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No "One Package Deal" For Northwest

A delegation of residents of Lincoln and Benton counties conferred with Governor McKay Monday to protest construction of a dam on the Tum Tum fork of Mary's river. This dam is included in the Willamette basin project, part of the combined program for Columbia basin development which awaits authorization of the congress.

This protest points up the contention The Statesman has made against the pending S 2180 which would give blanket authorization for the whole army engineers-reclamation bureau program for the northwest. Once adopted these agencies or their successors could go right ahead on the project as fast as funds are made available; and apparently they will be able to use even the interest on power plant investment which ought to return to the treasury for appropriation.

We think it would be in order for congress to give a general approval of the combined program, but still require authorization and appropriation for individual projects.

One reason for keeping the development program open is that changing conditions may warrant modifications in the program. We have seen such changes in the Willamette valley project. Originally it embraced dams on the McKenzie at about Blue River and on the South Santiam just below Sweet Home. This paper objected to the former because of the damage it would do to a prime recreational area. This was later abandoned in favor of dams on tributaries. Likewise objections were raised to the Sweet Home dam, and as the city grew the engineers themselves saw how unfeasible that was from the cost standpoint.

The "308" report includes an irrigation project at Canby, but the Canby Herald reports that farmers there are not interested. They may be in time, but why get congressional authorization if the project is unwanted?

It seems unwise to ask congress on the basis of a few hearings to give blanket authorization for a program which will run in cost into billions of dollars. True, the engineers have worked long and hard in making surveys and preparing plans. But there has been no competent, impartial review of such plans by an independent agency of government.

Opponents of CVA seem agreeable to adoption of S 2180, thinking perhaps that this will stop the agitation for the valley authority. Once this bill is passed the drive for CVA may be intensified; and once a CVA is set up it could ride "high, wide and handsome" with the program previously approved under S 2180.

Why wrap northwest development all up in one package? Why not take it on a step-by-step basis, with congress making the start and stop decisions? Promoters may chafe under the necessity of getting authority and money from congress; but that is the democratic process which these promoters always applaud yet often seek to circumvent.

This paper is eager for northwest development, but wants it done on an orderly, sound basis which we can justify to the nation and never need to apologize for. Tum Tum is just a sample of how the little project may get scant consideration on its merits when it is tacked

onto such mammoth projects as the Hell's Canyon dam and Chief Joseph dam, the glamor projects of the Columbia basin program.

Will the protest of the Benton county farmers be heard? Or will Tum Tum become Mum Mum?

Bad Industrial Relations

Last Thursday workers at the Doernbecher Manufacturing company with a furniture plant in Portland and a lumber mill at Coalea encountered a sign at the gate: "Plant closed until further notice." Just like that. Inquiry by reporters and union officials brought no explanation. All the reporters got was "no comment" by the president, Harry A. Green.

Came Saturday and the directors met and elected a new president and announced the plants would reopen Monday. Green refuses to be "fired", but anyway the plants are running again.

What the internal situation in management is we do not know; but the company has had a reputation for bad employe relations. This abrupt shutdown, unannounced and unexplained, is also bad public relations. Workers have their economic lives wrapped up in an enterprise and are entitled to warning if a shutdown is imminent and to some justification for such an action. Undoubtedly the action on Saturday indicates that the board feels that the administration has been high-handed and wants to reform its management.

"No Place to Hide"

The newly appointed head of national civilian defense says the first problem to be considered is relocation and redesign of the government offices in Washington. He mentions dispersal and going underground as means of protection against bombing in the atomic age.

Congressman Hollifield of California has prepared a resolution authorizing a commission to study and report on possible sites for an alternate government, duplication of government records and procedures for continuity of administration in event the president and those in line of succession should all be unable to function.

These matters are pertinent when we read that the H-bomb is on the way. But it all underscores the heading of this editorial which was the title of a recent book on the subject. It is fast becoming true that "there's no place to hide."

This doesn't mean we should be quiescent and just sit and wait for the bombs to drop. We should be prudent and reduce risks insofar as seems practical, — we can't avoid them all. But all the more reason for the peoples of the nations to demand of their rulers assurance of peace. That is the best security.

Out of News

Listeners to the Sam Hayes news broadcast Sunday night heard this interjection, unintended for the microphone: "Get me some more news; I'm running out of news".

So radio newscasters have those troubles too. News editors and editorial writers are frequently afflicted with a dearth of news or of ideas. If Sam would reduce his speed of broadcasting he wouldn't run out of copy.

Armed Guard An Insult, Not A Real Honor

By Henry McLemore
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 20—Things That Puzzle Me Section: Why is it that a baseball commissioner has to have an armed guard when he makes a public appearance? Not too long ago I saw "Happy" Chandler escorted to his seat at a football game by two policemen each of whom bristled with a rough



arms to fight a platoon of soldiers on even terms for a fortnight.

I imagine you could take a poll of all Americans old enough and big enough to fire a gun without finding one who wants to shoot Mr. Chandler. The chances are he could walk around unescorted by artillery-bearing folk with perfect safety. And so, I am sure, could 99 and 99/100ths of the folk who are given armed escorts in this country. But our nation seems to consider such an escort an insult, not an honor. If a man can't walk among his fellows without having gun toters on all sides the implication is that he is so downright ornery that somebody wants to have a plug at him.

To continue the subject of things that puzzle me, why does Winston Churchill, if the Conservatives beat the Labor eleven, want to arrange a talk among himself, Stalin, and President Truman? Stalin appears to be the type who would lie about his age to his mother, so what would any of his promises mean? Suppose he said Russia never would drop a bomb, and shook hands as a pledge of good faith. Could any sane man believe him? A fellow named Hitler did just that to a fellow named Chamberlain, and while Hitler was shaking hands with his right hand he was cocking a pistol with his left.

Mr. Churchill and Mr. Truman are too honest to deal with Stalin. Being men of good will they are blind to the fact that a lot of men aren't cut from the same cloth. If anyone is to be sent to talk to Stalin I think it would be wise to find the crookedest man in the United States and the biggest thief in England and make them the official emissaries. No one can see through a crook as fast as another crook.

Another puzzler. Why don't newspaper columnists send out pictures to run along with their columns that bear some slight resemblance to themselves. Most of the papers which use my column use a picture of me taken when I was at an age when I was switching from a tricycle to a bicycle. If the picture was much bigger it would show my rompers and the Buster Brown shoes I was wearing.

And I am not as guilty of misrepresentation as some others of my craft. I know a female columnist who is pictured as too young to make mud pies when the truth is she was a ballot box tender when McKinley was running.

I can answer my own question. Most of us columnists don't dare send out pictures of ourselves that look the way we really do. After all, we have to have readers to make a living, and if you frighten a reader often enough he'll give you up for the want ads.

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THE LETTER HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR



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"BLIND FAITH" NOT TENET OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Commenting editorially last Thursday upon a recent address at Northwestern university by Erwin D. Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, during a campus conference on religion, you have said: "It is no favor to the young people to spoon-feed them the idea that if we all live right and say our prayers, peace and plenty will automatically just happen." Because of the tone of the editorial your readers not otherwise informed might conclude that Christian Science teaches its adherents to indulge in blind faith. I shall appreciate space in an early issue of the Oregon Statesman for this reply.

Christian Scientists are under no illusions concerning this momentous period nor are they found with their heads in the sands of faith without works. Having already proved in their individual lives the power of prayer to heal sickness and sin through a spiritual understanding of God and man, they are prepared to meet the challenge of our times in the spirit urged by Christ Jesus, the Way-shower: ". . . when these things (wars, persecutions, tumults of

nature, distress of nations, and fearful hearts) begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads." (Luke 21:28).

What Mr. Canham said at Northwestern university will not mislead those who caught the import of his remarks. His auditors will not be lulled into some false hope that "friendly relations with the enemy" will be insured "through some occult working of mind over matter" referred to in your editorial. The youth present in the chapel heard the Monitor's editor say in substance that the spiritual awakening of the individual is essential to his effective service to his brother man in the omnious days ahead. A substantial

report of the address in question appears in the Monitor for February 11.

Very sincerely yours,
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ANCIENT SNAKE FOUND

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—An 80-million-year-old snake has been reported found near San Jose Itabora, small town in Rio de Janeiro state. A report to the geological museum here says a field party, digging in a site which has been explored for 20 years, found fossil birds, lizards, plants and a snake estimated to belong to the tertiary age. The snake is the first of that type found in Brazil, says the report.

Literary . . . Guidepost . . .

By W. G. Rogers
THE SIDEWALKS ARE FREE, by Sam Ross (Farrar, Straus; \$3.00).

Hersh Melov is a busy youngster, busy killing Indians, exploring, being a soldier, a fighter pilot, a magician, an inventor . . . "Thank God you aren't grown up," says his mother Sonya. His father David has packed up his carpenter's kit and gone off to work in army camp, and his uncle Yussel is in uniform and serving abroad.

Chicago is not a good place for a boy, nor a bad. It's just a place. It takes the young foreign-born, like Hersh, rubs off the foreign and puts the American there instead, just as the passing years replace the boy with the man.

With quick eyes and ready ears, and a mind that can put two and two together, Hersh learns something about being a Jew, about having to use his fists; he finds out some facts of life from his mother, and from Rachel alone and Rachel with Joe Ganz; and he is initiated into the world of business when finally the family comes into some money, and hoards it, and just misses putting it in gold-bricks, and at last invests it in the whoppingest goldbrick of all, a laundry. Why isn't it enough, the desperate father cries, just to be a human being?

And human beings they are, finally, pictured in this earnest novel, which achieves importance by dealing honestly with people of no importance. The sidewalk of Chicago will not get into song, like the sidewalk of New York, but they are a fertile background for Hersh and his family.

If Ross does not stir the reader, he holds him. One virtue of his novel is the care with which he stays on this side of that sentimentalism which tends to put books about Chicago on the list of books banned in Boston. This isn't an expose of a city, but an exposition of a character.

The National Geographic Society says Dr. Thomas Walker in 1750 disclosed the importance of Cumberland Gap as a way to the west.

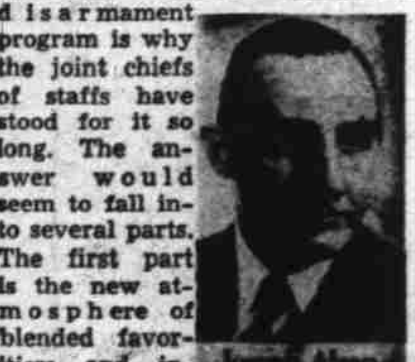
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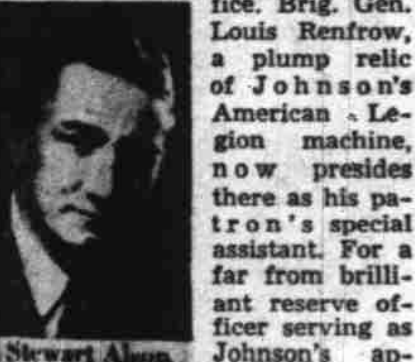
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Johnson Threatens to 'Fire' Military Leaders

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—The hardest question to answer about Louis A. Johnson's concealed disarmament program is why the joint chiefs of staff have stood for it so long. The answer would seem to fall into several parts. The first part is the new atmosphere of blended favoritism and intimidation that now pervades the defense department.



A pretty good symbol of the favoritism is to be found in the secretary of defense's outer office. Brig. Gen. Louis Renfrow, a plump relic of Johnson's American Legion machine, now presides there as his patron's special assistant. For a far from brilliant reserve officer serving as Johnson's appointments secretary, Renfrow has received remarkably high promotion. But that is not all. He was once a dentist. He is also drawing \$100 a month supplementary pay under a rule designed to attract young dentists into the services.



The sum is not large. The arrangement is at least technically legal. But the symbol remains: the crony gets his perquisites while Johnson's "economies" bite deep into the sinew of American strength.

As for the intimidation, there is plenty of evidence concerning the secretary of defense's special methods of getting his way. One authenticated incident involved one of the two or three ablest senior officers in the army, whose unpopularity with Johnson may probably be traced to his serious approach to defense

problems. At a large meeting, because of a relatively petty disagreement, Johnson publicly threatened to drive this brilliant and disinterested man out of the military service. Several other general officers who have dared to argue have had the same sort of experience.

Mere threats would of course not frighten the joint chiefs themselves. Yet it must be remembered that Bradley and Collins, Vandenberg and Sherman were all trained in an earlier period, as members of the defense services of a country that had no defense. Secretaries of the army and navy, in those days, were customarily pretty awful. The services made do with whatever was granted, either in leadership or in appropriations. America, in those days, was not in the first line.

This pre-war psychology has quite visibly survived, for example, in General J. Lawton Collins, who is fond of repeating that his ground forces are in better shape than ever. It is true, and has been recorded in this space, that the army alone has maintained its fighting units under the impact of Johnsonian "economies." It is also true that these fighting units are in a fine state of training.

At least in his public statements, this seems to satisfy General Collins, yet he is making do with second world war weapons which are in many cases obsolete or actually obsolete. He has no tank force worth speaking of. He has in prospect only the smallest trickle of the new anti-tank weapons. Above all, because of air force "economies," he cannot count on the slightest effective close air support, without which modern armies literally cannot take the field. Over all, the facts General Collins omits are infinitely more significant than the facts he points to.

This pre-war psychology, which leads to the unwarranted optimism of General Collins, is strengthened by the consciousness of part folly, from which the joint chiefs no doubt suffer. The

navy today is less able to protest the impairment of its anti-submarine capability, because the admirals themselves so long forgot the submarine problem in their eagerness to encroach upon the air force mission. Equally, in 1948, the joint chiefs permanently weakened their own case by preparing an idiotically swollen budget request for \$30,000,000,000.

Finally, the joint chiefs must be well aware that in this matter of defense "economy," the secretary of defense only differs from the president in wishing to go further and faster. The president made the original decision, in 1948, to forget the requirements of a serious defense, and to sacrifice defense planning to budgetary convenience.

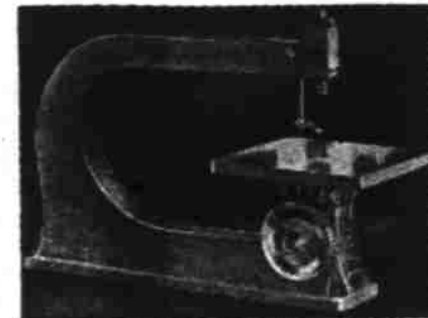
At that time, it was also agreed that the joint chiefs would draw up each year a new "requirements" plan and budget, against which the budget-ceiling or "capabilities" plan could be measured. This year, the chiefs were called to the White House, to be given their \$13,000,000,000 budget ceiling by the president in person. Thereafter, a spasmodic effort was made to draw up the regular, annual "requirements" program. But in the end this seemed so fruitless that the task was never completed—the J.C.S. temporarily surrendered.

Meanwhile, however, Soviet strength has grown visibly, and the world situation has worsened appallingly. Meanwhile, the defense planning of the Atlantic pact nations, which is under the personal charge of the incorruptible General Omar Bradley, has begun to show how enormous are the gaps in our security. Meanwhile, congress has been waking up, as is shown by Senator Millard Tydings' fine speech last week.

This far, Secretary Johnson has been able to count upon the joint chiefs' acquiescence, and to take advantage of it. But that acquiescence may not endure forever.

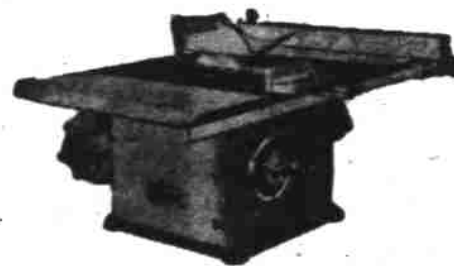
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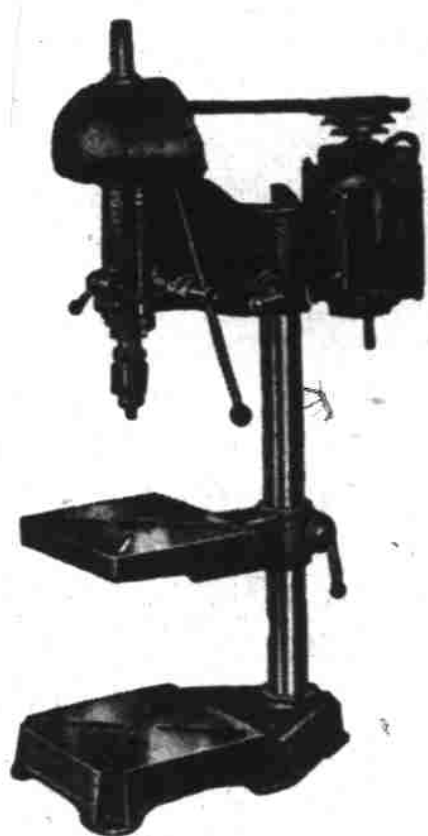
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