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Welcome, Anyway

With scarcely a word of warning summer has arrived. Spring was a long time coming and we still are not sure it ever got here. Evidently we are to understand that the season was confined to that handful of sunny days scattered between alternating showers and cold wintry rain.

There were promises of spring since February. Friends from the country brought early trilliums to the office. The flowering red currant appeared and Oregon grape made itself decorative at the proper time. It was the usual advance notice but the show didn't live up to expectations.

We should have done better, of course, by watching the calendar more carefully. It was the Scotch broom that fooled us... that botanical Judas. As a herald of spring it just isn't dependable. Why, in January it puts out a few yellow flowers — or are they left over? Anyway, it's been here for quite a while, pitching its wild scrubby arms in the wind and overflowing the hillsides with bright sulphur yellow and ochre. All the time we thought it was in season.

Probably the rhododendrons and azaleas should have been considered the advance guard, a notice that June was almost upon us. But they, too, advanced so quickly. The camellias had hardly retired when the heath shrubs rushed out to flash their brilliant blossoms.

Now, already, the salmon-colored azaleas are fading and the pink and cerise and purple and crimson rhododendrons have indicated they are about to exit. Before you know it, the hills and roadsides will be blushing pink with wild roses in full regalia.

We must admit we've been quite overwhelming with so much sunshine and blue sky, so suddenly. But we must add that even so brash and unexpected guest as summer is welcome, especially when we suspect the last few days have just been a dress rehearsal for the real thing.

Thirty for the Vanguard

Balzac once said that irony is the foundation of the character of Providence. If so, then Providence must have had a heavy hand in the last publication May 24 of the Vanguard, student newspaper for Vanport college which was totally destroyed by the Columbia river Sunday.

There's a notice on the front page that there will be no classes Monday, May 31, Memorial Day.

A story reveals that the college had a deficit of \$2,000 and had to curtail some student activity costs so that "we will have a sufficient amount of funds on hand to start next term."

The leading story is about anniversary day when students and faculty celebrated Vanport's second year and honored Dr. Stephen Epler, college director, who originated the idea for the extension school. The day was dedicated to improvement of the campus: painting, washing windows, planting flowers and trees. And a fraternity presented a stone monument to the college on condition the stone is to remain even if Vanport college moves away.

John Hakanson, editor of the Vanguard and a primary election candidate for the republican nomination for state representative, started his editorial with:

"An old saying goes, 'All good things must come to an end,' and soon the school year will be in the past. This issue of the Vanguard is the last... and as such we can hardly conceal an honest mistiness, almost a tear of regret for the times past and the fun and troubles we had..."

On the sports page there's comment about a new baseball field on higher ground and a statement by the coach that he hopes to have his practices next fall "minus several inches of water on the field."

A columnist writes:

"Why didn't we quit (when we lost eight games)? I think the reason was that this school wasn't founded by quitters and that the students attending here in spite of drab buildings and a few other inconveniences weren't quitters... As long as the Viking spirit prevails Vanport will continue to have great teams and students..."

It's the Man, Not the Age

Those interested in ages and statistics can have a lot of entertainment cogitating the next presidential election, from the GOP standpoint. There is a possibly (a very debatable one, of course) that the republican nominee — who quite conceivably would be the next president — will be either the oldest or the youngest chief executive in the nation's history.

The youngest would be Harold Stassen (he'll be 41 at inauguration time), and the oldest Douglas MacArthur (he'll be 63).

The youngest president so far was Theodore Roosevelt, who was 42 when he stepped up from the vice presidency after the assassination of McKinley in 1901. (But William Jennings Bryan at 36 was the youngest nominee when he bore the democratic standard in 1896).

The oldest president we've had was William Henry Harrison, who was 68 years and 23 days old when he took office and who died a month later of pneumonia contracted after he rode his famous white horse from the White House to the capitol on a wintry inauguration day. MacArthur will be just six days short of 69 by the next inauguration.

The ages of other major republican possibilities by inauguration day will be: Thomas Dewey 46 (same age as was Ulysses S. Grant, second youngest president in history, when he took office); Joseph W. Martin 64; Robert A. Taft 59; Arthur H. Vandenberg 64; Earl Warren 57.

President Harry Truman is 64.

This piece isn't offered with any idea of making friends or influencing people. We've seen many a man who was better preserved at 70 than his neighbor at 55. We just thought this might save wear and tear on the telephones — a lot of people are interested in the age of their prospective president these days.

Congressman Norblad and Senators Cordon and Morse did effective work in obtaining an amendment to a bill which will release from government plants a steady supply of anhydrous ammonia for use by the Salem plant and others to manufacture fertilizer. Not only does it insure resumption of operations at the local plant but it will provide northwest farmers with greatly needed fertilizer. Clay Cochran, manager of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, made a trip to Washington which bore good fruit.

With a dual time system in sight, jewelers should get busy and advertise a watch for each wrist, one running on standard, the other on daylight saving time. Then a fellow wouldn't have to stop and argue with himself whether to add or subtract an hour to meet an appointment.

The fine Santiam bottom soil near Lebanon is going to grow several hundred acres of seed this year: brussel sprout, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, parsley, turnips—good for cattle feed. We'll take Lebanon strawberries.

Summer must be on the way—the Mormon crickets are hatching and heading for the alfalfa fields.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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but no candidate can know everything, and a mistake may damage his candidacy. A candidate is under constant pressure to give an answer that will please the questioner and others in the audience. But questions of government are too serious to be dealt with casually and answered glibly.

Some questions seem to me quite improper; for instance, the one asked candidates for president if they would accept the vice presidency. It belongs in the category of that other famous question: Have you stopped beating your wife?

If the candidate replies, Yes, that he would take the vice presidency, immediately it classifies him as one who is just out looking for a job. If he replies, No, that he wouldn't be interested in the vice presidency it makes him appear "uppity," one who scorns the tender of one of the highest offices in the land. The better course would be for the candidate to state simply that he is a candidate for president—"period."

Not many men are as skilled in repartee as the late President Roosevelt. For him the press conferences became something of a game in which he took delight in foiling reporters. The trick seemed to be to conceal information or to divert inquiries from unwanted topics. Truman has bungled many times with his off-hand answers at press conferences.

Actually government is serious business. Decisions should not be made on the spur of the moment. We do not want a secret government; neither do we want an irresponsible, shoot-from-the-mouth government. This question-and-answer method has to be kept under close control.

Reading Club To Start June 7 For Children

The annual summer vacation reading club at Salem public library will be held from June 7 through July 31 for elementary school children, the library reported Wednesday.

Students in grades 3 through 6 are eligible to enter. Pupils who read 10 books during the specified time will each receive a library club button, according to Mrs. Ann Roloff, children's librarian, who is directing the program.

Books chosen from an optional reading list including fairy tales, fiction, adventure, biography and seven other categories, must be of the child's grade level of reading. Mrs. Roloff said. Before the program begins additional information may be obtained at the library, she said.

A total of 677 reading diplomas were given Salem school children last week as awards in a similar school-year reading program sponsored by the library.

18 Troops Sign For Session at Camp Pioneer

Approximately 18 scout troops, representing over 270 scouts have already signed up for the Cascade area council summer camp session at Camp Pioneer, which opens July 4, the Salem scout office reported Wednesday.

Last year 44 units with about 400 scouts attended the camp. Each participating troop is to spend one week at the camp, the office said. There are eight camp sites.

While at camp, scouts will participate in campcraft and scoutcraft aids, aquatics, hiking and compete for various scout awards.

'Voice' Writer Testifies



WASHINGTON, June 2 — Rene Bergin, NBC Voice of America writer, testifies before the joint senate subcommittee, named from the foreign relations and executive departments expenditures committees to probe the shortwave foreign broadcasts of the state department. Hearing is in Washington, D. C., June 1, 1948.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Okay, Comrade wise guy — so in this country is guaranteed free speech — but in Russia is guaranteed listening also!"

MATTER OF FACT

Russians Offered New Method of Putting Pressure on Berlin Zones

By Stewart Alsop

BERLIN, June 2 — Every new arrival in Berlin complains of the sense of unreality. Against the impossibility melodramatic backdrop of the ruined city, the life of the American community in the undamaged suburbs, complete with hot dogs, country clubs, Coca Cola and Saturday night hops, seems totally unreal. Yet behind the unreality, there lies one terrible reality: If war is to come, it may well start here. For the Russians, who completely surround the city, are determined to force the Western powers out. There is no doubt about it.

The only question is how much the Kremlin is willing to risk in the process.

Unfortunately, many observers here believe that the Russians are willing to risk a great deal, for two reasons. First, despite every effort of the Soviets to seal off the Westerners, Western influence still seeps out from Berlin into the Russian empire to the east. The Western presence here thus no doubt appears a malignant cancer which must be cut out. Second, and perhaps more important, Soviet plans for employing a revived and controlled German nationalism as an instrument for eventually bringing all Germany within the Soviet sphere can never really succeed while the Western powers remain in Berlin.

Method Not Recognized
The way in which German nationalism is being used to further Russian ends is not generally realized. A recent closed meeting of the German communist leaders, presided over by Colonel Tulpanov, chief link between the Soviet command and the communists, was significant. With Tulpanov smiling benignly, communist chieftain Walter Ulbricht ordered the assembled communists to "rid themselves of their old Marxist inhibitions against nationalism" and be sternly warned "old-line communists" that in this matter they must "submit to the will of the central committee."

To encourage German nationalism (which needs precious little encouragement) the Soviets have even gone so far as to establish and support financially a political party called the "Nationalist Bour-

geois party," quite openly advertised as a haven for ex-Nazis. Yet the chief Soviet instrument is the communists' "Peoples' Congress." The congress is designed to become a Soviet-run German shadow government, claiming to be the true government of all Germany, and with headquarters in Berlin. But as long as the Western powers control three-quarters of Berlin, the pretensions of the Peoples' Congress will ring hollow, and the Russians and their communist stooges know it.

Actions Speak Louder
The Soviet campaign to correct this situation by forcing the Westerners out of course well under way. There has been nothing official. Indeed, Russian General Sokolovsky (a personally likable man who admires Jane Austen) has never even so much as hinted to American General Lucius Clay that he would be glad to see the last of him. Yet Russian actions, in forcing the Americans to take to the air to supply the American contingent, in stopping road convoys and in cutting off shipments from Berlin to the west, have spoken a great deal louder than words.

Under the firm, wise leadership of General Clay the Americans nevertheless remain, as do the British and the French. It must now be clear to the Kremlin that if this infinitely dangerous game of cat and mouse is to be played to the end, most drastic action will be necessary. Such action, in the opinion of qualified observers here, could take either of two forms. The first alternative is the obvious one. As one American officer put it, "They can load us on cattle cars bound for Siberia any night they want." The Western response to the use of force is equally obvious — war. It is possible that the Kremlin may have concluded that war is inevitable, and that it is better fought now than later. But this appears to be increasingly improbable and is really no longer feared.

Response Not Clear
The second possible Soviet move is less obvious, and the appropriate Western response is anything but clear. This move is simply to cut, whether overtly or under some pretext, the civilian supply lines from the western zones to Berlin. For example, the vital Magdeburg bridge over the Elbe might suddenly break down, while fortuitously sunken barges make the canal network into Berlin impassable. The results are entirely foreseeable. The two million people in the western sectors of Berlin would soon begin to starve. For although the Americans here are supplied entirely by air, it is impossible to supply the Germans in the western sectors except by rail and canal shipments from the western zones.

As the starving Berliners rioted, the Soviet authorities might then approach the Westerners, note that the situation was deplorable, and offer to assume the task of feeding Berlin. They would attach one condition: that the Western powers, having no business in Berlin anyway, evacuate the city. What should the Western powers do then?

That is a question worth pondering, for some such sequence of events as that outlined above is considered here an entirely serious possibility. As far as is known here, no final decision has been taken in the Western capitals, although it is known that the use of force to counter such a Soviet move has been considered. At any rate, certain courses of action have been discussed here, and these will be examined in later report in this space. For if it ever has to be made, the Western decision will be the most vital since the war.

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HAIFA—(P)—Haifa, modern port in Palestine, was a drowsy Arab village until 1918.

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Public Records

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Ray E. Philpot, 22, logger, Molalla, and Loragene Rose, 19, stenographer, Hubbard.

C. A. Lamparter, 56, mechanic, and Beulah Smith, 50, practicing nurse, both of Salem route 8.

Wendell Howard Matheson, 27, student, and Roberta Louise Huff, 24, office manager, both of McMinnville.

Willburn S. Russell, 30, sawmill operator, Marion, and Frances L. Rosenkranz, 24, typist, 888 N. Commercial st., Salem.

Merle Aldo Alkerson, 21, student, 700 S. Church st., and Nancy Nell Hoak, 22, teacher, both of 700 S. Church st., Salem.

George J. Nuss, 28, student, 450 S. Capitol st., and Lois G. Hawley, 19, secretary, 1120 Columbia st., both of Salem.

PROBATE COURT

Louis Lovre estate: Estate appraised at \$1,500.

Alois Imper estate: Order approves first annual account.

Katherine Limbeck estate: Estate appraised at \$38,476.

DISTRICT COURT

Freeman Theodore Gatchet, Silvertown, overheight load, fined \$5 and costs.

Loren Kimball Dunham, 341 S. 25th st., charged with reckless driving, trial set for June 10, following plea of innocent.

Francis Anton Wodziewada, 830 Hood st., reckless driving, fined \$25 and costs.

Raymond Lloyd Comer, 2360 N. Church st., no motor vehicle license, fined \$10 and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

Hiroshi Kaneko vs Ronald E. Jones and Labish Celery Growers Cooperative association: Defendants file 12 motions to strike on grounds that matter is redundant and immaterial.

Alice Campbell vs Oscar Campbell: Suit for divorce charging cruelty and inhuman treatment. Married Nov. 7, 1946, at Vancouver, Wash.

Sustel Helen Cross vs Woodford Cedric Cross: Defendant ordered to complete property settlement agreement.

Walter S. Forsberg vs F. Gladys Forsberg: Default order entered.

Lyman A. Case and Ina L. Case vs Lowell W. Taylor and others: Defendant Lowell Taylor files amended answer admitting and denying.

State of Oregon, ex Rel Henry Zorn vs Frederick B. Hiller: Suit seeks court order proclaiming high school district.

John A. Schram vs Mabel Irene Schram: Decree of divorce awards custody of a minor child to defendant plus \$50 per month support money and \$25 per month alimony for 12 months.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Daryl D. Johnson, Salem route 6, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

B. E. Jones, Portland, violation

Dr. Quay Tells Rotarians of Forces at Work in Near East

By Marguerite Gleeson
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Speaking rapidly and entertainingly from the wealth of information acquired during 38 years spent in the Near East, Dr. James Quay, president of Princeton Theological seminary, told Salem Rotarians of the difficulties in Palestine under the title of "Conflicting Forces in the Near East" Wednesday at the Marion hotel.

"It's just a matter of arithmetic, there are 670,000 Jews and 1,200,000 Arabs in Palestine," the speaker said.

"Each side relies much upon sentiment and there is also the element of religion since 90 per cent of the Arabs are Mohammedans," Dr. Quay said. "Then, like any fight, there are those who form a ring around the fighters, watching, because they have an interest in the outcome."

Russia Eyes Port
"In this ring are the British, the Americans and the Russians. Russia has long wanted a warm water port and its ability to capitalize upon a disturbed situation is well known."

The whole situation is heavy with oil without which not even the Marshall plan can function in Europe, the speaker said. Four-ninths of the untouched oil of the world is located in this part of the globe, or 887,000,000 acres and Americans have a lease on 695,000,000 of that amount, Dr. Quay said.

The conflict in Palestine is centered around the Zionist movement which is not the same as Jewish. Dr. Quay said. Zionists are those who wish a political state but make use of religious arguments, the speaker said, observing that most Jews in America are Zionists.

Little Anti-Semitism
Very little anti-Semitism is found in Palestine, in fact less than in America, the speaker said.

As to what will happen in the future, the speaker insisted it was a matter of arithmetic who will win. The Arabs when they win will insist upon no more immigration of Jews into Palestine, he believes, but will raise no objection to those who are there remaining.

Dr. Quay was introduced by Charles A. Sprague, a classmate of his at Monmouth college in Illinois, before Dr. Quay went to the Near East.

The eastern puma or panther, long considered extinct, has been discovered in New Brunswick.

ALBANY — The following couples have been granted marriage licenses by County Clerk R. M. Russell, during the past few days:

Edwin H. Kuether, 35, and Alice W. Swift, 30, both of Albany; Earl E. DeHaven, 22, and Evelyn F. Dunithan, 25, both of Albany; Dale U. Duren, 20, Lebanon, and DeLores J. Law, 18, Newport; Donald E. Engele, 21, and Luia C. Oldre, 25, both of Albany; Darwin A. Raines, 25, Mill City, and Betty Ann Ayverson, 18, Lyons; Gerald B. Rucker, 21, and Nadine E. Richards, 19, both of Lebanon; and Le Roy Audrain, 21, Redmond, and Lois J. Macy, 17, Bend.

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