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Formosa and American Policy

Senator Taft and other republicans who are making an issue of Formosa are getting out on the end of a limb. Formosa, only 90 miles from the Chinese coast, is no island of great strategic importance in stopping the spread of communism, which is what seems to be worrying Senators Taft and Knowland and others. The real battleground in that respect is southeast and southern Asia and the East Indies and Philippines. Our effort in resisting the spread of communism there is of much greater importance than saving Generalissimo Chiang's shadow government on Formosa. The island is merely a tail to the mainland's kite.

Secretary of State Acheson made clear American objectives in the far east in a luncheon speech Thursday. He said that Russia is now busy consolidating Manchuria and Outer Mongolia firmly within the Russian orbit. Our real concern however is with the people of Asia, to protect their interests and their spirit of independence and self-development.

Senator Taft said in his Wednesday speech that if our navy would warn away possible invaders of Formosa the communists would not take the island. But that would mean to invoke direct military force. The effect would be similar to intervention and would be used as propaganda all through southeast Asia which is of far greater importance than Formosa. Our attention and efforts should be directed toward Indo-China, Siam, Burma, India, Indonesia, not toward shoring up Chiang's remnant of power on Formosa.

Reports indicate that affairs on Formosa are themselves threatening. Some 500,000 Chinese have come over from the mainland, many of whom are the salvaged parts of the nationalist armies. The big question is how they will be supported when Chiang's gold reserves estimated at around \$150,000,000 U. S. run out. The natives have been openly hostile to the carpet-bagger Chinese who on the heels of Japan's surrender of the island came over and virtually looted the island. They are in no mood to defend the Chiang regime and communist agents doubtless will foment this unrest wherever they can.

As for defense of Formosa if Chiang cannot with the troops at hand and the material and equipment stored in the island defend its rocky shores from the invasion of Chinese communists who have neither navy or airforce of consequence then his practice has completely disintegrated, and nothing America might do would revive that prestige among the Chinese people.

It looks to The Statesman that the senate republicans are using Formosa purely as a political club for belting Truman over the head. We hold no brief for Truman, but regard Formosa as a false issue, and one that will yield no dividends to the republicans who agitate for U. S. intervention to save it from the reds. Chiang is reported to have faith that he will be restored to power in a third world war. Republicans surely are not going to favor Chiang by going that far.

All-Americans

Usually one doesn't think of amateur gardeners and athletic coaches as having much in common. They are, you might say, beanpoles apart. But they are both equally interested in the annual All-American honors. The All-American Selections are to beans and roses what the All-American awards are to halfbacks and tackles. And the green-thumbed tribe is as eager to get an

All-American in their backyards as the brawn-and-muscle hucksters are to get one on their team.

A non-profit corporation of seedmen, All-America Selections does the only accredited testing, registration and rating of flowers and vegetables in this continent. Young botanical hopefuls are tested in growing grounds in many parts of the U. S. for two years before they get the experts' stamp of approval.

For 1950, top honors went to a new petunia—the first really red petunia. It is, appropriately, named Fire Chief and it won the only gold medal awarded since 1938 when the first red morning glory, Scarlett O'Hara, was the champion.

Gold medal winners in the vegetable patch are a bean and a squash. The Topcorn Bush Snapbean is green, fat and stringless and was developed by the U. S. department of agriculture plant industry bureau. A cross between the acorn squash and the Early Prolific Straight-neck produced the new Uconn squash, named after the University of Connecticut where it was developed.

The American Rose society has awarded their All-America Rose Selection rating to three hybrid tea roses, Capistrano, Mission Bells and Sutter's Gold. (Note the California Centennial influence.) The AARS tag also went to a new and spectacular floribunda, Fashion, which has a completely new color for roses—a coral pink with gold.

Already the gardeners can picture a flamboyant border of petunias along the walk, or see in their mind's eye the fine yellow of Sutter's Gold in that sunny corner by the house. They can even smell the fragrance, and their hands itch for a shovel-handle.

'Still snow on the ground? What of it! The crocus will soon be up.

The government's "mystery" witness in the Harry Bridges case turns out a self-admitted liar. Instead of being a native of Kentucky, son of a Kentucky planter and former student of the University of Kentucky he admitted he was born in Poland and his father is a needleworker in New York city. His true name was Lipman Rosenstein instead of Lawrence Seton Ross. Government counsel insist they did not know his pedigree. Ross was one of several confessed ex-communists who testified that Bridges was a communist. He didn't alter that part of his testimony. Such impeachment of a witness surely has a damaging effect on the government case.

Col. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune is getting ready for the atomic age. He has fitted up a great sub-basement in his plant and stock it with provisions. Above it will be stored rolls of newsprint to cushion the shock of the atom bomb and protect those below. Then he has bought the whistle of the old SS Yale that used to ply Pacific coastal waters. The whistle has been installed on Tribune tower to be blown when the atom bomb attack starts. That's presuming there will be time left to pull the whistle cord and someone not scared out of his wits who will pull it. We'd say that "preparedness" is the colonel's watchword.

The age of forty-two is much too young for a man of Cedric Reaney's fine personality to be taken from life. Diligent in business, civic-minded, devoted to his family Reaney was one of the rising men of affairs in Salem. His passing prompts general expression of sorrow and of sympathy for the family.

Reich Gains Weight to Throw Around

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Germans are beginning to act like Germans again.

In their newly-granted pride of "independent" government in western Germany, and apparently prone to forget that they are still operating under a military occupation statute as the result of their responsibility for starting and losing the greatest war in history, they are progressing from petition to demand for allied concessions.

They seem well aware that Germany is the prime prize in Europe for the contestants in the cold war, and to be trying to make the most of that position. They practically boycotted the allied plans for international control of the Ruhr until concessions were made.

Government officials ask this and ask that. They are trying to break France's integration of the long-disputed Saar into her own economy.

Socialist Schumacher has quite properly warned Chancellor Adenauer to stop talking about Germany's right to rearmament. (If the allies want to rearm Germany for the defense of western Europe, under strict controls, that's one thing. For the Germans to adopt the idea as part of their own program is quite another.)

Although the matter of plant dismantling has just been gone over and revised down to what is intended to be its final form, the Germans are making new demands for an amnesty for war John J. McCloy, U. S. high commissioner, has just had to put his foot down on German demands for an amnesty for war criminals.

There are a lot of other things indicating the Germans are feeling their oats. They apparently are mistaking the allied effort to reestablish Germany in the civilization of western Europe for a "soft" policy. Or else—a far more dangerous thought—they

are tight in this interpretation.

The fault does not lie entirely with the Germans. In the tug of war with Russia the allies have been playing politics and taking some calculated risks. The situation today is a far cry from the time of Yalta, when a few powerless states constituted the allied concept of the German future.

For their own purposes, the allies have been rebuilding Germany. The idea was that it was to be done with strict safeguards against letting it go any farther than their own interests demanded.

But if the Germans were to be encouraged to harass Russia for a unified Germany with return of the territories occupied

by Poland, how were the Germans to understand a "hands off" sign at the borders of the Saar or the Ruhr?

If allied policy makers get the idea that democratic forms means a democratic Germany prior to long, long years of trial and successful operation, or that German cooperation for the present will be based on anything except expediency and proof that the western side is the winning side, they are doomed to disappointment.

Germany can and should be used to help western Europe. It is her natural place. But there is a difference between a reasonable and calculated policy for this purpose and the type of tolerance which will eventually permit Germany to wag the dog.

Literary Guidepost

PORTSMOUTH POINT, by C. Northcote Parkinson (Harvard; \$3)

The anthologists have been making increased efforts in the last few months, if publishers' lists are to be trusted, in making sure that no probable or even possible coterie of readers with specialized tastes is overlooked. The newest should hold a record for some sort of specialization. "Portsmouth Point" wraps up in a slim, curly-binding (the volume is printed in Britain where printing is still under the duress of war), a many-sided picture of the British navy between 1793 and 1815. Those were the days of Nelsonian glory as Britannia rode the seven seas, even if every-thing "tween-decks wasn't part of the glory.

Dr. Parkinson, lecturer at the University of Liverpool and specialist in gone nautical grandeur, has limned his Portsmouth picture with excerpts from the novels of that era and the following quarter century. This method of portrayal, rather than by select-

ing from the historians and biographers, says Parkinson, enables us to learn (and see) much "which can be learnt in no other way . . .

"A good novel is true to its period in atmosphere. The characters are imaginary, the events never took place, but the setting is real . . . an impression more vivid and, in a sense, more true."

So here they all are, the ships of the line, the marines of low degree, the midshipmen of low order, and the volunteers first class of lowest, the food, the daily routine, the dancing wench. Sometimes it is Capt. Marryat who paints the scene, sometimes a forgotten author, with continuity and commentary by Parkinson. And here too for the lamplight occasional navigator (it's a book to be read in bits) are the traditions of a quaint era of warfare when, for example a ponderous ship of the line would never fire on the lighter frigate. At least in battles between the "civilized nations."



IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

In the case, I want to point out the inconsistency of forcing the program of reclamation at a time when the government is pouring out hundreds of millions to sop up existing farm surplus crops. It just doesn't make sense. There is a place for orderly development and we do not want to get caught with insufficient production of foodstuffs. Definitely that is not in sight. Then why not slow the pace for reclamation of lands?

Let me quote from a letter from a midwesterner who is a staunch friend of western irrigation, but who is concerned over the pressures for more irrigation in these times of exceedingly high costs and of crop surpluses. He writes: "The omens of a growing unrest and aggravation on this score are becoming obvious to even a casual observer. Scarcely a meeting is held back here in the midwest and east where agricultural matters are discussed that there is not someone who questions the wisdom of further expanding irrigated agriculture at a time when we are burdened with agricultural surpluses. It's growing and sooner or later—probably sooner—it is going to find expression in congress."

To divert interest due the national treasury on its investment in power plants is also a subterfuge, a scheme to obtain money without running the gauntlet of the congress, which I think is reprehensible.

There is need for pressing construction of power plants such as McNary and Chief Joseph dams to insure the northwest an abundance of power. There is no need for pressing construction of irrigation works for general agriculture at the present time. Certainly we do not need to force through congress a blanket authorization of

The Safety Valve

Would Hate to Be a Bus Driver

To the Editor:
I note that Mr. Wendt of the city bus service says that the reason the service is so bad is that people have not made enough complaints. Does he mean that the service will continue to get worse until enough people kick about it? He should realize that Salem people are nice polite folks and cannot send in the necessary complaints because the language that would have to be used would not be fit to print.

We have the poorest bus service we have ever had although we are paying higher fares than ever before. A major reason is that the bus company is too hogish—tries to cover too much territory—can't stand it to see people riding in other buses. The city council is blameworthy for allowing the company to force out of business independents who were giving suburban people fair service. The council should actively scan routes and schedules and see that the big company keeps its nose out of smaller companies' affairs. It has no exclusive franchise, and shouldn't have.

Mr. Wendt cannot blame the drivers for unsatisfactory service. I know most of them and they are a bunch of swell guys, although they encounter some passengers who almost incite to murder. I'd hate to be a bus driver.

A. M. CHURCH
Salem

Opposes "Mercy" Death

To the Editor:

I don't like the idea of doctors murdering their patients the way that weak-souled Sander did. A doctor's profession is supposed to be dedicated to the relief of human misery by putting the person back into healthy mental or physical shape if at all possible. If not humanly possible, then to do all possible and leave the rest to God. Right there is the sticker, though, too many people are ready to do a deed the expedient way without regard for the rights of God or man, then the weak and helpless get trampled on.

Aside from the moral angle is the fact that his bad for the reputation of American medicine. To think that when you should become in need of hospitalization that you are merely taking a trip to a liquidation plant. Isn't this really the most soothing thought?

By the way, isn't there something in our laws about not depriving another of their life, liberty without due process of law? I didn't hear of Mrs. Boroto's trial. Is it a crime worthy of death just to be unfortunate and ill?

Was there possibly an insurance policy or inheritance split motive involved?

JOE SPENNER
Stayton, Oregon

Hollywood on Parade

By Gene Handsaker
HOLLYWOOD — Memorable movie moments of the past year (remember 'em?)—

The enormously fat ringsider stuffing himself with peanuts and hotdogs while Robert Ryan slugs it out in "The Set-Up." . . . The look of desperate animal brutality on Kirk Douglas' face in "Champion" when the bout is going against him. . . . Bobby Driscoll perched on a rocking rafter at the climax of the chase in "The Window." . . .

The son's reactions on learning he is colored in "Lost Boundaries." . . . Navy Officer Gary Cooper telling Jane Wyatt her husband has been killed in "Task Force." . . .

Fuzzled gangsters hitting the jackpot on a ball-gum machine with a religious medal in "Come to the Stable." . . . Fugitives masquerading as mortuary corpses about to be embalmed in "The Lucky Stiff"—the year's funniest scene. . . . The temple tumbling down on screaming hundreds while Victor Mature shoves the pillars in "Samson and Delilah." . . . Montgomery Clift pounding futilely on the door in "The Heiress" while Olivia de Havilland, having found revenge at last, calmly works at her needlepoint. . . .

Lionel Barrymore's fierce skipping in "Down to the Sea in Ships." . . . Clifton Webb preparing crepes Belvedere in "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College." . . . Astaire and Rogers smoothly hoofing again, after years apart, in "The Barkleys of Broadway." . . .

Bookmaker Bob Hope interceding with the "heavenly praying commission" for the orphan in his care in "Sorrowful Jones." . . . June Allyson playing catch with crippled Jimmy Stewart in "The Stratton Story." . . . The stuffy English colonel who suspects his wife of infidelity in "Quartet." . . . The mechanical ape saving kids from a burning orphanage in "Mighty Joe Young." . . . Harold Lloyd's antics, still

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Notice how cordial he was . . . begged us to stay! . . . either he's awful hypocrite or we interrupted a family fight . . ."

Conflicting Testimony in Clark Trial

(Story also on page one.)
Conflicting testimony Thursday marked the trial of Don Clark, local taxi owner-operator, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a 14-year-old Salem girl.

Clark is the only one of 14 men involved in the recent morals case to stand jury trial on the charge against him. His case resumes today before Judge George R. Duncan in Marion county circuit court.

A primary question involved in Thursday's hearing was whether or not Clark ever had taken the minor girl into his Salem apartment.

Questioned by District Attorney E. O. Stadter, Jr., the girl said she met Clark at the bus depot taxi stand on an October night, met him around the block again on his suggestion, drove with him to a drive-in for food, had some whisky and went to his apartment, where he allegedly took liberties.

Asked for something to eat, Clark said the girl met him near the depot as he returned home from work, that he tried to persuade her to stay away from the taxi stand and offered to take her home. On the way, she asked for something to eat and they went to a coffee shop, he testified, after which he dropped her off at a corner near her home.

Under cross-examination, the girl said she had attended school for only about one week last fall but that neither she nor her mother had been contacted by truant officers. She told of being out all night, returning home after her mother left for work and leaving before her mother's return.

The girl, now in custody of the county juvenile department, has been enrolled in a private Portland school.

Testimony on Statement

Salem City Detective Wayne Parker, a prosecution witness, testified that, in quering Clark about another taxi driver for whom he had a warrant, the defendant had said the girl "was up to his place once and he had a hard time getting rid of her." Clark testified he had made such a statement, meaning that she had been in a taxi parked outside the apartment that night as he advised her.

Defense witnesses who testified as to Clark's character were taxi drivers Howard Earl Taylor and William Dale Nipper. The latter also stated that he had heard Clark tell the girl to keep away from the cabs.

Church Women Form Council At Silverton

Statesman News Service
SILVERTON, Jan. 12 — A Silverton Council of Church Women was formed here this afternoon at the Methodist church with Mrs. Albert Grinde as president.

Other officers include: Mrs. Gus Herr, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Finlay, secretary; and Mrs. Edwin Overland, treasurer.

Mrs. Victor Morris of Eugene was scheduled to address the group but stormy weather forced cancellation of her trip.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Well, here's hoping you win out."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "qualem"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Assassin, athlete, au revoir, arrogant.
4. What does the word "implacable" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with reer means "a reappearance"?

ANSWERS
1. Omit out. 2. Pronounce kwan, as in ah, and the lis silent. 3. Athlete. 4. Not capable of being pacified (Pronounce second syllable play). "An object of implacable enmity." — Macaulay. 5. Reappearance.

Doctors will tell you that no boil should ever be squeezed, since this may serve only to break down the encircling defense zone built by the white cells, and spread the infection.

The application of heat, either with an infra-red lamp or with hot, wet dressings, is helpful. Injections of penicillin into the muscles of the hip may be helpful in eliminating the boils so that they do not have to be cut open. However, not all boils will respond to such treatment. X-ray treatments have also been found helpful in bringing boils to a head more quickly or keeping them from coming to a head.

The majority of boils do not have to be cut open, a process which should be especially avoided, if it is all possible, in boils on the face, nostrils, and upper lip. When boils elsewhere come to a head, cutting and draining may be followed by rapid healing.

Salem School News

By Gilbert Bateman
Salem Correspondent

GARFIELD SCHOOL

A certificate of award was won by Garfield third graders of Mrs. Ethel Carothers' room for their illustrations of stories broadcast the past six weeks over KOAC's "Land of Make Believe" programs. Garfield pupils winning individual awards in the statewide third grade contest were Bill Penrod, Glenn Bauman, Sandra True, Mary Beth Lockenour.

Receiving honorable mention were Glenn Bauman, Sandra True, Tommy Dowell, John Simpson, Alexandria March.

PARRISH JUNIOR HIGH

The Parrish student council elected party managers Thursday for the second semester student body elections. Gary Parker, is the Studenteater party manager, Dick Hornaday, Liberator party manager.

WEST SALEM JUNIOR HIGH

The West Salem home economics class served a tea for mothers on Thursday morning. Cookies and coffee made by the girls were served. A series of posters demonstrated how to upholster furniture.

Gas Station Sign Stolen

Theft of a four-by-eight foot sign bearing gasoline prices was reported to city police Thursday by G. E. Zirk, proprietor of the S and S Time service station, 1095 S. 12th st.

Police said Zirk told them the banner might have been taken because of low prices advertised on it, 25.9 and 27.9 cents.

Zirk told police the sign was so large it must have been hauled away in a truck. He said he had just erected it at a cost of \$85. Theft was reported Thursday morning.

State Employees Offered Class at Portland Library

A class in filing methods for state employees in the Portland area will begin Friday, February 3, in the Portland city library building, James M. Clinton, acting director of the civil service commission, announced Thursday.

David Duniway of Salem, state archivist, will instruct the class. This is the second time the training course in filing has been offered in Portland. More than 100 employees enrolled for the course when it was first offered.

A similar course was given three times for state employees in Salem and plans are being made to offer the course at Corvallis.

Your Health

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

The body's defensive powers, of which physicians are so thoroughly aware, are well illustrated for the layman by the way in which the body deals with even such a minor matter as boils.

A boil begins with the infection of a hair root or sweat gland by germs, usually by those belonging to the staphylococcus family. Having gained an entrance through the skin, these germs invade the surrounding tissues and are not stopped until white blood cells (often referred to as the policemen of the blood) wall them off. If it were not for the rapid mobilization of these

germ fighters, no boil would remain as localized inflammation, but would form a spreading source of infection. As it is, pus is formed only within the defensive barrier. Finally, the boil either breaks through the skin to discharge its contents or is cut open for drainage.

Most people who suffer from boils seem to have a natural susceptibility to staphylococcus infection while otherwise enjoying good health. Even a normally high resistance to these germs, however, may be lowered by improper diet, overwork, or prolonged illness. Diabetes and chronic kidney disease are both causes of lowered resistance to such infections. Hence, if a person has boils repeatedly, it is advisable for him to have a thorough examination to be sure that there is no general disease responsible.

There are also local causes for boils. For example, boils frequently occur on the neck, forearm, and armpit, due to infection brought on by chafing by sweat-soaked clothing. The wearing of clean clothes, the avoidance of chafing or rubbing of the skin as much as possible, and keeping the skin dry, are helpful in preventing the boils.

Doctors will tell you that no boil should ever be squeezed, since this may serve only to break down the encircling defense zone built by the white cells, and spread the infection. The application of heat, either with an infra-red lamp or with hot, wet dressings, is helpful. Injections of penicillin into the muscles of the hip may be helpful in eliminating the boils so that they do not have to be cut open. However, not all boils will respond to such treatment. X-ray treatments have also been found helpful in bringing boils to a head more quickly or keeping them from coming to a head. The majority of boils do not have to be cut open, a process which should be especially avoided, if it is all possible, in boils on the face, nostrils, and upper lip. When boils elsewhere come to a head, cutting and draining may be followed by rapid healing.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
E. A.: What is a perforated ear drum? Does it affect the hearing? Answer: Perforated ear drum means that the ear drum has been broken. This often results from an infection of the middle ear. It usually affects the hearing only until the perforation heals. (Copyright, 1950, King Features)