

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Mr. Reader, how old are you? I am not referring to your age in life, but your age in education.

That, it seems, is a very important question among writing folk. A great news service has issued a little booklet on "Readability in News Writing."

Your reading age is measured by your years of education. If your education ended with the eighth grade you are age 8; if at high school, you are age 12.

According to this study, popular literature is written on a reading level of 6 or 7. Not very high, is it?

Material in Reader's Digest tests age 7; novels like "Strange Fruit" and "A Bell for Adano" were graded at 6.

The tests used are simple. The first is sentence-length. A long sentence baffles those of limited intelligence.

Second test is on words used. If they are abstract or complex. (Continued on editorial page)

New Powers Prepared for Ag Secretary

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Congress today prepared new powers and duties for Clinton P. Anderson to use in control of the nation's food supply after he becomes secretary of agriculture.

A senate-house conference group agreed to include what Anderson wants on food pricing in legislation extending price controls one year beginning July 1.

There were these other developments on the food front:

(1) A house sub-committee instructed Anderson to provide periodic reports on progress of "remedial measures."

(2) The house tentatively approved an allocation of \$174,500,000 for OPA for the fiscal year starting July 1, \$11,200,000 less than last year's allocation.

The new food pricing proviso requires approval of the secretary of agriculture on all OPA price orders on processed foods and agricultural commodities including wool and cotton.

Nearly 100,000 Out on Strikes in Eastern U.S.

By the Associated Press

Strikes simmered throughout states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers yesterday (Wednesday) with the total number of workers off their jobs approaching 100,000.

War labor board staff members in Washington say the outbreak of labor heat rash is directly attributable to victory in Europe and had its seed in union rivalry, unsettled grievances in war plants and a reawakening struggle for local union leadership.

Detroit continued to be most seriously affected, with more than 80,000 men and women out.

List of Attractions Grows in Home Stretch of War Bond Drive; Smaller Cities Boost Sales

With the two last movie bond premieres scheduled for tonight and tomorrow afternoon, a wrestling match for next Tuesday night has been added to the list of bond attractions set for the last week of the Seventh War Loan drive here.

About \$675,000 remains to be sold in E bonds in Marion county by the Fourth of July, although individual and corporation quotas already are well past the allotments made by the state committee.

Purchase of any size E bond will admit to either of the movie shows or the wrestling match. The latter bonds must be purchased at the armory on the night of July 2, but the movie tickets are available at any of the regular Salem issuing agencies.

Many tickets still are available for the "It's A Pleasure" color movie at the Capitol theatre, while

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Slaughter Awaiting On OPA

More Beef Here Than in Years, Peterson Says

Salem slaughterhouses will not resume operations until a definite OPA price schedule is received, despite reports to the contrary from the Portland office of price administration, N. E. Edwards declared Wednesday night.

(The Associated Press quoted the OPA at Portland as saying that "custom slaughterers agreed here today (Wednesday) to resume activities on the promise of the OPA that a profitable killing price schedule is forthcoming.")

Schedule Awaited

"We are waiting for the schedule, promised in 15 days," Edwards said. "If we resumed operations at a loss under the current regulations, we believe the new prices might not come through in the form promised—or in 15 days, for that matter."

Portland as well as upstate meat men attending a meeting in Portland on Wednesday refused to commence operations, halted recently when they found they could not operate profitably under a new set of regulations, Edwards declared.

Veal Major Factor

It promised schedule of a base price of \$6 on lightweight beef, \$7 on medium and \$8 on heavyweight, less deductions, for by-products, does come through in 15 days, with adjustments also on prices for killing veal, then slaughterers throughout the state will gladly return to their work, Edwards said.

Meanwhile, cancellation of the new custom slaughtering rule, adjustment of slaughtering quotas, some action to permit movement of the western Oregon lamb crop and delegation emergency powers to the district OPA, were urged Wednesday by E. L. Peterson, Oregon director of agriculture.

In a presentation to Oregon's delegation in congress, Peterson declared that unless immediate action is taken there will be a general closing down of restaurants, meat markets and custom slaughtering plants in Oregon at a time when Oregon has more beef than at any previous date in the last 15 years.

Senators Revive Hope Of Increased Quotas

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—A meeting of Oregon's senators in Washington, D.C., today have hope to livestockmen that 50,000 western Oregon lambs can be slaughtered monthly during the midsummer peak season.

Senators Morse and Cordon said the director of economic stabilization assured them he was working out a solution for marketing all the lambs—more than can be taken by plants here under present slaughter quotas.

ONE STRIKE SETTLED

DETROIT, June 27.—(AP)—A strike that made 11,500 Hudson Motor Car company employees idle was settled tonight as Governor Harry F. Kelly of Michigan appealed to Detroit's labor unions to end jurisdictional disputes affecting another 41,000 workers.

OREGON PIG CROP OFF

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—Oregon probably will produce 264,000 pigs this year -- 23 percent less than 1944 and 35 percent below the 10-year average. The bureau of agricultural statistics said spring farrowings totaled 138,000, and fall farrowings are expected to reach 126,000.

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Carrier Bunker Hill Wins Through Fires To Fight Once More

(Editor's note: The carrier Bunker Hill suffered 652 casualties in a flaming battle off Okinawa last May 11, it was disclosed by the navy from Bremerton, Wash., today. Following are the accounts of Oregon men aboard. Another story on page 2.)

ABOARD USS BUNKER HILL, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., (Delayed)—"Everything happened so quickly, it's hard to recall now just what I did," George C. Renken, chief electrician's mate on the carrier Bunker Hill, said today in connection with the dramatic saga of the carrier's great battle last May 11.

Renken, whose mother, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, lives in Toledo, Ore., was interviewed here after the war-battered ship nosed into Puget Sound navy repair yard for repairs that will send it into action again.

Unable to reach his battle station through flames and smoke, Renken helped trapped shipmates to safety. Then he joined fire fighters on the flight deck, where more than 30 planes were burning. Odds against them seemed hopeless, but men fought until they controlled the blaze.

Sheriff Gets Best of Nippon Balloon After 55-Minute Struggle

SALT LAKE CITY, June 27.—(AP)—The Deseret News told today of a western sheriff who struggled 55 minutes before he secured intact a Japanese balloon.

A telephone call informed the sheriff the balloon was resting on a hillside, the News said. The officer drove to the spot, only to see the balloon begin to rise. After his car mired down in mud he chased it on foot for more than two miles.

Then he "fought that darned thing for 55 minutes before it dropped to the ground and I succeeded in tying it to a choke cherry bush."

Chinese Fight Into Liuchow; Kill 1300 Japs

CHUNGKING, June 27.—(AP)—Chinese troops, supported by low-flying US fighter-bombers, have fought into the western suburb of Liuchow, south China's most vital communications hub, after a 10-day battle in which more than 1,300 Japanese troops were killed, Chinese reports said tonight.

These assault units were attempting to join forces with other elements reported fighting to gain the city's south rail station.

The Chinese news service said large quantities of war material had been seized.

Northwest of Liuchow, enemy troops and gun positions were heavily pounded by P-51 Mustang fighter-bombers of the 14th air force.

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CHICAGO, June 27.—(AP)—Chelino Chiesa, 75, who lived in a 20 cents a day room and died in a charity ward, left \$250,000 and a will saying the money is to be used for the poor, it was discovered today.

800,000 Liberated On Island

Scattered Remnants Left; Jap Dead at 113,593

MANILA, Thursday, June 28.—(AP)—Reconquest of the big Luzon island, which the Japanese invaded Dec. 10, 1941 and which American forces reinvaded last Jan. 9, was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur—his biggest single triumph of the southwest Pacific war.

Scattered enemy remnants must be hunted down but organized resistance was crushed in north Luzon, the last Japanese stronghold, with 113,593 counted dead, other thousands yet to be counted and several thousand taken prisoner.

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Reporting complete conquest of the Cagayan valley, today's communique added: "The entire island of Luzon, with a population of 800,000 is now liberated."

The Americans have made a juncture in the valley of northern Luzon "securing the entire length" and climaxing a campaign of 28 days.

"Except for isolated operations, this closes the major phase of the northern Luzon campaign," the communique reported, "one of the most savage and bitterly fought in American history."

The only other enemy forces of consequence in the Philippines are on Mindanao, southernmost island, and they are scattered and growing increasingly disorganized.

In addition to the listed enemy dead several thousand were taken prisoner.

Announced American losses were 3793 dead, 34 missing and 11,351 wounded.

Enemy losses through the archipelago already far exceed 400,000.

Naval Force Hits Convoy in Okhotsk Sea

GUAM, Thursday, June 28.—(AP)—Penetrating the Okhotsk sea, west of the Kuriles, for the first announced time of the Pacific war, a light naval task force of the north Pacific fleet sank or damaged a small Japanese convoy in a daylight attack Monday.

The action was disclosed in Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique today.

Three Japanese ships were sunk, one probably was sunk and one small vessel was damaged in the engagement, fought west of the Kuriles island of Harumukotan.

Pvt. C. E. Brown Killed in Action

INDEPENDENCE—(Special)—Mrs. Charles E. Brown received a wire from Washington, D. C. Tuesday stating that her husband, Pvt. Charles E. Brown, 25, was killed in action in Okinawa on May 19. Private Brown arrived overseas in April of this year and had been in the army since last August.

His wife, formerly Maxine Housley, with her daughter, Sharon Kaye, 2 1/2 years of age, resides in Independence. Private Brown is also survived by his father, Charles W. Brown, of Portland, and mother, Mrs. Stanley Klinezak of Salem.

(Picture on servicemen's page.)

Yeggs Bait Police—Crack Safe Again

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Yeggs snubbed noses at Portland police and punched a mid-town business firm safe last night a few hours after detectives had orders "shoot to kill" to break up safe cracking. Police said the Shaw Surgical Supply company safe contained \$700 in cash.

Killer of Policeman Sentenced to Death

Truman Visions Big-3 Peace Plan For 'Generations'

Pact 'Beginning' Ratification Expected in Weeks

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius today called for quick senate approval of the United Nations charter and Senator Connally (D-Tex) predicted it would be ratified in a few weeks with no more than ten "nay" votes.

Stettinius, Connally, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) and other delegates arrived from San Francisco in a giant army transport plane. They were greeted by a cheering crowd of 200 officials and other well-wishers.

We've Just Begun

"We have completed the charter," Stettinius said in a prepared statement in which he pledged "everything that is within me" toward efforts to lasting peace.

"We have just begun to make a United Nations peace. The next step is ratification of the charter by the United States and a sufficient number of other countries to bring the world organization into being and set it to work.

"That cannot come too soon if we are to realize the hope which the San Francisco charter has given to the world."

At a news conference later, Connally predicted ratification would come after two to four weeks of debate. He has called the senate foreign relations committee, of which he is chairman, to a session Saturday morning, to arrange hearings.

"There'll be no railroad, Connally emphasized, but he added: "I don't want to see the senate dilly-dally, shilly-shally and honey-suckle all through July and August just because some members want to make speeches for consumption back home."

"The United States can not live in a cellophane wrapper that will exclude war. It didn't keep us out of war in '17, and it didn't keep us out of this world war."

"Nobody claims this charter is perfect, impeccable. But if it stops one war it will justify its existence and the trouble we've gone to establish it."

Stettinius Lands Truman

In a statement issued shortly after President Truman announced at Independence, Mo., his designation as United States representative on the postwar security council and chairman of the U. S. delegation in the United Nations general assembly, Stettinius said: "I am deeply grateful to the president for his generous appraisal of what I have done. As chief executive of our country he has guided our course with a sure hand and his leadership was essential to the success of the San Francisco conference."

UMATILLA TOPS GOAL

BENDLETON, June 27.—(AP)—Umatilla county has topped its seventh war loan goal—\$1,848,169.93 against a \$1,833,000 quota.

Okinawa's Conquest Costs U.S. 46,319 Casualties; 11,897 Dead

By Luff Erickson

GUAM, Thursday, June 28.—(AP)—Pacific fleet casualties from March 18 through June 20 were 9,731, bringing the total cost of the seizure of Okinawa and all associated naval operations to 46,319.

Of the total, 11,897 personnel, soldiers and marines were killed or missing.

Japanese casualties in ground action alone were 111,351, including 9,498 prisoners. An estimated 3,500 more were killed in the battle of the inland sea March 18-19 -- included in the navy casualty period -- and more than 4,000 Japanese pilots were shot down in assaults on American forces.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique today raised navy casualty figures to 4,907 killed or missing and 4,824 wounded in all Pacific fleet activities associated with the Okinawa invasion.

Naval losses included approximately 1,000 killed, missing or wounded aboard the carrier, USS Franklin, severely damaged by two kamikaze (suicide) pilots as she launched planes to attack a



Goodbye and hello! President Harry S. Truman (left) announced at Independence, Mo., Wednesday that Edward S. Stettinius (right) was leaving his cabinet post of secretary of state and had accepted the position of U.S. representative to the United Nations.

The president and Stettinius are shown at San Francisco where the president congratulates Stettinius at the close of the world peace conference.

Rosson Choice Wins Approval Of Vet Council

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—The veterans' advisory committee today unanimously endorsed Governor Snell's appointment of Hugh E. Rosson as director of the state department of veterans affairs.

The committee named Eugene K. Oppenheimer, Portland, as chairman; John Walker Jones, Milwaukie, vice-chairman; and William Toomey, Portland, secretary.

Lois drawn to determine length of service gave Toomey a four-year term; Jones and Floyd E. Dover, Grants Pass, three; F. J. Holbrook, Medford, and Oppenheimer, two; Harry V. Reed and Carl F. Frellinger, both Portland, one.

Spain, France Call Off Commercial Relations

PARIS, June 27.—(AP)—All commercial relations between France and Spain have been halted completely, it was learned tonight, and diplomatic relations between the two countries have grown more tenuous.

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Stettinius Out of Cabinet, on United Nation Board

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., June 27.—(AP)—President Truman told a whistling cheering home town rally tonight he hoped the "big three" meeting next month would find a formula for a final peace treaty that "will insure the peace for generations to come."

Speaking at a homecoming rally a few hours after he announced that he had picked Edward R. Stettinius, jr., as United States representative to the united nations, accepting his resignation as secretary of state immediately, the president declared he looked upon the big three meeting as one of a series of ordeals he has faced.

Two Jobs Ahead

He saw two jobs ahead of him, to win the war and "find a peace that will work."

"That is all I shall devote my time to from now on," he declared and the upwards of 12,000 people who jammed the Latter Day Saints auditorium cheered lustily.

Then he discussed his forthcoming meeting with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill, assuring: "I have another ordeal facing me in the so-called big three meeting when we will attempt the preliminaries of a peace treaty which we hope will insure the peace for a generation to come."

Needs Help of All Peoples

"We can't afford to have spilled the blood of the cream of the manhood of all the united nations without a just reward. We can't allow that expenditure of life to have been in vain."

He said he needed and wanted the help of all the people. He said that from the way people acted at his recent visits to Olympia, Wash., Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, "I think all the people of the United States are just as anxious as I am to have a peace that will stand."

The president also disclosed, under questioning that: "I will present the charter to the senate formally Monday and ask its immediate ratification."

2. Stettinius will serve as his "personal representative" in supervising the work of the United States members of the preparatory commission pending formal ratification of the charter and his nomination as United States representative to the united nations.

Stettinius, at his own request, the president said, will pass up the "big three" meeting near Berlin next month, representing the president during senate hearings on the charter.

3. He is flying back to Washington Sunday.

Stettinius' resignation, offered immediately after the death of former President Roosevelt, is effective today.

Stettinius' resignation is the fifth the president has accepted from the Roosevelt cabinet.

This is at least the third time in U. S. history that the United States has been without a vice-president and secretary of state.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., became next in line for the presidency as the result of the resignation of Stettinius.

Mentime Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew will serve as acting secretary of state. That does not put Grew in the line of presidential succession because the 1886 law limits the succession to persons who have been confirmed by the senate as cabinet officers.

Another 3400 To Reach N.Y.

NEW YORK, June 27.—(AP)—Three transports with a total of 3400 soldiers are expected to arrive here tomorrow from the European theater—the Darrien, the Marine Raven, and the Jonathon Elmer. The Marine Raven, with 3,002 troops of the 387th regiment of the 97th infantry division, will anchor off Piermont, N. Y.

Truman Hopes For Return to Northwest