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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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Washington's Timidity

The administration surely backs into this war. It is still busy saying what it will not do. First it was no ground troops for Korea; then it was no mobilization. Now the department of the army says that the men now being inducted will be sent overseas "only if the Korean war continues." It adds that "as far as we know" there will be no further draft calls.

Haven't we had enough of this timidity? Isn't it time to tell the country we must rebuild our strength even if that calls for further drafts and for diversion of materials to military purposes? Already we are paying the price of reverses in part because of our lack of preparation. For any considerable extension of the war we would be grossly ill-prepared.

Sometimes one hears, Why doesn't Washington tell us what is happening? The answer is that Washington may not know; also, that Washington normally thinks in terms of political reactions at home—it doesn't want to disturb the people. Better disturb them now than demoralize them later.

No one wants a continuance of expansion of the Korean war; but the times are so badly out-of-joint that we must be ready for what may happen. The administration policy is one of containment of Russian communism which includes use of force if that is necessary. The only way to make that policy effective is to back it with the men and guns that will sustain it.

It is time Washington had done with negatives and with playing down this "police action." The people should be told bluntly that we need to rearm, which will call for more men, more goods, more money. The people are intelligent and realize that if the struggle is really joined the costs will be tremendous—and will be the greater if we are ill-equipped for war.

Actions, and Words

A federal court found Harry Bridges, west coast longshore leader, guilty of perjury in swearing he was not a communist. The decision is being appealed and Bridges is released under bond so he can carry on as boss of the longshoremen.

He surely tipped his hand since the Korean war broke out, and it looks "red." Loading of ships is vital to overseas war and the San Francisco local of the longshoremen's union had up a resolution expressing its approval of the stand of our government and readiness to assist. But Harry Bridges introduced a resolution which would merely have the United Nations issue a new call for an end to the fighting. Of course, he didn't dare denounce the USA and the UN and South Korea; but the purpose of his resolution was to kill off the one offered by union members loyal to democracy and the USA.

The Bridges resolution was defeated when first presented, but at the Sunday meeting, when a vote was to be taken on the other, Bridges presented it again. The argument precipitated a fight and apparently nothing was done. But as far as Bridges is concerned—"actions speak louder than words."

It should be added that the Coos Bay local of the ILW adopted a resolution of support for the policy of our government. No back talk was allowed there. We have no doubt the majority of longshoremen are loyal Americans and will continue to load ships without the slightest hesitation. But pro-communist leaders can do a lot to terrify union members and bend them to their own purposes.

One-Way Streets "on Way"

Award of contract to Warren Northwest company for work on Salem streets definitely launches the plan prepared by the highway department for routing of traffic through Salem. This controverted Baldock one-way street plan will, therefore, be in effect within a few months.

Experience in other cities with one-way streets has been quite satisfactory. It takes a little while for motorists to get used to them, but when they learn they move right along.

One of the first things a driver has to do is to break away from the habit of keeping on the right side. On a one-way street he can take the left lane if he wants to; and if he plans to make a left-turn that is where he should be. Probably our early teiups will be due to the failure of these left-turners to be in the proper

lane.

Just take one-way in stride and soon you'll grow habituated to driving on one-way streets. And don't get panicky if you find you are headed the wrong way on a one-way street. Take your time (and suffer the glares and horn blasts of drivers confronting you) and either back up or go forward. Everyone sooner or later has this experience.

Of the 59 members of United Nations, 48 have endorsed UN action for restoring peace in Korea. Russia and its satellites are the chief holdouts. (The world is out of step, except Uncle Joe.) Yugoslavia voted against the resolution in security council and its government has not responded to the telegraphed appeal for support. Egypt is playing hard-to-get, chiefly because its nose is out-of-joint over Israel and the cuffing its armies got there. The approving list runs from Afghanistan to Venezuela.

Trygve Lie, secretary general of United Nations, tried hard to effect an adjustment between Russia and the west. Apparently what he got for his pains were kicks from both sides. U. S. senators criticized him as a communist appeaser and now the Moscow Literary Gazette calls him a coward, a right-wing socialist, a stooge of Wall Street and an abettor of American aggression. He suffers the usual fate of one who tries to intervene in quarrels.

John E. Peurifoy has been shifted from deputy undersecretary of state to ambassador to Greece to succeed Henry W. Grady, now ambassador to Iran. Peurifoy was the spokesman for the state department in the late McCarthy caterwauling, and held up his end very competently, commanding the respect of most senators and representatives. He goes to a difficult post and follows a very able man. His transfer is not a demotion but a recognition of his talents.

While Stayton sent no beans to Boston this year it is holding its annual bean festival next week—on the eve of another big bean year. The steady popularity of the Santiam snap bean contributes a lot to the wealth of the south part of Marion county. By use of irrigation water the flat of the lower Santiam has been transformed from sheep pasture or sickly out field to a productive, prosperous part of the county.

In pioneer days the churches used to have big camp meetings. Some sects still do, but most of the camp activity for churches is youth camps and summer conferences. Not as exciting as in the good old days; but for recreation and inspiration very much worth while.

Premier Nehru of India sent a live elephant to the Tokyo zoo last year. This year the school children of Tokyo raised money for two bronze elephants for a gift to Nehru as an expression of their gratitude. Pleasant, isn't it, to read of international gifts that are not in the form of bombs and bitter propaganda.

Too many municipal and district court items tell of arrests and fines for "driving while intoxicated" or "liquor involved". Gasoline and liquor don't mix. Safety for one's self and for others, as well as avoidance of the severe penalties of the law calls for driving only when sober.

James Russell Lowell should be living now—in Oregon. He would revise his famous poem to read: "What is so rare as a day in July" in the Willamette valley, with the sun shining, and fluffy white clouds floating across an azure sky.

"A Speedy U. S. Victory Is Not Anticipated" says a newspaper headline. Mild way of stating what unfortunately appears to be true. We trust, however, South Korea will not be another Bataan.

Feel run down, discouraged, despondent? Maybe what you need isn't a doctor but just a shoeshine.

Law students have really been sweating it out this week, taking the state bar exams. When a person gets "over the bars" and "into the bar" he really has to be good nowadays.

U. S. Has Reserved Right to Use A-Bomb But Many Reasons Make Such Action Unfeasible

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

The United States has reserved the right to use the atom bomb whenever it seems called for.

The real blame, Secretary Acheson points out, will lie with those who use aggression. After that the weapons which come into play are incidental.

Acheson's statement was made during an attack on the Soviet-sponsored "world peace appeal" which would label A-bomb users as war criminals.

It came simultaneously with a rising tide of expressions in congress and elsewhere in favor of use of the bomb to end the Korean fighting.

It also happened to coincide with a \$400-million bombing raid by B-29's on a North Korean rail center which naturally raised the question "what's the difference, except that one A-bomb would have done forty times the job?"

Well, I think there is one difference. The people who live around those railroad tracks are just as much the victims of their communist masters who started the war as are the people below the 38th parallel. If precision bombing can do the military job, then it is better militarily than to wipe out either the lives or homes of those people indiscriminately. Beyond that, it should be strictly a military decision. Certainly not timidity about any weapon should outweigh the lives of American troops through prolongation of the fighting.

Use of the A-bomb as an interdiction is one of the most frequent and most interesting proposals put forward since its development. A lot of people thought an ultimatum to Japan, backed by threatened use of the bomb, would have had the same effect as to ending the war that was provided by the demonstration at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Talk of such an ultimatum to Moscow regarding her actions has popped up repeatedly since 1945. Now it is proposed in Congress with regard to Korea.

Aside from any question of morality, the cold-blooded answer to the idea as applied to Russia is that it wouldn't work, any more than such a threat would cause the United States to surrender to a foreign power. And that we would then be forced to go through with the threat, starting a world war ourselves, or suffer the ignominy of backing down.

If the military people think it will end the war, or if American forces seem on the verge of losing South Korea as a base for their assigned job of clearing the country of communists, the question of using the bomb may come to a head.

But the bomb is everywhere considered an American weapon, rather than an adjunct of the United Nations under whose auspices the U. S. escapes the taint of imperialism in Korea. The oriental mind is not something for an accidental to pass on hurriedly. From a political standpoint, any decision about the bomb will be very dangerous unless the opinions of our friends in China, the Philippines, India and such places are first given very careful consideration.



The Safety Valve

Don't Rock the Boat
To the Editor:

But it is surely time to try and stop some of the enormous leaks to prevent its swamping. The last report I have heard in May we were over two thousand million dollars in the hole. Spending that much more than we took in. We are now taking on a foreign war for which we were totally unprepared, financially or physically, as always.

We are hastening to be the United Nations' cat's paw to pull the Korean chestnuts out of the fire. We are sending our boys, just out of school, untrained, insufficiently armed and unsupported, against troops fully armed with the latest tanks, armoured cars, etc., and men whom we have known to be training for years, backed by Russian preparedness and millions of Chinese communists.

We have been weakening the United States by spending billions for the benefit of other nations until the enormous deficit of May should have warned us, but instead of heeding it, the President and Congress rushed us into this, I fear, disastrous war. We have weakened our home defense force so that a foreign enemy would I fear, have an easy time taking us. This is the result of seventeen years of boondoggling, lend lease, and giving away of billions and more billions of dollars.

We have hundreds of men and millions of dollars worth of equipment idle most of the time while the President goes on trips all over the country, awaiting his, or his appointees, pleasure. He has a yacht for week end trips, special trains for taking cronies to football games or non-political (?) tours of the country. A "roving ambassador," spending thousands of dollars per month to work up "good will" (?). Do you notice much of it?

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(Editor's Note: With a screed like that the contributor is belying the title to his piece—he's "rocking the boat." Does he want communism to triumph over the world?)

Test of Statesmanship
To the Editor:

I liked your editorial, "Are you a Panic Prone?" which was very much to the point, and should be balm to the feelings of those who understand and can see the hysteria being brewed on all sides.

Let us hope, that this war, if it becomes a real war, will not hatch witch hunts here at home, so that neighbor will not suspect his erstwhile good neighbor of all the crimes of treason—till people cannot be friends even with their own relatives—or with any with foreign sounding names.

When this war comes to its intensity, we may as well be resigned that it will never end with a decisive victory, for either side. It is a war of ideas, like the Thirty Years War, and can only end in a compromise, or till civilization is eclipsed, and we fall into a state of darkness.

It is now, not a test of arms; but of statesmanship, which up to now has been sadly lacking. The book, "The Mature Mind," is the most timely publication for reading now, and should be required study for those applying for civil service, or other jobs connected with government employ, and for those who wish to understand themselves and others around them. We as a people, despite our universities and libraries, which are accessible to all, are woefully uneducated in the things that

count for better living with each other.
Minnie Bentley Hunt

APPECIATION!

To the Editor:

We the undersigned patients of Ward H-B, Veterans hospital, wish to express our appreciation through the columns of the Oregon Statesman for the fine entertainment given in our auditorium last Monday night by the Red Cross Chapter of Marion county.

We unanimously vote it one of the best we have ever witnessed.

Signed,
William P. Miller
Alvin C. Baker
Art Kenton
Willard Robinson
Gilbert O. Kister
Carl G. Middlestate
John Henry Portland

IT SEEMS TO ME

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he would become president to save the country from Roosevelt. It probably has no such hope now, but with its smart sense of timing thinks a MacArthur series would be smart journalism—which may be true.

There has been some leakage of alleged news to the effect that when the visiting chiefs, Secretary Johnson and Chief of Staff Omar Bradley, visited Japan recently, MacArthur was given no attention, MacArthur being concerned with Formosa for protection of our defense line in the Pacific. If so, then as the on-spot commander he should share blame for the surprise fact or in the Korean war.

I have felt that MacArthur was a competent general. His

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advance up the ladder of the islands was uniformly successful and apparently achieved with a minimum of losses. But he is not indispensable and by no means so superior that he alone can do the job in the present crisis. At 70 the careers of most military men are behind them. What is galling is his vanity and exhibitionism, his self-pride, and his habit of running his show, brooking no interference from Washington. Surely Roosevelt and Marshall and Truman must have chafed under his independence.

But he is our chosen commander in the far east and we must support him. We can put up with his posturing if he will give us victories. If he doesn't, then fresh minds should be put in charge, in spite of Conscience and Hearst.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is just exactly like I told you."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "coquetry"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Pavilion, medalion, battalion, correlate.
4. What does the word "appellation" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with hu that means "to mortify"?

Car Jumps Curb To Crash Window

An auto driven by Dr. Elmer H. K. Dorr, 4310 Silverton rd., jumped a curb early Thursday morning and crashed into the front of the Salem Hardware store, 120 N. Commercial st.

City police reported Dorr apparently shifted into the wrong gear. Two large plate glass windows were broken and glass in the front door was cracked, police said.

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Americans In Throngs Visit Europe Points

By Henry McLemore

BRUSSELS, Belgium — If you like Americans you should be in Europe right now. We are here in the mightiest tourist force in history.

Cathedrals are all but obscured by Alabama, California, Maine and Vermont. Art galleries bulge with Texas, New York, Ohio, and Mississippi. Royal palaces resound to the tread of Indiana, Virginia, Delaware and Minnesota. Museums are alive with North and South Carolina, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Massachusetts.

There can be no doubt but that we are giving Europe's historic spots a good beating, but it is equally true that we are taking a good beating in return for our eagerness to see everything there is to see before our money gives out.

Day is no more different from night than an American tourist at breakfast and the same tourist at dinner.

The breakfast scene here at the Palace hotel, for example, is a cheerful sight. Everyone is bright-eyed, light of tread, and "Good morning," "Hello" and "How did you rest last night" are heard all over the breakfast room.

The women's clothes are clean and fresh, their hair is all in place, their noses nicely powdered, and they make us American men proud of them. We men look pretty good, too. Our suits are pressed, our neckties are on straight, our shoes are shined, and our faces are fresh from early morning shaves.

Everyone hurries through breakfast so as to be on time to start the day's sightseeing. We have all read up on what we are going to see and are like hounds on the leash, all but baying in our eagerness to be turned loose on the city.

Then night comes, and the day is finished.

So are we tourists. We stagger off the American Express or Thos. Cook buses in pretty grim shape. The bright eyes of morning have been exchanged for bleary ones. Our coats are over our arms, our ties are unknotted, and our tongues are out. The women's hair is in their eyes, their dresses are wrinkled, their make-up is off, and they do not care.

Coming in yesterday Jean saw a sad sightseer sink into a sofa, kick off her shoes, turn to a friend and say:

"I'm just so worn out I could cry. For the last two hours I don't remember a thing I've seen."

Her friend was very comfort-

ing. "Don't you worry a bit," she said. "I don't either, but my sister took careful notes on what we were seeing right up to the very end, and she'll be glad to let both of us copy them tomorrow morning at breakfast."

After making a slight pretense at cleaning up for dinner, we all come to the dining room. Things are so quiet you can hear an eyelid drop. The great majority of the diners have but one desire—to finish dinner and hit the sack.

... The only ones who don't feel this way are the college-age boys and girls. They come down to dinner in evening clothes and are as chipper and gay as if they had rested all day. A group of them made me positively ill the other night. They were seated at the next table and I could hear everything they said.

They were leaving at five in the morning and so decided it would be silly to go to bed.

Shivers of horror ran through my ancient frame as I heard them blithely discuss what night spots they would visit and what bands they would dance to.

I wanted to turn to them and implore them to save some of that energy for the time when they hit their forties, and would like to remember a little of what they saw during their last hour or two of sightseeing.

Thank goodness I have to take time off every once in a while and sit down and write this column. Otherwise, I'd be known as The Crawling Tourist.

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House Passes Measure for Aid of Schools

The house Thursday passed a bill providing for federal aid to school districts burdened by an influx of students caused by federal projects.

Word of the action came from U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad. The bill now goes to the senate. The bill is designed to assist school districts such as Detroit and environs where additional students were brought in by workers on the Detroit dam project. It also is designed to aid communities losing tax-producing property through federal acquisition.

Descendants of Roelofs Will Meet on Sunday

Descendants of Lawrence and Mary Smith Roelofson will hold their annual picnic and business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall, 4020 Lancaster dr., Sunday starting at 12:30 p. m.

A no-host picnic lunch will precede the business meeting in which Leslie Scott, former state treasurer and a member of the clan, will be the featured speaker.

Scott will relate the life of his aunt, Mrs. Kathleen Scott Coburn, well known Portland journalist who held executive positions on the Oregonian and old Portland Bee.

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