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More on the Danube

Tuesday The Statesman referred to the squabble over the Danube river, and mentioned that before the late war the stream had been a free highway for commerce. Now at hand is the explanation of the American viewpoint given by Senator Vandenberg before the economic commission for the Balkans at Paris. The full statement appears in "World Report" for October 15.

Vandenberg notes that the Danube is the longest navigable waterway in Europe west of the USSR. It serves the commerce of eight states, and its importance is the greater because of poor rail and highway routes in that area. Since 1856 international administration of the Danube has been maintained in varying degrees. To quote Vandenberg:

The treaty of Versailles internationalized the Danube, for example, from the head of navigation to the sea and established free navigation throughout the river's length with a control commission including other than riparian states as a recognition of interest involved. The important point, in the American view, is that this relative freedom of navigation on the Danube has been accepted in one form or another as essential for 90 years. It is obviously even more essential in this new era when the United Nations are making common cause for peace and progress.

The stand taken by the United States seems full of merit; and this country, because of its remoteness and its own powerful position, is the one to insist on keeping the Danube free. Russia has no territory that touches the river; and its insistence on restricting control to the riparian states is merely a device to close the Danube and bring the states dependent on it within Russia's economic control. That should be opposed, not just to thwart Russian expansion but to permit these states to live and breathe.

A Step Toward Freedom of the Skies

A world pact to open the skies to commerce, a long-sought goal of this nation, now appears a possibility in the near future as a result of a recent joint statement of British and American governments.

The statement in brief pledges both nations to negotiate no air agreement which does not fit into the pattern drawn in the Anglo-American conference at Bermuda last winter. At Bermuda, an agreement was reached providing for the so-called "fifth freedom"—the right to pick up air traffic in one country and carry it to another, unlimited frequencies of operation and capacities, and the establishment of machinery for constant consultation to adjust any differences arising.

Such a plan to open the skies was sought first at the International Aviation conference in Chicago two years ago. Bermuda was believed to have implemented it, but since that time the British, Associated Press reported, went right ahead making agreements with other countries which were based on restricted frequencies and division of traffic, just as before. But following the recent U. S.-Brazil pact providing for full freedoms, CAB Chairman James M. Landis went to London with a delegation of state and commerce department officials for a frank talk with the British. The joint statement of policy followed.

The statement should go a long way next May, when the provisional international aviation organization meets again in Montreal, toward compelling universal acceptance of freedom of the skies. Airline route patterns to provide national protection will be a knotty problem, but it should not be insurmountable if the letter and spirit of the Bermuda plan and the joint policy statement are given full recognition.

"New" Attraction in Washington

Reconversion finally is moving toward the White House and American tourists, who once lined up by the thousands for carefully-shepherded tours, again will have the traditional right to see the inside of their chief executive's home.

No date has been set for the reopening, but already streets near the mansion have been reopened to traffic, anyone can traverse bordering sidewalks and guard boxes at the gates are empty. From all reports and appearances, it won't be long before 1600 Pennsylvania avenue will be a major competitor of the Washington monument, the capitol, the cherry blossoms, the FBI museum, the Smithsonian Institution and the treasury's money factory.

The war altered the White House some. The east wing, former starting point for conducted tours, has been converted into offices. But mostly the remainder is unchanged—the ladies' portrait gallery and the rooms of historic china and silverware in the lower corridor, the main-floor row of presidential portraits, the famous east room upstairs where the first lady, Abigail Adams, hung up the family wash and where the bodies of Presidents Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt lay in state.

Visitors with cards from their congressmen also once were given glimpses of the green room, the blue room, the red room and the state dining room. About the only "off limits" portion constituted the president's private living quarters.

The "duration" hasn't been officially ended yet. When it is or soon after, an extra treat should await those who brave the heat and bustle to see the more attractive parts of our national capitol.

Call for Action

Definite plans should be concluded tonight at the meeting of school officials for putting in school the 150 children at the farm labor colony near Salem. It will be a disgrace to Marion county if these youngsters are neglected further. They are as much entitled under the law to an education as other residents of the county. Already they have lost several weeks of schooling; further delay in solving the problem cannot be allowed.

We understand the complications of lack of room in present buildings, though these children have as lawful a claim as others to what room there is; and the limitations of budgets. But some way must be devised to get these children in school, even if it means passing the hat for a temporary fund. The meeting tonight must not adjourn without a definite, practical program.

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's passing last Saturday removes an able general and a colorful figure. "Vinegar Joe" they nicknamed him, but it was a term of description tinged with respect, not one of derision. A veteran of years of service in China, he broke with Chiang when he couldn't get from Chiang proper support in building up a fighting organization in China. Stilwell was recalled by President Roosevelt, but his ability and intelligence were not questioned. China today might be better off if Chiang had listened to Stilwell.

The war department gives young men a real break when it announces suspension of further draft calls for 1946. Americans are ready to join up when there's fighting to be done, but they do not relish the draft when the fighting is over. Ability to forego the draft is due to generous enlistments, which serves to keep up the army's strength. We hope it may be possible to rely on the volunteer system and not have to resume selection for service.

Political writers are covering the country now, taking soundings as a basis for predicting election results next month. Usually they indulge in enough double talk to save their faces regardless of how the count shows. So far this year, we note none exuding optimism over democratic prospects.

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. — A political innocence, deficiency are being assumed for President Truman in popular report. These are natural public reactions to the

series of failures of policy which the president has suffered, and no doubt these will prevail in the imagination of the man in the street.

But the truth of the matter is far different from that — and more subtle.

Mr. Truman every time he undertook to champion a CIO policy. And he has won on the single notable occasion in which he opposed CIO.

This is the inner history of his administration. He went against CIO's demand for appeasement of Russia, and won national bipartisan unity for his foreign policy. When he lapsed on this and let his commerce Secretary Wallace make a speech in CIO in New York advocating a middle foreign ground against his own Byrnes policy, he had to fire his own secretary in order to retreat back to firm ground.

At the outset of his administration he enjoyed full congressional support until he undertook to champion the key CIO unemployment insurance and spending. With that step he alienated congress, and lost his fight, getting only some meaningless little bills passed. On the strike legislation matter he lost, and wound up with no power whatever in this crisis, in full accord with precisely the same scheme of affairs. When he clung to their OPA controls too long, he had to surrender again.

CIO Policies Prove Wrong
The CIO policies have thus proved to be wrong, because they were not founded upon what is, but upon what the leftwing union leaders thought ought to be. They were popularly unrealistic. They were not conceived to give the people what they want, or in recognition of their current troubles, but what the union men thought the people should have.

This is clearly discernible. The unemployment insurance motif was promoted by the CIO at a time when the nation was critically short of enough workers to do its business and when prospects were it would be short indefinitely. The spending bill was advocated when the budget and national income were already at highest levels and going higher, and thus when spending should have been curtailed.

The Russian appeasement policy could not stand in the face of Russia's bulldozing efforts to build a postwar empire.

Control of the Value
Likewise of what good were OPA controls on meat prices at a time when there was not any meat?

The CIO chieftains and economists have just planned unwisely. This was unavoidably true because their primary interest was not in the people but in their own unions—which want greater government spending and unemployment insurance at all times, a strict OPA to hold prices down while their wages go up and, of course, their unions are admittedly influenced by the communists on foreign policy. Thus their schemes could not win. They were not even considerate of the facts of life which were apparent to an average citizen.

The charge has been made that Mr. Truman got his job because he was "cleared with Sidney" meaning the late Mr. Hillman of CIO-PAC at the Chicago convention, although this has been officially denied. At any rate the late Mr. Roosevelt played the same game, and it is natural his handpicked successor would try it, even after the game had run out into an inflationary era, calling for different tactics.

This is the nub of the matter. Does it not point to obvious solution? Fortunately the CIO policies, at least the old Hillman policies, are now just about washed away. The issues ahead center around the necessity of making a profit system work (which could be killed by inflation) and of maintaining a unity now existing concerning expansion of the Russian empire.

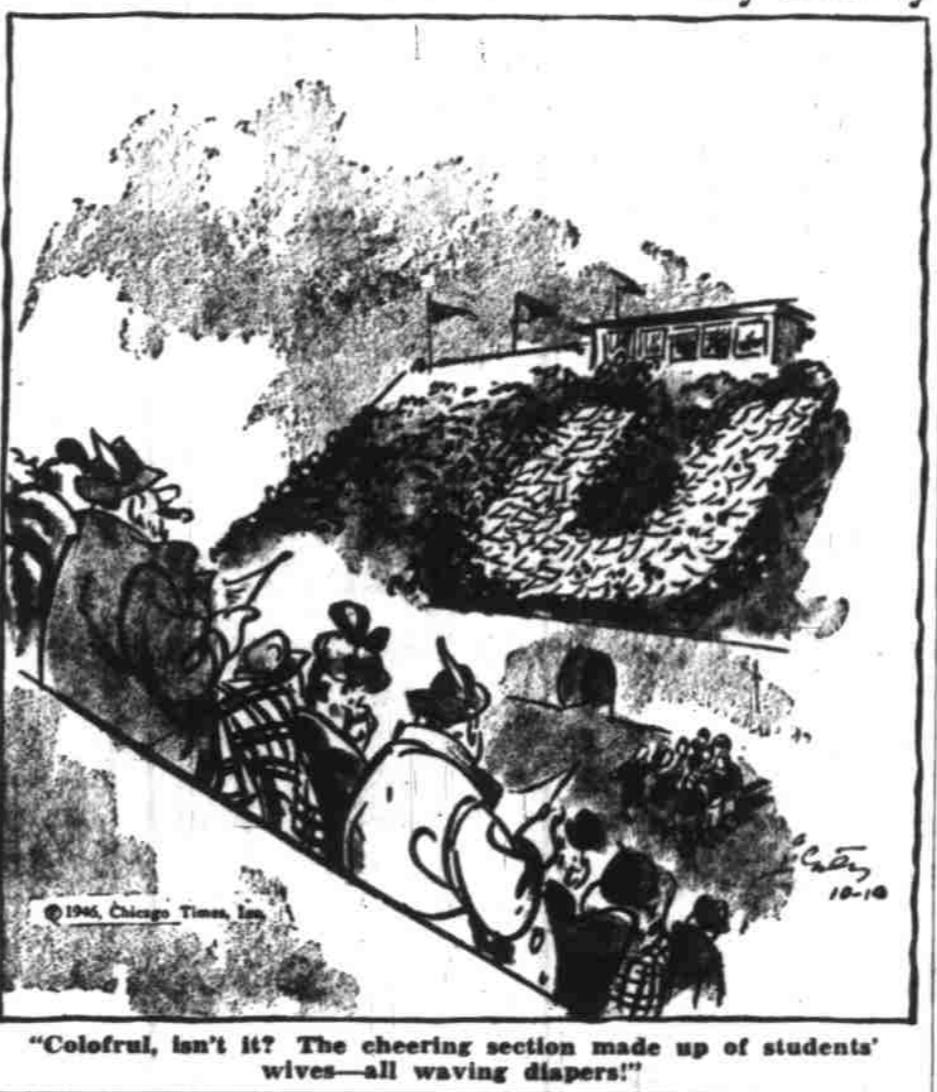
Production Needed
Domestically we must get production and a stable economy. We must get a settled period of prices and wages—not continued strivings to get one above another. This may be less difficult than you would imagine. Recent experiences have worked toward unity on this problem also. The AFL led the demand, for instance, for abandonment of OPA, and shows a greater realization now that business cannot pay high wages without commensurate profits. Unless CIO stops and seizes hold of this trend in the coming elections of congressmen, it will be the prospective pattern for the future.

The popular Truman jokes thus bring from me only a mild smile. If Mr. Truman has learned that CIO could not possibly plan a successful economy in a crisis because of the prejudiced attitudes it has from which it cannot escape—or if CIO has learned it—and the coming elections continue to register the decline of its arbitrary power over presidents, the future of the country may be worked out on more sensible lines with a chance for success.

CATTLE CLUB TO MEET
The monthly meeting of the Marion County Jersey Cattle club will be held Sunday at the farm home of Henry Zorne at Champoog.

If arrangements can be made, the name of the 4-H boy or girl who is to be the recipient of the registered Jersey calf, given by the club each year, will be selected and announced at this meeting.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Colorful, isn't it? The cheering section made up of students' wives—all waving diapers!"

Frozen Food Lockers Topic At Y Tonight

Pointers on the buying and construction of frozen food lockers will be discussed by M. G. Cropsey of Oregon State college at a public meeting at the YMCA tonight at 8 p.m.

Cropsey is associate professor in Agricultural engineering at Oregon State college, spending part of his time teaching and part in research work. Previous to joining the college staff last year, he was employed in research work in the U. S. department of agriculture in Washington D. C., and in similar work in Minnesota, North Dakota and Virginia.

The purpose of Cropsey's lecture is to acquaint future buyers of builders of freezer units with the avoidable errors in purchasing or construction. He has prepared pictures, charts and demonstration equipment which includes a cross section of a locker, to show construction in the home-built unit.

Locker plans are available at Oregon State college for a small charge. Samples of these will be on display at this meeting.

Additional information regarding the meeting can be obtained from the home demonstration agent's office, phone 8429.

'Teen Kanteen' to Open At Four Corners

FOUR CORNERS, Oct. 17. — The "Teen Kanteen" will open Friday night at the Four Corners community hall for all teen-agers of the Four Corners community. The hours are from 7:30 to 10:30. The first meeting will be sponsored by Explorer troop 64, with Waldo Miller as post-advisor. There will be games, dancing and refreshments. Mrs. E. E. Walker and Mrs. Ross Chrisman will be patronesses.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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impossible to administer wisely the intimate affairs of the daily lives of 140,000,000 from a central bureau, but enforcement fails out in the country. Super-planning and state socialism depend on supreme intelligence at the top and general compliance at the bottom. We are not able to supply the essential at either end.

It is possible for the state to operate large-scale, monopolistic type of business without too much evasion (though bootlegging still exists to compete with state monopoly in the liquor trade in Oregon). But to extend state socialism very far can't be done in a democratic society like ours. Human nature gets in its licks whenever the individual feels he is getting nicked or sees a chance to feather the nest of No. one. Not without reason does the USSR operate as a police state, with rigid discipline and strict enforcement. Even there the deviations are so frequent as to occasion general clean-up campaigns.

The art of politics is to adjust the collar so the horse will work. Too many theoreticians ignore the realities of life as they set up plans and regulations for government of human beings. As a result the collar may be too loose or too tight; or maybe the horse is plain balky. That is why good "horse sense" is indispensable for success in government.

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LEGION PLANS CONFERENCE

American Legion posts of Oregon district 2, comprising Marion, Polk and Clackamas counties, will confer with state legion officials at the Salem Legion hall on Sunday, October 27. Purpose of the meet is instruction for post adjutants, service officers and commanders, although all legionnaires are invited to attend. Art Johnson, Salem post 9 adjutant, said yesterday. Don Goode, recently elected district commander, will preside.

UNION WINS ELECTION

As a result of a national labor relations board election Tuesday at Hunt Bros. Packing company, the Salem cannery workers union, local 670, has been designated as official bargaining agent for workers at the plant. E. F. Benjamin, union secretary, reported Thursday. A similar election for all workers will be conducted Wednesday, October 23, at Producers Co-operative Packing company, Benjamin announced.

AUTOS COLLIDE

A car driven by Oren W. Kellogg, route 1, Rickreall, struck a car owned by Fred Broer, Jr., parked in front of his residence, 470 N. Church st., Wednesday night, according to police report. Kellogg told investigating policemen that he was temporarily blinded by the headlights of an oncoming car.

CLAY COCHRAN FALLS

Clay Cochran, manager of Salem Chamber of Commerce, remained home from his office yesterday due to a sprained foot he incurred Wednesday evening when he slipped and fell at the foot of the stairway to the chamber of office. A bottle of hair oil had been spilled there. Cochran is expected back at his office today.

JACK EVERSON ELECTED

Jack Everson, Salem used car dealer, was elected vice president of the new Oregon state used car dealers association in Portland yesterday, according to reports by Associated Press. Another Salem dealer, K. T. Murphy, was elected delegate to the national association.

BUILDING AUTHORIZED

Permission to make alterations and repairs to cost \$150 or less was granted by the city engineer's office yesterday to Henry Barry for alterations at 1190 S. Liberty st.; Charles Collins, 481 Evergreen ave., and Ben Perszyk, 2055 Warner st.

AIRPORT SURVEYED

John B. Eide and a crew representing the U. S. coast and geodetic survey arrived in Salem yesterday to begin a survey of the Salem airport. The survey is designed to list obstacles to air traffic at and near the field.

HEALTH BOARD TO MEET

The executive board of the Marion County Public Health association will meet at 4 p.m. today in room 208, Masonic building, according to Tinkham Gilbert, association president.

BRIDGE CLASS PLANNED

An informal class in contract bridge is being formed at Salem YWCA. Open to both men and women, the class will meet on Friday evenings.

VET GROUP MEETS TODAY

The local veterans' service committee will meet at noon today at the Spa restaurant, according to H. C. Sealford, president.

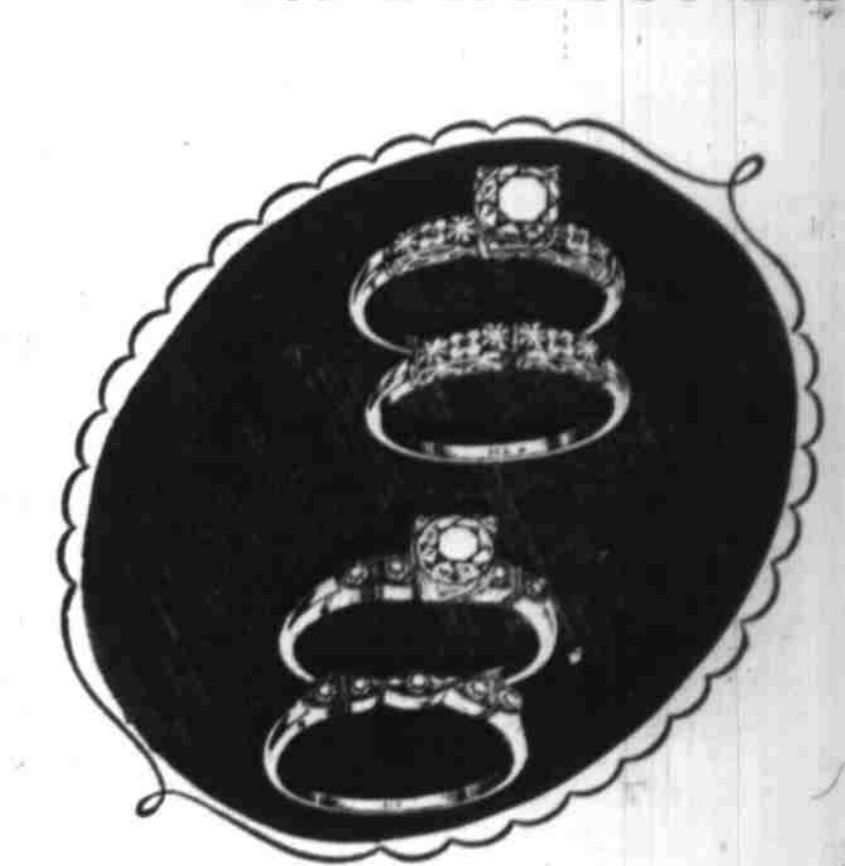
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