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## Gumption in Columbia

Party-giving involves a certain amount of risk. There's always the chance that the guests won't show up and you will be stuck with the hors d'oeuvres.

That's what happened to the good citizens of Columbia, California. The bag they are left holding contains hundreds of pounds of hamburger, thousands of weiners and thousands of hot dog buns and hundreds of cases of beer and pop. But, like their ancestors, the 49ers of 100 years ago, aren't taking any reverses lying down. They'll have fate licking all that mustard out of their hand or know the reason why.

Meanwhile, they are still asking "wha' hopen?" This is what: The California Centennials Commission, on a three-year spree of calling attention to the Golden State's tense past and present indicative of a perfect future, picked Columbia to host one of this year's major celebrations. This little town, long a sun-bleached skeleton of its former roaring gold-boom self, is on the verge of becoming a ghost. But the 300 inhabitants rallied and worked for months to welcome 75,000 visitors to the gold rush celebration.

They expected 75,000 because optimistic estimates said that many attended the Coloma gold-discovery fete last year. Actually only 28,000 went to Coloma. Only 20,000 tourists trekked into Columbia. And bankruptcy of refreshment booths became an epidemic.

Maybe even Californians can get enough of fiesta. They've had so many pageants, festivals and celebrations lately that probably not many people want to brave the heat and spend the money to see yet another collection of miners' picks, pans and nuggets. Robert O'Brien, historian laureate of the San Francisco Chronicle, warns that promoters of the centennial observance at Monterey this year and statehood celebrations next had better learn a lesson from the Columbia fiasco.

But that won't help the Columbians. Fact is, they are going to help themselves. They are going to have dances and contests and cockroach races to draw people to their little town — people who might be hungry for a weinie or ready for a glass of pink lemonade to toast the gumption of the doughy 300. As for the enterprising citizens themselves, we bet they'll never touch another hotdog or another centennial.

## Legume Without Pretensions

Consider the obliging sweet pea. Not so impudent as the prolific nasturtium nor so humble as the gregarious petunia nor yet so elegant as the imperious rose, the sweet pea is a gay and democratic favorite.

In return for its many-shaded blossoms and its unsubtle perfume, the sweet pea asks a little more than the nasturtium or petunia, who, like the weed, want only lebensraum (and if they don't get it, they get aggressive). It demands less than the finicky rose who must have a special diet and elaborate defense against its enemies and then wails like an ingrate anyway. All the sweet pea needs is something to climb on and it isn't particular, be it grocery string or chicken wire or an elaborate wrought-iron trellis.

The sweet pea is an inoffensive social climber. It has come a long way from Sicily, its native land, and these very southern origins may be responsible for its popularity. They account for its love of the summer sun, its strong family ties and its eagerness to take part in the most auspicious occasions. Today the sweet pea is a prized ingredient of the fanciest bouquets and corsages. It attends receptions and proms. It serves at weddings in the very best families. But it hasn't lost its salt-of-the-earth savor. A leguminous plant, the sweet pea knows it is good for the soil and despite its friends in high places it doesn't forget its relatives in the vegetable garden.

Of course, the petunia has earthy connections, too. Very earthy; underground, in fact. It is kin to the South American potato and comes from the nightshade family, a poisonous gang. Perhaps due to its underworld background, you never see a single petunia; it always travels in a group of friends. They all stick together and are loyal, no doubt, but they have few aspirations and are irresponsible. You never know about that kind . . .

Also a native of South America, the nasturtium is handicapped by its name (nose-twisting), however accurate. Its a climber, too, but its best friends won't tell it when it needs a deodorant. You know what happens when you're careless; you haven't a chance. You get the cold shoulder treatment — and the first frost always kills the nasturtium.

As for the haughty rose, let Portland and

## Mac Major Figure in Anti-Red League

By Tom Lambert

TOKYO, July 24 (AP)—Despite his silence on the issue, General MacArthur is emerging further daily as a major figure in preliminary discussions on the Pacific Alliance proposed by Nationalist China and the Philippines.

Wu Teh-Chen, former foreign minister and now minister without portfolio in China's Nationalist government, is coming to Tokyo soon on what Canton calls an "anti-communist" mission. He is expected to discuss the pact idea with MacArthur, allied commander of the occupation of Japan.

Wu's arrangements for the trip follow a report recently that MacArthur sent a message to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. This was possibly only a personal greeting, though its nature was undisclosed.

It was Chiang and President Elpidio Quirino who proposed the anti-communist Pacific union at a meeting two weeks ago.

Dr. Bernabe Africa, Philippine minister to Tokyo, has been called home for consultation. Informal quarters say he will discuss the Pacific union program with MacArthur before he leaves probably at the end of July or early in August.

It is only natural that MacArthur's views on any Pacific alliance should carry considerable weight with its proposed members. How he regards it is unknown, but there is no doubt whatever about his attitude against communism.

While the Chinese Nationalists and the Philippines, encouraged by South Korea, are proceeding with their pact plans, some diplomatic sources in Tokyo view it as likely to be a rather limp affair.

Some of these sources speculate that an alliance might give the nationalists a shot in the arm, but they are not encouraged by latest reports of communist military advances in south-central China.

Few believe that the Philippines or Korea could give the nationalists any military aid in any case.

One foreign diplomat, who declined to be quoted by name, expresses the private opinion that there is an element of "blackmail" aimed at the United States, which has been cool to the pact proposal.

As he sees it, Nationalist China, the Philippines and Korea might ally, they declare to the world that their anti-communist aims were identical with those of the United States. The strong inference would be that they should get American financial and military support.

Pasadena sing its praises. Let us merely put in a good word for the sweet pea — a colorful and fragrant and useful citizen that's at home in almost every Salem backyard.

## Double Duty for ERP

The senate committee on appropriations inserted an amendment in the ERP bill requiring it to spend \$500,000,000 of its funds for export of American farm surpluses. Senator Robertson of Virginia, who opened debate for the measure condemned the amendment, and Senator Taft joined in with the comment that ERP was not farm relief. Paul Hoffman who administers the funds for European recovery has strenuously opposed earmarking. He has had a running fight with shipping interest who want to confine the hauling to American bottoms.

The European recovery program should not be burdened with any such limitation, although there is no doubt that many domestic interests, manufacturing as well as agricultural, saw it as providing a good market for their products. Without any limiting provisions ERP is going to finance the shipment abroad of huge quantities of American foodstuffs and machinery and supplies because they are available here at the best prices. But the whole operation is so intricate and involved, calling as it does for a large amount of inter-nation trading, that flexibility is required, and decisions should be left to the administrative organization.

## Memorial to Jack Kimball

Over in Klamath county yesterday afternoon they dedicated a park for Jack Kimball, long one of the best known and best liked men in the Klamath country and in the field of forestry in Oregon. He used to come regularly to Salem at legislative sessions to represent Weyerhaeuser interests, but though a member of the famed lobby he was held in high respect because of his own fine character and knowledge of forest conditions and problems.

The tract chosen for Kimball park is a portion of a state forest acquired when the state bought the Yawkey timberlands. Mac Epley describes it in the Klamath Herald and News: "Here Wood river springs full-fledged from the side of a mountain and the water gurgling to the surface forms a wide and colorful pool. This is surrounded by a pine-studded park area, traditional scene of many picnics and outings."

The park honors the name of a worthy man, and Jack Kimball would ask no better memorial than growing trees and living water.

Canadians will breathe a sigh of relief when the 5,000 Doukhobors who reside chiefly in British Columbia carry out their plan to emigrate. They were a source of trouble in their resistance to bearing arms, paying taxes and sending their children to school. On occasion they expressed their protests by parading in the nude. They say they are going to soviet Russia which is where their forebears came from, or perhaps to Turkey. Their screwy notions put religious toleration to a hard test.

A lot of speculation on President Truman's choice as successor to the late Justice Frank Murphy. Since Murphy was a Catholic the wiseacres are betting on one of that faith and soring out the eligibles. The more far-sighted are wondering which side of the 5-4 fence the new appointee will fall. Murphy's death makes it a tie. Much will depend on whether the new justice "lines up" with Black and Douglas or with Frankfurter and Jackson, even though the usual 5-4 split sometimes gets crossed up.

The cities of Coos Bay and North Bend are drenched with rainfall much of the year; yet they find their water system, now jointly owned, inadequate. In fact lack of a dependable water supply has retarded industrial growth of the area. A survey shows the need of spending over a million dollars to increase storage and improve distribution. Better spend it; it will be a good investment even if water bills are increased a little.

Advocates of the Atlantic pact declared in the senate that it carried no obligation to furnish arms. But the administration is losing no time to shove in the runner-up bill for \$1,450,000,000 arms for Europe. It is due for introduction Monday. Now let us see if it will be considered on its own merits, independent of the Atlantic pact.

We would figure out how much of modern man's time is spent screwing the cap on collapsible tubes of toothpaste, shaving cream, ointments, etc., only we lose so much time hunting for the caps.

## CHANGING WORLD



## The Safety Valve

Mrs. McVeey's Rebuttal

To the Editor: I thought I had said all I had to say concerning the belabored merger, after smoking it out into the open by daring to disagree out loud. Upon reading Mr. Huntley's letter, needless to say I am highly amused. For example, if Mr. Huntley had been wide awake at the merger meeting he would have heard me ask "Why the people living on this side of the river need always to depend on the east side for all of our utilities. Wasn't it just as possible to pipe water from the Vaisetz project as to go to the Detroit dam for it?"

At first, no one remembered the Vaisetz dam. After a short conference, a Salem representative gave a clear and sensible answer to the effect that it would be to Salem's benefit to use the water from the Detroit district as money had already been spent in surveys and the Santiam water was as good as could be found anywhere and at less cost. You see, Mr. Huntley, I always know what I am talking about — I stay awake in public meetings . . . When I vote I know what I'm voting for. I still believe in individualism instead of mass control. As to my not being accurate, I always make concise notes of every question asked and the exact answer . . .

We live in a democracy. Therefore, the people of West Salem know how to vote, and are capable of doing so without advice from me or anyone else. Whichever way the merger goes the losers I'm sure will accept it in good grace and continue to work for the good of the community. Just remind the people that July 26 is the day.

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At one point Hell's Canyon, Idaho, is 7,900 feet deep—considerably more than Grand Canyon's maximum depth of 6,100 feet.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This term, Professor, in addition to your B.A., M.A., Ph.D., you'll need an O.K. . . . from the loyalty board."

## Henry Finds Noisy Shoes, Blooms, Bulls

By Henry McLemore

LISBON, Portugal, July 24—Some impressions of Lisbon by an old inhabitant of three days: It isn't difficult for natives of this city to spot Americans. Americans are the ones whose shoes don't squeak. The people of Lisbon would rather be caught barefooted, apparently, than be caught in a pair of shoes that didn't squeak. The sound on a crowded street is much like that in a mice factory. Whether the squeaks are considered fashionable or are the result of workmanship and the quality of the leather, I don't know. I do know that I feel like a footpad as I skulk along in noiseless shoes.

This must be the cleanest big city in the world. I haven't seen so much as a scrap of paper in the streets or on the sidewalks, and there is absolutely no grime on the buildings or houses. Nearly all the buildings here are of snow-white stucco with red tile roofs, and they look as if they had just stepped out of a bubble bath.

Growing flowers must be one of the national sports. No matter where you look flowering plants of all descriptions meet your eye. A house without 10 or 15 window boxes in riotous bloom is a rarity, and the wide streets are lined with huge shade trees. . . . If it's a paunch, or a second chin, or both that you want, Lisbon is the place for you. Eating is another national sport, and anyone who can't handle an eight-course dinner with ease is considered a beginner with a knife and fork. There is no shortage of anything, except perhaps time to rest between meals. A typical luncheon at our hotel: a platter of hors d'oeuvres the size of a ping-pong table; a choice of six soups; a choice of four kinds of fish; a main course selection of roast duck in cherry and wine sauce, filet mignon, broiled lobster, chicken, or roast beef; a wide variety of salads, desserts, fruits and cheeses. But no baking soda and water for a last course. . . .

There are many beautiful bathing beaches here but we are not going to be able to go swimming unless we buy new bathing outfits. The law says (and it is enforced) that all women must have suits with skirts, and that men must wear tops with their trunks. Bathing outfits here are dead ringers, for the ones we wore in the States back in the early 1920's. You know, navy blue with white canvas belts. . . . Another thing reminding of the 1920s at home are the plus-four knickers, which are extremely popular here. Wish I had brought along one of the old golf outfits I used to wear in the days of hickory-shafted clubs, pocket flasks and rumble seats. I'd be a Beau Brummel. . . . One of the common sights, as you walk by the outdoor cafes, is to see Portuguese ignoring their very cheap but excellent wine and beer, and drinking American beer. It costs them a dollar a bottle, but is supposed to give them a standing as playboys of the first malt. . . . This afternoon I am visiting the world-famous Port Wine Institute, so the next time you hear from me I'll probably be listing to port.

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**Better English**  
By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There aren't but five books on the shelf."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "nucleus"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Antenna, antecedent, anteseptic.
4. What does the word "rotundity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with er that means "inclined to believe, especially on slight evidence"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "There are but five books." 2. Pronounce nu-kle-us, first u as in use, accent first syllable. 3. Antiseptic. 4. Roundness; of speech, full and flowing. "A boldness and rotundity of speech." — Hawthorne. 5. Credulous.

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## Chinese Reds Try to Isolate Hunan Capital

CANTON, China, July 24 (AP)—Semi-official nationalist reports tonight said the communists were making a strong bid to isolate the Hunan province capital of Changsha by cutting the railway to the south.

Strong communist forces from the northeast were reported driving hard on Chuchow, rail town 25 miles south of Changsha. Their exact positions were not given. The reports quoted Gen. Chen Ming-jen, acting governor of Hunan, as saying he was determined to defend Changsha, which is a major defense point 400 miles north of Canton.

However, similar strong avowals in the past have only preceded capture by the Reds. It is known that considerable supplies have been moved out of Changsha to the south.

The nationalists reported they still were holding Taiho, 150 miles southeast of Changsha and 265 miles north of Canton. That is the area of deepest southward penetration by the regular communist forces.

Canton sources in a position to know said that the nationalists were preparing a purge of "bad elements" within the Kuomintang (national party).

Persons discussed for possible expulsion from the party include T. V. Soong and H. H. Kung, both brothers-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and once among the most powerful men in China. Both are now abroad.

## Czech Reds Assert Pope Aids Sabotage

PRAGUE, July 24 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's communist press accused Pope Pius XII today of supporting sabotage in this country. It also assailed U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson for his charge that the Czech government was seeking "tyrannous domination" of the churches, and accused the Americans of persecution in Korea.

The Vatican came under renewed fire from the two big communist newspapers, Rude Prava, the party organ, and Mlada Fronta, paper of the communist youth organizations. Chief target was the Pope's recent order for excommunication of communists, which the Czech government has branded illegal and treasonable.

In Slovakia, a government spokesman called this decree a "devilish means of sowing discord." He was Laco Novomesky, commissioner for education and a suspended priest. Speaking at Bratislava, he charged that the excommunication order represented a "most striking example of using religion to bar social progress." "The Vatican has excommunicated itself," said Mlada Fronta.

## School Superintendents Oppose Red Teachers

NEW YORK, July 24 (AP)—Members of the communist party should not be employed as school teachers, a charter adopted by 34 school superintendents from 25 states declared today.

The charter was made public by Dr. Paul R. Mort, chairman of the eighth annual teachers college work conference for school superintendents. The conference was sponsored by Columbia University's Teachers College.

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