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Togo Dies in Prison

Shigenori Togo who was foreign minister for Japan when it declared war on the United States, died last week in prison. He had been sentenced to 20 years by an international military tribunal for "war crimes." Togo is not to be confused with Premier Hideki Tojo who was convicted and executed for his part in staging the war of aggression. In his last volume, "The Grand Alliance," Winston Churchill refers to Tojo and notes that he was executed "according to modern practice," a phrase which carries a hint of doubt as the wisdom of this "practice."

What we wonder will happen when this Korean fracas is over. Will the heads of North Korea who perpetrated this assault be hailed before a U.N. court? And what about the higher-ups in Moscow? If this eventuates in a war of annihilation between the titans we dare not lose because the dictators of the Kremlin would waste no time with trials after the Nurnberg example.

Revival in Portland

Evangelist Billy Graham who has been something of a sensation in Los Angeles has come to Portland and launched an evangelistic campaign in a great tabernacle specially built for the series of meetings. A reported crowd of 17,000 greeted him on his opening last Sunday.

Since the days of the great evangelists, Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday, Biederwolf there has been a lull in the mass crusade type of propagating the gospel. Graham is a revival of the revival. He declares he has come to urge repentance on city, state and nation. His method follows that of former revivalists: plenty of stirring music, the eloquent appeal and the invitation to hit what used to be called "the sawdust trail."

Graham criticized the lack of church attendance in Oregon, as among the lowest in the United States and only 25 per cent for Portland. These figures are at best estimates for there is no careful enumeration of all who go to church. Graham with his dynamic appeal doubtless will stir up interest in church activity.

"Choosing Up Sides"

We are familiar with the fickleness of fortune's wheel; but the wheel of history makes odd revolutions too.

In plain language we may see, before this show is over, our alignment with the late enemy peoples, the Japanese and the West Germans. Not the same nations, for their governments have fallen and new constitutions have been adopted; but peoples whom we fought for nearly four years may be "on our side" in the struggle against communism.

Conversely the peoples with whom we were allied may be on the other side, the Russian and the Chinese. For the former it would be the same government; for the latter a different government.

Rather shocking, isn't it; but quite within range of possibility. We can hardly hold West Germany to a helpless condition from a military standpoint while the communist government of East Germany is building a real army there to attack the west. And we can hardly ignore the reservoir of trained manpower in Japan if the going gets tough in the orient.

This would not be unprecedented. History

is full of alliances that were succeeded by realignment of forces. In 1756 Prince Kaunitz accomplished what has been called the diplomatic revolution in effecting a new alliance for his empress Maria Theresa directed primarily against Frederick the Great of Prussia. At the congress of Vienna in 1815 Talleyrand for France and Metternich for Austria worked a realignment of former allies directed against Russia, though it did not result in war. In the first world war Italy deserted its allies Germany and Austria to join Britain and France.

It is not a matter of morals; it is a matter of world politics in the struggle for power and survival among the nations. We had a strange association with communist Russia to defeat the tyrant Hitler; if Stalin now starts to close in on us we may make different bargains for support. The turn of events may decide the question; but in the case of Germany delay in forming a defense force there might be fatal to West Germany — and to western Europe.

Farm Safety Week

This is a good week for Farm Safety, because farm activities are at their height across the nation, with harvests in full swing almost everywhere that crops are grown. A farmer or farmhand faces risks many times a day. A horse may kick him, a bull may gore him. He may fall out of the haymow or jab himself with a pitchfork. He may get his overalls caught in gears of a machine, or his hands; or a tractor may rear back and fall on him.

As a result there are many thousands of farm accidents every year. There would be many more save that farmers have learned to be alert; but a word of extra warning at this season is timely.

Astoria, frequently a spot for controversy on fish matters, now has a dispute over union representation. When the CIO Columbia River Fishermen's union was merged into the CIO longshoremen's union which is headed by Harry Bridges, a group of the union split off to form a rival CIO cannery workers union. They just couldn't stomach Harry Bridges and his party line stuff. Now the state CIO council has suspended the CRFU for non-payment of dues. The ILA itself is under scrutiny from the CIO national council and may get bumped off the list of accredited unions. The predominant leadership in the CIO is non-communist and trying to clean house of its reds. The Portland longshore union took a firm stand in support of the United States in the Korean matter, and deserves commendation for their action.

Salem is host to the western states conference of the machinists' union. This is a craft union of men skilled in the trade of machinist. In this metal working age therefore they are essential workers, as they build and keep running the machinery for the greatest industrial nation on earth. Salem gives them greeting and hopes they find their sojourn in the capital city both profitable and pleasant.

The Belgian parliament has invited King Leopold back to his throne, but the invitation gives no guarantee of tenure. In view of the strong opposition, he may conclude soon to turn over his job to his son. Monarchs are fast becoming extinct, anyway, but the new breed of dictators is no improvement.

Series of Danger Points Listed, Appraised; New Russ-Backed Push 'Perhaps Probable'

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, July 24—The Soviet rulers are now clearly faced with an enormously tempting opportunity. This is to start another drive, patterned on the aggression in Korea, while the west is still disarmed, and while the inadequate conventional military power of the United States is wholly committed in Korea.

Will the men in the Kremlin succumb to this temptation? The most knowledgeable of the state department's team of Russian experts are now anxiously searching for possible answers to these questions. They are inclined to make two basic, but wholly tentative assumptions.

The first is that the Soviet rulers, although they are now obviously willing to risk world war, will only act where they can reasonably hope that the Western powers can be forced to abandon vital positions without general war. The second is that the Kremlin will if possible avoid the use of Russian troops. In the light of these tentative assumptions, five basic areas of danger are now being scrutinized.

ONE. A Chinese Communist attack on Indo-China, Burma, Formosa or Korea itself.

The experts point out that aggression by the Chinese communists in any one of these four points would almost certainly involve them in the end in open hostilities with the United States, as well as with France in the case of Indo-China, and the Brit-

ish commonwealth in the case of Burma. Obvious advantages would accrue to Stalin if his major antagonists were even more deeply involved in Asia than at present. But equal advantages would not accrue to Mao Tse-tung.

On balance, it is considered improbable that the Chinese communists are anxious for war now with the western powers, and also improbable that the Chinese communists are so controlled by the Kremlin that they can be forced to act against their will. But this is, of course, no more than a guess, and a guess must be hastily qualified in all sorts of ways.

TWO. Aggression in Iran. This would require use of Soviet forces, since there are no neighboring satellite armies to take on the task of "liberation." Moreover, corruption within, combined with the pressure of the communist-run Tudeh party, may yet cause internal collapse. Even so, an attack on Iran is by no means ruled out.

THREE. An attack by the Eastern satellite forces against Greece.

The ominous cominform line that Greece is being organized as a "base for imperialist aggression" is taken entirely seriously, as a possible prelude to attack. Nevertheless, the experts are inclined to doubt that Bulgaria and the other satellites will march, unless the flank can first be assured by an agreement between Tito and the Kremlin. And there is no real reason for believing that such an agreement is now likely.

FOUR. An attack by the same satellite forces on Yugoslavia. The experts unanimously believe that Yugoslavia would almost certainly have been attacked already, if the Soviet rulers had been confident that the satellite armies could win without Russian troops, and without world war. According to military estimates, the tough Yugoslav army should be able to defeat the satellite armies of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

Yet here it is worth noting that the current state department study of possible areas of aggression in fact began even before the attack on Korea — and Korea itself was ruled out. This was because of the grotesquely mistaken military estimate of the situation, in Seoul, in Tokyo, and in the Pentagon. According to this estimate, the Southern Koreans were more than a match for the communist puppets. It is not impossible that the military are equally wrong about Yugoslavia. This is one reason why Yugoslavia is now generally rated as the number two danger spot.

FIVE. A new blockade of Berlin, enforced this time by the Soviet-sponsored East German army, probably after the ostensible withdrawal of Russian occupation troops, and with radar jamming to prevent a new airlift. This is considered the greatest danger of all, if only because it so neatly fits the Korean precedent. The United States and its allies would be given the terrible choice between fighting German puppet troops and a general war. And from the very start, Berlin — and then all Germany, and then all Western Europe — has been the central Soviet objective.

Whether in Germany or elsewhere, a new Soviet drive is now considered wholly possible, perhaps even probable. And the period of deadly danger will not be of short duration. For at least two years, thanks to the folly of American disarmament, the Soviets will enjoy a crushing military superiority over the Western world, in every area except nuclear weapons. Thus for at least two years, the men in the Kremlin will be constantly tempted to strike before Western rearmament can begin to take hold. Yet those best qualified to judge are still convinced that we can avoid ultimate catastrophe, if the whole vast resources of the west are mobilized as rapidly as possible, if the Soviet rulers can be convinced that they will pay a terrible price for new aggressions, and if our nerves hold steady.

Perle Mesta Hard at Work In Luxembourg

By Henry McLemore
LUXEMBOURG, July 24 — (Backtracking a little) If this sounds like a boost for Mrs. Perle Mesta it won't be surprising, for that's exactly what it's meant to be.

Our Minister to Luxembourg has taken a lot of sharp-edged joshing from the press, most of it calculated to put her in a rather ridiculous light. I daresay that most of the people in the United States believe that her qualifications for the job are limited to a close friendship with the Truman family and the money and the inclination to give one big party after another.

Honesty forces me to admit that I felt about the same way until I came here to Luxembourg and had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Mesta, her legation staff, and to talk to scores of people in Luxembourg.

Out of curiosity (this was before I met Mrs. Mesta) I asked an assortment of Luxembourg folk how they and their country felt about her. Without a single exception they all said that she was tremendously well liked and respected, and that she must be the hardest working representative the United States had ever sent to the country.

One of the men in the hotel where I am staying told me that he couldn't remember the minister from any country taking the personal interest in the problems and welfare of his country as has Mrs. Mesta.

"She doesn't rely on reports," he told me. "She keeps busy and sees for herself. One day she is visiting the home for the aged. The next she is way up in the country talking to the youngsters at youth hostels. Again, she is to be found visiting the steel works, or just driving through the country greeting and meeting the people. She gives big and beautiful parties, too, we have heard, and we like to hear about them. But apparently they don't interfere with her job."

Jean and I saw Mrs. Mesta twice in the space of two hours. The first time we saw her in her office, around three in the afternoon. Incidentally, her office isn't what you would associate with a celebrated Washington hostess. It is plain to the point of drabness, and evidently was designed for someone who wants to get some work done. It's a cubbyhole of an office, filled with severe steel filing cabinets, straight-backed chairs, and a desk that is strictly second-hand.

Mrs. Mesta is a handsome woman, with iron grey hair and the bluest of blue eyes—much better looking than her picture shows her to be. She was clothed (so Jean tells me) in a well-tailored gray wool suit with a black silk blouse that had a big bow in front. She wore a heavy strand of gunmetal and white pearls and gunmetal earrings to match.

She asked us if we would care to come back to the legation for tea and cocktails at 4:30 the same afternoon. Mrs. Mesta came straight from her office to the legation, dressed exactly as she had been when we had seen her earlier. Jean remarked to me that she was the only woman in the room who didn't look as if she had gotten all dressed up to go to a party at Perle Mesta's.

Mrs. Mesta and her staff were excited by the recent visit of Mrs. Roosevelt to Luxembourg. Her tour of the country—she went completely around it—must have been a triumphal one. It is doubtful if more than a few thousand of Luxembourg's inhabitants missed seeing her. She spoke in at least 20 towns and villages, and in the language of the people. Thousands and thousands braved the rain and cold of a raw day to pay tribute to her. One of the secretaries told me that he had been hearing diplomats talk for many a year, but that never had he heard anyone to match Mrs. Roosevelt when it came to saying exactly

the right thing at the right time.

The minister who follows Mrs. Mesta in Luxembourg will owe her thanks for what she has done to the legation. Mrs. Mesta showed us around her home and it now must be the loveliest legation in Western Europe.

"For four months I have worked like a dog on this place," she told us, "and it does my heart good to have people appreciate it. It was one of the most terrible, depressing houses I have ever seen when I first came here."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



NOW, DON'T EAT IT ALL!



IT SEEMS TO ME

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high as \$27.25 for the Douglas fir where the anticipated price was around \$5 a thousand. The advice and service given by the state forester's office has saved many thousands of dollars for the public treasuries.

Among the counties reported to have lost heavily through poor management of timber sales are Lane and Douglas counties. If the complaint in the Josephine case is true that county has lost too. The root of the matter is that rarely is a member of a county court a practical timberman (our Judge Murphy is). Counties have been victimized due to the ignorance of county courts.

We had one rape of timberlands from the federal and state governments, and then fraud often was involved. This time some counties lost what might have been a rich dividend through failure to manage aright the resources which had been cast into their hands.

Forest Grove, July 24—Volunteer airplane observers will be on duty here by Wednesday.

Leonard Dunlap, district supervisor, said a lookout station is under construction, and will be completed by that date. Volunteers are on hand for assignment.

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Comes the Dawn

by Conrad Franke

So far neither moviemakers nor songwriters have used the Korean war situation as the basis for a scintillating new song or a moving movie . . . but give 'em time . . . isn't hard to guess what the movie could be about . . . its "message" will concern our national unpreparedness.

Hero of the plot will, no doubt, be a young employee in the lower echelons of the state department with a good speaking voice . . . setting in is Korea in 1950 and he tries to warn big wheels of impending danger . . . but of course they tell him he's lost his marbles . . . and only one who believes him is a ravishingly beautiful army (or navy) nurse, — the heroine . . .

Well, pursuant to warnings (in triplicate), the shooting starts, the Americans are trapped and the young man grabs the nurse and says: "I told you so!" . . . turns out he is an ex-GI who can handle every conceivable make of machine gun, mortar and bazooka and drive a tank, figure logistics in his head and make patriotic speeches above the din of battle . . . a lovely Korean girl (who secretly loves the young state dept. employee) leads him and the nurse thru enemy lines to safety but loses her life in the doing so . . . last shot shows young statedeptemp, in tailored battle dress and armed to the teeth, headed back to the battle zone.

Postmaster Al Gragg and local tree-lovers are resting easier these days — because the rare Silk Tree on the southeast section of the postoffice grounds has finally burst into bloom again . . . Al and his tree-loving friends were afraid last winter's severe freeze had ruined the tropical Mimosa tree . . . but over the weekend the delicate pink silk-like blooms covered the upper branches . . . Al said he had received many calls this spring concerning the tree.

Although the history of the tree is not complete Postmaster Gragg believes it is about 25 years old . . . there are only several in Oregon, and all efforts to reproduce it through seedling or slipping have failed . . . its true name is Mimosaceae Pudica, which mean little to dogs, laymen or children . . . it is an extremely rare species which Al says was brought here from Asia . . . he further confused the issue by reminding us it is also related to the genus Acacia.

Better English

Smith was, he was powerless to give any help." 5. Sanction.

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "After questioning the prisoner for an hour, he owned up to everything."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "paraffin"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Presumptuous, preponderance, pretentious, portentous.

4. What does the word "circumstanced" (adjective) mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ss that means "to ratify"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "he made a full confession." 2. Pronounce the last syllable as fin, not as feen. 3. Pretentious. 4. Placed in a particular condition. "Circumstanced as

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FAVORS APPORTIONMENT BASED ON POPULATION

To The Editor:
You recent editorial appraisal of the respective positions of the Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau on the matter of reapportionment was so faulty as to require some further statement on my part.

At the outset it should be understood that we favor compliance with the constitutional mandate that apportionment shall be based on population. This is the democratic way, and I hope that the public understands it.

Because previous legislatures have not carried out the mandate of the constitution after previous censuses, we now have a legislature which does not represent the people fairly since population has declined in some areas while increasing in others.

Let us, therefore, come to an understanding of what this so-called balanced plan does. It is an attempt to freeze a condition of minority rule in Oregon by taking even more representation from western Oregon, which has increased in population, and giving it to eastern Oregon where much of the area has declined in population. How, therefore, can you conclude that the same loss occurs under the population plan as under the balanced plan? The fact is, as I pointed out, that a county of heavy population like Marion County, with a farm population alone of more than 20,000, loses a representative, while Sherman County with a little over 2,000 total population is granted a full representative.

Nor was your statement regarding Multnomah County right. The constitutional plan would not give Multnomah County one-third of the representation. The proposed initiative we supported would have limited Multnomah County to one-third, but they would get that representation which their population earned which is less than one-third based on the 1950 census. We note particularly that the balanced plan does not reduce Multnomah County's present representation.

We take the position that we have to be for democracy all the time and under every situation. To do less will deliver our state into the hands of selfish economic and political interests and make a mockery of the democratic principle of every person one vote and one vote only.

Yours very truly,
Roland E. Jones, President
Oregon State Farmers Union

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