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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Navy Voices Its Anguish

There's no doubt about it, the navy feels hurt. It isn't just injured pride; it is also a feeling of despair. The navy believes that its arm is being neglected to the danger of America.

The dispute which has lately flared in the open is not just disgruntlement over unification; it is adherence to the old doctrine of Admiral Mahan about the importance of power to control the seas. Navy concedes the new role of air power but denies that air power alone is sufficient. It contends too that the navy should share in aerial warfare.

The navy blundered in the memo an under-official prepared and circulated, making personal attacks on men in public an private life. But the bold expression of views in defiance of official censorship by Capt. John G. Crommelin had the support of the navy and the open backing of Admiral Halsey. Now navy top brass has again expressed itself to higher officials—and copies of the letters were delivered to newspapermen.

It was certainly a somewhat eerie deal: A "naval source" gave copies of the correspondence to reporters "in a shadowy corridor of a downtown office building" in Washington. Strange, isn't it, that such surreptitious goings-on are necessary in matters of our own defense? Now Secretary Matthews may start an inquiry to ascertain who perpetrated the leak. But Congress indicates concern about the blunt statement that navy morale is "shot", and over the fears entertained as to our security.

There are two factors which have changed the old conception of warfare. One is that the American navy now has no real competition from surface fleets. It knocked out its possible enemies. Russia has no navy but does have submarines. The other factor is the rise of air power.

But there is still a large place for the navy, and now that Russia has the atom bomb that place is even more important, to maintain control of the seas, protecting our coasts and our ocean shipping and transports.

How to organize and unify our national defense is a task of vital importance. It calls for superior intelligence and not just a cracking of heads. The navy should have the privilege of presenting its case openly without having to report to memos and secret rendezvous with reporters.

## Flag for Red China

The favorite color of communism is red for revolution, so Russia's flag is red, with a gold hammer and sickle emblem in the upper corner near the flagstaff, topped with a gold star. The red star is another emblem freely used in Russia.

The Chinese communists have patterned their flag after that of Russia. The field is red, but at the upper left corner is a large yellow star surrounded by four smaller yellow stars. (Yellow is a favorite color of China). The large yellow star signifies communist leadership, the small stars stand for the classes the party in China recognizes: workers, farmers, petty bourgeois and national capitalists. The rest of the world will not see the flag of Red China soon because it has no navy and no trans-ocean shipping.

## Folk Miss the Morning Train

For so long a time that memory hardly runneth to the contrary there has been a morning passenger train out of Portland, serving the intermediate communities. Now the old steam train has been taken off and the daylight, running earlier and faster takes its place.

Only the daylight will not take the place of the Klamath or the old Shasta, because it makes no stops between Portland and Salem. The for-

## Treaty Breaking Noise Very Familiar

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.  
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The sound of breaking treaties has become as familiar as street noises, penetrating the committee rooms at Lake Success only as an overture.

As Russia smashes her treaty with China which was a part of the whole general pattern for international operations after the war, talk of an atomic agreement is renewed.

As Russia and her European satellites renounce their friendship treaties with Yugoslavia, Russia suggests friendship treaties between herself, Britain, France and the United States.

As Russia negotiates for an Austrian peace treaty she refuses to help enforce treaties already made with former enemy countries.

A number of people have asked me what the allies expect to gain by signing more treaties with Russia.

One reason for signing new treaties, of course, is to get just this public reaction when and if they are broke. The Chinese nationalist government, lacking the treaty in which Russia promised to support it in return for concessions in Manchuria, would have almost no tenable ground for complaint against Russia today. (There are a lot of ramifications and qualifications in this situation anyway).

For those who feel that there is no use going through the motions of agreement with a proven defaulter, however, it may be comforting to know the western negotiators are not babes in the wood. They are diplomatically correct when talking to their counterparts, but privately they have no illusions.

mer steam train stopped at Oregon City, Canby and Woodburn. The daylight picks up mail as it travels through these intermediate points but doesn't throw any off.

A lot of sentiment attaches to the old trains—more sentiment than business, undoubtedly. Railroads have run into heavy deficits on their passenger train operations and are trying to recoup losses through fast comfortable trains like the daylight. Over the country rail passenger service probably will be curtailed still more. Private automobiles, stage lines and airplanes have made great inroads on the rail passenger business, forcing the readjustments such as the Southern Pacific has made on its coast lines.

## No Quiz for Minton

The announced quiz of Judge Sherman Minton on his nomination to the supreme court fizzled out. The democratic majority in the committee called it off. Judge Minton wrote a letter saying that he did support Roosevelt's court packing scheme in 1937, when he was a minority leader, but that he felt he should be judged by his record as a circuit judge.

It hardly seems pertinent to drag up the old debate over the court-packing scheme as an issue in this instance. It was beaten and is a dead issue. It may be assumed that Minton is of the liberal persuasion, but so are Douglas and Black and so was Murphy. That does not make him ineligible for a seat on the supreme court, even though many people do not like the type of decisions these men hand down. We would rate Minton a cut above Tom Clark on the score of general ability.

## Wage Agreement Extended

Signs of stabilization may be seen in the agreement of contractors engaged in heavy construction work and unions to extend the present wage scale through 1950. This gives a foundation for bidding on work and insures steady operations without interruption from labor troubles.

Papers are filled with news about the big strikes in coal and steel. Actually most work goes on with little or no disturbance because labor and management arrive at agreements. Spite of all the strikes we still outproduce the rest of the world.

We hope the AF of L officials have told Harry Bridges to get the Hawaiian strike settled and pronto. It is not incumbent on any union to sanction a riot during which a group of 100 or 200 men beat up a few men who were unarmed and had been told there would be no violence. Some of them were newspaper cameramen and the photographers get news the people are entitled to have.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The E-O has its initials mixed. Harry Bridges would just thumb his nose at AFL officials. He almost does the same with officials of the CIO with which his ILWU is identified—though it probably will join the party-line left wing CIO unions to form a separate federation.

The administration forces have postponed until January consideration of civil rights legislation. The program was badly handled at this session and will fail next unless the rules of the senate to close debate are modified. Southern senators adamant against this legislation to benefit minority groups, particularly negroes, will filibuster it to death if given a chance.

Here's a plaudit for an alert Statesman reader and a tsh-tsh for the syndicate which provided this newspaper with a filler paragraph saying James K. Polk, who died at age 53, was the shortest-lived of all American presidents. Our reader is right—the shortest-lived president was James A. Garfield, who died Sept. 19, 1881 at the age of 49.

## Literary Guidepost

CALL IT TREASON, by George Howe (Viking; \$3)

For the subject of this novel, which out of 2,000 entries won the \$15,000 Christopher award for a book "in accord with Christian principles," the author chose treachery—treachery which theoretically merits praise since it is treachery to our wartime enemy, Germany.

Prisoners of war were put to work at various jobs among them, if they were Anti-Nazi and volunteered for it, spying for our Army. Word was passed around informally through the prison camps that anyone who wished could make his hatred of Hitler effective by some secret special service. . . . Inquire at the office.

Three men inquire. They are the Tiger, a Communist; Paluka, a strapping big fellow who enjoys adventure; and Happy, son of a Berlin doctor and a convicted foe of Nazism. They are thoroughly briefed and equipped, as Howe, who was with Seventh Army G-2, spares no pains to tell us, and then with a slap on the back and a couple of extra drinks, they are flown behind German lines, where they come down by parachute and set

out on their dangerous missions. Accompanied by Paluka, the Tiger is expected to foment an uprising in Mannheim. Happy's assignment, to locate some German army outfits, is described as far east as Augsburg, he must thumb rides back to the Rhine, picking up the required information on the way, and swim back with his report. How the secret police close in on him should make thrilling reading.

Howe uses a lot of footnotes. Instead of breathlessly following Happy's death-defying adventure, I have to follow a star or asterisk to the bottom of the page to learn how the Wehrmacht calibrated guns, that an Imbert is an auto which burns wood, and so on. Even so, my attention is held more by this unusual factual background, in which I assume the author is familiar, than Happy's adventures, which I assume are imaginary. Most of his escapes are hair-breadth but not hair raising. The first half of the novel is interesting, but in the second the author forgot to put in the suspense. Maybe the judges read only the first half

## BIG DISCOVERY IN ATOMIC RESEARCH!



### IT SEEMS TO ME

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society, Children's Farm Home, White Shield home for unmarried mothers, Waverly Baby Home, Catholie Child Care Homes, etc. In all, eight local agencies and eleven state agencies are aided through the Chest organization.

I happen to be a member of the boards both of the local and of the state Chest, so know something of the value of the services rendered by these agencies. I cannot urge too strongly generous support of the Chest from all of the people. Here is one cause with a universal appeal, without restriction as to class or sex or race, needing help from all according to their means.

Every business and home has what it calls "fixed charges"—interest, rent, taxes—which must be paid. Support of the established institutions like the Boy Scouts and Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army's welfare and charity work are community "fixed charges." Contributions to the Chest should be part of the budget of every business and every home; and they should be of a size commensurate with income. There should be no hagglng from year to year, no effort to see how little one can get by with. On the contrary the spirit should be: "How much can we give for these worthy causes?"

Actually raising \$105,000 should be an easy task in Salem. Business for the most part has been good, profits are substantial if not at peak levels. For employed persons wages and salaries are generally higher than last year and living costs slightly lower. New people have come in and they will want to have a part in our community welfare program. We are proud of Salem and

## Your Health

Written by Dr. Herman N. Bundessen, M.D.

Summertime, as well as early autumn, is sun-bathing time. During the warm weather we all enjoy the sunshine and get an extra dividend in the way of health benefits. Sunshine, falling on the bare skin, forms Vitamin D in the body and in addition, speeds up all its general activities.

This is all to the good so long as we take our sunshine in moderation. Unfortunately, however, many people are heedless and foolhardy when it comes to sun-bathing. Over-exposure results not only in painful skin burns but may also be hurtful to the eyes.

Just how long the skin may be safely exposed to the sun varies with different persons, depending on the type of skin, the time of day, and other factors. Moreover, the burn may not be felt until it is too late. Thus, it is better to be safe and expose the skin for only five to ten minutes the first day, gradually increasing the length of exposure from day to day until the skin has developed a protective tan.

As I mentioned earlier, there is some danger in over-exposure of the eyes to the sunlight. Reading on the beach or when sitting in the radiant sunlight is a harmful practice. Of course it is never advisable to look directly at the

sun even though the eyes are protected with so-called sunglasses. Any person who wears glasses normally should consult with his physician concerning the use of dark-colored glasses when outdoors. He will advise as to whether or not such dark-glasses are needed.

We often see persons wearing sunglasses indoors. This is an unnecessary practice and may result in some eye-strain. Babies, especially, get a great deal of value from sun-baths, but the infant must be especially guarded when the sun-baths are given. The same procedure should be followed as for an adult, that is starting with three to five minutes of exposure on the first day and increasing it three to five minutes on each succeeding day until the baby gets a 15-minute sun-bath daily. The infant, too, must have the eyes protected against the sun's glare. This often can be accomplished by having the baby lie with the back of his head toward the sun. The baby needs sunshine because the vitamin D thus applied to the body will prevent the development of rickets.

Sunshine is helpful for both young and old when its benefits are properly enjoyed. Over-exposure is dangerous and may be damaging to health.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
M. G.: Is it harmful to take molasses in large quantities?  
Answer: Molasses in itself is a good food since it supplies sugar and iron. However, an excessive amount of any food is undesirable, since it would keep you from getting all of the various foods you need.  
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## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The man with the cane is him."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "mosaic"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hammock, atlick, sumac, summary.  
4. What does the word "hyperbole" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with "c" that means "a surmise; a guess"?

**ANSWERS**  
1. Say, "The man with the cane is he." 2. Pronounce mo-zak, e as in he, a as in day, i as in it, accent second syllable. 3. Atlick. 4. Evident exaggeration. "The author's writings are marked by hyperbole." 5. Conjecture.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



## Hank Cleans Notebook for Jaunt Home

By Henry McLemore  
LONDON, Oct. 4 — Running Through Some Old Notebooks Before Heading Home: I think I forgot to mention that at White River, the little town which is the gateway to Kruger National Park, the world's largest wild game preserve, the feature attraction at the movie house when we were there was Johnny Weissmuller in an old, old Tarzan of the Apes picture. . . . White River citizens packed the place to watch the antics of the moth-eaten Hollywood animals when all they had to do to see the same animals in their native habitat was to walk about a mile to the gates of the park.

Incidentally, I mentioned in one of my previous columns that the Park is closed during South Africa's summer months. Actually, because of the great interest in this fascinating place, part of the Park is always open to visitors. The whole Park is open from May 29th to October 15th and a portion called the "Pretoriuskop Area" is open all year round. . . .

In White River and the smaller towns scattered in the bushveld, the little general stores always have dozens of African women, mostly Swazis and Zulus, sitting on the ground in front of them. These women come in a few times a month to shop for the few necessities which they aren't able to produce themselves. A half dozen candles and a dozen nails is a big purchase, and the women see to it that it takes them all day to complete their shopping. First they will take two shillings and change it into pennies and farthings. This makes their wealth look bigger, and gives them an excuse to keep going back into the store. They'll buy a candle and a nail about once every hour. The rest of the time they sit with their friends and gossip about whatever Zulu and Swazi ladies gossip about. . . .

Here's a note about Eva Braun and Hitler. What was that? Oh, I know. When you drive from

Florence to Rome, or vice versa, the usual half-way stop is a little hotel and restaurant in the town of Acquafredda. The restaurant is known throughout that section of Italy for its fine food, and when Hitler was riding high he and Eva stopped there frequently when on the way to Rome to tell Mussolini what the score was.

The waiters still remember him for his arrogance, but as a tourist attraction they still keep the autographed picture of Adolf and his girl friend on the wall. Others whose pictures hang on the wall are Princess Margaret Rose, Caruso, Martinelli, Poincaré, and Rita Hayworth. I tried to sell the proprietor a picture of myself, but for some reason or other he hadn't heard of me and wasn't interested. . . .

Add to your list of great hotels the Avistis (Ahvessh) in Lisbon. It consists of 18 suites and to spend a few days in one of them is to kick yourself for wasting so much time in a poolroom as a youth instead of saving your money so you could stay at the Avistis as long as you wanted. Food, service, and all appointments are absolutely perfect. . . .

When you get to Paris be satisfied with what you have heard, and the picture you have seen, of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe. It is situated in the middle of the wildest, most uncontrolled traffic circle in the world. Cars rush along the circle at top speed, coming from all directions, and there are no lights or gendarmes to hinder them. Jean and I got caught in the middle of this mad whirl, and I was glad for my double indemnity. . . .

It would be my luck to get to London when the pound is devalued, but with my checkbook so devalued that I couldn't buy a stuffed owl in a bargain basement. . . .

Tell me, does the Marshall Plan apply to broke Americans in London? If it does, please get hold of General Marshall and tell him to rush me some application blanks.  
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## MEXICAN FIND

MEXICO CITY, (INS)—Clay and stone figures, large pieces of dressed stone engraved with hieroglyphics and other important finds have been unearthed by Mexican national museum archaeologists at Chapatongo, near the ancient Toltec capital, Tula.