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## Changes in High Command

There will be universal approval of the appointment of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as chief of staff of the army to succeed General George C. Marshall, and of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to succeed Admiral Ernest J. King as chief of navy operations. Both have proven in the hard test of combat their qualifications for heading the armed services.

General Eisenhower should rank as one of the great commanders of history. He organized and directed armies for the most difficult type of military operations: sea-borne invasions and land campaigns far from sources of supply. North Africa, Sicily, southern Italy, Normandy all stand as testimony for his competence in organization. The brilliant drive across France and through the Siegfried line into the heart of Germany conducted under Eisenhower's command will long be required study for students of tactics. The single great reverse last December in the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes region was quickly absorbed through the plan of holding the anchors of the broken line firm and then pinching off the salient.

But there is more to Eisenhower than ability in handling armies. His is one mind which seems to understand the trends of modern politics, who appreciated the menace of fascism to a liberty-loving world. His public utterances have always been sane, well considered and meaty. Particularly commendable is his attitude toward the Russians. He has gotten on very well with the Russian army and seems eager to maintain friendly relations between Russia and the United States, which hardly seems to be true of some of our leaders.

Admiral Nimitz is fresh and salty, with a vigorous but well-balanced mind. His task was on a similar scale with that of Eisenhower's—the building and direction of the biggest fleet in history and its successful progress across the Pacific to the enemy's shores.

The men who are retiring from the offices of command, General Marshall and Admiral King, leave with the highest praise of the American people. Marshall is better known to the American people and has retained their warm respect. What a blessing it was that we had for this war period a commander who held the full confidence of the president and of the congress! Even republicans in opposition to Roosevelt paid heed to the word of General Marshall. That gave a unity in military leadership the lack of which would almost have been fatal to our cause.

Admiral King is pictured as a more austere figure. Nevertheless his contribution to the victory was very great. The navy, it may be said, made no such great blunders as the Alcan highway and the Canal project and the Central American highway. Under King the navy pulled itself out of some tight holes. In 1942 the submarines were popping off torpedoes into the bellies of ships right in sight of our shores. Steadily this menace was pushed back into the mid-Atlantic, the convoys were run to Britain and Murmansk. With slim resources the navy remnant began taking "calculated risks" (King's famous phrase) in the southwest Pacific, won their gamble and then the augmented fleet ground Japan's sea power to zero. King was the directing genius of the far-flung naval operations. He too belongs with the heroes of American naval history.

## Wise Planning Needed

The nation's unprecedented highway construction program, expected to get well under way in 1946, is drawing major attention from the American Road Builders' association, and with good reason. The association apparently is fearful that planners will not benefit by previous experiences.

It offers these statistics and comments: Only 6 per cent of the 333,000 miles of primary rural highways in the United States have more than two traffic lanes. Of the 8 per cent, only 1 1/2 per cent are four lanes. The other 4 1/2 per cent, constituting three-lane highways, is condemned "as an invitation to highway accidents." Where the volume of traffic requires it, our primary rural roads of the future should have four lanes.

That succinct story should be given every consideration, particularly in the northwest where a tremendous gain in tourist travel is assured. It should be considered even in the acquisition of rights-of-way for roads which now may warrant no more than two lanes, but which some day may have to be relocated entirely unless adequate room for expansion is assured. Similar developments have happened many times before.

The most striking instance of oversight in adequate highway planning probable constitutes the two great bridges over San Francisco bay. The \$77,000,000 Oakland-San Francisco span has six traffic lanes—and a constantly growing casualty list because there is no room for a few-foot division strip between the right and left lanes. The \$35,000,000 Golden Gate bridge has four lanes, and an accident record in proportion to its use. In both instances, engineers allowed for plenty of traffic lanes but neglected the further paramount factor of safety—a center strip. It's too late to remedy that now without the expenditure of millions of dollars.

The four lane highway is well worth the efforts of the road builders' association in promotion. The division strip also certainly should not be overlooked.

An Oregon-laid egg hatched in Minnesota—winds up a big turkey on President Truman's table today. It's "broad-breasted" of course.

## Competition for UNO Capital

A keen, close-in fight is being waged over the location of the capital of the United Nations. When the decision of the preparatory commission favoring a site in the United States was announced last month it may have been assumed that San Francisco, which proved such an admirable host to the conference last summer, would be the final choice. But it develops that the city by the golden gate is having real competition.

Philadelphia was early in the field; then came Kansas City, followed by Denver, Chicago, New York and the Black Hills. But the real contender seems to be Hyde Park; and the principal backer of that location seems to be Great Britain.

The British wanted the seat of world government in Europe, but was able to muster only two votes besides her own—those of France and The Netherlands—for that location. Nine nations, headed by Russia, favored the USA, our own representative not casting any vote. Failing in its first desire Britain now is working to have the selection go to the east coast of the United States, and has picked up Hyde Park, capitalizing on its emotional appeal as the town nearest the burial place of Franklin D. Roosevelt. This has gained little favor in Washington, so it is reported, although President Truman is keeping his hands off. The patent objection is that Hyde Park is in a rural area, so an entirely new city would have to be built to serve as the UNO capital.

Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco has gone to London to present the claim of his home city. A group of advertising men in San Francisco worked hard for two weeks to prepare presentation material in the city's behalf. The best designers, engravers, printers and bookbinders there were called in to produce the book descriptive of San Francisco which is being used in support of its case.

The west coast backs up San Francisco un-animously, and sincerely hopes that the new experiment in world organization may locate its offices in that city, whose windows open on the Pacific and on the countries of the far east whose problems loom large in the world of tomorrow.

## Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White  
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21. (AP)—Is World war III beginning in China?

A pessimist who asks this question and who suspects the answer is "yes" can point to a seeming parallelism with Spain in 1936.

There two rival groups were contending for control, and were depending to some extent on outside help to get it.

In Spain the republican government got some help from Russia, a little from unofficial liberals in various parts of the world. The Franco insurgents got much help from Germany and Italy, indirect help from a non-intervention policy on the part of other powers.

Today in China the Chiang Kai-shek government has some help from America—equipment, including transport facilities, and some assistance from U. S. marines in disarming Japanese troops which "inadvertently" (to quote Gen. Wedemeyer) operates to the central government's advantage in its struggle with the communists.

Some Suspect Russian Aid

Many people in this country, some of whom suspect Russia anyway, suspect Russian aid to the Chinese communists, but not even the central Chinese government openly makes that charge. And if it is said that the Russians are at least indirectly aiding the communists by withdrawing from Manchuria before central troops get there, the Russians may reply that they are abiding by their treaty with Chungking and that such aid is quote as "inadvertent" as American assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek forces.

The pessimist can go on and reflect that World war II may have begun in Manchuria itself in 1931, and not in Spain in 1936. Much depends upon the importance the observer attaches to what happened in the orient in relation to what goes on in the western world.

But the optimist, asking the same question can remember that it took the world 25 years after World war I to work itself up to the armament and confusion and animosity necessary to embark on another world struggle.

It is true, he can reflect, that the world is tired of fighting. And this presumably includes Russia, whose losses in this war are so vast as to be comparable only with those in China and in the defeated axis countries.

Threat Outweighs Conflict

In China today, it is true that the threat of fighting still far outweighs the actual conflict, which one astute Chinese defines as "skirmishing."

Both sides in China may be "skirmishing" with two things in mind. They may count upon the weariness of the Chinese people to preclude any large scale civil war, but in case that should develop they may look for outside help. Each side has its fundamental conditions for a settlement, and each side backs down and reargues as the winds of world politics blows across the land.

The optimist will share President Truman's confidence that with the divided atom in our midst the human race preface will work out the means of preserving permanent peace. The logic of that stand is obvious.

It must be done or men everywhere face the prospect of another war at the best, at the worst a chain-reaction of splitting atoms which might convert the one world we inhabit into a bright new star, highly interesting from afar, but eminently unlivable for all of us.



The Anxious Seat

## IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1)

us in our power and might?

It might be well as we frame our prayers today to remember that the Pharisee also went to church and thanked God—in the Pharisee's fashion.

I suggest that at dinner tables the master of the house read or recite Kipling's Recessional. Surely it is appropriate for the occasion:

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart:  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire:  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power,  
we loose  
Wild longings that not thee in awe,  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,  
For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord,

## The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

THE POWER AND THE GLORY  
To the Editor:

Man seeks power. Glory seeks the man. Power may dwell in the house of the privileged and the schemer. Glory lives only in the conscience of the just and righteous. Power is a tangible force against the material things of life. Glory is the intangible value bestowed upon that force by others, and the measure of spiritual reward to ourselves. The men and women on the home front, by their will to labor, have won the greatest power for good on earth, the power of mass production. The men

## Institutions to Have Turkey

Special turkey dinners, with all the trimmings, are scheduled at most of the state institutions in the Salem area Thursday, Thanksgiving day, officials announced Wednesday.

Dinner for more than 2500 patients and attendants will be served at the Oregon state hospital here at noon. The state penitentiary has a population of nearly 1000.

Boxing matches have been arranged at the penitentiary in the afternoon, while special entertainment programs also are scheduled at some other institutions. Most of the turkeys to be consumed by state wards were produced at the state plants.

Our glorious flag must wave high on its staff over a strong America always at the noon day of production so that it will be reverently folded into the good will of the peoples of the world at each setting sun.  
Dean McWain  
986 North 5th St.

## Indictees Arraigned Before Circuit Court

Six men previously indicted by the grand jury were arraigned before Circuit Court Judge E. M. Page Wednesday resulting in the following dispositions:

Fred Peppie, rape, continued to Nov. 24. R. I. Moore, forgery, entered a plea of guilty and will be sentenced Nov. 23. Walter Rhodes, larceny by bailee, entered a plea of guilty and will be sentenced Nov. 23. L. O. Noland, forgery, entered a plea of guilty and will be sentenced Nov. 23. Patrick L. Lacy, forgery, extension to Nov. 26 for entry of plea. C. H. Dunn, obtaining money by false pretenses, extension to Nov. 23, for entry of plea.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"My, but it's nice to have the turkey and dressing disappear as if by magic, again!"

## Putnam Lauds State Education At Luncheon

Measured by its results, the Oregon system of public education is among the top 10 in the United States, and on some bases of comparison is among the first four states, State Supt. of Public Instruction Rex Putnam told Salem Sorophimists at their luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Oregon bids fair to lose this rating, however, he declared, because she is not preparing the teachers she needs. One reason for this, the speaker maintained is the "decidedly unstable financing" of the schools of the state.

To replace, those leaving the profession, Oregon needs 600 new teachers annually and currently has 300 persons preparing to teach, Putnam said. A large percentage of those now teaching are not able to meet the state's requirements but are teaching under emergency permits, most of them as a patriotic contribution to the state. Still the schools are understaffed by several hundred teachers, he declared.

Dr. Putnam was presented to the club by Florence Beardsley, supervisor with the state department of education and program chairman for the day.

## 60 Applications Received for State Vet Loans

Sixty applications for farm and home loans, under the so-called veterans' farm and home loan act of the 1945 legislature, had been received by the state veterans department up to noon Wednesday, Hugh Rosson, director, announced.

Six of these loans already have been approved and are in process of completion. The loans are applicable only to veterans of World war II.

Other applications have been referred to the state land board for appraisal of properties offered for security. The law authorizes maximum loans of \$3000, based on not more than 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property involved. The loans draw 4 per cent interest and must be paid within 20 years. The veterans department already has sold bonds of \$1,000,000 and other bond issues will be announced later.

## Minister Talks To Lions Club

"Subservience only to one's conscience, a heritage from our Pilgrim forefathers, is the cornerstone of our present position in the world," the Rev. Roy Fedje, district superintendent of the Methodists church told the Hollywood Lions club at their Wednesday noon meeting.

Guest at the Thanksgiving dinner meeting was Leona Tingstad, the group's candidate for Victory Bond queen. Mrs. Iris Purvis, president of the auxiliary announced that a plan had been made for a basket social next Wednesday evening.

## McKenna Urges Short Tax Report

The report of Governor Earl Snell's tax studying commission, instead of featuring lengthy technical discussions, should be as brief as possible and stress the future financial demands of the state and its political subdivisions and suggestions as to how these demands can be met, Coe McKenna, state tax commissioner, declared here Wednesday.

McKenna also is a member of the tax study group. McKenna said the commission probably will have its report completed well in advance of the 1947 legislative session.

## Woman Taken to Hospital After Wreck

Helen Blondell, passenger in the car driven by Cube Hensen, 2240 Fairgrounds rd., was taken to the Desconess hospital Wednesday morning with a fractured collar bone, after the Hensen car collided with a Southern Pacific switch engine on 12th st.

Hensen told police that he had just left his work at the Thomas Kay Woolen mill and did not see the engine as he was driving out of the alley near the firm. Hensen was not injured although his car was badly damaged.

## USO Program Head Transferred to Cal.

Lucy Ellen Coe, who has been program director and assistant director for the Salem USO center since August 14, has been transferred to the YMCA-operated USO at Coronado, Calif., and will leave for her new post next week.

Prior to coming to Salem, Miss Coe was for 11 months program director and for one month director of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USO, and before that was secretary to the editor of publications, University of Illinois.

## Speaks Today



The Rev. Wilmer A. Brown, pastor of the First Evangelical church, will be the speaker at union Thanksgiving services at 10 o'clock this morning at the First Methodist church. (Story Page 1).

## Dr. Williams Sees Religious Revival Coming

Dr. W. Irvin Williams, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church and now of Long Beach, Calif., gave a Thanksgiving day talk at the Salem Rotary club luncheon meeting Wednesday. Williams was a member of the club while here and has since been retained as an honorary member.

He predicted a religious revival in America within the next 10 years and said it would put Christianity in the lives of individuals, it is "religion or anarchy," he concluded.

The luncheon was one of the best attended in many weeks with members of the Presbyterian Men's club present to swell the attendance.

## Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Jury to hear case of State vs Dean Anderson will be called in Monday morning, Nov. 26, 1945.

Melvin L. Stewart vs Sam Steinbock: Complaint asks judgment totaling \$20,000 in alienation of affections suit.

Virginia Kild vs County of Marion, State of Oregon, a public corporation and Southern Pacific Co.: Plaintiff awarded judgment from each defendant.

Mary Matheny vs Robert D. Matheny: Application to place suit on trial docket.

Mrs. Jerold Owen vs Franklin Fire Insurance Co. (Philadelphia), a corporation: Complaint asks judgment of \$1000 plus interest and costs for alleged loss of a coat.

Fred A. Williams vs Theodore Vap: Time in which defendant is required to further plead is extended to Jan. 2, 1946.

Harold Gerock vs Gladys May Gerock: Divorce decree granted to plaintiff.

Lillian Marietta Throne vs Marion Francis Throne: Application made to set for trial on Dec. 1945.

Helen McMillin vs Earnest McMillin: Plaintiff moves court for order awarding custody of two minor children during suit pendancy and \$50 per month support money.

Fred A. Williams vs George E. Williams and Jessie Williams: Order of default and judgment of \$217.50 plus costs against defendant.

PROBATE COURT

Lillian Voorhes Speare, estate: A. M. Austin, Dean Bishoprick and Lyman E. Veely appointed appraisers.

Huldah M. Caswell, estate: House and lots at Woodburn appraised at \$1000.

Mrs. Iris Purvis, president of the auxiliary announced that a plan had been made for a basket social next Wednesday evening.

Arthur Cogill Fox Perry, estate: Supplemental final account of Althea B. K. Perry approved and sum of undertaking reduced to \$1000.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Russel Earl Hasking, 38, mechanic, and Betty Lou Lehr, 21, waitress, both Silverton.

Byron Hazelton, jr., U.S. army, 1008 Berry st., and Lila Fay Williams, 29, secretary, 348 Division st., both Salem.

Kenneth L. Neff, 27, battery technician, and Helen M. Stover, 26, clerk, both Seattle.

Robert F. Meier, 26, 120 Silverton rd., Salem, and Rosemary Coleman, 28, domestic, 211 1/2 Division st., Portland.

Edward A. Graham, 41, optician, Salem, and Mary L. Hochgraeaf, clerk, Portland.

William A. Truman, 25, U.S. navy, 248 Union st., and Mary Nelke, 26, secretary, both Salem.



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