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The Air Won't Take Everyone

There are some items which speed cannot replace and one of these is the so-called romance of ocean travel. Air lines are making a constantly-increasing bid for the overseas trade, and surface craft operators in some instances are complementing their services with new schedules via air. But nowhere is there any indication that the luxury liners of pre-war years are expected to be displaced by the skyliners of this developing era. Time was, in the pioneer days of flying, when pilots took the entire show from the maritime skippers when it came to the popular connotation of the word "romance." Flying certainly answered Webster's definition of that word—"picturesque unusualness." And an ocean flight certainly still is "picturesquely unusual." But when the word "glamour" also enters the picture—as it certainly does—it is easily apparent that water-borne ships of the sea don't have to take a back seat.

Sun-bathing on the top deck, tea in the captain's quarters, meetings in the moonlight, luxurious staterooms, deck walking, shipboard dancing and swimming—it'll be some time before aircraft can compete with these. In the meantime, travelers preferring relaxation to speed, complete privacy to the accommodations of a Pullman and prolonged fun to the sudden emergence into new climes will settle for a few extra days of time.

Combination passenger-cargo ships apparently are the ship line's answer to the air lanes which assuredly will take a bit of the "cream" from the top of travel patronage. Such ships are being completed rapidly, and older craft are being converted for such use. Bearing such famous prefixes as "President," "Santa," "Alcoa," etc., they will offer faster schedules, a more varied itinerary, more personalized service than in pre-war years. There apparently is a determined effort to equal the air in "romance" and far surpass it in "glamour." The nooks and crannies of the world will be opened wider than ever before.

There Are Other Attributes

The federal immigration service, more vitally important now than ever before, is encouraged because today's typical immigrant "is more likely to have cleaner habits, to be better educated and better supplied with money." It says also that immigrants arrive in far superior style and speaks disparagingly of "the olden days steerage quarters with double-decker bunks and no partitions" and "with cattle, pigs, chickens and goats carried on deck."

But there is a point that shouldn't be overlooked in the contemplated revamping of our immigration laws. It is this: While clean habits are a vital asset, education is to be desired and money is a mighty handy thing to have in entering a new country, the basic state of mind of a would-be citizen is transcendent.

The immigration service points out that in the last two years 1075 stowaways have been found, ranging in age from 6 to 66. Our immigration laws do not permit the entrance of stowaways. It would hardly be possible to condone such a practice in any event. But it certainly is possible that among these stowaways there is as much good potential Americanism as there is in any other group. There are many factors to consider in allowing immigration—whether the new citizen will become a public charge or self-supporting; whether he has foregone his old political ties, prejudices; whether he will cherish and foster the spirit of democracy.

The first-come-first-served policy in accepting limited immigration should be leavened with careful screening, with health and "cleaner habits" a paramount item, but with excess money and formal education regarded as secondary attributes to a staunch purpose, a sincere appreciation of opportunity and an unalterable loyalty.

Poor Deer Season

The Bend Bulletin, published at a nexus of roads leading to and from the mule deer country, reports that "experienced local hunters have been trying for their bucks in the high country and have not been finding them." It observes that the number of deer in central Oregon is appreciably reduced from former seasons. For explanation it offers this word:

Reasons for the lack of mule deer are not far to seek. There may be some debate as to the importance of the inroads of the predators in winter months, but the effects of the heavy snow, even as to the effects of the open season on deer following the regular season last year, but there can be no question that intensive hunting has been on the increase.

The intensive hunting is in part due to quest for meat because of the shortage of meat from domestic livestock, also to the hunting by veterans home from the wars. The Bulletin recommends:

Corrective measures, we would say, are definitely in order. Let hunting go on for a few years more on the scope and in the manner that it has been going on last year and this and hunting is on the way out. This is not said to alarm, but to warn. Depleted wild life assets in other states have been restored; they can be restored here by application of the same methods. They cannot be restored by increasing without limit the number of licenses issued and by permitting wasteful destruction of breeding animals.

The game commission did try to hold down the hunting season to three weeks, but met such a storm of protest it added another week. Disappointed hunters this year may come to the conclusion that stricter conservation measures are really needed to insure future herds of deer in Oregon.

The Japanese diet which approved a constitution renouncing war "forever" may have lacked a sense of humor or had its tongue in its cheek, but at least the action constitutes one step which the Nipponese can't be accused of copying. If the constitution is worded to renounce war as a national policy and only to be resorted to in the desperation of a homeland defense, the move makes sense, even though there are many ways in which a constitution can be circumvented or changed. At least, the action won't make General MacArthur unhappy and it's a safe guess that the Japanese would like to keep the hardy general as happy as possible.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

HUNTERS FIND WRECKAGE

Hunters seeking deer go into remote places, and it is not unlikely they will bring in more reports of wrecked planes such as were received here yesterday. There have been a number of unsolved airplane disappearances in the mid-coast region over the years; the best chance that their fate will finally be known is that the wreckage will be found by hunters.

It is therefore desirable that hunters who discover wreckage should report it immediately and accurately, so that investigations may be made. The report should be made either to the state police or the Klamath naval air station.

Navy officials tell us that the hunter who finds wreckage should do these things: Examine the wreckage carefully, in order to obtain the best possible identification. Look for the bureau number, probably to be found on the tail. Note the type of plane, number of motors, color, etc. Make a careful note of the geographical location of the find. Unless that is done, it may be impossible for investigators to find the wreckage when they go out, and the hunter himself may have trouble directing them to it.

Finally, it should not be forgotten that there is still a possibility that hunters may come upon Jap balloons which were released over this region in the war period. Remembering what happened to the six persons from Ely when such a discovery was made, no hunter should tinker with any strange mechanism he may find. The thing to do is to make careful note of the location, and report this also to authorities. (Klamath Falls Herald News.)

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Republican campaign manipulator Halleck made some election claims to reporters so modest they did not get in most newspapers. When a republican claims an expected republican victory, it is not news. But privately Mr. Halleck had a more sensational view, expressing a hunch he would get a tremendous sweep November 5 of far greater scope than expected, winning a strong majority in the house and a slight control in the senate. His view was that the democratic party is split, and the fissure will be widened in the voting, the party not even getting its usual union labor support which was its backbone in the last seven congressional elections.

The campaign has been so quiet you could hear a pepper drop or a Wallace fall. But peddled rolling pins have been flying in the democratic camp. The meat famine coming atop the Wallace affair has spread a panic among democratic candidates in eastern cities. They have been screaming to Mr. Truman privately and publicly for relief of some sort, which will return beef to all democratic tables at least before the voting starts.

Indeed, the republicans believe a report they have heard of the democratic camp, that Mike Monroney, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee, chosen for that job because his district was safe, and therefore he could campaign for others in need, instead of for himself, had to rush back to his home district in Oklahoma City on a well concealed trip to mend his own fences.

35 Campaign Speeches

This much I know—democratic senate leader Barkley has emceed on 35 campaign speeches in Kentucky. When a man of Barkley's official connection with the White House, age and health, goes into such incessant and strenuous activity merely to save a democratic seat, perhaps a Louisville congressman or two you may be sure the inner demo reports are very bad.

The spots where the republicans expect to gain most are the large industrial states like Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio—places where the unions have been strongest. They cannot expect to reap much in Illinois or Indiana where they are already strong. In Illinois they might pick up a district or two in Ed Kelley's Chicago; and in Indiana they hope are centered in the Gary district, where the foreign language groups have split over the peace troubles. But their hopes even extend to wild and woolly Washington, where the unions have been dominant, and to California.

Martin vs Guffey

Out of Pennsylvania they expect to promote a new presidential candidacy in the size of the majority by which their Gov. Martin beats Joe Guffey. Certainly Mr. Guffey has been getting prominent demonstrations from outside the state to undertake the argument for him, and lend respectability to his claims. He is thoroughly CIO, but what John Lewis' miners may do to him in the coal fields will be shown only by the counted votes.

The polls have been slow and inconclusive. Actually some of the republican leaders are waiting to hear what Mr. Gallup says. As he never says much until the last week of the election, the republican bigwigs will remain on tiptoe for a couple of weeks yet. Certainly, however, the democrats have not been able to match the republican slogan: "Had enough!"

Democratic Alliance

The fundamental political situation for the republican or any other standpoint in my opinion is simply this: The Roosevelt regime managed to perpetuate itself by an unreasonable and purely political alliance of southern democrats, city unions and city political machines in the north and east, and even the communists. This alliance was maintained by the genius of Mr. Roosevelt. Signs that it is cracking are unmistakable. The pressure of international and domestic events have forced open breaks wider and wider in the coalition, and it cannot be maintained much longer.

Yet the machines of the cities and unions are the best organized political pressure groups in the country; a union may fine a member for not voting. It provides automobiles, pressure and instruction to get its vote recorded 100 per cent. The city machines do fairly well in this respect also. The public at large is not organized. If the vote of the middle class, the white collar worker and the average citizen is more than 60 per cent recorded, in an off-year election, the movement to get out the vote will be considered a success. Only the ballots actually cast will count.

Election Prediction

In view of the dismal condition of the democrats, my election prediction is this: The republicans will gain firm control of the house perhaps by 18 or 17 votes or more and will come close to controlling the senate, perhaps within one or two votes. If the split among the unions eventuates at the polls, the scope of the victory will be enlarged to the same extent as the split widens. In that case, the republicans may win more than they claim.

BIG ELK MEET FORECAST

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Portland can expect 25,000 to 30,000 visitors at the Elks convention next July, Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., grand exalted ruler of the order, said today.



Apple (Sauce) for the Teacher

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

TEN REASONS FOR VOTING AGAINST TOWNSEND TAX

To the Editor:

The Townsend "something for nothing people" of Oregon are at their old game again. They are attempting, as they have at several past elections, to get the voters of Oregon to approve the levying of a special tax to pay pensions for all persons 60 or older, regardless of their need.

The approval by Oregon voters at the General Election on November 5 of the State old-age and disability pension fund initiative measure would bring about an economic catastrophe affecting Oregon taxpayers, regardless of whether they be laborers, professional people, farmers, or businessmen.

The following are ten paramount reasons why Oregon voters should vote 315 No against the proposed law:

1. This law would cause triple income taxes. Oregon taxpayers have all the taxes they can pay now.
2. Consumers would not have as much money left to purchase necessities, which would be higher in price due to pyramiding taxes added to the cost of producing or manufacturing them.
3. Farmers would have to take the market price for their produce, and they would thus have to pay the tax. They should be encouraged to produce, not discouraged.
4. The enactment of this law would encourage waste and greater consumption by those receiving benefits under it, and discourage longer hours of labor by the laboring men and greater production by the manufacturer or processor.
5. The cost of this tax added onto the cost of Oregon products would put them in a position where they could not compete with the same products from states not having this tax.
6. New industries would be discouraged from coming to Oregon, and thus state employment would be cut. Oregon would be the only state with both a net and a gross income tax.
7. This law would not be fair to those who have been investing savings in life insurance policies throughout the years, because they would have to pay a 3 per cent tax on cash received therefrom. Nor would this law be fair to those who have savings in the bank or invested in property, because such savings and profits would not purchase nearly so much to the higher prices brought about by this tax.
8. This tax would not be fair to those holding mortgages nor to those who must make payments on these mortgages. The holder would pay 3 per cent on interest received, and the person paying interest and principal upon the mortgage would be less able to make payments on interest and principal when due.
9. Under this law, the aged would not be assured of steady regular payments of an amount sufficient to pay all their living costs during times of depression when others would not have large enough gross incomes to yield enough taxes to finance such payments. There would be no reserve accumulated. Every penny received would be paid out every month.
10. Finally, this law is contrary to the laws of common sense of man, and also to the laws of God: "If any would not work, neither should he eat..." 2 Th. 3:10; "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?..." Is. 55:2; "... Who is able to stand before envy?" Pr. 27:4. The supporters of this law appear to me to be extremely lazy, extravagant and envious of those who toil and save.

I speak not as an economist or as a person informed about complex financial matters, but as a student working my way through college. Being somewhat physically handicapped, I was not in the service, so I do not come under the G.I. Bill of Rights. However, I am sure I am expressing the views of nearly all veterans, other college students, and successful laborers, professional people, farmers, and businessmen when I say "Vote 315 No against the measure to Create State Old-Age Disability and Pension Fund."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"He's much worse. Doctor—he keeps calling for a new car, a dozen white shirts and a couple of steaks!"

Russian Writers, Composers Warned to 'Glorify Soviet'

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Diplomatic Reporter

One of the Soviet union's most famous short story writers is a resident of Leningrad named Mikhail Zoshchenko. Recently he wrote a story about a little monkey freed from a Russian zoo by an air raid bomb explosion.

The little monkey had many harrowing experiences in the cruel outside world trying to keep body and soul together. Finally, after being chased by dogs and children and living a hand-to-mouth existence, he was taken in by a small boy who gave him a warm, comfortable home.

A short time after this little story appeared in print at Leningrad last summer, the wrath of the communist party fell heavily upon famous short story writer Mikhail Zoshchenko. He was accused of frittering away his talent and failing to glorify the soviet union.

In the opinion of official American experts on Russia, the little monkey has become a symbol of the freedom of creative artists in Russia to write more or less what they please.

Writer Scored
One of Prime Minister Stalin's top lieutenants, Andrei Zhdanov, blasted Zoshchenko for implying that life in the soviet union might be better inside a zoo cage than outside. He called on all creative artists to beat the drums for the soviet union and picture the greatness of its future.

Only a few days ago Russia's most famous composer, Dmitri Shostakovich, drew a stern word or two from the newspaper Culture and Life. This newspaper is published by the agitation and propaganda committee of the central committee of the communist party.

Ideology Needed
Shostakovich was accused of wasting his time composing highly stylized musical trifles devoid of "warm ideological convictions."

Poets, artists, musicians, writers, all have had their knuckles rapped. Zhdanov reminded them that Stalin has said creative artists are engineers of the human soul. Zhdanov warned them, especially to disclaim western influences. Western culture—presumably meaning British, French, American—is based on a "rotten" foundation, he said, and bound to collapse.

Civil War in North Dulls China Holiday

SHANGHAI, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Bands played and gay crowds thronged Shanghai and Nanking streets today while Chinese fought Chinese to the death in the battlefronts on this 35th anniversary of the Sun Yat-Sen revolution.

Celebration of the birth of China's republic came in the darkest hour since V-J day. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, re-elected today by a standing committee of his government party (Kuomintang) to a somewhat indefinite term, presided over restored military conscription. He was quoted as saying he did so for military reconstruction and natural defense.

At Yenan, Chinese communists charged that he lacked the manpower for the replacements reportedly demanded by his generals on the scattered civil war fronts. In this connection, as the communists claimed victories along the Peiping-Hankow railroad and south of Peiping, military observers pointed out that the government apparently was sacrificing for the time being a portion of that line in favor of a quick capture of communist-held Kaigan northwest of Peiping.

Frosts Moving Over Midwest

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Killing frosts and sub-freezing temperatures began moving in over wide areas of the Midwest tonight, marking the end of the 1948 growing season for garden vegetables.

By Sunday morning, weather forecasters predicted, sub-freezing temperatures would be recorded in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, upper Michigan and most of northern Illinois. Killing frosts also were forecast for southern Michigan and central Illinois. The Midwest's bumper corn crop is mature and past danger of damage. The soybean crop also was pronounced out of danger from killing frosts.

German Prisoners Riot at Darmstadt

FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Heavily armed U. S. combat troops and field artillerymen quelled a riot tonight among German prisoners in a civilian internment camp in Darmstadt, the third army said.

The prisoners tore down a quarter-mile of interior fence. The situation was reported under control within 50 minutes after the American soldiers were called out.

Election Board Posts Vacant

Approximately 10 Marion county election board vacancies and 134 democratic and 100 republican precinct committeemen and committeewomen vacancies are yet to be filled, County Clerk Harlan Judd reported Thursday.

Two election board members are lacking in Englewood precinct, one each in Quinby precinct, Salem no. 19, Salem no. 12 and Union Hill, and two each in Salem no. 33 and Salem no. 32, Clerk Judd stated. The 234 committeemen and committeewomen vacancies are scattered over the county's 89 precincts.

Many precincts have no committeemen or committeewomen filed, Judd said, indicating that these vacancies would have to be filled in the November election by write-in candidates.



AIDS VETS - Violet Boynton, Herkimer, N. Y., is the new adviser for women war veterans at Washington, D. C.

Sewer Pipe Price Raised

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—OPA today granted a six per cent price increase, effective October 15, for vitrified clay sewer pipes and allied products sold in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

The increase will be passed on to consumers, the agency said, so that resellers may retain their percentage margins as required by law.

OPA said today's action will restore base period earnings on sewer pipe and is aimed to maintain supply of the products which it said are critically needed for the housing program.

OPA OFFICIAL RESIGNS

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Lewis J. Bromough ended 4 1/2 years with the district OPA today by resigning this price board executive post to return to private law practice.

CITY GROUP TO CONVENE

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The League of Oregon Cities, which represents 180 of this state's 202 municipalities, will hold its 21st anniversary convention here Oct. 16-18.

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