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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Russia and the Chinese Communists

The Medford Mail-Tribune offers, as an explanation of why the Chungking government and the Chinese communists of Kennan do not get together, the assertion that the communists "take their orders from Moscow and not from Chungking."

We know of no foundation for such a claim. The apologists for the communists, Edgar Snow and Agnes Smedley, make no such representation. Nor has there been any indication that Russia was slipping favor or supplies to the Chinese "reds."

While it is difficult to get at the exact truth, the impression we have from our reading on both sides of the communist-Chungking imbroglio is that the Chinese communists are quite independent politically and self-sufficient economically. They are not bolsheviks after the "old bolshevik" manner in Russia. Private property rights are still respected. The journalists who defend them claim they are more democratic than Chungking.

Russia itself has done very little to provide supplies for the Chinese in their war against Japan. They did furnish some stuff before their own involvement in Europe, but not much since. Whether Russia is now going to fall on one side or the other is another of the secrets of the Kremlin. The answer may be made at Potsdam now; perhaps Premier T. V. Soong heard it on his recent visit in Moscow. Or it may be that an answer may be found in China itself, for a communist emissary has returned to the capital for further discussions with the ruling party there.

Our own government has put its backing behind Chiang Kai-shek. We question whether Stalin will want to offend this country by taking an opposing attitude. The enigma, however, is one whose unfolding may affect vitally the whole future of East Asia.

## Threat of Lumber Strike

The AFL lumber and sawmill workers' union proposes to ask the NLRB on July 28 for a strike vote to back up its demand for wage increases running from 20 cents to 37 1/2 cents per hour. If the request is granted, the labor board will conduct the vote among union members 30 days afterward.

This strike threat is giving concern to the lumber industry which is now up to its neck turning out lumber for war, and should give concern to the war production board and the army and navy because of the urgent need for lumber for military purposes. It is put down now as perhaps the most critical material.

We do not see how the workers could stage a strike now in the face of the known need for lumber. They are patriotic citizens with sons and relatives in the service and are as anxious to have the war with Japan pressed through to victory as any group. We simply refuse to believe they will put the country in jeopardy by actually calling a strike, even though they make all the steps preliminary thereto.

Likewise we do not see how the government can permit a strike in the lumber industry now. The war situation is too critical. We are mounting the final assault on Japan, and lumber is essential to support that assault—lumber for barracks, for warehouses, for docks, for crates and boxes.

Some way must be found to head off a walk-out. The workers in woods and mills who have made such a good record hitherto must not spoil that record and endanger early victory by laying down axe and saw at this juncture in the war.

## Editorial Comment

### JAPANESE RESISTANCE

Sydney newspapers looking in a crystal ball predict "big news" pretty soon. Possibly they are not quite sure what they saw, for they offer a choice of two eventualities. One is Japan begging for peace; the other is Russia jumping into the war.

The suggestion that Japan will cave down the bank immediately is one to be viewed with caution. All we know about the Japanese and what they are likely to do is based on what they have done before. They have never been quick to surrender; in fact, in their three previous historic wars they did not quit. Even in the face of Kublai Khan, the most powerful monarch of his time, they had nothing but defiance. In the present war, no matter how badly beaten, they have not surrendered enough to notice.

There is another feature, probably important. The Japanese have a supreme confidence that they can smash the enemy. They have been telling us about it all through this war. They were going to annihilate us at Guadalcanal; in the Philippines they would drive us into the sea; on Saipan they would tear us to pieces; on Okinawa they would grind us to powder.

This is possibly not so funny as the recital would indicate. It sounds like whistling in the graveyard to keep up the national spirits. It can be that the Japanese believe that sooner or later they will deal us a devastating blow that will discourage us and make us quit. If this has failed to come each time they have predicted it so far, that only means to them that the right moment has not arrived.

Tokyo is now saying the Americans will be crushed either in the surt or after they have landed. It is not safe to be too sure that they do not think so. When Kublai Khan demanded their surrender, they chopped off the heads of his envoys and met him in the surt and on the beaches. They had no great army then; nothing to compare with the Khan's in organization and skill.

It is also not safe to think an invasion of Japan will be easy. The landing and the subjection of the islands may be a tougher operation than Normandy and Germany. This time the Japanese have an estimated 5,000,000 troops on the home islands, with plenty of arms. With a firm belief that they can defeat invasion, they are most likely to fight to the bitter end. Okinawa goes again, on a vastly greater scale.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## "In the Groove"

The Baker Democrat-Herald thinks that because of Franklin Roosevelt's breaking the two-term precedent "it need not be surprising if future White House occupants strive for as many terms as they can win." Not surprising, no; but surprising if they can succeed. For the Roosevelt fourth-term precedent will serve to blight many a hope of continuation in office. Roosevelt's death at the beginning of his fourth term will be cited to show the physical strain of the presidency; and the record-to-date made by Harry Truman pretty well explodes the "indispensable man" theory. Moreover, we hope that we will have no more wars in election years, so the plea of "don't swap horses" may not be dragged out to perpetuate a man in office.

All this is speculative. The two-term precedent has been broken. We must admit it is quite conceivable that men may be elected three or even more times to the presidency. However, the country has survived the FDR reign, though with constitutional precedents warped and debt multiplied; so we should not assume that a future multiple-term president would spell the country's doom.

The pertinent political question for republicans and new dealers is this man Truman. So far he has been clicking with the people, with congress, with politicians and businessmen. New dealers are left with their jaws hanging (Henry Wallace in particular); and republicans no longer are laying bets on 1948. Truman is doing a good job of carrying out the Dewey platform (Perkins, Morgenthau, Biddle, with Ickes up). Herbert Brownell, republican national chairman, predicts a republican congress after the 1946 election and a republican president in 1948. We doubt if he is laying any bets on either score, however.

Anyhow politics is "back in the groove." The age of Roosevelt mysticism is passed.

## OWI Report on Northwest

OWI got in bad with Kansas and Nebraska because it deprecated their industrial development in the pamphlet it prepared for distribution in Russia. It puts emphasis on power development out here, which is correct; and then it refers to the mineral resources of the northwest which it reports have been "scarcely touched."

That is pretty much bunk. We have pretty well extracted the supplies of rich virgin metals. The Butte copper mines are high-cost operations now. The lead-silver mines in north Idaho are still producing, but no new districts are being discovered.

We are always hearing people talk about "untapped mineral resources" when actually there never were many such resources in the area to tap.

Of course there are still stores of minerals to come out of the earth out here; but the place for their discovery is more probably in the laboratory than in the field; discovery of new processes to use crude minerals.

## Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON  
Associated Press War Analyst

Two developments in China throw into high relief a prediction by Premier T. V. Soong that the Japanese war would end this year or early in 1946. They are:

The first American air strike from the Pacific at Japanese airfields in the Shanghai area; and a significant suggestion from Chungking that a potential sea supply line for Chinese troops now exists in southern Kwangtung.

Although fresh from conferences in Moscow with Generalissimo Stalin, Soong gave no intimation to the Chungking audience he addressed that any definite decisions affecting Russo-Chinese relations had been reached to account for his optimism. It is certain, nevertheless, that nothing was said at Moscow to decrease his expectation of a far earlier end of the war in Asia than is as yet contemplated in Anglo-American high command circles.

Chinese seizure of a 50-mile-wide stretch of the coast of South China between Tinpak and Yeung-kong, southwest of Canton, caused the Chungking command to note that the way was now open in Kwangtung for a seaborne invasion. To form an effective junction with main Chinese armies west of the failing Japanese Hankow-Canton corridor, however, South China ports farther west in the Gulf of Tonkin would seem necessary. In that connection the reported Chinese capture of Mon Cay in the extreme northeastern tip of French Indo-China could lead to greater results than the clearing of the Kwangtung coast east of Tinpak.

Mon Cay is linked by highway with a stretch of the Hanoi-Nanning-Liuchow railway all in Chinese hands. It and paralleling roads could serve as a feeder for arms and equipment for the whole southern wing of Chinese armies storming persistently at Japanese "corridor" defenses holding open the Hankow-Canton connections.

Japanese loss of Changsha would cut all enemy forces in South China off completely by land as they are now cut off by sea.

There is much to indicate that Chinese strategy in the south is aimed at ultimate clearance of the whole Kwangtung and Tonkin gulf coasts of enemy forces as the most promising means of direct sea communications for an inflow of battle equipment and supplies on a scale adequate to Chinese needs. Mon Cay is the only southern port in Chinese hands as yet with direct road or rail connections with Chungking main arteries.

The port still is completely masked by Hsian Island and the Japanese-held extremity of the Liuchow peninsula. They are in easy range of American air power based in the Philippines, however, to supplement American 14th air force operations from China.

Far to the north in Shantung air strikes in the Shanghai area by American Okinawa-based bombers must serve to intensify Japanese expectation of an allied amphibious advance on that hub of enemy occupation in northern China.



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## The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL, edited by Sterling North and C. B. Boutell (Doubleday, Doran, \$3).

A couple of newspaper boys have raised the devil from his numerous literary lairs. North and Boutell, book editors of the New York Post, have collected 34 items of fiction, poetry and drama having to do with Satan, whom they find, after considerable diabolical research, "in league with creative mankind—even anthropologists."

John Collier alone makes three contributions, one of them that creepy masterpiece "Thus I Refute Beelzy." Baudelaire, Goethe, Marlowe, Milton and Dante, as you might expect, are represented, but some of the other names are surprises. The editors are impartial, showing Satan both winning and worsted. They have preceded each section—Foreign Devils, Faust, Satan in America, what they smartly call the "Djinn Bottle" and so on—with helpful and entertaining comments. And as you might have guessed, the jacket design is by Salvador Dali.

It's all a good job of giving the devil his due.

IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN—by Don Freeman (Harcourt, Brace, \$2).

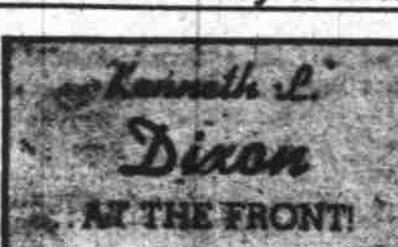
And it wouldn't have, without Freeman's smart pencil. Pvt. Albert C. Bedlington, Jr., goes to Army camp and starts through the ropes. It's a dog's life, he discovers, and logically enough he turns into a dog.

But being a dog in a man's world has its problems, too, as he finds out in various adventures on furlough. Freeman, who evidently reads the newspapers, lets Al occupy a berth and that brings a senate investigation. In the end, it all makes a man of Al and he's off to the wars.

Freeman tells his story in few words and many pictures; he's good at writing, grand at drawing. The doghouse for you if you don't read it.

THINK IT OVER, MATE, by Len Givins, USMC (MH, \$1.25).

Advice to the sailor on how to keep out of the brig and off a diet of peas and punk, and what the penalties are if he ignores the advice. At least our Navy is more humane than some navies used to be; it doesn't make the punishment fit the crime so



By Kenneth L. Dixon

OCCUPIED GERMANY—(P)—Trying to operate a civilian type vehicle in the army zone is getting as complicated as a d e d these days as running an interstate truck line back home.

Down in the seventh army territory such vehicles are registered by a special number which must be displayed prominently—usually painted on the radiator or hood. Before the ninth army was dissolved, that system was abandoned and license plates were issued with white numbers on a red background.

Operating in the Bremen area, it also is necessary to get a windshield sticker or the MP's will be on your tail—regardless of whether you have one of the other two types of registration.

There are several other methods of identification and registration and for most of them you must apply through the provost marshal's office or the military government department. Then after a brief delay (also reminiscent of civilian days) your license comes through and is issued to you.

The only difference is that you don't have to pay for it.

Sgt. Frank S. Coleman of Bartlesville, Okla., and PFC. Otto W. Winkman of Pine Bluff, Ark., are the 84th division's official flag raisers whose job it is to see that the Stars and Stripes float each day over the command post.

Sometimes they practically have to be acrobats to do the job. Back at Bad Pyrmont, Germany, they had to climb four flights of stairs and a lad-

der to reach the roof where the pole was located. Now they are operating from a standard flagpole on the ground and all is well.

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## Object Lesson

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## Meat Scarcity Not Felt Much in Honolulu

HONOLULU, July 20—(P)—Ninety thousand customers went home with smiles on their faces and an estimated 300,000 pounds of fresh meat under their arms.

The 90,000 smiles and 300,000 pounds of meat marked the inauguration yesterday of a new distribution plan under which all markets sell their limited stock on the same day.

Previously, explained Charles Patty, territorial director of meat control, the markets staggered their meat days and customers would jump from one to another. Under the new management, he said, every customer gets two to three pounds, depending on the size of his family.

Despite the scarcity, Patty said, Honolulu is much better off than the mainland.

There is no point system of rationing food in Hawaii.

## Peter Steffin Dies Thursday After Illness

SILVERTON — Peter Steffin, 84, prominent farmer in this district for the past 65 years, died at his home here Thursday following an extended illness.

Steffen was born in Bern, Ind., and came to Silvertown at the age of 12. He married Rose Leichty, daughter of a pioneer mining days in Jacksonville and the Rogue River valley, and since then the couple has made their home at the farm on route two.

Regarded by many in this area as an excellent farmer, he was active in his work until shortly before his death. He was one of the founders of the Pratum Menonite church and had been active in church affairs.

Surviving are the widow, four children, Lena E. Clark, Dan A. Steffen and Ellen F. Steffen, all of Silvertown, and Oliver E. Steffen of Roseburg; nine grandchildren, and also several nieces and nephews who reside at Howell Prairie.

Funeral services will be held at the Pratum Menonite church Monday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Wilbert Regier officiating. Concluding services will be at the Pratum cemetery under the direction of the W. T. Rigdon company.

## Bull Attacks Doctor

MEDFORD, July 20—(P)—Dr. Kenneth C. Farley, government veterinarian, was recovering today from injuries inflicted by a bull he was testing. The enraged animal attacked Farley, breaking four of his ribs and causing head and chest lacerations.

## Sailor's Death Brings Arrest Of Attendants

WASHINGTON, July 20—(P)—A coroner's jury today ordered three attendants held for grand jury action in connection with the death of a sailor mental patient at the government-operated St. Elizabeth's hospital.

The sailor, Seaman 2/c Clark J. Leeper, 22, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz., died Wednesday of a ruptured liver, Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy said. Leeper's parents now live at Richmond, Calif.

It had been disclosed previously by hospital authorities that an investigation was under way to ascertain the circumstances under which Howard J. Crandall, 21, of San Diego, Calif., a discharged sailor, had died at the hospital.

The three attendants held for the grand jury, with individual bonds set at \$1500, were: Fred A. Brown, 40; Lloyd L. Lacey, 50, and Samuel H. Seigel, 38.

Witnesses at the coroner's hearing said Seaman Leeper had become "upset" after being denied the privilege of walking about the hospital grounds because he made a "nuisance" of himself.

Four attendants were required to place him in seclusion, James Carter, a hospital supervisor said, and furniture in Leeper's room was ordered removed, along with his clothing.

The sailor subsequently was found unconscious.

Cecil C. Morris, a hospital attendant, testified at the coroner's hearing that he saw Brown and Lacey strike Leeper, and that he saw Seigel kick the seaman once in the side.

Morris testified that in his opinion the sailor was only "stubborn" and that the blows were "unprovoked."

Dr. Winfred Overholser, superintendent of the hospital, said he wanted a complete investigation of the entire situation, because "we won't tolerate mistreatment of patients."

Overholser disclosed that Crandall died about two weeks ago from peritonitis which developed from a stomach injury. He said the death was attributed to injuries received in a struggle June 30 when he escaped temporarily from the hospital grounds.

## Sick Soldier's Life Hanging By a Thread

FORT WORTH, July 20—(P)—Corp. Jim Newman's life hung by a thread today, his father, O. F. Newman said, although the former prisoner of the Japs was able to eat a breakfast of egg and bacon, and appeared to be resting somewhat better than yesterday.

The 25-year-old soldier who was brought home from Bruns General hospital, Santa Fe, N.M., at his request slept all last night after a group of ministers of his faith—Assembly of God—prayed at his bedside.

At noon today young Newman refused all food except a glass of milk.

The father and other members of the family, all of whom are home for the first time in years, asked that the Associated Press express for them their "humble thanks for the thousands of letters, telegrams and gifts that have flowed into the little white home from all over the nation, Canada and Hawaii."

Newman is suffering from tuberculosis and the effects of beriberi.

## Haycox Story May Be Filmed in Oregon

MEDFORD, July 20—(P)—"Canyon Passage," Ernest Haycox's tale of pioneer mining days in Jacksonville and the Rogue River valley, may be filmed at original sites of the story, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce learned today.

Henry Spits of Walter Wanger Pictures, Inc., Universal City, Calif., which owns screenplay rights to the Saturday Evening Post story, will survey the pioneer mining community next week.

Governor Snell has assured the company of cooperation.

## Testing Clinic Will Operate At Willamette

Willamette university's department of education, under the direction of Dr. Lawrence A. Riggs is offering a special service this summer for the benefit of the department of public welfare, the county health department and other public agencies interested in children.

Between now and the close of the summer semester, the university class in individual intelligence testing will operate a testing clinic. The program includes the testing of more than 175 children. Following the tests, written reports are prepared on each child and are placed in the hands of the appropriate welfare workers to be used in their conferences with the child concerned.

In addition to the services to the children and to the welfare department, this testing program also provides an opportunity to demonstrate Binet testing procedure for the benefit of teachers and counsellors of young people who seek experience in testing and desire a greater understanding of the use of tests in counselling.

Dr. Riggs, head of the education department at Willamette, came to the Willamette faculty from Johns Hopkins university where he was also clinical advisor for the child welfare department in Baltimore.

Commenting upon this service of the education department, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of the university, pointed out that there were few places on the entire Pacific coast where such a service for children was available.

## KOAC Slates Farm Safety 4H Program

In observance of National Farm Safety week July 22-28, radio station KOAC will broadcast a 4H program, Monday night from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, James Bishop, county club agent announced Friday.

Participation of club members in a special 4H farm safety contest to prevent farm and home accidents gives many opportunities for service and fine awards are offered winners, states Bishop. Club members interested may obtain contest details from the county club office in Salem.

Other regular Monday night 4H radio programs over KOAC are as follows: July 30, Folk county, Russell T. Daulton, assistant county agent, in charge; August 6, 4H livestock and crops tour program, N. John Hansen, Linn county club agent and S. Kirk Skinner, Yamhill county club agent, in charge; August 13, H. C. Seymour, state club leader, speaks on "What Is Doing in 4H Club Work for August, September, and October;" August 20, Linn county, John Hansen in charge; August 27, Benton county, J. A. Sullivan, club agent, in charge.

## Gabrielson Chef de Gare Of 40 et 8

Carl Gabrielson was elected chef de gare of Marion county voters 153, Forty and Eight, at that organization's annual election meeting Wednesday night at the Lions Den. Charles H. Huggins was named chef de train; Jake Fuhrer, commissar attendant; Louis Griffith, correspondent locale; Al Feilen, conductor; Charles V. Johnson, garde la porte; Luther J. Jensen, commiss voyageur; Carl Schneider, lampiste; Dr. J. Q. Van Winkle, medicine locale; Walter Kirk, Dick Meyer and Harry Humphreys, chemists locale.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting, which is to be held September 19 in Mt. Angel.

The voiture went on record approving the appointment of Voyager Hugh Rosen as state director of veterans' affairs. Approximately 25 members signified their intention of attending the Corvallis barbecue July 28.

## Fare Reductions Due

PORTLAND, July 20—(P)—United Air Lines has filed proposed fare reductions between Portland and major cities in Washington, Traffic Manager J. H. Standish said today.

The changes, if approved, would be effective Aug. 20.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"And for our wedding and honeymoon I've planned on August 15, cloudless, with brilliant sunshine, continuing without change for 10 days."