's just a theory, he said. But it's causing oceanographers plenty of worry. As I got the message, when we burn coal and oil we throw off carbon dioxide, which tends to hold heat.

Theory Explained

It's a fact the earth for years has been getting warmer, he said, and the arctic ice is beginning to melt. This means more open water in the arctic which, in turn, means more evaporation. This results in more snow. And this starts another pileup of ice, and eventually another go-round with the glaciers.

Some people think this process could show some upsetting effects within the next 100 years. Whether man is bringing it on himself or not, by releasing all that carbon dioxide, Riley said, we ought to find out for sure what's going on.

That's how he happened to start talking about graduate students, their wives, and their babies. He said there are only about 600

qualified oceanographers in this country, and not near enough young scientists learning the trade.

Described As "Poor Relations" Bright young men in other scientific pursuits get fellowships and help from the government while they learn, he said, but "we are poor relations," and about all a graduate student in oceanography can hope for is maybe \$1,500 or \$2,000 a year.

"A couple can live in reasonable comfort if the spouse has a job," he said. "But there is hardly a professor in the country who has not faced the dreary spectacle of a student with a pregnant wife."

"What should be a source of great happiness in any family is a dreaded occurrence in the life of a graduate student. It generally means dropping out of school or a poverty-pinched prolonged existence at the graduate level."

Riley said Congress should pass a law to give oceanography students special government help, like maybe \$4,000 a year. Then they could enjoy their babies and this branch of science could start catching up.

Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La.) said the committee would think about this. Meantime, I guess we remain at sea.



Judy Lynn

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