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The Northwest Meets a Crisis

A flood disaster without counterpart in northwest history finds the oft-raging Willamette a placid stream in this crucial time but neither the heart nor the memory of our valley is found wanting. And the same is true for the remainder of the nation. There have been countless and sincere offers of aid from every area.

Repeated calls were received by the Red Cross and newspapers in Salem Monday, asking what was needed, where help could be sent, and soliciting clothing for distribution to the refugees of stricken Vanport. Tragedy and crisis, as usual, are bringing out the best that is American.

Instances of heroism on the part of rescuers and would-be rescuers are so numerous as to be common-places. The disaster is unprecedented in more ways than one, but there is a well-established precedent for the way in which the situation was and is being met.

Not for weeks or months will the full toll of the tragedy be known. Many bodies undoubtedly will never be recovered. That the fatality list will be heavy is inescapable.

It's all very well to talk about harnessing our streams. But sometimes one wonders whether there is any such thing, when the chips really come down. Certainly there will be revised estimates of the place which flood control should occupy in the over-all development of the northwest's rivers. And it should be considered, too, that an even less fortuitous set of circumstances might possibly have found our Santiam and Willamette at near-record marks at the same time as the Columbia and Snake. There are parts of Portland, to be specific, which actually could constitute another Vanport under conditions now conceivable.

But the blame, the cost and the cure must be assessed at a later date. Right now the sympathy of the state and nation goes to the bereaved as we all say sincerely "Isn't there something we can do to help?"

World-Mindedness

A number of citizens of various countries recently have dramatically renounced their native lands and declared themselves "citizens of the world." This grandiose gesture has no real meaning, of course, because citizenship is a two-way proposition and, as far as we know, the world has not recognized any of the men without a country as its own.

While the concept of "world citizenship" is, as yet, quite visionary and impractical, "world-mindedness" is a very desirable trait. The 1,000 delegates to the third national conference on citizenship in Washington, D. C., decided last week. The conference, attended by civic, professional, business and educational leaders, is sponsored by the National Education association and the department of justice.

Ten qualities of the "world-minded American" approved by the conference are these:

Realization that civilization may be imperiled by another world war; desire for a world at peace in which liberty and justice are assured for all; knowledge that nothing in human nature makes war inevitable; belief that education can become a powerful force for achieving international understanding and world peace; knowledge of and understanding how people in other lands live and recognition of the common humanity which underlies all differences of culture.

Knowledge that unlimited national sovereignty is a threat to world peace and that nations must cooperate to achieve peace and human progress; knowledge that modern technology holds promise of solving the problem of economic security and that international cooperation can contribute to the increase of well-being for all men; possession of a deep concern for the well-being of all humanity and a continuing interest in world affairs; serious devotion to the analysis of international problems with all the skill and judgment he can command.

And, finally, the world-minded American acts to help bring about a world at peace in which liberty and justice are assured for all.

Obviously, if there were enough world-minded citizens, world citizenship would soon be taken for granted. Meanwhile, most people here and in other nations still have a long way to go before they can qualify for the NEA's definition of "world-minded."

In addition to relief furnished the German people through our occupation forces and through contributions of church groups individuals in this country are sending parcels to Germans at an average rate of one million packages a month. The value is estimated at \$10,000,000. These gifts which enable hundreds of German families to get along better in these times of impoverishment surely should build up a large measure of goodwill for America among our late foes.

Ralph B. Lloyd of Los Angeles, who has extensive property interests in Portland's east side, has given a block of ground for a site for the Oregon museum of science and industry. Now if some Portland philanthropist would give a million for a building, the state might catch up with itself in this important field. There is still room for gifts of land and money to the Oregon Historical society for a home of its own. A Californian has set the pace.

The Pendleton East Oregonian inquires: Where do our burglars come from? Often the more pressing question is: Where do they go to?

The AFL haters' union advises Henry Wallace to withdraw from his third party adventure. But Henry, armed with his letter from Joe, shows no signs of weakening.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

THE CINDERELLA GUSH

A news agency has dispatched a starry-eyed report about the coming Social-Register marriage of Mary Ellin, daughter of the former Ellin Mackay and Irving Berlin.

"The betrothal," chaprized the writer, "pointed up the fact that the marriage... has been happy... and successful... Ellin (Mackay was), reared in luxury, Berlin... had worked his way... from the East Side slum." etc.

This being the 150th year, more or less, of post-Jefferson America and not 16th-century Poland, or even 18th-century England, we suggest that news and magazine writers ease off handling this American Cinderella story through the smitten eyes of an ancient-regime serving maid.

If Irving Berlin was born somewhere near Hester street, he is not the first, by thousands, and will not be the last, to better his economic lot in life. As far as subsequent "social equality" goes, the mysteries of decent social usage are not so occult that an intelligent young man from the Lower East Side, particularly when his own cultural heritage is considerable, cannot very easily qualify.

At least among Caucasians, the American people have not believed in many years in holding origin against anyone, unless we except the negligible fringe of ancestor worshipers left in backwaters of the vital society. To treat with astonishment of every instance where an Irving Berlin manages to pass muster with some Blue Book people is tacitly to confess that the writer himself retains a vestigial and obsolete American snobbery and assumes many of his readers do, too. We suggest that writers begin assuming that this phenomenon is part of our heritage and not something to gush over.—(San Francisco Chronicle).

IT SEEMS TO ME

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second city in size in the state. The temporary housing proved temporary indeed.

The flooding of Vanport made this flood a genuine disaster, and is recognized as such by Governor Hall and President Truman. The American Red Cross moved swiftly into action to provide emergency relief. But the relief required will be of more than temporary character. The flood victims have no house to return to, and there are few elsewhere in the city available for rental.

Update we must stand by to await calls for assistance especially in the way of clothing, for families suddenly dispossessed. There is little or no housing available but we are able to send clothing and contribute money for relief. Meantime it would be well for those generously disposed to await instructions.

Now that the 1948 flood is breaking the 1894 record even the morbid and the curious will join in saying "River, go away from my door."

'Gas' Charge In Palestine Brings Denial

LAKE SUCCESS, May 31.—(AP)—An Arab spokesman denounced as a lie today a Jewish charge that the Arabs plan to use gas in Palestine.

The Arab, Faris El Khoury of Syria, told newsmen in a statement: "It is a terrible lie. We do not possess such material."

Last week he read to the council a complaint from Egypt that two Jews captured by the Arabs had put germs in wells in Arab territory and planned to poison others. He speculated that the Jews might be trying to counter Egypt's complaint with the Jewish charge that a captured Arab battle order specified the Arabs would use gas.

Interned Jews' Fate in Doubt

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—The immediate fate of 24,000 Jews interned at Cyprus was uncertain tonight, because of conflicting Jewish and British interpretations of the latest United Nations cease-fire order.

A spokesman for the British foreign office said the position of the internees was "under consideration" in the light of the U. N. stipulation that Jews and Arabs were to introduce no fighting weapons into Palestine.

Maurice Rosetti, spokesman for the Jewish agency, said Israel authorities will continue to make shipping arrangements to remove the Jews from Cyprus. He said 500 have been removed already and two transports were in a Cyprus port. He added that "only a few legal technicalities" held up a large scale transfer.

Rosetti said the agency's interpretation of the U. N. order made it clear that immigrants could continue to go to Palestine.

Georgia Delegates Will Fight Truman

ATLANTA, May 31.—(AP)—Georgia's 28 democratic national convention voters met today to solidly support President Truman today. A 72-member delegation selected by the state democratic executive committee was instructed to vote as a unit—there could be no dissenters.

Party leaders said repeatedly they would fight Mr. Truman's nomination and would fight his civil rights program.

They emphasized, however, Georgia democrats would not bolt the party or the national convention if they lose on the convention floor.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I tell ya it ain't the same army, Mac!—For instance, if ya get to be a general, you're allowed to design your own uniform!"



Another Shooting War We'd Better Stay Out Of!

Flood-Ousted Racing Horses Bed Down Here

About 400 horse owners, jockeys and trainers and 300 racing horses, driven from the Portland Meadows track by the flood, are now quartered temporarily at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

The horses were given six hours' notice Sunday night and began arriving in Salem at 4 a. m. Monday. All available stables, including those in the show barns were filled by Sunday night. A few horse owners were moving their horses out Monday night and preparing to leave for Renton, Wash., to race their animals at the Long-aces track.

The large influx in horses and personnel created a temporary food shortage early Monday due to the holiday, but a cafeteria was set up by afternoon and truckloads of hay for the stock were arriving by early evening.

A number of horse owners and trainers said they had witnessed the disastrous Vanport flood before being evacuated Sunday night.

One veteran trainer who wished to remain anonymous said he was on Denver avenue near the housing project when the flood warning sounded.

"Within 10 minutes there was 10 feet of water over the entire place," he said. "The first wave was small, but the second must have been 12 feet high. Men, women and children were screaming as they fought the rising water to get to higher land."

"I really got scared when that big radio tower fell," he commented. "It was hit by one of the units and tipped over about half way at first. The unit nudged it again and then it hit the water with a deafening roar, with spray flying at least 100 feet in the air."

The trainer said the horses were getting excellent care at the fairground stables and thought his string would remain in Salem until the Portland track re-opened.

With a sly wink he remarked: "They've got more good horses here now than they ever had before."



GOVERNOR — Earl K. Long, brother of late Sen. Huey P. Long, is Louisiana's new governor. He defeated Sam Houston Jones by heavy vote in Democratic runoff primary.

Atom Workers Vote on Offer

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., May 31.—(AP)—The national labor relations board will poll 875 workers in an atomic plant tomorrow and Wednesday on whether they wish to accept a final contract offer.

Union leaders confidently predicted the workers would reject the offer, submitted by Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp.

Kenneth L. Scott, AFL organizer for the atomic trades and labor council, refused to say whether rejection of the proposed agreement would lead to a strike June 7 when a government injunction expires.

The company, in a 35-page proposition, offered wage increases which it said range from 1 1/2 to 17 1/2 cents an hour and average more than 10 cents. The union, which has been seeking a 15-cent hourly boost and other concessions, contended the average increase would be 7.6 cents an hour.

The present average wage is \$1.38.

Truman Completes Cruise, Prepares For Speech Trip

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—President Truman returned to the White House late today from a Memorial day weekend cruise on the presidential yacht Williamsburg.

He planned to start completing preparations for his cross-country railroad swing starting Thursday night.

Top White House aides said the official party on the pre-convention talking tour would be limited to members of the White House staff.

The president's five major, prepared addresses, they emphasized, will be made under non-political auspices, and no officials of the democratic national committee will be along.

The president's first important address of the tour will be made Friday night in Chicago at the opening of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Swedish immigration into the mid-west.

POWER GETS DEGREE — TAMPA, Fla., May 31.—(AP)—Tyron Power, the movie actor, was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree tonight by the University of Tampa.

Robeson Lauds Reds, Refuses To Tell Party

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Negro singer Paul Robeson told senate questioners today he would go to jail before he would say whether he is a communist.

Senator Moore (R-Okla.) promptly adopted the idea, with the suggestion that "sometimes a year in jail cools some of these people off."

But Chairman Wiley (R-Wis) of the judiciary committee said he doubted that the committee would take contempt action. Robeson was testifying before the judiciary committee against the Mundt-Nixon anti-communist bill when the dispute arose.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), whose direct question Robeson refused to answer, said the committee would decide about contempt later.

The exchange took place after Robeson told the committee he thinks members of the communist party "have done a magnificent job in America."

"Are you an American communist?" Ferguson asked.

"I refuse to answer that question," Robeson replied with emphatic gestures. "This is an invasion of my right of secret ballot."

Ferguson fired back, the same question a second time and a third, and Robeson finally broke out:

"Nineteen leading Americans are going to jail for refusal to answer that question and if necessary I will join them."

There were some hisses mixed with the audience applause that greeted the singer's statement.

His reference to 19 Americans covered the Hollywood writers and others charged with contempt of congress for refusal to answer similar questions before the house committee on un-American activities.

"Maybe if I were a republican I might not answer the question either," Robeson told Ferguson at another point. "I'd say come to the ballot place and see for yourself."

That was his response to an inquiry whether he holds a card "in any communist organization in any state."

Ferguson said a legal question is involved in the matter of a contempt citation, since a committee quorum was not present during the exchange.

The sharp give-and-take at times found Robeson asking as many questions as he answered. At one time Moore instructed him:

"You answer my question and don't do so much talking yourself."



KEYNOTE — Gov. Dwight D. Green of Illinois will be temporary chairman and keynote of Republican National Convention in Philadelphia in June. House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R-Mass.) will be permanent convention chairman.

MATTER OF FACT

Warren Regarded as One of Most Impressive Senior Republicans

By Joseph Alsop
SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 31.—Earl Warren, who governs California from this pleasant, pretty city, is the least known of major political figures. This is too bad for Warren is also one of the three or four most impressive senior republicans, if one may judge from two hours' frank talk. Furthermore, although he is not one of those who toss all night with dreams of the White House, Warren is a serious candidate for a republican presidential nomination.

This week, with the republican convention delegates chosen, Warren's emissaries are going out through the country. They are explaining to republican leaders Warren's pre-eminent availability, in the quite possible event of a deadlock in the convention. Warren himself thoroughly understands that a convention deadlock is far more likely to result in a movement to draft Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, whom he warmly admires. But he is preparing to take his chance with shrewd, good-natured equanimity.

Holds Big Delegation
In any event, he is legally entitled to hold the big California delegation until he chooses to release it. And thus, whatever happens, he is bound to be one of the half dozen commanding personalities when the delegates gather at Philadelphia.

What sort of fellow, then, is this man Warren? In the first place, he is a second-generation Scandinavian American, and looks it. (If nominated and elected, he would be the first occupant of the White House whose father and mother were immigrants.) He is a solid, easy-moving quiet-spoken man, with the big Scandinavian build, and the broad, small-featured, pleasant Scandinavian face. Put a blue cap on him, weather his skin a little, and he might be a big Norwegian sea captain. He walks through the California capitol corridors as a rather genial sea captain might walk his vessel's familiar deck.

And although he shows no signs of wishing to initiate the autocracy of the master of a ship, he is reputed to have steered California knowingly through very difficult times.

Took Specific Stand
For purposes of this report, however, his appearance is considerably less important than his views. These are generally supposed to be mysterious and imprecise. In fact, however, he has just surveyed the whole panorama of American policy, both domestic and foreign, saying where he stands on almost every issue. In a radio broadcast that has received infinitely too little attention in the country.

In this broadcast, which was his sole rather obscure campaigning gesture, Warren did not speak in terms of specific measures, so that one cannot say whether he would support this bill or oppose that. But if he was not indulging in the worst kind of double talk — and no man, on first meeting at least, seems less likely to do so — Warren is strongly on the progressive side right down the line.

Program Comprehensive
No such comprehensive and progressive program, covering all the many thorny home issues like housing, resources use and health and education, as well as dealing firmly, wisely and practically with foreign policy, has yet been offered by any other republican.

The speech deserves to be reprinted in full and widely read. There is no space here to cover it in detail, but one point is too significant to omit. This is Warren's keynote, which takes the form of the statement: "The American people want to know whether the republican party has grown with the years, whether it has learned from the world-shaking events of recent years."

This problem, you learn as you talk to Warren, is his chief preoccupation. Very few republicans in Washington are wise enough to realize, as they hear the heady scents of victory next November, what peril awaits them thereafter.

Perils Very Present
Yet the peril is visible in the form of the paunchy representation of every special interest in the United States home out of hiding and stalking the capitol corridors. These men are now surrounded by members of congress slapping them on the back and calling them "good old Bill."

If the next republican president is not a strong and wise man, the election will be followed by such a scene of snatch and grab, such a carnival of turning the clock back, such a wholesale surrender to reaction as will turn the collective stomach of the country.

What republicans in Washington too rarely notice, Warren has had the vision to observe from

the distance of California. He says simply that if the republican party goes this road, it will be dead and finished in four years. And he observes sensibly that while another republican defeat would not be inherently disastrous, the present disunity and decay of the American left might make a failure of the republicans a real disaster in 1962.

Not Safe for Right to Fall
Until the left has returned to health, it is not safe for the right to fail.

Adverting this danger is Warren's chief purpose. He seems to be far from prepared to fight and bleed and die for the republican nomination.

But even in the quiet atmosphere of Sacramento's Sutter club, over a cup of coffee and a salad, he gives the impression of grim determination when he discusses the direction his party is shortly to take. Wise republicans are likely to have reason to be grateful for such a champion.

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Holiday Death Toll Reaches 8 in Oregon

By the Associated Press
The death toll in Oregon's observance of the three-day Memorial day holiday mounted to eight Monday night.

Three other persons being swept to sea by an outgoing tide near Pacific City were rescued by vacationers who linked hands to form a line that hauled them to safety.

The deaths included five by drowning. Near Tillamook Claude Louthold, 12, Manhattan, Ore., stepped into a crab hole. Her father, Henry Louthold, went to her rescue. Both were swept to sea.

Three boys drowned in the Willamette river at Portland when their raft disintegrated in flood waters.

Near Joseph, Ted R. Smith, 21, and Jean Rinehart, 18, both of Joseph, died in the crash of their light airplane.

The three rescued at Pacific City, swimmers who had gone out too far, were Mrs. Claude Bloom, Pleasant Valley, Ore., Alice Miles, Willamina, and a man whose name was not learned.

Wallets Stolen, Office and Auto Burglarized Here

Theft of two wallets and burglary from a building and car were reported to police over the weekend.

Ed Mulcrone and Roy Evans told police that the wallets were taken from their trousers while they were sleeping in a local hotel room Saturday night. Mulcrone's purse contained \$64 and Evans' \$4, police said.

Officers with the Milking Machine company, 660 N. Capitol st., were entered by thieves sometime over the weekend and about 30 pennies and \$50 worth of fishing tackle were stolen, police said. Entry was made after breaking a back window, officers stated.

Milo D. Erion, 1835 N. Fifth st., reported to police that a camera, a pair of sunglasses, a carton of cigarettes and a flashlight were taken from his auto parked in the 300 block of North High street Saturday night.

Dalton Returned To Cabinet Post

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—Hugh Dalton, who resigned as chancellor of the exchequer last year after premature publication of some of his tax plans, was returned to the British cabinet tonight.

He was appointed chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, a cabinet reshuffle following the resignation of Lord Nathan as minister of civil aviation. The post of minister of civil aviation is being taken by Lord Pakenham, who has been chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster.

The duchy of Lancaster was made a post carrying no specific departmental responsibility. Until now the holder of this job was in charge of administration of the British zone of Germany.

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