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Miscalculation

It looks as though Americans were victims of their own glamour. Since WW II they have thought in terms of long range bombers dropping hydrogen bombs and decimating whole populations. The craze for speed found outlet in building jet planes that could outpace sound. In this Korean pitch, however, the need is for tactical air, for propeller-type planes, for heavy artillery, for brutish tanks. The atom bomb is kept locked up probably for two reasons: doubt as to its military efficacy at the present stage of fighting and fear of revulsion of world feeling if it were used, to which might be added a desire to conserve our stock for possible bigger game.

Add to this miscalculation the fact that Korea is at the end of a long sea lane and we can see why our troops get pushed back.

We are assured by the high command that Korea will not be another Dunkirk; and we hope it will not be another Bataan and Corregidor. But we all realize that it is a tough slugging match. It is a race of time and space—with both space and time contracting in Korea, with Taejon lost and the enemy pressing toward the port of Pusan.

Another fact of somewhat startling significance is the fighting quality of the North Koreans. The Japanese should have taught us that Asians can fight. But we have read of so many Chinese battles where the fighting was more maneuver than shooting (and more retreat than maneuver) that we failed to credit the Koreans with fighting characteristics. These armies seem to have been trained in the hard school of communism. They haven't been stopped at sight of B-29s or USA jet planes or by the name and fame of General MacArthur. Into the military scales we now have to put the potential manpower of communist Asia, and that is truly alarming.

You Can't Go Home Again

This week King Leopold III of Belgium is expected to return to his country from his long postwar exile in Switzerland to reclaim his throne—by grace of a two-vote majority in the parliament early in June.

But Leopold, who knows well how uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, may also learn that you can't go home again. He has been most anxious to regain his old position but, once back in the palace, he may have to bow to public opinion and abdicate in favor of his son, 19-year-old Prince Baudouin.

For Leopold forfeited the love and loyalty Belgians felt for his father, King Albert I, when he surrendered to the Nazis with hardly a fight and then refused to leave the country to lead a government-in-exile. In World War I, Albert personally led the heroic Belgian army in battle and was revered by his people. (Albert was killed in a fall while mountain climbing in 1936, a year after Leopold's immensely popular Queen Astrid was killed in an auto crash in Switzerland.)

While nominally a prisoner of the Nazis after his surrender, Leopold married a beautiful commoner, Marie Lilian Baels. She renounced the title of queen and took instead the title of Princess de Rethy but her marriage to the king nevertheless antagonized the Belgians. Leopold, his wife and his three children (by Astrid) have lived in Switzerland through the difficult postwar reconstruction period while Leopold's brother, Prince Charles, has served as regent.

Political opposition to Leopold's return has

come mostly from the left-wing parties in Belgium, the socialists, liberals and communists. The conservatives or Christian Socialist (Catholic) party have favored his return. With the exception perhaps of the communists, most Belgium parties and individuals do not seem to be opposed to the monarchy (whose real powers are small, anyway) but they are against Leopold personally. The Leopold issue has also split the always nationalistic Flemish-speaking north Belgians and the French or Walloon-speaking southerners.

If the king does return to Brussels this week, Belgium may be thrown into a turmoil by a general strike called in protest by the socialist-dominated labor unions. He will then have an opportunity to demonstrate his concern for the nation over his concern for personal prestige as king—by abdicating. The Belgians have done very well without him, recovering comparatively quickly from the war, and they don't need him now.

Russia Wants Deal

Stalin's reply to the effort of Premier Nehru of India to mediate the Korean war shows a disposition to make a deal. Instead of agreeing to restore the status quo in Korea as a precedent to negotiation for settlement of the Korean and world question he calls for a referral of the matter to the security council—with Communist China given Nationalist China's seat. In other words he wants a trade.

The matters are not related. North Korea's breach of the peace had nothing to do with whether Red China had a seat on the security council or not. In fact had it not been for that it is quite possible that in a matter of months Red China might have been recognized for this seat. The Korean action froze opposition and even Britain withdrew its support of the proposed change of representation.

Russia had the opportunity to sit in the security council and veto action branding North Korea as aggressor. It flunked the chance. It can prove its desire for peace by joining other UN nations in requiring North Korea to get back of the 38th parallel. The Stalin letter to Nehru is merely an evasion of the issue.

Don Upjohn Passes

The "fourth estate" of Oregon lost one of its real luminaries with the death of Don H. Upjohn, long a reporter and columnist on the Salem Capital Journal, and one-time (1909-1910) city editor of The Statesman. Upjohn had the true reporter's sense for news, plus the much rarer gift of a good literary style. His special beat for the Journal was the court house, but his real beat was "the street" where he made scores of contacts that bore fruit in news or in the blend of humor, wit and satire that made up his daily column "Sips for Supper." If at times his paragraphs had a whiplash on the end, more often they had kindly spoofing or boosting. He took a keen interest in civic affairs, particularly in the schools. He was loyal to friends but he was always the honest reporter.

Oregon City is complaining over the "needless" whistling by SP trains. The sound bounces off the rock palisades and sets folk on edge. Perhaps there is an overdose of whistling there but as for Salem, with as many grade crossings as we have, such signals are imperative for a warning.

Gravity of World Situation Increases by Hour; Renewed U. S. Military Strength Sorely Needed

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, July 17—There is a very simple measure of the gravity of the present world crisis, which the administration is still concealing behind the bland facade of business—as usual. "Just in case," two additional B-29 groups have already been dispatched to England, and the joint chiefs of staff have ordered a second large carrier to the Mediterranean. The case envisioned by these measures is nothing more nor less than the outbreak of a world war.

In the last report in this space, the reasons were given why the betting in Washington is still against the masters of the Kremlin daring to unleash a general war at this time. The fact must also be recorded, however—and this again indicates the gravity of the current crisis—that even the passage of 24 hours has been enough to shorten the odds considerably.

Experience in Korea is the first cause of this change in odds. Before the North Korean armies began, all too effectively, to prove their worth, the American order of battle experts habitually regarded all satellite armies as virtually worthless.

The Yugoslav problem, in particular, has always been dismissed rather airily, with the bland forecast that Marshal Tito's 30 divisions could whip the tawdry of the combined forces of Yugoslavia's satellite neighbors, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary. It was, therefore, assumed that Yugoslavia would never be in danger, except for an overt invasion by the Red army. Now, on the contrary, while there is still no sign of any movement of Russian troops, the Bulgarians, Hungarians and even Rumanians are regarded as serious threats, in view of the North Koreans' showing.

Meanwhile, the pressure on Yugoslavia has also been increasing steadily, since just before the Korean attack. At that time, heavy satellite troop concentrations were first observed on the Bulgarian border. A little later, in language reminiscent of Hitler's attacks of Czech and Polish "aggressors," the Cominform journal for the first time accused Marshal Tito of receiving heavy shipments of American arms—a flat lie, of course—and of accepting these arms in preparation for an attack on his neighbors. More recently, serious border incidents have occurred.

If it had not been for the aggression in Korea, these signs and symptoms in the Balkans would now be dismissed as mere moves in the war of nerves. This is still the most probable interpretation. Yet if certain of the more pessimistic analysts are correct, the Kremlin may have decided upon a second aggression, and have thus commenced the third world war. In the short interval before these words are printed, And there are good reasons for this sudden plunge, from the jolliest optimism to the bleakest pessimism.

It cannot too often be repeated that the essential, the all-important effect of the Kremlin's aggression in Korea has been to demand the commitment there of all the ordinary strength of the United States. Neither Britain, nor France, nor any of our other allies presently possesses any reserves of military power

worth mentioning. And with all the ordinary strength of America, being irrevocably pinned down in Korea, the Western alliance against Soviet aggression has no reserves anywhere, except the U. S. strategic Air Force and the atomic stockpile.

That, of course, is the reason why the American Chiefs of Staff have sent additional strategic air groups, and no doubt atomic bombs as well, to Britain. The value of this last deterrent must be increased to the maximum, by preparing to strike with maximum force at the shortest notice; just as an additional carrier is needed in the Mediterranean, in order to be ready to support Tito at the shortest notice.

None the less, it is impossible to exaggerate the danger of the present situation, in which our strategic air power is the only Western counterweight to all the massed strength of the Red army, with all its numerous supporting arms, and all its many satellite auxiliaries. The Kremlin's temptation to exploit this staggering opportunity in Yugoslavia and elsewhere is also being daily increased, by every additional day of business-as-usual in America. With the Hitlers and Stalins of this world, you do not avoid war on the Baldwin-Chamberlain system, by ostentatiously failing to prepare to fight.

Until the defenses of the West have been rebuilt, our time of danger will continue. Let there be no mistake about this. The politicians who now seek to trace the Korea mess to Yalta, or to the follies of our China policy, are as ignorant as they are partisan. Korea was attacked, not because of any past history, but because of our present military weakness. There will be heavy risk of another attack, and of the general war that will then inevitably ensue, as long as that military weakness is not remedied.

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Comes the Dawn

Radio audience of Dr. Chester W. Hamblin got an earful of breathless message Monday morning . . . arriving at local studio for daily morning chat on air the reverend was confronted with locked door . . . even engineer couldn't open tricky lock for him . . . so Presbyterian pastor climbed up ladder to balcony (like a good second story man, he says) and thence through window just in nick of time for talk to waiting listeners.



Theme of message was something about the fallacy of living according to a system . . . after his talk Dr. Hamblin again slipped out the window, made his way along the balcony and floundered down unsteady ladder which was balanced on two planks bridged between two sawhorses . . . gist of his message that day, he feels, might well have been "standing outside the door."

Amity Thirty Year club to have picnic there Sunday . . . committee has set out rules for those who are eligible to attend, to wit: "All persons who are over 30 years of age and were either born in Amity or its adjacent vicinity, or who have lived in Amity or its vicinity 10 years prior to 1930 or who have resided in the state 30 years, two years of which have been continuous in Amity prior to Feb. 15, 1950." . . . committee must have been reading those tax forms again.

H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld, Marion county service officer, has received M-Day assignment with selective service board . . . orders came from continental air command and only four such assignments in Oregon.

Bill Dyer, captain local national guard unit, made trip through peaceful Korea in 1931-32 and remembers terrain there similar to our own eastern Oregon . . . Tom McCall, Gov. McKay's assistant, off for two-weeks vacation jaunt tanning up for fall political war . . . Jack Hayes, who accompanied governor to atomic defense conference in Seattle this week, said before he left that info gathered at powwow will make blueprint of Oregon defense against A-bomb attack . . . about only program state has for defense against an atom-bomb drop is standing order to head for the hills.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "His attitude differs with that of his father."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "cement"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Grandeur, guarantee, guileless, garnishes.
4. What does the word "counterpoise" mean?
5. What is a word beginning

with ar that means "a sense of superiority?"

- ANSWERS
1. Say, "His attitude differs from that of his father."
 2. Pronounce first e as in see unstressed, and accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Guarantee.
 3. An equivalent power or force acting in opposition; a state of balance. "We all experience certain counterpoises in our lives."
 5. Arrogance.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"The additional costs are easily explained . . . It's obvious that building costs are rising faster than original estimates . . ."

Ways In . . . Senate Group Recommends Full Point 4

By Jane Eads
WASHINGTON - (AP) - The state department and Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) has smoked over an honest-to-goodness success story of the kind that most Americans like to read about.

It has to do with genial John E. Peurifoy, a fellow who only a dozen years ago was running an elevator in the U.S. Capitol building and drawing a weekly paycheck of less than \$40. "Jack," as he is called by friends and foe alike, has climbed high and fast in those 12 years. He's only 42 years old now, stocky and boyish-looking, but he's the state department's deputy undersecretary in charge of personnel and the department's loyalty program.

Within a few weeks, if all goes according to schedule, Mr. Peurifoy is expected to be "Mr. Ambassador," representing the United States in strategic Greece. His salary then will be about \$15,000 a year, and he could be just a beginning if he cares to stick around in the diplomatic service. But Jack appears to have been bitten by the political bug. It wouldn't surprise his friends if after a few years abroad he went back to his native South Carolina and began shopping around for an opening in the political ranks there. For one thing, he's a close friend of former Secretary of State Jimmy Byrnes, who is well entrenched in the higher echelons of South Carolina politics. Jack was climbing up the state department's ladder in a hurry when Mr. Byrnes was bossing it and he's likely to be remembered as a "handy man to have around," the politicians argue.

Mr. Peurifoy has already convinced veteran reporters he's a handy man. At his news conferences he's never ducked a question, and he's had some lulu tossed to him. He's always available to reporters for private chats. Recently he stood up and slugged toe-to-toe with Senator McCarthy in the word battle over whether there are communists in the state department.

Little Paris insofar as fountains and man-made waterfalls were concerned. Most of the fountains and cascades are dry now, the Germans having made off with all the pumps and machinery that ran them.

Right now this country is in a turmoil as to whether or not the king is to be returned to his throne. (The chances are that he will be by the time you read this, but the betting is that he won't stay for long, but will abdicate in favor of his son.) Incidentally, a good way to get in a fight here is to bring up the subject. The people either hate him or love him and there is no middle ground.

Outside my hotel window a band is playing, and hundreds of people are cheering the music and hundreds are booing it. It has something to do with the king, but I am going down to investigate. Bet Leopold wouldn't stir his royal stumps to find out whether the majority of a crowd was booing or cheering me. (McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

WASHINGTON, July 17-(AP)—The senate appropriations committee did an about-face today and okayed \$34,500,000 for President Truman's "point four" program.

The funds are earmarked to bolster economic conditions in under-developed countries by providing them with American technical knowhow.

With an eye obviously on the Korean conflict, the senate group voted 13 to 3 to rescind a previous decision which provided only \$10,000,000 for the global development scheme, rather than the \$35,000,000 Mr. Truman had requested.

As the measure stands it will provide all but \$500,000 of the funds asked by the president to pay costs of the program which gets its name from the fourth point of the administration's international aims outlined in Mr. Truman's inaugural address.

Appropriations Chairman McKellar (D-Tenn.) told reporters that today's turn-about came as a result of a statement last week by the president that "point four" would help bulkwark anti-communist countries against aggression.

Indian Plane Crashes; U.S. Officers Killed

NEW DELHI, India, July 17-(AP)—An Indian transport plane crashed today in the high Kashmir mountains, killing all 22 persons aboard, including five Americans.

The Indian National Airways, owner of the two-engine Dakota, said the victims included:

Col. Perry Brown, new American military observer with the United Nations commission for India and Pakistan (the Kashmir commission).
Lt. Col. Robert Mayfield, American military observer, recently transferred from Tokyo.
Sanford Major of Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., representative of the U. N. secretariat with the Kashmir commission.
Miss S. A. Bruton and Miss E. Bradford, two employees of the American embassy in New Delhi.
(U. N. officials at Lake Success said Brig. H. H. Angle, of Canada, chief military observer for the commission, also was in the crash.)

Baker Begins Probe of Police, Mayor's Office

BAKER, July 17-(AP)—A grand jury proposed a special investigation today into what it reported were irregularities in the police department and the mayor's office.

Mayor M. McKim was accused of writing a check for \$500 without accounting for it. The grand jury also said the police department was not accounting for some license fees, and added that the city jail was in an "intolerable" condition.

The grand jury investigation began after 96 residents signed a petition, asking the probe. The jury also said it had been denied access to public documents at the city hall, and that it had not been able to see audit reports, which "are in personal possession of the mayor."

Delicious Brook Trout

Crisply butter-fried, this tasty brook trout is Union Pacific's featured dining car meal attraction during July.

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