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THIS YOUNG WORLD

By SHARON LANDRETH
So what was all the todo about Ike getting laid up in bed? He was sick once, sure... but a lot of people have been. So the president eats a can of strong tuna fish... it joggles his digestive system up a little and the men to get into office will be Democrats and they'll have twice as much health as they do brains. American's are so flighty... in a couple years they'll be starting special medical schools to cure ulcers.

Bette Davis, the actress with the bleary eyes, has filed a suit for divorce against her fourth husband, Actor Gary Merrill. Which is all very fine, variety is the spice of life even when it comes to hubbies... but here's the pitch... why do all these men have the following morning makes national headlines. The poor man probably can't even burp without having someone call a doctor. America has a sickness complex about its president. Maybe voters feel that they overlooked good judgement in electing him and are afraid he'll keel over dead someday. Then the Democrats will sneer at the Republicans and for the next twenty years the only actresses always claim mental cruelty. Miss Davis charged that Merrill had "wrongfully inflicted... grievous mental suffering" which is the same as mental cruelty except there's more adjectives. Though no one has ever said just exactly what mental cruelty is... it seems hardly possible that some of these hair-brained actresses could even be intelligent enough to be disturbed mentally.

A report in the paper the other day stated that the soil bank program was being wrecked by the big wheat crop due this year. Which just goes to show that no politician is going to outsmart old mother nature. What gives, anyway, with paying

the farmers NOT to grow wheat? It may seem like a good precautionary measure to cement our shaky economy but nothing will ever do that except to get "primitive" and let the farmers take their breaks as they come. Right now the government owns more wheat than they know what to do with. And as long as it keeps on buying it the farmers will keep on growing it. The government is messing with a law it didn't make... the law of supply and demand... and someone is due for a fall. Our white-wigged colonial ancestors had something under those head mops... namely brains enough to create a government which was a strong ruler... not a nursemaid.

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Price Level Lowers Here

The general level of prices received by farmers across the nation moved up a bit in May and is now at the highest point since last July... but Oregon farm prices refused to follow the trend and dropped to the lowest point so far this year, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agriculture economist at Oregon State college.

While prices received by the nation's farmers were averaging a rise of about one-half of one percent, Oregon farm prices dropped for the second consecutive month and are now at the same level as a year ago, Mrs. Horrell said. Farm costs, meanwhile, remained at a record high, products that are checked monthly.

Out of 18 major Oregon farm products by the U. S. department of agriculture, 11 were down in price from last year, 4 were up, and 3 were unchanged, Mrs. Horrell found. Oregon products leading the price drop were potatoes, hay, turkeys, eggs, and feed grains.

At the same time, farm family living costs across the country moved up to hit a new all-time high, 3 percent above a year ago. A good-sized rise in food prices along with smaller increases in building materials and household furnishings led the price rise, Mrs. Horrell reported.

However, the farm production costs index dropped a trifle during May, leaving the parity index... the government's yardstick for measuring national farm costs... unchanged at mid-May. This leaves the parity ratio at 82, Mrs. Horrell said, 2 points below a year ago and 18 points below the level set by Congress as a "fair" exchange rate.

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OF THE WEEK

To The Editor

Sandy is proud of its servicemen and rightly so, but I wonder how many of them know, or how many of their parents know, the answer to this 64 dollar (that's chicken feed, let's make it 64,000 dollar) question?

Do they know what The Status of Forces Treaty is? Have they read a copy? A quick perusal might be very informative - especially now at a time when a serviceman overseas named Girard is to be tried before a Japanese Court.

On the surface the average American would think nothing of that.

July 4th will commemorate our most famous holiday, recalling to us that our forefathers gave up fortunes, reputations, and health in order to secure for us the rights of FREEMEN under a Constitution inspired by the Grace of God.

One of them, which we take for granted, TRIAL BY JURY, UNDER AMERICAN LAW, AND BY AN AMERICAN COURT is being denied one of our servicemen. True, he is accused of a grave crime, but in America he is innocent until proven guilty; IN JAPAN HE IS NOT. Under American law he is entitled to a speedy trial; IN JAPAN A YEAR OR MORE IN PRISON CAN GO BY BEFORE HE IS TRIED.

A Phoenix serviceman even now is serving out 5 YEARS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in France for embezzling too much and stealing a taxi (and I understand its easy to tipple in France). Did you know that in some countries where our men are stationed there are laws sanctioning the loss of a hand for stealing a loaf of bread?

The point I am making is that American laws and American freedoms DIFFER WIDELY FROM THOSE IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, where backward conditions still exist. ISN'T THAT SOLEY WHY WE FOUGHT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, that the individual, under God, be loosed from the Feudal yoke?

Under The STATUS OF FORCES TREATY (sanctioned and approved by President Eisenhower) our servicemen may fight for America, die for America, win for America and occupy a conquered nation (or occupy to protect), but let them break a law, (and how many of us in a strange land would be familiar with its laws, let alone understand its language) and they are no longer entitled to American rights.

Only ONE WOMAN, on the Oregon Primary Ballot, had the courage to print "A good Christian makes a good Citizen", and then come out in the Primary Voters Pamphlet thus: "I stand for rescindment of The Status Forces Treaty, because it takes away the rights of our servicemen in performing their duty to their Country, rights they are entitled to, to preserve them when in jeopardy." (Mrs. Edith Phettipiece)

I myself have two sons who someday may serve their flag, and from the signs of World unrest, I cannot be sure they will not fight and die. So too, I can never be sure that they will never break the law, (though I pray they will not) but I can be sure that while serving they will enjoy full rights as American citizens - that's the least I can do. Spending money, fine clothes, and hot-rod are material things, easily replaceable, but the rights and freedoms, taken so much for granted because we have always had them, are priceless, because they were bought with spilled blood.

Are we safe-guarding their freedoms? Serviceman Girard is some mother's son, too, causing her worry and anguish. "INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME," Our Lord said, and in helping others, we preserve our own Constitutional rights, too. If this makes sense to you, send for a copy of this Treaty, which holds the power of life and death over thousands of American boys and then protest to your Congressmen. Remember Our Constitution GUARANTEES A SPEEDY AMERICAN TRIAL BY JURY WITH RIGHT TO COUNSEL TO ALL CITIZENS and that NOW AMERICAN BOYS ARE BEING TRIED IN FOREIGN COURTS.

Sincerely,
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U.S. News and World Report observes that U. S. demand for foreign automobiles is growing "at a surprising rate." These imports - consisting mostly of small, extremely economical machines - accounted for only 0.6 per cent of the U.S. car market in 1954. This year the figure is expected to be about 3 per cent.

Inflation note: The Wall Street Journal reports that a company decided to tear down an unused smokestack built in 1921. The original cost of the structure was \$8,740 - but it cost \$13,470 to dismantle it.

According to the Associated Press, the gas utilities and pipeline companies have so far spent \$500 million on holes in the ground. These holes amount to warehouses, in which gas is stored in the warm season for delivery when winter sends demands soaring.

Companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange paid their common share owners \$2,124,608,430 in cash dividends during the first quarter of 1957 - record high for any past comparable period.

No priority for the purchase of federal electric power should be given to any local governmental agency, in the view of Harold B. Say, of the Portland, Oregon, Chamber of Commerce. He told a House subcommittee that there is no logic in a preference clause which says "those citizens who choose to obtain their power from public utility districts should be favored."

A McGraw Hill survey finds that American manufacturers will spend \$7,300,000,000 on research this year, for an all time record.

BY DICK REVENAUGH

THE WORLD THIS WEEK

FOREIGN AID PUZZLES

Yugoslavia, Poland and India are all hurdles the President has to mount to put across his foreign aid program. None is our ally. India and Yugoslavia hang on to neutrality between the Communist and the free world; Poland is behind the iron curtain.

With the economy wave still sweeping over Congress, many in that body fail to see why American taxpayers should help nations not on our side.

Every one of the three nations is in difficulty. President Eisenhower favors American aid, but with no illusion they can be bought.

What the United States wants is that the three shall remain independent and not be reduced to Russian satellites. Without our assistance that may well be the result. — Philadelphia Bulletin

EGYPT'S TURN BEFORE UN

The United Nations demonstrated, in the Suez crises last fall, that it could command prompt though reluctant obedience from such major powers as Britain and France. It now has an opportunity to discover whether it can compel equal respect from such a weak and troublesome nation as Egypt.

The terms which President Nasser laid down on April 24 for the use of the Suez Canal have been challenged by France, and the Security Council will meet... to hear the French complaint that these terms represent a breach of international law, and of the six principles laid down by the United Nations for settlement of the dispute growing out of Nasser's seizure of the Canal company.

These terms, one of which calls for insulating the canal from the politics of any country, were accepted by Nasser as a basis for negotiations before the Israeli attack last October. They are not fulfilled in the terms which Nasser has unilaterally laid down for use of the canal.

The United States and Britain, without accepting Nasser's terms, have authorized their ships to use the canal under his conditions as an "interim" arrangement. France has rejected even this concession.

Mr. Nasser's spokesmen, meanwhile, have stated flatly that Israeli shipping will be barred from the canal. There is a clear violation here of the principle that the canal should be insulated from the politics of any nation. If Israel is barred today, who can say who will be next to feel the Egyptian stranglehold?

The UN's prestige... will suffer disastrously if it shows itself willing to brave the wrath only of the strong. — Philadelphia Bulletin

'CLEANEST PEOPLE'

Not even the Dutch, traditionally the world's greatest scrubbers, are likely to challenge the claim the duPont Co. makes in the current issue of its house organ that Americans are the

cleanest people in the world. For the tools and supplies for this - the towels, soaps, detergents, washing machines, water heaters - are more available here than anywhere else. Even today some hotels in Europe do not provide soap for guests because of the expense.

The duPont publication backs up its claim with a photograph of an "average" American family surrounded by the \$302 worth of supplies it uses in a year to keep clean. Americans now spend annually \$13.3 billion for personal care and grooming. Yet even a half century ago the Saturday night bath in a wooden tub was common and much laundry was done by elbow grease.

Are we any happier now for being cleaner - or for being the "cleanest people in the world"? It would be hard to say, but whether we are or not, we like most other peoples, cannot resist the urge to war on dirt with all means available. We are just fortunate in having invention and mass production on our side. — Washington Post

AIR PROGRESS

The retirement by the Air Force of its last piston-engine fighter illustrates the tremendous progress made in aviation within a relatively few years. In 1945 the piston-engine fighter was the most effective combat craft of its kind, capable of speeds up to 450 miles per hour at an altitude of 40,000 feet.

But the advent of jet planes at the close of World War II made these statistics seem not quite so impressive; the first U. S. jet fighters could reach altitudes beyond 45,000 feet and could attain speeds of nearly 600 miles per hour.

The successive development of jets has made the first ones almost as obsolete as the piston-engine type; the newest jet fighters can do better than 1,400 miles per hour along with accompanying performance gains in such matters as altitude, engine power and firepower.

Nor is this all: Planes, official publication of the Aircraft Industries Association, says that still higher speeds are attainable as experimental work continues with turbojet engines capable of delivering up to 25,000 pounds of thrust, along with research work aimed at developing new materials and plane stylings able to handle such terrific speeds. — Los Angeles Times

A LOOK AT JUNKET TABS

Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) says Congress should let the taxpayers have a look at the travel expenses of its traveling members.

The suggestion isn't likely to endear Mr. Hoffman to his colleagues. After all, Congress has long regarded certain things as sacrosanct and the veil of secrecy it has draped over the expenses of its traveling members is one of them. Mr. Hoffman's proposal, therefore, isn't likely to get very far. That's why we hasten to put in a good word for the proposal before it withers away from neglect as it inevitably must.

What brought this up is the activity of a sub-committee on which Mr. Hoffman now serves. The sub-committee is eagerly pressing a campaign to tear down the barriers of secrecy in the executive department.

"I can see no reason," says Mr. Hoffman, "why the legislative department should be permitted to hide behind a veil of secrecy while piously insisting that the executive departments should be forced... to tell the citizens how they are spending the citizens' tax dollars."

We can't see any reason, either. From where we sit, it looks as though Mr. Hoffman had scored a neat point.

Junketing at public expense, and with no accounting of the expense, has become one of the most cherished prerogatives of the members of Congress. It is not uncommon to find the members of a sub-committee, outdoorsmen all, taking off for a study of wild life in Alaska just when the hunting season there is at its best. Or a sub-committee on beach erosion may find it necessary to make a three-week study of the beaches at Miami at the height of the Florida season. Such trips are made at public expense, but the public never gets an accounting.

Ernest, hard-working members of Congress often are required to make legitimate trips in the justifiable pursuit of their duties. Indeed, many of them pay for their own travel out of their own pockets when, by any reasonable standard, they are fully entitled to reimbursement. But the cloak of secrecy covers the legitimate trips as well as the pleasure-seeking junkets. No distinction ever is made in any public accounting, and the taxpayer picks up the tabs for both.

Nothing is likely to develop from Mr. Hoffman's suggestion. The congressional junket at public expense is firmly imbedded in congressional tradition, and it would take more than one small prod with a crowbar to pry it loose. Anyhow, we're glad Mr. Hoffman made the attempt, and we'd like him to know that at least a few of us taxpayers think he deserves an A for effort. — Providence Journal.

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still open for new membership. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

Ladies Report Year's Doings

The Sandy Hospital auxiliary held its last meeting until next fall and Mrs. George Burg, one of the seven active members, gave an outline of the club's projects in the past year.

One of the biggest programs the ladies of the auxiliary undertook was to sponsor the Well-Baby Clinic on the first Thursday of each month at the grade school. The Clinic has been held for the last three years and this year was under the leadership of Hazel Peterson.

Also kept up by the members is a cancer cupboard from which many local cancer patients are supplied with the needed dressings. The women, themselves make up the dressings and other supplies are furnished by the Cancer Society. This cupboard is kept in the Hartwig building and anyone wishing to make use of it is invited to contact one of the auxiliary members.

Also open to the community needs is a clothing cupboard filled with clothes, freshly cleaned, pressed and mended by the women, who give them to families who have been burned out or who are in need of clothing.

In addition they sponsor a bassinett-loaning service to the mothers of new babies who need beds for their children. The women watch continually for families who are in need of their services and this year they made and gave away four quilts.

Though originally formed to cooperate with the building of the Sandy hospital, the organization has remained active in serving community needs and is

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