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Summer Brainstorm

The heat must have "tetched" some of the Washington senators. That is the charitable way of looking at the proposal of Senators Eastland of Mississippi and Bridges of New Hampshire for "unpacking" the supreme court. They propose a constitutional amendment to limit to three the number of justices who could be named to the supreme court by one president. It would be retroactive in nature and force the retirement of all the Roosevelt justices except Black, Reed and Frankfurter. Those put off the court would be Douglas, Jackson and Rutledge.

Despite the unseemly strife within the court and its diligence in remaking law until even the country's lawyers hardly know what the law is, the Eastland-Bridges suggestion seems both inept and absurd. The mechanics of the plan makes it beyond realization. It would require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of each house and ratification by three-fourths of the states—obviously impossible.

We can't unwind history like that. The country will just have to go forward and work its way out of the present mess in the judiciary. Most of the members are young and have an expectancy of long service on the bench; but maybe they are young enough to learn. And there is still truth in the oft-quoted quip of "Mr. Dooley" that the supreme court follows the election returns. Public opinion is hard even for judicial zealots to resist.

The Eastland-Bridges idea is just a summer brainstorm which will die with the summer recess.

Simplicity and Directness

The AP's Eddie Gilmore doesn't believe in making hard work of anything and the simple logic he employed in getting Generalissimo Stalin to affirm his confidence in the UN as an instrument for peace is a good lesson in human relations.

Gilmore, the versatile writer who a few years ago was confining his efforts to such feature stories as the once-famous whale hunt in San Francisco bay, recently has faced a barrage of questions as to how he scored his last news beat, in Moscow. Embryonic reporters as well as the public at large could not imagine the situation other than one requiring great ingenuity in reaching Stalin at all, let alone getting exclusive answers to specific questions.

But here's the way it was done: Eddie merely wrote the questions, gave them to the wife of a Red army corporal who handed them to a soldier guarding the Kremlin gate. The envelope containing the queries was addressed merely "Generalissimo Josef Stalin, The Kremlin, Moscow. The replies were delivered to the AP reporter a few days later.

Intrigue, the inside track and diplomatic double-talk aren't the only weapons in the maintenance of international relations. There should be more simple and direct approaches.

Budget Director

Paul Appleby, named acting budget director by President Truman when Harold D. Smith resigned to become vice president of the International bank, is an ex-Iowan who went to Washington with Secretary Wallace and has remained in public service most of the time since. He is a brother of the late Frank Appleby who published the LaGrande Observer for several years. In some of the late evolutions of Washington officialdom Appleby was on the outside and started to engage in the radio business, but has been assistant budget director for some time. The task of director of the budget is one of the most important in the national capital. Smith has performed well in the office. Appleby, who served under him and has had varied experience in official life, would seem to merit consideration for the permanent appointment, that is, unless there is some one from Missouri or some deserving congressman who needs to be taken care of.

Behind the News

By Paul Mallon

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WASHINGTON, June 22—Come chase around with me today the inner meanings behind the news from the Paris meeting of the Big Four nations. I will warn you in advance that you will come out to the conclusion a stabilized peace is practically impossible.

When State Secretary Byrnes left here he called together the news correspondents and told them of the record about what they already knew on the record. He had nothing else. His subterfuge was concocted merely to keep him from being attributed with the situation all can see, to wit:

Mr. Byrnes wishes to agree in Paris upon a peace, but will take any proposition of disagreement (which probably means the whole collapse of the peace) to the assembly of the United Nations organization meeting in September.

The British want to make separate treaties of peace in case the Russians block their efforts as expected at Paris. This was originally a Byrnes idea before the last Paris meeting. Now he considers it foolish. His position now holds that if you (the United States) offer Italy a treaty of peace, and the Russians offer another and perhaps the British a third, Italy will not know which to accept. Military advice to Mr. Byrnes suggests political chaos in Europe this winter unless a peace is effected, yet he wishes to go to the UN assembly.

The assembly has no power to act. It is only a large gathering of all the nations which will discuss the matter. The assembly can only send the questions back to the UN security council with or without recommendations.

To do it the Byrnes way would be simply to muster world opinion, through the United Nations assembly, behind him — while delaying peace action. To do it the British way would get action, would proclaim peace for Europe, but whether you would get any real peace would depend upon the Russians. The British would just about freeze the status quo.

But as the UNO can act only through the security council, Russia can veto action. Possibly Byrnes could succeed in getting the peace issue before the council under the rules, but Russia can stop him in the end, if it wishes, and he will then have to make separate treaties like the British or keep the issue open further. (This is the reasoning behind current agitation to abolish the veto power in UNO.) Details only confirm these conclusions and strengthen them. At this writing no agreement on Trieste was thought possible, which meant a treaty with Italy was impossible. The Russians say they want the Austrian provinces they have in Austria. They also keep Poland "in order to supply Germany" (their zone). Thus the question naturally arises whether they really wish peace or wish to continue the status quo as long as possible.

While the Potsdam agreement (Truman, Bevin and Stalin) called for treating Germany as an economic whole, it has never been so treated. The U. S., Russian and British zones function as entities and there is no exchange of production or from the Russian zone, which is surrounded by the iron curtain. The British have delivered some coal to the French, but not enough, and they have not helped the Americans feed the German population in the American zone.

Mr. Byrnes wants a federated Germany and a central government, but he cannot get it without giving it away to Russia, and Russia will take it in his kind of peace.

My personal conclusions are these:

- 1. The split between the British and Americans is more apparent than real, may just be a move by Byrnes to draw Russia further out into an assertion of her real aims, which are world revolution, or to answer the Russian charge of Anglo-American common beliefs.
2. I suspect Byrnes is being motivated too greatly by domestic politics, especially in the choice of Republican Senator Akin for UNO (which he dictated or instigated), and in worrying about world support.
3. His job at Paris is chiefly to demonstrate the impossibility of a peace agreement with Russia and the six or more Russian satellite states, through exposure of the facts of the case; and then to act to get a peace directly or alongside the British, and let the smaller nations go along if they wish, in short to assert affirmative leadership for his ideals and those of the nation.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I know it's expensive sending them to summer camp—but think of the good it will do us!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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the allies; the Japs should have been made to disgorge their loot for its return to rightful owners.

The offense of the Durants and of their counterparts in the far east is not unique in history. The Bible in Judges VII has the story of a precedent case. When Joshua led the children of Israel in an attack on Ai following his capture of Jericho, he took a bad beating. Joshua was discouraged and asked the Lord if he had brought the Israelites over the Jordan to be destroyed by the Amorites. The Lord replied that "Israel hath sinned; so Joshua set about making an investigation. He called up one Achan and told him he better make confession, and Achan told this story:

"When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment and two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight and I coveted them and took them; and behold they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent and the silver under it." Joshua sent messengers and they found the goods, just as the army recovered the Hesse loot, most of it from a locker in the Illinois Central depot in Chicago. But read what happened to Achan:

And all Israel stoned him with stones and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. That was the way the Israelites had of demonstrating that crime (sin) didn't pay. The sin of covetousness remains; but no one expects the Durants to get Achan's punishment.

When the elephant lies down it extends the hind legs backward, and the front legs forward — all other large quadrupeds bring the hind legs forward to be down.

Medieval salt cellars were often elaborate pieces of craftsmanship.

CHICAGO, June 22 (AP)—Traders in the grain pits concluded a week of record low turnover today with a few sales in deferred oats contracts at the 88 cent ceiling.

Final bid prices at the close were \$1.46 1/2 for corn, \$1.35 1/2 for barley and 88 cents for oats. There were trades in November, December and March oats.

THE FOUR JACKS IN A PLAYING DECK ORIGINALLY PORTRAYED LA HIRE, JOHN OF ARC, CHIEF OF STAFF, OLIVER, ONE OF CHARLEMAGNE'S LIELDMANS, AND SIR ECTOR OF THE ROUND TABLE...

CHARLES VI OF FRANCE ISSUED AN EDICT (1377) FORBIDDING COMMON PEOPLE TO PLAY CARDS ON SUNDAY... THE FIRST PLAYING CARDS HAD 14 CARDS IN EACH OF FOUR SUITS: SWORDS, COINS, BASTOS and CUPS.

Headquarters for the Salem YWCA building campaign will move to the YW building from the Valley Motor-company plant on Monday. Active work in behalf of the drive goes on with full committee organization until the goal of \$180,000 is realized, announces Mrs. Frank H. Spens, chairman of the drive executive committee. The executive committee will direct the campaign from now on. Campaign captains and workers are asked to turn in their reports at the YW from now on, all contributions also to be left there. Mrs. Helen M. Richards will be in charge of the campaign office at the YW.

Fire Covers 3,000 Acres in Klamath Area

YREKA, Calif., June 22 (AP)—A serious fire was burning in the Sawyer's Bar district of the Klamath national forest today but fire fighters believed they would be able to bring the flames under control shortly. It had burned over more than 3,000 acres.

Forest Supervisor George S. James said the fire started shortly after noon Friday in a cabin at the mouth of Boulder gulch. Blown by a 20-mile wind, the flames spread rapidly, covering about 1,000 acres in little more than an hour. The conflagration crowned in fir and pine timber and still was burning in oak brush.

About 20 other fires were burning in the forest but none was expected to give serious trouble. Most of them were started by an electrical storm Friday.

Boy Scout to Take Trip to New Mexico

Kenneth Sims, member of Boy Scout troop 51, Lebanon, has been selected by the Cascade council as its representative on the region 11 scout trip to Philmont national scout camp near Cimarron, N. M. The Salem scout office announced Saturday.

The regional group, comprised of 30 scouts from the Pacific northwest, will leave Portland July 3. Their month-long trip through the southwestern states will include two weeks at the 300,000-acre national scout camp. Each northwest council is entitled to one representative on the trip.

Sims is a life scout, a senior patrol and camp leader and active in cub leadership, the scout office said. He is the son of J. P. Sims, scout organizational chairman of Linn county and manager in Lebanon of the Mountain States Power company.

Admonition Given Vets Planning to Switch Schools

Veterans attending school under the GI bill or public law 16, and who are contemplating continuing their education at a different institution this summer or next fall, were warned Saturday by Wayne F. Smith, Veterans Administration Training Officer in the Salem contact office to make their intentions known as soon as possible.

VA regulations require that veterans who wish to change schools must apply for and receive VA approval before a transfer between schools can be effected, Smith said.

Requests for transfers may be made by letter to any VA training officer, he stated, and must contain detailed information as to why the change is desired and the courses to be taken at the new school.

Storm Delays Boston Party

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Arckerman and party from Boston are scheduled to arrive at McNary field today about 12:35 p.m. the Salem chamber of commerce was informed Saturday.

The party, a near nation wide tour of capital cities, were supposed to have arrived Saturday at noon, but was delayed by storms and mechanical trouble.

The full name of Marquis de Lafayette, the French general who served in the American Revolution, was Marie Joseph Yves Gilbert Du Motier Lafayette.

Musicians of Salem Score At Convention

GEARHART, Ore., June 22—Special musical talent from Salem and Portland highlighted a luncheon meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association this weekend. The Salem representation included the well-received Glamorettes on their accordions. The girls were Pat Meisinger, Louella La Fontaine, Florence Polster, Lois Gillings and Anne Doerfler, all from the Priscilla Meisinger Wilsey studios.

"The Dairymaids" by the Dairy Cooperative association which provided the program and whose employees provided a large share of it.

Master of ceremonies was Grover Poe, Dairy Co-op field man from Portland who also was second tenor in a quartet composed of Joe Kendrick, first tenor; Rolf Boddine, baritone, and Duke Moshofsky, bass, all of Portland.

Vocalist Helen Drorbaugh drew major plaudits with solos and with the girls' trio which included Hulda Tan and Jo Stone, also of Portland, and accompanists were Louise Rathke of Portland and Trudie Meier of Salem.

Walter Scott, on the saxophone and clarinet, and Ted Wangler, on the harmonica, both of Portland, also were highlights of the program.

Phone Rate Boost Sought

PORTLAND, June 22 (AP)—The Oregon Independent Telephone association voted today to ask the public utilities commission to boost rates, to pay for improved service and wage increases.

Closing its annual convention here today, the group requested a uniform policy in extension of service in rural areas and "reasonable apprenticeship" in state or federal wage legislation. A committee was named to work for joint use of poles by telephone and power companies.

D. O. Hood, Medford, was re-elected president. New directors include J. Nuckols, Halsey, William Berglund, Delake, Lowell Brown, Silverton. Re-elected: Ethel A. Bauman, Lebanon, and R. D. Johnson, Detroit.

Home Linenery Hosiery made today 466 State Street

Death Claims Mrs. Redding Mrs. Lena Thompson Redding, resident of Salem for the past seven years, died Thursday, June 20, at a local rest home.

Gas and Coke Ads Given Honors The top honor advertising awards have been received by Portland Gas & Coke company in the national beer copy contest of the Public Utilities Advertising association, according to Leif Bergsvik, Salem district manager.

Cherry Pickers Sunday, Monday & Tuesday One Mile South of Roberts on South (Main) River Rd. Truck Leaves State and Commercial 7 A.M. and 8 A.M. Willamette Packing Company

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