

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

(Mr. Sprague is on vacation. Periodically he will write reports of his trip.)

Travel Letter No. 3

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Washington is a city of men going places — with briefcases; subalterns in government, lawyers with cases to plead, salesmen for wares and ideas. As the politics-economic nexus of the world, Washington attracts men of affairs. Hotels are filled with them, taxis buzz with them.

Having neither cause to plead nor axe to grind I brought no briefcase along. Though this is vacation I had to make the stop in Washington something of a post-man's holiday.

Highlight was a quarter hour visit with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, arranged by Carlton Savage, from Salem originally, now a member of the state department — vital policy advisory committee. I have been so disgusted with the campaign of political irresponsibility against Mr. Acheson and the state department I wanted to assure him of one citizen's confidence in him and his work.

In this cold war the major task is to win a victory for human freedom without resort to force. Acheson is the commanding general in this crucial contest. He is eminently qualified by training, native intelligence and character to guide our international affairs. It is a shame to have him sniped at by the McCarthys and the Wherrys, for cheap political capital. Acheson's speeches at San Francisco and Berkeley spelled out our foreign policy in these times. The test is on America now to maintain its leadership and sustain the accompanying burdens.

At the capital one day and lunched with Sen. Wayne Morse and (Continued on editorial page 4)

26 Czechs to Stay in West After Flight

ERDING, Germany, March 25—Twenty-six Czechs elected tonight to stay in Germany as fugitives from communism, thereby partly unraveling the mystery of the dramatic, unheralded landing of three Czechoslovak planes loaded with 85 persons at this U. S. air force base yesterday.

Fifty-eight Czechs who chose to return to Czechoslovakia, among them the president of the Czech air line, said they were shanghaied in flight by seven of the 12 crewmen. They said one of the planes was captured at gun-point.

Miss Katherine Kosmak of New York City, librarian at the U. S. information service library in Prague and the 85th occupant, returned to Czechoslovakia today.

She said most of her fellow passengers "seemed terribly surprised" when they landed here among U. S. air force men, instead of Prague, their destination.

McNary Field Designated as AAF Auxiliary

Official designation of McNary field as an auxiliary to Portland air base for air force reserve activities was received in Salem Saturday afternoon from Fourth air force at Hamilton air force base, California.

The word came on the first day of training here for the 403rd troop carrier wing. It permits use of this field with local clearances only.

The Salem field will be used each week end by one of the wing's four squadrons. Additional members will be sought in this area to report for training here along with about 40 Salem area men already in the wing's complement.

Three C-46 transports of the wing's 6th squadron were here Saturday morning and early afternoon until clouds began to lower. Those will be back with others today if weather permits, according to Capt. Paul Lantz, Portland, wing public relations officer.

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VALE, March 25—(P)—Drilling for oil will go on a 24-hour basis six miles southwest of here next week.

Stork Gives Expectant Father Extra Practice In Fast Hospital Trips

What started as a sociable visit among three expectant mothers Friday night turned out to be a nightmare for Willard Schade, 1652 Sixth st., an expectant father.

A general exodus for the maternity ward started as Schade's wife, Lillian, Mrs. Glenn Whitmarsh, 1069 Arthur way, and Mrs. William Grund, 2605 Maple ave., were talking over common problems at the Schade home.

Mrs. Whitmarsh complained of "feeling funny," and a few minutes later Schade was driving her toward Salem General hospital at a fast clip.

The speeding car was stopped near the Center street bridge by City Police Officer David Bain. Schade was soon on his way again after explaining he was taking a pregnant woman to the hospital.

No sooner had Schade reached the hospital when he received a telephone call from home. It was his wife, who explained that

Mrs. Grund also needed a ride to the hospital. Schade roared back over the bridge doing a mile a minute. Again he was flagged down by Officer Bain, who patiently inquired about Schade's speeding ways.

"I'm going after another pregnant woman," Schade blushed. "Tell me another one," Bain replied, "that one won't work again." After a frantic explanation, Schade hurried back to the house and was on the way to the hospital again. He was stopped momentarily by the officer, who took one look and scratched his head.

Early Saturday morning Mrs. Whitmarsh and Mrs. Grund each became mother of a son. Saturday night, Schade was still sticking close to home awaiting a maternity alarm from his wife.

"It looks like I'll be making another trip any minute," he told The Statesman. "I hope that poem you will believe me just once more."

Juniors Victorious At Freshmen Glee

"Juniors looked fine last night, juniors looked fine. Juniors came up and seniors went down, but JUNIORS looked fine."

Parodies were incidental music to the rousing fight songs that reverberated through Willamette university's gymnasium Saturday night as the junior class won the 42nd annual Freshmen Glee.

With a lusty presentation of the original "Forward Mighty Beavers," members of the class of 1951 recorded their second Glee triumph in three years. Last year they were a close second and they had won as freshmen.

A hapless but good natured senior class will "swim" in the campus stream for the third time in its four years at Willamette by virtue of placing last in the Glee judging.

Freshmen placed second, sophomores third. All the spirit and tension and fun of the traditional campus event added up to an evening of exuberance, swelling from the stately entrance of seniors in cap and gown through the lively rounds of sung parodies, the original song competition itself, the nervous wait for a judges' report and the final pandemonium.

Juniors sang a capella their fight song, composed by Martha Guice and Janet Stark. As jaunty Guice with words by Margaret as befits a fight song for anyone's athletic field, the music nevertheless was by far the most elaborate of the songs presented last night.

Diamond directed his class singing as he had the two previous years. Miss Bernard was song writer all three years. Theme for the glee was serenade last year and love songs the year before.

The white skirts and blouses of the junior women contrasted with dark sweaters and trousers on the men as the class sang from the gymnasium stage against a backdrop of a huge football-uniformed "beaver."

A feature of the non-competitive part of last night's program was the reminiscing of J. A. C. Oakes of Portland who was one of the class of 1912 who as freshmen hurled the first original singing challenge at other Willamette classes.

Oakes and his class lost, but ever since the frosh have challenged other classes to a competition in the writing and presentation of songs on a predetermined theme. Freshmen classes have won eight times.

Portland TV Drive Grows

PORTLAND, March 25—(P)—The campaign to get television to Portland continued here today.

The Portland "TV Now" committee attracted 200 persons to a meeting here last night in which Dick Matthews, spokesman for the committee, asserted local radio stations would put in TV if it were authorized.

TV construction permits are frozen now by the federal communications commission. An attempt is being made by Oregon congressmen to get a waiver on the ban.

Correspondents Find Acceptance of East-West Stalemate in Most Non-Communist Capital Cities

By the Associated Press
Secretary of State Acheson's seven points and the Russian response have failed to bring the world closer together. Instead, throughout most of the world, there is a reluctant acceptance of deepening stalemate.

That is the theme brought out in an Associated Press survey by correspondents in non-communist capitals.

Acheson posed his seven points in a speech 10 days ago. He challenged the Soviet Union to accept these points as a move "toward ending the cold war. Russia made no formal reply, but her controlled press castigated Acheson as a simpleton and liar, and made clear his proposals were not acceptable.

Acheson himself said there was little chance of Russia's acting upon his proposals. Most officials and newspapers expressing comment have echoed this view. At the extreme, a London newspaper found Acheson's speech cogent and powerful; an Indian newspaper

called it "a mere piece of cold war propaganda." Acheson's proposals called for a major retreat by the Russians from their present position. He urged they should end obstructionist tactics in the United Nations, stop using force on Soviet satellite countries and halt efforts to undermine other countries through international communism. He asked the Russians to rip back the iron curtain so that the Russian people could learn what is going on in the outside world.

The survey found an almost unanimous opinion that it was hopeless to expect Russia to agree to such proposals. But in France a foreign office spokesman said he thought Acheson's speech was "of a nature to restore the confidence necessary" in direct east-west negotiations.

Here is the reaction in various countries: The official view as expressed by the foreign office is that Acheson's aims are desirable but there is slight hope they will

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Above and Beyond The Call of Duty

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., March 25—(P)—It all began in the line of duty.

Policeman Geoffrey Everitt and Policewoman Alice Robinson were assigned to pose in plain clothes, of course—as a courting couple in Nottingham forest last summer as a lure for handbag snatchers.

Today they were married.

'Bring 'Em Back Alive' Buck Dies in Texas

HOUSTON, March 25—(P)—Frank Buck, 66-year-old Texan who gained fame by capturing wild animals throughout the world, died of a lung ailment today.

The "Bring 'Em Back Alive" authority had been ill since being injured in a Chicago taxicab wreck three years ago.

His widow, Mrs. Muriel Riley Buck, and a daughter, Barbara, are survivors.

Buck was born March 17, 1884, at Gainesville, Tex. His family soon moved to Dallas.

As a youngster Buck quit school after the seventh grade and began an outdoors life that included coupanching, hobbing and wild game expeditions throughout the world.

His first expedition was made in 1911 to South America. Later his trips took him to Malaya, India, Borneo, Burma, New Guinea, Siam and Africa.

He made a trip to Malaya last year but native uprisings and his health forced cancellation of plans for a jungle expedition.

Motion pictures made on his expeditions made Buck a hero of millions of youngsters throughout the world.

A feature picture, "Bring 'Em Back Alive," made about 20 years ago, gave him the lasting nickname.

Elephants Run Amok, Injure Circus Helper

POMONA, Calif., March 25—(P)—Two circus elephants frightened by train whistles ran amok here for an hour and a half last night. They critically injured an attendant who tried to lead them back to their train.

Leroy Spellman, 29, circus attendant, was seriously hurt when a four-ton female elephant plucked him up in her trunk, threw him to the ground and then rolled on him. He was taken to Pomona hospital with multiple abrasions and internal injuries.

Police Sgt. Ed Stevens said the huge animals were being led back to the circus train after a performance of the Clyde Beatty circus here. A blast from the whistle of a passing train scared them.

The pachyderms tore loose from their handlers and rampaged through this Los Angeles suburb.

Frightened residents deluged the police station switchboard with hysterical stories of monsters roaming through their backyards and crashing through fences. One of the elephants wandered into a tile manufacturing plant and set a nightwatchman screaming.

Stevens and other officers and circus attendants finally cornered the elephants in a vacant lot, quieted them and led them back to the circus train. The train departed soon afterward for San Francisco, Calif.

The showgrounds were virtually empty of patrons at the time of the outbreak.

\$300 Billion Garrison Nation Said Price of Total A-Defense

Cuts in Foreign Aid May Help Bring on War, Truman Warns

President Makes Request in Letter To Congressman

KEY WEST, Fla., March 25—(P)—President Truman warned the congressional economy bloc today that sharp cuts in foreign aid spending might precipitate a third world war.

Demanding house passage of the "full amount" of administration requests for \$3,375,000,000 to carry the program forward another year. He said the United States had to fight World War Two because it turned its back on the "rest of the world."

"We will save nothing if we ignore the needs of other nations now only to find that the result is World War Three," he declared.

Approval of administration requests, he said, would strike a "major blow" for peace.

Countering efforts of the economy bloc to trim at least a half billion dollars from the omnibus measure, the president warned that the "full amount" is necessary to fight the "poverty, misery and insecurity" on which "communism thrives."

Mr. Truman pitched into the house debate with a two-page letter to Chairman Kee (D-West Va.) of the foreign affairs committee.

"Passage of this act will strengthen all nations threatened with intimidation, subversion or aggression," he said.

The president released the text of the letter at the "Winter White House" on the naval submarine station where he is spending a month's vacation.

At the same time, the president withheld a decision on a request by Senator Tydings (D-Md) for use of loyalty files of state department employees accused by Senator McCarthy (D-Wis) of pro-communist leanings. Ross said there will be no answer over the weekend.

However, the secretary said the president gave his full approval to information given the senate foreign relations subcommittee yesterday by Attorney General M. McGrath and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. Tydings is chairman of the investigating group.

Searchers Fail To Find Clue to Jo Ann Dewey

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 25—(P)—A mass search through Clark county failed today to turn up an 18-year-old girl missing a week.

Approximately 500 volunteers turned out to peer under brush, search through woods and farm buildings in a 15-20 mile area fanning out from Vancouver.

They were looking for Jo Ann Dewey, a 5 foot 4 1/2 inch girl weighing 170 pounds, who was believed snatched from the streets of Vancouver last Sunday night.

Residents heard piercing screams, saw a woman battling two men, only to be shoved inside an automobile and carried off. A hair clasp and a purse strap belonging to Miss Dewey were found on the scene later.

One bystander started to interfere, but stopped when one of the men told him, "Shut up, this is my wife."

But as the car drove off, the woman screamed, "No, I'm not his wife."

Greek Premier



ATHENS, March 25—Sophocles Venizelos, shown waving to supporters during recent election campaign, was sworn in as Greece's new premier. Venizelos is head of the Greek Liberal party and his government is predominantly liberal.

GI Confesses Slaying Pretty WAF Sergeant

SAN RAFAEL, March 25—(P)—The FBI said a Vermont non-commissioned air officer confessed tonight that he strangled a pretty woman air force sergeant whose body was found today at Hamilton Field, her uniform ripped off.

Sgt. Lyle M. Buswell, 32, Rutland, Vt., was quoted as admitting he killed the woman Sgt. Fairy E. Decker, 44, York Pa., after he had been drinking heavily.

Harry Kimball, San Francisco chief of the FBI and Maj. James E. Johnston of the fourth air force said Sgt. Buswell related:

She choked the woman twice after she ordered him from the office where she was on orderly duty. Then he took her outside, ripped off her clothes and scattered them to give the appearance of a rape.

He said he twice visited the office, once under the pretext of using the telephone.

Then he set down with her on a cot. It was then she said "get out of here."

She got up to show him the door. He grabbed her and choked her. She clawed him. She choked her again and she went limp.

That was about 4:30 a.m. today. Then he waited another hour before reporting to officers his original story of finding the attractive brunette's body while wandering around the base, restless over the fact he had been ordered overseas.

He denied he raped the woman, who worked in the same military office with him at the air base. Served in Japan.

Mrs. Decker, mother of a 22-year old son, Horace, joined the air force as a private in 1942. She served 27 months in Japan. Her husband, Paul Decker, works in a mill in York, Pa.

Appearing younger than her 44 years, the slender brunette was a clerk-typist in the office of the Hamilton field provost marshal. She sometimes taught Sunday school classes, acquaintances said.

Civilian Defense Director Estimates Cost of Dispersing Cities, Industries

WASHINGTON, March 25—(P)—Congress was told today that if the United States tried to achieve absolute security against atomic attack it would have to spend more than \$300 billion and become a garrison state.

This analysis of civilian defense against A-bombs was given the senate-house atomic committee by Paul J. Larsen, director of the office of civilian mobilization in the national security resources board.

Larsen said in testimony given in closed session March 23 and made public by the committee today that perfect security against atomic attack "obviously is not possible."

"Nor is an attempt to achieve absolute security desirable under present conditions unless we are willing to become a garrison state," he said.

He said that, looking at the problem from a security standpoint alone, the solution might appear to be compulsory dispersion of people and of industry, but he added:

"The dollars and cents cost of decentralizing some 200 cities in the United States having population of 50,000 or more would probably be in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000,000.

"The social and political costs of such decentralization might put an end to democracy as we know it. To accomplish such a program of compulsory dispersion we would have to be willing to become a garrison state."

Conceding that this country isn't ready for an atomic attack, Larsen said that civilian defense planning must be done at the community level, with the federal government standing ready to aid in case of an onslaught.

Vandenberg Proposes Commission To Chart Next U.S. Step in Cold War

WASHINGTON, March 25—(P)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) proposed today that a new "unpartisan" commission be set up to chart America's next step in the cold war after the Marshall plan ends.

Vandenberg suggested that a "Harriman commission"—similar to the 19-member group headed by W. Averell Harriman which surveyed American resources and Europe's needs in 1947—be created to study the possibility of a successor to the Economic Cooperation administration.

ECA administers the Marshall plan, designed to build Europe up economically with the help of American funds and strengthen it against communism.

The Michigan senator indicated he wants such a future study made on a world-wide basis, including plans to combat communism in the far east. "As we approach the statutory end of ECA in 1952," the Michigan senator said in a letter to ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman, "I think it would be well for another such commission—equally unpartisan and equally impeccable in character—to resume independent, advisory studies of our new responsibilities as the world's largest creditor nation and the world's spearhead in the quest of dependable peace."

The Harriman commission was made up of industrial, labor and economic leaders picked by President Truman without reference to party affiliation. Harriman, then secretary of commerce, now is ECA's roving ambassador in Europe.

Papers Show U.S. Postwar Planners Ignored Possibility of Split with Russ

WASHINGTON, March 25—(P)—Long secret documents showed today that top-level U. S. planners spent six years getting ready for the peace without seriously considering the possibility of a postwar split between Soviet Russia and the west.

The state department published today a detailed report of advance planning which started in 1939. The report was compiled at the direction of President Truman, who was supplied with a copy of it before leaving on his current vacation trip to Key West.

The 726-page volume on "postwar foreign policy preparation" includes six preliminary drafts for a United Nations charter and some two score other documents. Virtually all were based on the assumption that the western powers and Russia after their victory over the Axis would be able to get together on the settlement of world problems.

Reporters were told by Harley A. Notter, state department official who wrote the narrative and had an active part in the planning, that "thought was given" during World War II to the possibility Russia might not cooperate. He said papers were prepared on the subject but "only at the working level" and never reached the stage of actual decision. This means they got nowhere on the upper levels.

One published document was a 1943 report of an internal state department planning committee which advised that in case of big power friction Germany would hold a balance of power and Russia "would be in a position to use the communists to strengthen Germany," to foment disorders and advance Soviet aims.

An active fight among the officials who took part was Alger Hiss, recently convicted of falsely denying he passed secrets to a courier for a red spy ring. His name is listed in the record 22 times.

West's Top Strategy Planners Ready To Sharpen Teeth of Atlantic Treaty

LONDON, March 25—(P)—The west's top planners of cold war political and battle strategy have begun to sharpen the teeth of their North Atlantic defense pact.

Until now the alliance of a dozen nations, backed by the United States, has been largely a paper alliance. Its main achievement has been the simple fact of agreement on arming jointly against any aggressor.

But who's going to make the guns, tanks, ships, shells and planes? Who's going to pay for them? Who's going to use them? Who's going to command them? How will aggression be met?

These are some of the questions being discussed at talks this week and next. The talks are being held in London and at The Hague.

Among the officials crossing the Atlantic to help put an edge on the defense teeth are Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, air-minded chief of naval operations, is conferring with American military and naval commanders in Britain, Germany and France. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, is touring the Mediterranean and the near east.

Readiness for gearing up the alliance was indicated by the arrival in Britain this week of some B-29 superfortresses—planes big enough to lug atom bombs. They were the vanguard of 70 to 80 B-29s allotted the British under the United States' \$1,000,000,000 military aid program.

7 DIE AS B-29 EXPLODES

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 25—(P)—A converted B-29 blew up in the air near here today and plunged seven employes of North American Aviation Co., Los Angeles, to their deaths.

Readers of the Statesman will recall that the B-29 was converted from a B-24 bomber.

The B-29 was being tested for its ability to carry atomic bombs. It was being flown by a crew of 14 men.

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Salem	48	31	40
Portland	48	34	15
San Francisco	53	44	10
Chicago	40	20	60
New York	40	20	70

Willamette river 9.8 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, May 25, 1950): Mostly cloudy with showers this morning becoming partly cloudy with widely scattered showers tonight and tonight high today near 60. Low tonight near 32.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal
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