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Good Neighbors Get Together

If all goes well at the Bogota conference which began yesterday, the forthcoming "organic pact," a new charter which may become the constitution of the New World, may so implement and streamline the 125-year-old Monroe Doctrine as to render that document virtually obsolete in many ways.

The Doctrine has served to clarify the separation of the Americas from their European origins by identifying the Western Hemisphere as distinct from the Old World. The 21 American republics hope to draw closer together during the next six weeks by completing plans for inter-American military cooperation and defense, providing for peaceful settlement of inter-American disputes, integrating plans for close economic cooperation, and clarifying the status of European colonies in this hemisphere and of that informal "colonization"—the communist infiltration.

Of these projected efforts, the latter is the most controversial and most likely to modernize the Monroe Doctrine. The Doctrine's dual principles of no colonization and no intervention by European states in the Western Hemisphere have become an integral part of American foreign policy and were occasionally used to excuse United States intervention in South American affairs. Such quasi-imperialism as the "Roosevelt corollary" in 1904 has caused considerable distrust and dislike of the United States.

And Latin-American communists have used past instances of American "imperialism" to foment anti-American feeling. Hemispheric solidarity has been dealt some body blows by increased communist activity south of the border. Evidence of this was the demonstration against Secretary of State Marshall in Bogota this week. In other countries professional anti-American propagandists have infiltrated to key positions in labor unions from which they promote strikes and encourage slow-downs. The New York Times reports. The extent of communist strength in little Costa Rica alone is indicated by the succession of bloody riots there since the revolution started after the February elections.

Old-fashioned imperialism—the kind the Monroe Doctrine denounced and the remnants of which are the remaining British, French and Dutch colonies in the Americas—is rapidly becoming out-dated. United Nations is working to free long-exploited natives from old-time imperialistic nations by plebiscite or trusteeships. The Latin-American colonies no doubt will become independent eventually, although probably not at this conference. But what can be done about the new "imperialism"—more insidious than the old, and more dangerous because it exploits men's minds and destroys every liberty—the slow, coldly calculated, pre-planned "colonization" by infiltration and revolution? The Little United Nations—the Americas—will not be very closely united as long as communist agents encourage over-the-back-thenne quarrels between the neighbors.

It would seem, then, that the Bogota conference needs to write a new kind of Monroe Doctrine that would strengthen the old one's stand against physical intervention and colonization—an agreement against ideological imperialism.

And this agreement must be backed up by a realistic approach to the economic problems of the Americas. Economic and social well-being is the first line of defense against Russia's imperialism, for the infiltrators' seeds of discontent and revolution do not flourish among contented, secure, united peoples.

Casey Jones, et al.

If anyone could write a subjective but universally appealing and authoritative biography of the Iron Horse, that man is Stewart Holbrook whose fame as a dynamic, plain-talking historian was assured in such books as "Holy Old Mackinaw" and "The Men of American History." This time he regales us with "The Story of American Railroads" (Crown, New York, 1947).

And what a story Holbrook makes of it! He savors every episode and his love of railroading is projected to the reader:

"No sight, no sound in my native land so stirs my imagination as a big snorting Prairie-type engine . . . flitting across the great level open spaces . . . the hoarse cry of a freight climbing through a mountain valley. As symbols of the United States they are better, and more accurate, than the covered wagon . . . I think of them as unmistakably American as the Stars and Stripes and the Constitution."

The story begins with the primeval days of railroading when most Americans thought:

"The railroad stems direct from Hell. It is the Devil's own invention, compounded of fire, smoke, soot and dirt, spreading its infernal poison throughout the fair countryside . . . It will leave the land despoiled, a desert where only sable buzzards shall wing their loathsome way to feed upon the carrion accomplished by the iron monster of the locomotive engine."

And continues to the romantic age when:

"The Brave Engineer was a great, a magnificent figure to Young America. More than one banker and college president and eminent divine envied him, too, for his was the post they all had wanted and once meant to have, the calling for which superb whistles blew and noble bells rang, to the accompaniment of pounding drivers on the rails. He was the man to put her through, come what might of the weather or other deviltry."

That was the age immortalized in the balladry of the rails, songs like "Casey Jones" and "Old Ninety-Seven." It was the age when riders of the rods and blinds were romantic characters headed for "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" down the "Gila Monster Route" and train robbers like the James brothers were heroes of epic proportions. Holbrook's saga omits none of the color and pathos of the days before the Diesels and electricity usurped the rails; from the near-slave labor of Indians and Chinese who laid the rails to tycoons like Vanderbilt, the men who built the network that binds the nation are all there.

Of particular interest to Oregon, "Land of the Empire Builders," is the chapter on Jim Hill, first titan of railroading who hitched the Pacific Northwest to the rest of the country with the rails of his Great Northern and earned his title "The Empire Builder."

And typical of Holbrook's amazing knack for ferreting out little-known facts is his account of the fabulous Sumpter Valley railroad near Bourne, a fantastic gold mining town, which proved to be one of Oregon's "biggest and best swindles."

Convicts of Washington state penitentiary have more than one cause to know that the Freedom Train really means something. The convicts in previous weeks have been arguing over the contents of the original Bill of Rights, on which many prisoners base applications for liberty. Now they know—one of their number was escorted personally by the warden and allowed aboard the train long enough to take notes from the historic document. It could happen only in the land of the free.

Wallace says the crisis is trumped up and false. Maybe so, and we have a hard time believing our first-of-the-month bills, too, but we can't seem to turn our back on them.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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diplomacy has failed alarmingly; and the country faces perhaps the most critical situation in its history. Even if the basic principles of our foreign policy have been sound, their execution has been pitifully weak and ineffective. Almost the only voice that is raised against the administration's policy is that of Henry Wallace, and his is the communist line which calls for a peace of capitulation. But his plea for peace attracts many non-communists—they have scarcely any place else to go. There is a great body of opinion in this country which still feels that war with Russia is neither inevitable or necessary, that we have often been provocative of Russia, and that we have by no means exhausted the resources of diplomacy for preserving the peace of the world. Voices, powerful voices, truly American voices are needed to express that sentiment, lest the country be swept in its panic over the brink of war.

We are poorly prepared for war, and not in arms alone. We are unduly tended from Korea to Greece. The reversal of our Palestine policy has impaired our prestige. Our allies are weak to the point of exhaustion. There is no such internal unity as there was after Pearl Harbor. Prudence as well as common sense dictates a policy which works for honorable peace.

I like what David Lawrence wrote in last week's United States News: "It would be tragic indeed if American policy were limited solely to the course outlined in President Truman's message to congress last week. The president was right in denouncing Russian aggression. But are there no words we can say quietly through the channels of an intelligent diplomacy so that a formula for possible settlement may be developed? Have we no resourceful diplomats any more? Has Russia none either?"

We must not allow the situation to drift during the next few months or years with each nation making hostile faces at the other and ultimately fighting it out because some "incident" touches national honor and provokes bloodshed. Whenever there was a time for the exercise of moral force, it is now. Moral force means the use of the powers of reason and commonsense—the will to see the other fellow's viewpoint especially if he too is governed by a fear complex about us, and the will to give concrete examples of sincerity, good will and unselfish purpose.

This is no call for appeasement but for the redeployment of the forces of reason and intelligence against the canards of suspicion and fear and prejudice.

Letter Urges Supervision Of Dance Hall

A letter urging more strict supervision of a dance hall located north of Aumsville went out Tuesday from Marion county court to Claude E. Bird of Salem, who has leased the hall.

The letter from County Judge Grant Murphy stated that an investigating officer, who was present at the opening dance last Saturday night, reported no attempt to control "passing in and out of guests."

The officer also reported considerable parking congestion at the hall known as the Aumsville skating rink. The judge added that such violations would subject the hall's permit to cancellation. The letter stated that the dance "was otherwise conducted in an orderly manner."

The court received a petition last week from 41 residents in that area asking that Bird's dance hall permit be cancelled.

Fire protection authorities say that is a matter of statistical record that 90 per cent of all fires are preventable.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Orders from Moscow, Boris—ignore activities of capitalistic baseball teams—except, of course, the Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds!"

May He Always Hold It High



The Freedom Train Will Be in Salem April 6

Kiwanis Hears Professor of Economics

Changes in grocery store appearance, methods of merchandising, and the prices paid for groceries are always ultimately determined by the customer, who either sanctions or disapproves of such changes by his patronage. This was the statement of Dr. Charles Thompson, economist from the University of Illinois, speaking at the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday.

Price of flour now is about what our grandmothers paid for it, but the extra price the baker has to have for his product includes such extra services as slicing and higher pay for the bakers, who used to receive a top of \$9 a week when I was a master baker," Dr. Thompson said.

Whatever the changes made in the appearance of the grocery store, methods of merchandising has all been with the approval of the consumer "who had the power to refuse to buy had he wished," Dr. Thompson stressed.

North Salem Group to Meet

Continued organization procedure is slated as the principal business for a meeting of the newly formed North Salem Business association next Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the Willamette Valley bank.

Board members, instructed at the first meeting to draw up by-laws and make recommendations as to membership qualifications and dues, said they were ready to make such a report.

FFA Speaker Wins Plaque

James McDowell of Salem received an achievement plaque for his district as an outcome of the state public speaking contest of Future Farmers of America in Portland Tuesday.

Winner of the speaking contest was Rodney Frakes of Ontario and runners-up were Norman Goetze of Hillsboro and Richard Rawlinson of Enterprise. Six Oregon districts were represented.

Judges were Charles A. Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman; Carlyn Winger, professor of speech, Oregon State college, and Herman Chindgren, Molalla, state fair association president.

Paper Mill Unions Plan Union-Shop Elections Friday

Two Salem paper mill workers unions will conduct a union-shop election here Friday at the Oregon Pulp and Paper company.

Approximately 550 members of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and of the International Brotherhood of Pulp and Sulphite workers are eligible to vote, according to Wade C. Carter, president of the Salem pulp and sulphite local.

More than 17,000 pulp and paper workers in 32 west coast plants began voting Tuesday. An election is required by the Taft-Hartley bill to make a union-shop contract provision legal.

Results of the balloting will be tabulated by the representatives of the national labor relations board, Carter said Tuesday, and results will not be known before next Saturday or Monday.

Cascade Scout Board Meets

First Cascade area council Boy Scout executive board meeting of 1948 was held Monday night in the Salem Chamber of Commerce under the board's new president, Hollis Smith of Dallas.

Gardner Knapp of Salem, council camping chairman, reported that the council's newly-acquired string of circle-camps would be open this summer for small groups of over-night or week-end scout campers.

The 11 camps are spread over the council area. This council is one of the first in the west to establish such a group of camps, Scout Executive Gordon Gilmore said.

Carl Krehbiel Dies at Home

Carl Albert Krehbiel, 51, resident of the Salem area since boyhood, died Tuesday at his home, Salem route 3, following an illness of six weeks.

Krehbiel was born in Iowa and came to Oregon in 1905 with his family. In 1917 he was married to Lilian Lichty of Salem, who survives. He was a carpenter.

Other survivors are the mother, Mrs. Christina Krehbiel; daughter, Dorothy Paulsen; son, Norman Dale Krehbiel, all of Salem; five sisters, Mrs. Leona Taylor and Mrs. Asa Eoff of Salem, Mrs. Waldo Stewart, Mrs. Hulda Lichty and Mrs. Herbert Humphrey, all of Portland.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at W. T. Rigdon chapel, with concluding services at Belcrest Memorial park. The Rev. M. A. Getzenander will officiate.

By Lichty

State DeMolay Convention Due Here May 21-22

Plans are being readied here this week for the state convocation of Order of DeMolay to be held in Salem on May 21 and 22 with Chemeketa chapter of the boys' organization as hosts.

Early arrangements call for business sessions, a parade, ball, banquet and initiatory ceremonies, Vernon Wiscarson, adult advisor to Chemeketa chapter, said Tuesday.

Approximately 400 to 500 delegates from 48 DeMolay chapters in Oregon are expected to register. Business sessions will occupy the first afternoon with initiatory and DeMolay degrees conducted Friday evening for candidates.

A parade through Salem downtown streets is planned for Saturday noon. A banquet will be held Saturday evening to be followed by a DeMolay ball.

The banquet will be held in Salem senior high school cafeteria. Wiscarson said the sites for the business sessions and the ball have not been decided.

Between the business sessions and other activities the delegates will be taken on sight-seeing tours of Salem and vicinity. Robert Seamster, newly-elected master counselor of Chemeketa chapter, who is to be installed next week, will be in general charge of the convocation.

The Salem chapter of DeMolay has 140 members, Wiscarson said. The organization, open only to boys from 16 to 21, is sponsored by Masonic lodges, but is not a junior Masonic group, he stated. The state convocation has not been held in Salem for several years, he noted.

Phalanx Club Plans Dance

As its first large scale youth recreation project, the new Phalanx club, YMCA young men's service club, will sponsor a semi-formal dance for Salem school youth of the ninth through the twelfth grades, it was decided at a club meeting last night.

Membership remains open in the new Phalanx organization for men 18 to 25 years old who meet usually on the second and third Tuesdays of each month.

State FFA Meet Expected to Draw 800 Delegates

Attendance at the 20th annual state convention of the Future Farmers of America in Klamath Falls April 8-10 is expected to be the largest in history, Ralph L. Morgan of Salem, state supervisor of vocational agricultural education and state FFA supervisor, said Tuesday.

More than 800 Future Farmers from 54 chapters in Oregon are anticipated at the convention, slated for the newly-established Oregon Vocational school.

Speakers at the convention will include Eugene Hansen, East Garfield, Utah, national FFA student secretary and Robert Taylor, Grants Pass, former national FFA first vice president.

Jaycees Told State Fair Employment Practices Bill Due

Prediction that a fair employment practices bill will be introduced in the state legislature next year was made Tuesday noon in Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce luncheon address by George L. Thomas, social relations director for the Oregon Council of Churches.

The Portland attorney and council leader explained problems faced by Negroes and others and urged that "democracy be expanded to minority groups."

"Our freedom can only be protected by the extension to all our people of the principles of Christianity and democracy," Thomas stated.

Local Educators to Take Part in Oregon Education Convention

More than a score of Willamette valley educators will play leading roles this week end in conventions at Portland of the Oregon Education association and related organizations.

Program chairman is Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of Salem schools, and included on his committee are Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and D. A. Emerson, assistant state superintendent, also of Salem.

Carl Aschenbrenner, principal of Parrish Junior high, will direct a skit to be presented to the department of classroom teachers at Lincoln High auditorium Friday night. All departmental sessions are scheduled for Lincoln, general sessions, with 3,000 expected, at Portland civic auditorium.

Leading or taking part in department discussions will be A. E. Palmer of Albany and R. W. Tavenor of Salem, audio-visual aids; Dr. Ralph Bailey of Linfield college, Dr. Louis Kaplan of Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, and Dr. George Martin of Willamette, higher education; Albert Johnson and D. A. Emerson of Salem, industrial arts; Vernon Gilmore, George Sirmio, Mrs. Agnes Booth and Mrs. Bernice Yearly, all of Salem, and Marjorie Herr, Albany, health and physical education; Vernon L. Wiscarson, and Gretchen Kraemer, both of Salem, and Grace Erickson, Albany, music; Hiram T. Smith, Salem, safety education; Eleanor Roberts, Joy Hills and Mrs. Florence Kron, all of Salem, and Robert Miller, Silverton, social studies; R. D. Mahaffey, Linfield, speech; Walter E. Snyder, Salem, and Dr. Henry Gunn, president of Oregon College of Education, special education.

The first general session will be at the Portland Civic Auditorium at 8:45 a.m. Thursday. Saturday night banquet speaker will be Sen. Wayne Morse.

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