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Morse and the World Court

Senator Wayne Morse heads a list of 14 senators who sponsor an amendment to the Connally bill to implement the charter of the United Nations which would authorize the president to declare the adherence of the United States to the world court. This measure carries out the well-known philosophy of Senator Morse who has strongly supported an international code of law and a court to control the relations of nations. He made this clear during his senatorial campaign of 1944. It is therefore the carrying out of his pledges, that presents this amendment to make the United States an active participant in a world court.

Morse's philosophy is sound. One great defect of the league of nations and of the present charter is that it relies too much on negotiation and compromise and too little on law and its interpretation by a judicial body. Prevention of war remains largely a matter of diplomacy and too little a matter of use of civil procedures such as a court of justice.

The ultimate goal is to give a parliamentary body such as the assembly of the United Nations legislative authority, and then vest in a world court power to interpret and apply the law. The security council would be the enforcing arm. The charter omits the first step and the jurisdiction of the world court is abridged.

Errand Boy Diplomacy

Joseph Grew, one-time ambassador to Tokyo, brings up a pertinent and all-important point when he expressed a belief that a personal meeting between President Roosevelt and Japanese Prime Minister Konoye in 1941 might have prevented the Pacific war.

Assuming that Konoye at the time was the nominal ruler of Japan, if Hirohito can be discounted to that extent, such a meeting would have been between the heads of nations. And if diplomacy can't some day be brought to that level of personal contact, the future indeed appears dark.

Suppose it had been Konoye instead of Kurosu who flew to the United States just before Pearl Harbor. Konoye couldn't have pleaded ignorance of the planned attack. The eyes of Japan might have been on his visit, rather than on a desperate preparation to set the world still more aflame.

There already are too many "ifs" in this World War II business, and this doesn't purport to raise another. But it appears high time that the discarding of isolation in regard to countries also should be carried on to the leaders who run them. There has been altogether too much errand-boy policy in top-flight diplomacy. If the master of the Kremlin, the lord of 110 Downing and the commander-in-chief of Pennsylvania avenue—and their ilk all over the world—can meet to fight the fire while the house burns, they needn't be to austere and above-it-all to get together personally to stamp out a smoldering match before they hear the cries of the dying.

A Growing Influence

The intrinsic place of the comic strip in the average American home is never better shown than when it becomes unavailable. A few weeks ago in New York, strike-bound newspapers were swamped with telephone calls to ask what was happening to the favorite characters of the drawing boards. And in Seattle this week, one woman-reader called to insist that there be read to her by phone the continuity she'd missed when a tie-up prevented publication.

The number of comic strips available runs well into the hundreds, and no newspaper can use all of them. Some are unobtainable because territorial rights are bought up. The choice must be based on availability and on the tenor of the communities in which they circulate. Such choice is becoming more and more important, as shown by tremendous reader interest, and cannot be treated lightly. That comics wield influence on young America is unquestioned.

It is to be hoped that artists accept their growing responsibility as a challenge for decency and proper impression as well as for reader interest, and that newspapers take renewed cognizance of their import.

W. C. Conner

For nearly twenty years W. C. Conner was connected with the Statesman Publishing company. He joined the organization in 1919 as editor of its Northwest Poultry Journal and continued in that capacity until the journal was sold in 1938. He also served as staff photographer. Previously he had edited and published weekly papers in southwest Oregon. A man of high principle, kindly of disposition and manager, we of The Statesman entertained high regard for him, and note his passing with sincere regret.

"Nor Any Drop to Drink"

Isn't there an old saying about like this: "You never miss the water till the well runs dry?"

Cos Bay residents this week must have dusted that saying off and brought it into common use when they found their water taps sucking air instead of giving forth copious streams of aqua pura. Frantic phone calls brought the information that the reservoir had caved in and the water had all run down the hill into the bay. Forthwith a return to the cloe communion with nature via dishpans and rain barrels set under the drip of the roof. Two railroad tank cars of water were rushed from Eugene to quench the thirst of the Cos Bay residents.

Shortage of water in Cos Bay, of all places! There where the clouds do a quick turnaround from the neighboring ocean, where from September to July the elements are strictly elemental and clouds and rain are what the people think they have most of. Nothing to drink in Cos Bay, nothing that is except "something." The inhabitants must have felt their peninsula was a raft afloat in mid-ocean, and like the ancient mariner they could say:

Water, water everywhere,
Nor any drop to drink.

The experience may serve to speed up the acquisition of the present privately owned system. A water district of North Bend and Cos Bay has been created and has been going through the preliminaries incident to acquisition, the length of which Salem well remembers. The thriving cities by the bay need to have a more adequate and a surer supply of water, and that best can be provided when the system is owned by the communities themselves. The break in the reservoir will disclose how necessary it is to acquire and modernize the water system of Cos Bay, so the temporary inconvenience may result in real progress.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—You can find weighty hints behind the confusing headlines of the day, and some of them are encouraging.

President Truman told his press conference today that he saw no need for further big three meetings if the United Nations organization functions as it should. According to word from London, it should begin functioning within one to three months.

Pessimists may interpret the president's statement as an indication that another big three meeting wouldn't accomplish much. But it also is open to the interpretation that the president contemplates that present pressing international problems can at least be contained until the UNO gets started and working.

Couple this seeming optimism of the president's with the news from Moscow that Marshal Stalin (who, reports insist, is in good health) is extending his vacation the year, and you come up with the idea that the heads of the world's two most powerful nations see no reason to get together at this time.

The president today said again—with emphasis—that he does not fear that Russia won't cooperate or that Russian policies will lead to war.

China, Iran Danger Points
Just at present the two points on the globe where Russo-American policies and interests have the most immediate chance of clashing are in China and Iran.

Today the Iranian dissidents (whom many suspect or charge have Russian encouragement) have suddenly and without explanation halted their advance toward the capital at Teheran.

In China there are unconfirmed but persistent reports that relations between Russia and China concerning the Chinese re-occupation of Manchuria are improving and that an agreement of some kind has been reached. Meanwhile the Chinese communists have returned to the glum and silent appearance they presented at the time the Russians signed the far-reaching series of treaties with the central government last summer. Central government forces are meeting little or no communist resistance as they advance into Manchuria.

Dejection among Chinese communists was noticeable even before the appointment of General George C. Marshall as the new American ambassador to China. His appointment can only be interpreted to mean a considerable strengthening of American foreign policy in China, and perhaps elsewhere.

Official Policy Is to Disarm Nips
Lest we forget, the official policy in China is to help disarm Japanese troops and promote a strong, united China in the interests of world peace. That policy, according to Washington, has not changed.

But something apparently has happened to activate it sharply within the past two weeks, perhaps developments long planned are just coming to a head. Perhaps new decisions have been made to bring them to a head.

It was about two weeks ago, for instance, that Secretary of State Byrnes said the American government had not discussed with Russia the civil strike in China. He has said nothing one way or another since then.

This week it was confirmed publicly that the United States still is making atomic bombs.

Yesterday democratic Senator Johnson told the senate he would "like to see the United States stand up to Russia and say in serious dignity: 'Brother, you haven't a thing on this earth that we covet other than your cooperation, friendship and good will. But don't make the fatal mistake of pushing us around—we won't take it!'"

Soviet Russians, who have indicated their awareness of the atomic bomb, consistently listen to what is said in the senate, which acts both as a sounding board and a final decision on the foreign policy of the United States.



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IT SEEMS TO ME

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foreign office the permanent staff treats the chief somewhat patronizingly, knowing his tenure is brief while theirs goes on and on, and knowing, too, in this country that the secretary of state may be quite green in the field of foreign relations. Nowhere is the art of pigeon-holing or buck-passing or close-in dagger work done with more Italian refinement than in a foreign office, our own included. And the simple truth is that our staff men regard themselves as professionals who should handle foreign relations.

But what we are having now is a battle of ideologies, both within and without the state department. Groups want to dictate America's foreign policy. Rivals praise or condemn the department depending on how nearly its course conforms to their own ideas; and it is an easy matter to pick out some underling as the one who does dirty work at the crossroads of decision.

This must be remembered, however, that there is often a wide gap between the formal, high-sounding declarations of policy and the practical application of principles to concrete situations. What to do in China now is a case in point. Shall we give some help to Chiang in order to bolster China or shall we adopt the virtuous course of "non-intervention" and let China go to pieces, perhaps to become an easy prey for new conquerors? It's the career men who have to put policies into effect; and sometimes the general directions will not fit the concrete situation.

The question arises: What is our foreign policy? How stable is it? How generally is it supported by the American people? Does not the deep cleft in our domestic ideology extend into our foreign relations?

The American people are bewildered and confused. They are frightened even by the atomic bomb which they possess. The senators box the compass in the vagaries of their speech-making. Secretary Byrnes is bucking heavy headwinds, and the Hurley blowup adds to his worries. The danger is that at this moment in our history, when we stand at the apex of power, we shall fall through our internal bickering and pitiful controversy.

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

TALK ABOUT RUSSIA—WITH MASHA SCOTT, by Pearl S. Buck (John Day; \$1.50)

This is a conversation piece, but a weighty and stirring one. The well-known novelist sat down to hear about Russia from Masha Scott, born a peasant in Russia in the last days of czarism, raised and educated under the Soviet government and now the wife of the American correspondent John Scott.

At first Pearl Buck annoyed me with a kind of needling question, and a vague note of Anglo-Saxon superiority. But by the time I reached the end of the book I realized how subtle her procedure was, how searching her probe and how informative the answers.

Mrs. Scott, not communist but "collective," describes the extraordinary changes which spread through Russia after the revolution. She speaks with a good

Judging Ends At Annual Fox, Mink Showing

(Story also on page 1)
Judging was completed at Oregon's annual fox and mink show at the state fairgrounds last Wednesday afternoon with a large gallery remaining to the end of the showing.

Final day winners were:
Fox, Blue, pup male: 1, John Bennett, Salem; 2, 4 and 3, Eugene Finlay, Jefferson; 3, 2, 3 and 4, John Bennett.
Fox, Pearl platinum silver, light: 1 and 2, W. C. Stacey, Jefferson; 3, Earl Miller, Corvallis.
Fox, Pearl silver, pup male: 1, W. F. Green, Philomath; 2, Glenn Stock Farm, Fishhaven, Idaho; 3, C. W. Stacey, Adult male: 1 and 2, W. D. Hamilton, Portland; 3, Glenn Stock Farm; 4, Oregon Fur Farm, Hood River; 5, William Seifert, Canby.

Mink: Platinum silver, light: adult male: 1, Eugene Finlay; 2, Oregon Fur Farm; 3, Glenn Stock Farm; 4, C. W. Stacey, Adult female: 1, Utah Fur Farm; 2, Oregon Fur Farm; 3, Mink: blond, kit male: 1 and 4, Eugene Finlay; 2 and 3, Gardner Fur Farm, Salem; 4, Ernie Henningsen, Jefferson; 5, Kit female: 1 and 5, Eugene Finlay; 2 and 3, Gardner Fur Farm; 4, Louis Permu, Astoria; Adult male: 1, Ernie Henningsen; 2, Gardner Fur Farm; 3 and 4, Eugene Finlay; 5, Louis Permu, Adult female: 1, Gardner Fur Farm; 2, 3, 4 and 5, Eugene Finlay.

Mink: Bluetrot kit male: 1 and 2, Wallace Wickett of Jefferson; 3, Gardner Fur Farm; 4, Floyd Marsh, Portland; 5, Elvin Danielson, Kit female: 1, Wallace Wickett; 2 and 3, Floyd Marsh; 4, Gardner Fur Farm; 5, Nerschel and Quinlin; Adult male: 1, Floyd Marsh; 2, Nerschel and Quinlin; 3, Gardner Fur Farm.

Mink: Silver Blu: Kit male: 1, Elvin Danielson; 2, 3, and 4, R. D. Gibson; 5, Gardner Fur Farm; 6, R. D. Gibson; 7, Oregon Fur Farm; 8, Nerschel and Quinlin; E. Raeburn; Portland; 9, Floyd Marsh; Adult male: 1, Nerschel and Quinlin; 2, Floyd Marsh; 3, Oregon Fur Farm; 4, E. Raeburn; Adult female: 1, Floyd Marsh; 2, Oregon Fur Farm.

Professor Off For Venezuela

Dr. Robert H. Tschudy, former assistant professor of biology at Willamette university, and his wife left Salem on Thursday for New York on the first lap of their journey to South America, where he has accepted a position as a paleo-botanist for the Creole Oil company in Caracas, Venezuela.

Tschudy, who came to the campus in 1941, was faculty adviser for Sigma Alpha Chi, sophomore men's honorary, and faculty member of last year's ASWU athletics council. Mrs. Tschudy was adviser to the sophomore women's honorary, Beta Alpha Gamma, organized last year. Dr. Tschudy resigned from his position at the beginning of the fall semester to prepare for the trip.

Barn swallows, robins and phoebes have been known to raise broods on moving ferries.

Yamashita Signs Many Autographs

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A former Portland police captain said today the best haul he ever made was Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita. Col. Carl V. Shoemaker told how, with other army officers, he transported the Japanese commander in the Philippines from the hills to Baguio.

"When we landed it seemed as if every GI in the area was waiting with a camera," he said. "Yamashita was liberal with autographs and short snorter notes."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

In Salem to attend to the affairs of his late father, W. T. Rigby, is Dr. George W. Rigby of Wilmington, Dela.

Research Chemist Here on Business

Dr. Rigby and his wife, the former Virginia Merle Crites, en route to Oregon to visit his father when the latter died unexpectedly in Pendleton, November 17.

A graduate of Willamette university in 1927, Dr. Rigby received his master's and PhD degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1930. Since that time he has been employed as a research chemist at the central offices of the DuPont company, Wilmington.

Educational Gift Boxes Bring Thanks to Jr. Red Cross Here

That the educational gift boxes, sent by the Junior Red Cross to children in countries devastated by war, are appreciated is evidenced by a letter received recently by Parrish junior high school students from two girls in the Philippines. The two girls expressing their thanks are in St. Anthony's institution in Manila. These two especially appreciated the personal items in the boxes such as soap, tooth paste, towels, handkerchiefs and tooth brushes.

Providing educational gift boxes is the project being stressed especially through 1945-46 by the Junior Red Cross, reports Mrs. Carmalite Weddle, chairman of this division of work from the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Any Marion county school wishing to take on this project may secure the boxes either from Mrs. Weddle at the county school office, or from the Red Cross office, 435 State st. Only those boxes provided by the area office of the Red Cross may be accepted, because of shipping and distribution regulations set up, it is explained.

This project provides opportunity for Junior Red Cross members in the United States to take a direct and real part in helping contemporaries, and is one way of developing the wider international interest necessary for the postwar world, Mrs. Weddle says. Special care is taken in packing the boxes and the work is done at school under supervision of the teacher. Among items listed to go into these educational gift boxes are the following: Three pencils in flat case, box of erasers, three small pads of paper, eraser, compass, protractor, colored drawing pencils, blotter, cake of toilet soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, pocket comb, needles, thread, thimble, all in a small case, matching buttons on a small card, handkerchief.

Many Projects Listed
Several schools of the county already have carried on this project. Junior Red Cross enrollment has been under way in Marion county for some time and the group stands for service, providing not only such things as these gift boxes, but producing for service or ex-service men and women, Christmas menu covers for the navy, holiday greeting cards and favors, garments for children overseas, school correspondence, national children's fund, toys for children of Great Britain, community service, forest and range fire prevention, better human relations, and other projects.

World Peace Toastmistress Table Topic

The establishment of permanent world peace was the subject of a round table discussion at the 6 o'clock dinner meeting of Toastmistress Tuesday night at the Quile.

Loretta Friedrichs was chairman for the discussion and Mrs. Raymond Walsh acted as critic at the close of the discussion. Mrs. James Hartley was time keeper. Janice Hedges was a guest.

Two meetings are scheduled for December to close the calendar year. Mrs. L. O. Arens, president, presided at the brief business meeting. Mrs. Martin Elle, membership chairman, reported the membership roll now down to 25 and said she is leaving town and withdrawing to associate membership in the local group.

Jr. High School Committees Set

Standing committees for the Parrish junior high school student council were appointed Thursday at a meeting of the school student body government. Committees include:

Assembly committee—Jim Houck, chairman; Thais Crandall, Tom Soderman, Bernice In-lah, Billie Miller, and Frank Newlander.

Attendance committee—Eunice Miller, chairman; Bill Paulson, Carol Fuhr, Eugene Lebold, Lois Hall, and Larry Chamberlain.

Talent show committee—Dona Jean Pence, chairman; Lois Archibald, Jim Elliot, Janet Gaiser, Daryl Girod, Pat Wgener, Jack Watters.

Building and grounds committee—Dick Cunningham, chairman; Iris Proudfit, Don Bennett, Nancy Doughton, Dick Evans, and Mary Sundet.

Publicity committee—David Stevens, chairman; Betty Cooley and Donald Anderson.

Locker supervision—Sylvia McClellan.

OSC LOSES ARMY TRAINERS
CORVALLIS, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The last army specialized training program in the northwest will end at Oregon State college Dec. 31. During three years some 3023 men were trained here.

CANTEN TO BE OPENED
WALDFORT, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP) A teen age canteen will be opened here Saturday night by high school students.

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