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The Navy "Surrenders"

The navy has finally surrendered. It took a world war to do it; but finally the high navy command has had to recognize naval aviation.

Hitherto all the top spots went to officers of the line whose experience and whose interest lay with the fleet. The battleship was the "ark of the covenant" with the navy. All else was auxiliary; submarine, destroyer, air force.

Now Secretary Forrestal announces a thorough reorganization in which naval air officers will be given high places in the naval operations staff as well as command over major fleets.

Perhaps of even greater significance is the recognition given the airplane carrier. It apparently is moved into top place among the surface craft of the navy.

This qualification is correct. The carrier is a vulnerable target. It is the mother hen for flying pigeons. Its broad flat top exposes it to enemy attack.

The navy is thus admitting the lessons of the last war which were not fully learned until Jap torpedo planes sank the British battleships Repulse and Prince of Wales.

That might provide good temporary relief which is most urgently needed. In Salem the idea has been broached many times to utilize the barracks that were constructed at the airport and used only a short time.

The plan ought to be broadened to let other government units than states handle the housing. In Oregon for instance there is no body with authority to spend any money or handle such business.

Could there have been some other motive than eagerness to help our soldiers overseas which prompted Harry Bridges to order a 24-hour suspension of work on the waterfront?

Editorial Comment
REMEMBER THE WOODSHED?
A professor, talking recently to a group of parents, deplored the fact that architects have overlooked the importance of the woodshed in their house designs.

The woodshed was more than a storehouse for the winter's supply of firewood. It was the place for putting things you were going to throw away or had planned to take to the barn when you had the time.

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Let Them Rub Shoulders

If the suggestion of Rep. Karl Mundt is adopted—that the United Nations build their so-called peace palace in a remote mountainous area deep underground—we can see little hope whatever for a lasting tranquility.

The entire premise of the UNO is that peace should and can be maintained. The organization as such would seem to be doomed from the start if it lowers that premise to the level of individual nations which hope for peace but keep prepared for war.

It seems doubtful, even, that there should be a peace palace at all, except as a building for the protection of records and as a meeting place for the heads of nations.

Why shouldn't the capital of world peace be rotated? Each major country would have no difficulty providing quarters. Why shouldn't delegates rub shoulders with the common man of all nations, their secretaries mingle with John Q. Public of Russia, England, China, France and other powers, as well as the United States.

True, the eyes of the world would be on a permanent peace capital. But it's a lot more important that peace delegates generally know and recognize the hopes and fears and aspirations of the world which looks to them.

Party Labels

The announcement of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., that candidates for the congressional vacancy who get the endorsement of their party organization will be permitted to have the party designation attached to their names on the ballot makes sense.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, recently resigned ambassador to China, today made some charges against two foreign service men which will startle a good many people who are in the mood.

Their defense against these charges remain to be heard, and proof one way or another remains to be seen after all the evidence is in and has been shaken down.

In the meantime Gen. Hurley qualified his earlier statement that American policy in Asia was "defeated" by such career diplomats as he named, and today told the senate foreign relations committee that the policy was defeated only "to an extent."

This modification of his stand followed the statement of American foreign policy in China made yesterday by Secretary of State Byrnes. Gen. Hurley found it satisfactory enough that he said today he wouldn't have resigned as he did had it been issued earlier.

Reaffirmation of Policy
The Byrnes statement in general was a reaffirmation of the traditional American policy of promoting a strong, unified democratic China in the interests of Asiatic and world peace.

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The Literary Guidepost

By Bill Glover

GUMBO YA-YA, compiled by Lyle Saxon, Edward Rreyer and Robert Talbot (Houghton, Mifflin, \$5).

Historically, graphically and proportionally, the folklore of the Louisiana bayous and New Orleans has been explored with probably greater thoroughness than that of any other part of this land.

All the colorful citizenry are here: Longfellow's Evangeline and the Baby Dolls of Perdido Street; the fragile beauty of Creole society and the lustiness of Irish Channel; Mardi gras and shrimp fishermen; loup garous, gris-gris, charms, midnight haunts and noontday hunts, in truth, a strange, occasionally tedious but fascinating study of legend, half truth and truth, the sacred and the profane.

A collection of photographs and drawings, grouped and placed to highlight appropriate portions of the text, is a welcome addition to the volume's contribution as part of the rapidly growing shelf of local histories.

THE TREASURY OF HORSE STORIES, selected by Margaret Cabell Selt (Barnes, \$3.75).

Here's a better anthology than most, and one with a point. There is verse and prose, ranging from the Bible to a most stirring story by Jessamyn West, and there are illustrations in color.

Among the writers are Swift, Chesterton, Hawthorne, Pirandello, Shakespeare, Kipling, Browning, Longfellow, Frost, Dickens, Thackeray, Crane, Bower, and others, for more than 450 interesting pages.



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over the president's radio address endorsing higher wages with no breach in price ceilings. Now labor turned savagely on him for trying to break the industrial log-jam that threatens to tie up large segments of industry.

The glow of military victories in the summer has changed to the night of disorder in the winter. Not even the prestige of the title of the president of the United States is sufficient to soften the stubbornness of contentions forces. In the tumult of the times Truman's voice is thin, little heeded even by his former companions in the congress.

President Truman must feel deep frustration as he surveys the scene from his White House desk. The plan of Potsdam in which he had a part is working ill. The conference of foreign ministers at London ended in deadlock. China is a deep political morass and Pat Hurley's blast makes the going there more difficult.

On the domestic front reconversion drags because of wage-price disputes. The tax measure promising elimination of the excess profit tax discourages immediate production. A house committee waters down the "full employment" bill which the senate previously had diluted.

Reduction of the interest rate by the land board was made necessary, according to Griffith, so the state could compete with private concerns, particularly large insurance companies, loaning on farm properties.

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Conn Enters Campaign for Congressman

Capt. Imrie Conn, agricultural engineer graduate from Oregon State and veteran of the 41st division now on terminal leave, today formally entered the race to succeed the late Rep. James W. Mott.

An assembly of registered voters to nominate him was called for 8 p.m. Monday, December 10, at the Lake Grove school.

Captain Conn, after being graduated from OSC in 1939, was associate supervisor of the Farm Security administration, was making farm loans in Marion and Polk counties. He later joined the J. I. Case farm machinery company and in 1941 represented the company in Washington, Columbia and Clatsop counties in Oregon and the western half of Washington.

Upon being called to active service, Captain Conn went overseas with the first shipment of the 41st division, serving in the field artillery. He is married and has two children. The Conn home is route 1, box 246, Allen road, Lake Grove.

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Pleas Heard In Meter Case

Circuit Court Judge Duncan heard arguments Wednesday in the injunction suit which seeks to invalidate Salem's new parking meter ordinance and to prevent the city from entering into a contract providing such meters.

CITY ATTORNEY LAWRENCE N. BROWN and Chris Kowitz, attorney for H. E. Morris, plaintiff in the injunction suit against the city, argued the question of continuance until trial time of a preliminary injunction issued by Judge Duncan.

CITY ATTORNEY BROWN voiced objection to the continuance of the preliminary injunction. He also indicated the \$100 bond which had been filed with the plaintiff and Edwin Shreder as sureties on the preliminary restraining order was insufficient and wanted the court to provide for a larger one. The matter was taken under advisement.

SUGAR SUPPLY ASSUMED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The agriculture department announced yesterday it had allocated sufficient sugar for civilians for the first quarter of 1946 "to maintain rationing at present levels."

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT
Philip G. Olds, jr., vs Inez Irene Olds: Plaintiff files counter-affidavit to defendant's counter-suit.

Former Air Corps Men to Teach in CAP
Several veterans returning from the services are joining the Civil Air Patrol as instructors in their respective fields, Carl Lindstrom, club adviser, announced Wednesday.

Probate Court
Harley Ellenwood, guardianship estate: Tenth annual report of Portland Trust and Savings bank, guardian, approved.

Dr. Harry Dillin To Address Bird Exhibitors
Dr. Harry Dillin, president of Linfield college, will be the speaker at the turkey banquet arranged for Thursday night by the Pacific Coast Turkey Exhibit association.

Salem Federal Savings and Loan Adds to Drive
Salem Federal Savings and Loan association has purchased \$235,000 in treasury certificates for the Victory Loan, it is announced by Keith Powell, president.

Vannie Shores Dies at Scio
SCIO, Dec. 3.—(Special)—Vannie J. Shores, 72, died Monday night at his home in Scio. He suffered a light stroke on the previous Monday followed by another Saturday. Services will be held Friday morning, December 7, at St. Bernard's Catholic church.

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JEFFERSON COUPLE PARENTS
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Keesacker of Jefferson announce the birth of a boy at Salem General hospital December 5.

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