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The Play in Korea

Korea? It's just the same old script, same old villain. Only this time there's a different victim and the stage-setting is new—and the hero, who turned in a poor performance for Czechoslovakia, gets another chance to make good.

The Moscow announcement that soviet troops will be withdrawn from Korea by January 1 upon request of the natives is pretty transparent propaganda. It is supposed to demonstrate to Korea and United Nations that Russia is the champion of freedom, like she says. And it is supposed to show up the United States as determined old imperialists, like she says.

Probably, nobody was fooled much, though, because the story from Moscow explained that northern Korea has had "ample opportunity to create a democratic administration."

That is the crux of the plot. Transplanted, it means that Russian troops are no longer needed in northern Korea because communists are firmly established in a puppet government which feels strong enough to take over all Korea without active aid of Russia soldiers. It is going to be "non-aggression" as in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and elsewhere.

The stage, you see, is all set. The only properties that prevent the iron curtain from ringing down are American troops in southern Korea. Syngman Rhee, head of the UN-approved government of southern Korea, has feared a situation like this for some time. That's why he asked Americans to stick around until he's prepared to resist the advances of the villain.

That made the U. S. stand-in for United Nations, and since last July, we have quietly built a native army known as the Korean constabulary. These south Koreans are uniformed troops, trained by Americans and equipped with rebuilt American Garand rifles. They expect to inherit whatever military equipment (mortars, artillery, trucks) the U. S. army may leave behind.

The United States would gladly turn over its role of guardian of Korea's independence to the United Nations. But it is only good politics, and humane, to play the part until Rhee feels strong enough to hold his own or until United Nations is prepared to protect the life of a country at whose birth it officiated.

Abandoning Korea now would probably just precipitate a civil war... nothing could please Russia more, for its troops could remain close to Korean borders.

Yeats—Gaelic Bard

The bardic order of Ireland, singers of the sagas and lays of ancient Gaelic literature, "had gone down in the wars of the 17th century, and poetry had found shelter amid the turf smoke of the cabins."

And that is where William Butler Yeats rediscovered it and gave the world anew the epic tales and heroic poetry composed by the guilds of early storytellers. He mined the rich fields of Irish folk literature, cut and polished the rough stones and brought out such gems as "Cathleen Ni Houlihan" and "The Countess Cathleen."

Yeats, celebrated as the uncrowned poet laureate of Ireland, was the disputed contemporary leader of the Irish literary revival which regarded poetry and drama as primarily fine art, rather than political propaganda as had earlier writers. Yeats was a true son of Erin—he even served as senator when the Irish Free State was established in 1922—but his efforts to revive appreciation of the cultural heritage of his race showed a higher patriotism than that of his more rabid literary predecessors.

Thus it is fitting that his body should now be returned to his native sod. Yeats died January, 1939, in France at the age of 74 after he had written: "The years, like great black oxen tread the world, and God the herdsman goads them on behind, and I am broken by their passing feet."

And: "I have believed the best of every man, and find that to believe it is enough to make a bad man show him at his best, or even a good man swing his lantern higher."

Last week William Butler Yeats was reburied at Drumcliff, in Sligo, where he spent his childhood and where once he said: "Come, heart, where hill is heaped upon hill: For there the mystical brotherhood Of sun and moon and hollow and wood And river and stream work out their will."

The Nizam Capitulates

Before the machinery of United Nations could get rolling the Nizam of Hyderabad capitulated to invading troops from India, thus ending the life of his independent principality. India was a bit rough to wipe out Hyderabad by force; but that was better than having UN prop up this political and geographic anachronism under the rule of preventing war. The continuance of this suzerainty in the very heart of India was quotesque, particularly since the vast majority of its people were Hindus and sympathetic with the new state of India.

Once there were 65 princely entities in India. They were heirlooms kept alive by Great Britain on the ancient rule of "divide and conquer." They were bossed by Britain in external relations and disturbed very little in their internal affairs. The reigning maharajah or nizam was a survival from the orient's past, with all the trappings of an oriental throne—elephants and jewels and gold and wives (if Moslem). From his howdah the ruler looked down on a squalid mass of humanity, impoverished, diseased, ridden with religion. It was time to put an end to such costly nonsense.

The Indian government at New Delhi, headed by Premier Nehru, is making a real effort to establish itself securely and to solve some of India's problems. Consolidation of Hyderabad with India leaves only one state, Kashmir, whose political connection is uncertain. At present it is attached to India, but if a plebiscite is held its Moslem majority may swing it to Pakistan. A UN committee has been at work trying to effect a peaceful settlement. When the Kashmir allegiance is determined then both Pakistan and India can concentrate on improvement of internal conditions. India still has to decide whether to remain within the British commonwealth of nations, but that issue is not so critical as the internal organization of government and economy in each of the new, though old, countries.

Down at Ukiah, Cal. six men were indicted on charges of bribery and conspiracy in connection with the operation of slot machines. In the net is a one-time special agent of the attorney general's office. While the attorney general himself is not accused, a lot of scandal has involved some of his appointees. The loot from slot machines is so large that it invites bribery of public officers. In California effort is being made to come to grips with the men behind the slot machine racket. We need the same enterprise up here. Nothing has been done to crack down on the bandits since Governor Snell directed the attorney general to put spurs on enforcement. More spurs are needed.

Football prognosticators are already counting on Oregon to go to the Rose Bowl. They shouldn't forget the old recipe for rabbit stew: first catch your rabbits.

Among the saddest words a reporter puts in a story: "... when the car in which they were riding..."

Soviet Union May Absorb Small Nations

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Berlin crisis has had at least one useful result. It has cast considerable light on the Kremlin's future plans for the organization of the new Soviet empire. It is now an even bet that what is ahead—perhaps in a few months, perhaps after a year or so—is the forcible bodily incorporation of Russia's eastern European satellites in a greater Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Throughout the Berlin negotiations, the Kremlin has sought to gain two objectives. Objective number one has been to upset British, French and American plans to make western Germany a working, producing area with a sane government structure. Included in this objective has been Soviet participation in control of the Ruhr.

Objective number two, however, has been simply to expel the Western Allies from Berlin. And the real Soviet effort has not been concentrated on the Ruhr or even on upsetting the arrangements for western Germany. The real effort has been to gain this second and objective of total, exclusive control of Berlin.

As indicated by the report of the odds given above, expert opinion is still about evenly divided. But a constantly growing faction holds that the struggle to drive us from Berlin must be linked to the Kremlin's over-all plans for the eastern European satellites.

If this faction reasons correctly, the Soviets began some months ago to batter down the hatches, so to speak, throughout their European conquests. (The difficulty with Marshal Tito is of course an obvious incident in this process.)

Berlin West's 'Wedge'

Berlin, unfortunately, lies deep within the Soviet zone of Germany. Since the end of the war, it has been the one really important place still in western and Soviet powers were in constant, intimate contact. With the western allies still controlling their sectors of Berlin, the correct organization of the Soviet zone of Germany—as the Soviets view it—was an impossibility. Our occupation of Berlin, in short, has the effect of a huge wedge, which prevents the hatches of the Russian empire from being battered down as completely as the Kremlin wishes.

This interpretation of the Berlin crisis is confirmed by intelligence from the Soviet satellites. Long ago, it was reported that Andrei Vishinsky had gone to Bucharest to order Madam Ana Pauker to transform Romania into a Soviet republic. Eventually, other similar reports covered the whole vast area of the Soviet Union's European conquests. Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, eastern Germany and Poland were all to be made Soviet republics. These regions also were to suffer the fate of the unhappy Baltic states.

Until recently, the authorities in Washington paid relatively little attention to these reports. But now the course of the Berlin negotiations, plus the swelling mass of local evidence, has caused the earlier analysis of the situation to be re-examined.

Actually Seen Plans

The reports keep coming. Only last month, for example, a high official of the Czech foreign office, fled from Prague. He stated that he had actually seen tentative plans to incorporate Czechoslovakia into the Soviet Union. As he described the plans, the deed was to be done after a rigged plebiscite, which was to be held at a very early date.

Furthermore, other evidence seems to be in accord with such seemingly sensational intelligence. Everywhere beyond the iron curtain, the communist parties, the secret police forces and the national armies are being ruthlessly purged of "unreliable elements." According to one high source, Premier Gottwald has ordered the elimination of between 5,000 and 6,000 officers in the Czech army alone. The purges are on a similar scale elsewhere.

Finally, the logic of the Soviet situation suggests that the satellites must eventually be transformed into mere provinces of Russia. The Kremlin's economic, political and military plans constantly drive its puppets into supremely disagreeable courses of action. Already, the puppets have a tendency to rebel, as the case of Gomulka in Poland indicates. Rebellion is bound to become more likely everywhere, as the Kremlin policies continue to force down the living standards and reshape the political habits of the eastern European peoples. There is only one way to make sure that the rebellion of the puppets will not take an unmanageable form. And that is for the Kremlin to assume direct control of the satellite armies and police.

Betting About Even

As noted, the betting is still only about even that the Kremlin will take the gigantic risk of crushing out the last remnants of independence remaining to its eastern European satellites. Even the pessimists believe that when and if the deed is done, it may be elaborately disguised. The Czechs, Poles and the rest may be allowed to retain the semblance of national governments, while the instruments of real power—the police



The All Out 'Give Away' for Votes

Newbry Defends Vote on Sale Of Timbered School Property

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry Monday defended his vote which approved sale of 280 acres of pine timber land in central Oregon last month.

The timber and land, property of the state school system, was sold by the state land board to Leonard Lindgren, Sisters timber operator, for \$18 per thousand board feet. The land was included in the purchase.

Land board members Gov. John Hall and Newbry voted in favor of the proposal, but were opposed vigorously by the other member, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott.

Scott said the price was "far too low." He said only the timber should be included in the sale and should be priced at \$20 per thousand board feet, a price recommended by the state department of forestry.

Newbry, defending his action, said Lindgren's offer was the highest received by the land board up to the time of the sale.

Timber cruises of the area by Lindgren's company and the state department of forestry both showed considerable overripe timber in need of harvesting, Newbry stated.

Later, Newbry said, all three members of the land board agreed to ask \$20 a thousand for the tract. Ralph Calk, Portland attorney, and republican national committeeman from Oregon, subsequently offered \$18 for his client, Lindgren.

Scott, before and after the sale, contended the timber should be put up for sealed bids. This was blocked, however, when the land was included in the sale proposal. State law stipulates that school land does not have to be sold through bids.

"It has not been customary for the land board to ask for bids on small tracts of timber," Newbry stated Monday. "I considered it a good deal for the state."

Money from the sale went to the state's irreducible school fund. Scott is still protesting the transaction.

Jaycees Prepare Membership Drive

Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce members are busy preparing for an October membership drive in accordance with plans laid down at the state Jaycee conference here.

Former Macleay Man Is Honored with Party

FOUR CORNERS—Friends of M. A. Campbell met at the Leon Lambert place on State street, Sunday for a covered dish dinner in observance of Campbell's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Betty recently moved from the Macleay community to Prineville in which place they returned Sunday night.

Others present for the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Swinford.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Moscow (on a peaceful mission of course) it might impress the masters of the Kremlin as to America's productive capacity and technical skill. But if they do not already know that after receiving from this country the millions of tons of lend lease which helped them to defeat Germany even this demonstration may not convince them of American power.

For the western powers the success of the air lift means that no attempt will be made to force a land corridor to Berlin. Even if it falters in cold or foggy weather the Germans probably will have to suffer the resulting distress rather than to have the western powers resort to bulldozers to open a way to the city.

Russia may be waiting on its old ally winter to halt the air lift. If this comrade of many wars falls then Russia may try other tactics—organized hoodlumism in Berlin, a putsch of communist action committees. Or Russia might start an aerial blockade which would be an act of war. There is still another alternative which the whole world hopes Russia will use, and speedily, and that is to settle the controversy by diplomacy and reopen the railroads and highways. Then Bedell Smith's "delightful" would echo and re-echo all round the world.

Coffee berries were first used not as a drink but as a food worked into paste form like chocolate bars.

Tigard, Jerry Bowman, Falls City, Class B, Sternes, Clyde King, Portland, Bob Vance, Portland, Class C, Philip Keefe, Salem, Marianne Nichol, Portland, and David Feuz, Class D, Keefe, Marianne Nichol, Portland, and Jack Hudspeth, Portland.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"When tired, we have a company rest room... when sick, we have a company doctor... when you wonder why you ever took this job, we have a company psychiatrist..."

Historic Breyman Buildings To Get Complete Remodeling

Contract for remodeling and modernization of the two Breyman buildings at the southeast corner of Court and Commercial streets was awarded Monday afternoon to Erwin E. Batterman of Salem.

Work on the project, estimated at \$40,000 or more, is planned to start late this week and to be completed by December 1.

Batterman, lowest of four bidders, will also do the preparation work for the P. D. Quisenberry pharmacy, which will have the corner location. Tenants for the other three store rooms are not yet definite. Breyman Boise, manager of the Breyman estate, said the buildings' exterior would be fully modernized, including a new marquee, cutting down the old-style windows, removal of "gingerbread" and generous use of glass and aluminum. The interior will also be altered and partitions installed or the store rooms.

The remodeling will bring up to date two more of Commercial street's older structures.

The corner building was erected in 1874 by Werner and Eugene Breyman, who ran a general merchandise store there, and it was known as the "White Corner." The structure to the south, named the Breyman block, was built in the early 1900s.

Early occupants in the buildings included the J. L. Stockton dry goods store. More recent ones have been a Safeway store, a USO service center during the war and state selective service headquarters.

No changes are to be made on the second floor interior, occupied by Boise's office, portions of the R. L. Elstrom store and various professional offices.

Hayesville Pastor Honored at Dinner

HAYESVILLE—No host dinner served Thursday at Hayesville Community Baptist church honored the new pastor, the Rev. Gene Brickwedel and Mrs. Brickwedel. The Rev. Lloyd Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist church and musical numbers were given by the women's quartette from the First church and Marilyn Broer.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Sunday school superintendent, Lee Shipley; assistant superintendent, Mrs. John Broer; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Parker; recording secretary, Mrs. Lee Shipley; secretary of literature, Laurene Karsten; head usher, Bob Carrow; membership secretary, Mrs. Jack Van Cleave.

An electric range has been purchased for the kitchen and supplies for the Sunday school authorized.

The Rev. Brickwedel plans to combine Sunday school and church services for a time which will shorten the entire services to an hour and a half and hopes the change will be favorably received for a trial period.

Prayer meetings will be held at the parsonage Thursdays until further notice.

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