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#### Justice Douglas on Asia

With most everyone in political life speaking his piece on world affairs it is not surprising that Justice William O. Douglas makes his contribution, which he does by way of an article in LOOK magazine on "We Can't Save Asia by War Alone." We do not know of anyone who thinks we can; but clearly we weren't able to save Asia without war. We tried that by encouraging a union government in China. We failed, the communists took over mainland China, and then the North Koreans tried by force of arms to take over South Korea. So avoidance of war didn't save China or Asia from the red overrun.

Nevertheless Justice Douglas is an informed person by reason of his visits in Asia and contacts with men of affairs. He recognizes the seed of strong armed forces at this juncture, but sees a need also for a political approach to the problem of Asia. What is happening in Asia, he writes, is a series of revolutions against oppression and poverty. That is true, and has perhaps not been recognized as fully as it should have been by our national leaders. They can't just keep Asia in the leading strings of colonialism and western control any longer.

What Douglas sees in Asia which needs fixing are items such as these: landlordism and accompanying high interest rates; lack of schools and doctors and hospitals, inequitable taxing system, corrupt governments. By riding the whirlwind of revolution Russia reaps an early harvest. Communism fosters revolution even though its performance falls far short of its promises.

At this point some may come up with President Truman's Point Four, a program of lending money and services for development of backward countries. Douglas says: "Money is not so much needed as ideas." Unless political reforms are achieved money would be largely wasted. The west, thinks Douglas, should supply democratic ideas and motivation for the peoples of Asia and should endorse specific reforms in such matters as land tenure so the people would have something tangible to see and cling to.

The prescription of Justice Douglas is not easy; but at least it is affirmative. Instead of bribing native princes to abjure communism it would doubtless offend the ruling classes in business and politics. These rulers could hardly turn to Russia however for they surely know what fate would await them under communist dictation. At the same time we can no more serve as political bosses for the rest of the world than as military bosses. And fundamental to the whole economic problem of Asia is the one of population, of sheer numbers of people who must be fed and clothed. Facing that and seeing the graph of the population increase many with much longer experience in Asia just throw up their hands in despair. Until population growth is diminished no system of government can furnish parcels of land and abundant living to the multitudes of India and China, Justice Douglas offers good advice, but it doesn't go far enough.

#### Troubles of Suburbia

The trouble with moving to the suburbs for light and air-and lower taxes is that too many are of the same mind. One no longer gets established in a semi-rural environment until houses start popping up in the vicinity. Unless he has

acreage he finds the city has enveloped his house. Only it isn't city government, and lack of it creates problems.

Assuming water supply has been assured then follow problems of streets, of sewage disposal. of fire protection. The thin layer of gravel spread when a dedicated street was opened up soon cuts up as more cars use it. It's an orphan street. The one who developed the tract has sold the lots and he is out of it. The county shrugs its shoulders and says it doesn't become a county road entitled to county maintenance just because it is a dedicated street. There is a law permitting creation of special improvement districts and that is invoked in many instances. Likewise fire districts may be established and water districts.

But one of the most acute problems is sewage disposal. Septic tanks suffice until the district is well settled and the rainy season begins; then trouble is apt to start. Sewage water with its revealing scum oozes to the surface and stands in noisome pools. It has no place to go because the ground is soaked. A line to a ditch is only a temporary solution; eventually it must be discharged into a disposal plant.

All of these factors help convince suburban dwellers that they should come under municipal government. They find when they add up the direct costs or the taxes of special districts that their tax saving is pretty much whittled away. Even when they come into the city solution of their problems, especially of sewage disposal and drainage is not easy. Papers at Klamath Falls and Eugene report serious difficulties in handling of sewage in the newer areas of the

This simply adds up to this, that urban development should be planned with an eye out for providing the services that now are indispensable in modern living. We are doing a fairly good job here in planned development with respect to schools, water supply, handling of sewage, fire protection. But the community should keep ahead with its planning. The individual who hires an engineer to make a blueprint for lots or who starts a house in a new district in the suburbs should figure out how the essential services will be supplied as the need for them arises.

#### Power Connection With California

A transmission line connection between the Columbia river projects and central California projects has been ordered by the secretary of the interior. The interconnection would be made at the Bonneville substation at Klamath Falls, the line to that point now being under construction from Redmond south.

This connection seems a logical one. It will extend the power grid which now reaches pretty well all over the northwest. It permits interchange of energy to meet peak demands and should result in power conservation. Dr. Raver says the estimates show an additional 100,000 kw of firm power can be sold under such an arrangement. The interconnections in the northwest, which permitted the northwest power pool to function has been a great help to the northy. t. Without it we should have had more blackours and contractions of use of energy. We do not understand that this is a device to siphon Columbia river power from this area for California consumption permanently, but a means of levelling off the demand with the west coast protected himself with purchase of considerable supply. Power can flow north as well as south.

# Join the March of Dimes!

Hearing of Leo Spitzbart (recently given the gate as state fair manager) before the civil service commission next month may develop as many twists as a roller-coaster. Leo is expected to

McKay. He will probably also point to gate receipt increases under his regime in the past On the other hand the ousted fair head

stands to win little besides a personal victory-according to civil service laws. Even

that Peterson will reopen the turnstiles for Leo. The controversy may be solved, though, if the new fair board bill introduced at the legislature the other day, passes. This act would create a state fair board of citizens, who in turn would

of Camp Adair will not be decided, if at all, for at least a month . . . The entire reactivation program is being evaluated by appropriate officials, reads the wire, and no decisions as to particular camps are expected until early February . . . Indications also are that decisions on particular

Speaking of early autos in Salem again . . . Bob Browne found an account of the first electrical automobile in Salem lodged in the Breyman family's scrapbook. It appeared early in July, 1909, in a parade with other autos through downtown streets. It was driven by Mrs. R. P. Boise, jr., and was decorated with "maiden-hair fern and pink roses." The newspaper story of that exciting event predicted that electric autos would soon replace "gasoline and other power" cars - because gasoline models would soon be too expensive to operate. Not so far wrong at that, Another account says that Rueben Boise bought an O.O. White Steamer in 1910-a maroon-colored job with a "mohair lined roof" and monogrammed doors. (I love my horse but, oh, you red steamer!)

# **GRIN AND BEAR IT**



"Terrible price for a book! . . . I'd wait a year or so, when they're

### On Parade Hollywood By Gene Handsaker

HOLLYWOOD - Red Skelton who can be a pretty funny guy, is three times that amusing in

Watch the Birdie." Hea plays himself, his father, and his grandfather, and through wizardry of trick photography all three are sometimes on the screen together.

As himself he is a typical

Skelton characotic. He's in the photo-supply pop. As his pop he is paunchy, mustached, tired, and conservative. But as his granddad he is a gay, youthful old blade with girl 4-H Leaders' friends aplenty and a great zest for living.

teach his clumsy grandson how to get along with the ladies, particularly Arlene Dahl and Ann winner working in connivance state 4-H club leader, with Ames.

speeding lumber carrier, is fair- ary 30. ly hilarious. "Watch the Birdie" for a lot of innocent, uncompli- president of the leaders' associa-

mystery in more ways than one. 24. An old World War II German U-boat, long presumed sunk, turns out to be still operating off our coast. It kidnaps a pretty off our coast. It kidnaps a pretty immigrant (Marta Toren) and an ailing scientist (Ludwig Donath.) Then it torpedoes the yacht on which they were cruising, sending it to the bottom with several innocent folk aboard.

The ruthless sub skipper (Robert Douglas) explains that he sells his services "to the highest bidder." Russia? Why not say so? Afraid of stirring up more trouble abroad? Then why make a movie that has to be obscure about important motivation?

Douglas is as nasty a villain as any since Simon Legree. After delivering the scientist to the ship of a "potential enemy," as it is once described in dialogue, he wants Marta to go away with him. But Macdonald Carey has come aboard the sub as a U. S. secret operative and her potential rescuer. Sub-chasing scenes at sea, with depth charges exploding, are exciting. But most of the players except Douglas seem as unconvinced of the plot as you probably will be.

## Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The charges they made hurt my character." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "holocaust"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Adequate, adolescence, adherance, admonition, 4. What does the word "opportune" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ga that means "showy harsh and glaring"? ANSWERS

1. Say, "hurt my reputation." Character is what one is, reputation is what one is thought to be. 2. Pronounce first e as in en second o as in no, au as in haul accent first syllable. 3. Adherence. 4. Seasonable; timely. "The opportune arrival of the grocery truck solved the family's food problem." 5. Garish.

# Dr. Smith Discloses Colleges Advocate 19-Year-Old Draft Minimum, Some Deferments

Draft age should be no lower than 19 and certain students should be allowed to complete college studies before military service, it is recommended by the Association of American Colleges.

The association's recommendations were drafted at its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., and were forwarded to Salem this week by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university and a director of the national group.

Association proposals to congress and the executive department are prefaced by a preamble Dead GI Took calling for wise use of manpower. recognition of long-range importance of continuing a flow of trained persons to fill critical positions in the years to come and the policy statement that "we believe that all young men should share equitably the responsibility of national defense.

#### 650 Institutions

These proposals were put forward by the association which represents 650 institutions of higher education:

Avoid duplicating existing educational facilities; armed services should not develop new education programs without exhausting possibilities of existing schools.

Draft-deferred students should be allowed to enlist in services open at time of their deferment after they have furthered their studies to the point permitted by draft postponement.

Trained college women should be used as leaders in civilian ser- asleep in foxholes. vice and professions, under a comprehensive, planned program. Just During Emergency

Draft age should be lowered below 19 only if required by and Enemy Charge during any emergency manpower

ROTC units should be increased; present deferment policy endorsed. Students who should be allowed to complete studies are those now enrolled in professional schools of theology, medicine, dentistry and human cries and the crackle of related health fields, in graduate gunfire, with the booming voice of schools in mathematics, engineer- artillery opening up in the backing, physical and biological scien- ground, ces; also students having completed two years of undergraduate study by July, 1951, and in good academic standing.

Induction Postponed Any college student reaching induction age should have his induc-

tion postponed until end of that academic year.

If 18-year-olds must be drafted, it is assumed that not more than half would be inducted in the first year; it is recommended that those not inducted before opening of a school year be notified that they might complete that vear.

After basic military training, a substantial number of qualified men should be furloughed to colleges of their choice for further education in all fields prior to completion of their military training: consideration should be given to federal scholarship or loan fund to make this possible; this program business with his pop and grand- should be administered by civil-

# The old man's problem is to Conference Set

CORVALLIS, Jan. 18-(AP)-The Miller. Arlene is a housing fin- state 4-H club leaders' annual ancier whom Red is trying to three-day conferences will be save from her crooked business held at the Oregon State college manager (Leon Ames). Miss Mil- campus and at Pendleton, it was ler is a hammy beauty-contest announced today by L. J. Allen, Allen said western leaders would

A climatic chase sequence, meet here January 23 and eastwith Red and Arlene aboard a ern leaders at Pendleton Janu-Mrs. Alice Lindsay, Grants Pass,

tion, will preside at the election "Mystery Submarine" is a of officers at Corvallis January

available to Oregon State college tion of land-grant colleges. who sign agreements to take ad- participate in the program.

# Along 8 Reds With 8 Bullets

By Tom Bradshaw ON THE CENTRAL FRONT. Korea, Jan. 18-(AP)-On a brown Korean hillside an American hero lies buried today.

His identity may never be known. His deeds are.

Three days ago this soldier was just another GI dug in below Wonju, a town he probably had never heard of a few months before. He was on outpost duty, peering into the darkness before dawn for any sign of the enemy.

Around him were other members of his company, some watching like himself, others huddled

Before him was a snow-covered known listed as Hill 147, which had changed hands five times in as many years.

Midnight passed without incident. Then at 3:45 a.m. the stillness was broken by the shriek of a mass enemy charge over the hill.

The sentry's rifle was one of the first to answer their fire. In seconds, the hillside was a bedlam of

It didn't last long. In less than 15 minutes the enemy had retreated back down his side of hill 247. The Americans settled back in their foxholes to await the dawn. Scene Surveyed

With the first light of day company officers surveyed the scene of the night encounter.

Before the outpost entry's foxhole, eight communists lay deadeach shot through the head. The sentry's rifle lay nearby, its eightround garand clip empty. The foxhole was only a jagged

crater where no human could have survived the shells that struck it. (This dispatch did not say whose shells hit the foxhole. It could have been enemy mortars. It could have been U.S. artillery since his outpost likely was well out in front of the American lines.)

# **Huge Portland** Development Considered

PORTLAND, Jan. 18-(AP)-Downtown Portland may get a new multi-million dollar business development project, the Oregon Journal said.

The paper said a large insurance firm was willing to put up cash for construction of a proposed development in the area bounded by S. W. Third and Front avenues and Pine and Stark streets.

Commissioner Ormond Bean said the project would have to be a cooperative venture as the Portland city charter permits the condemnation of property only for public use.

Officials of the Equitable Life Insurance company - the firm that put up the cash for the \$18,-000,000 North Gate shopping center near Seattle - said they could neither confirm nor deny reports that the concern was considering backing the Portland project.

vanced training. CORVALLIS, Jan. 18-(AP)-Im-mediate draft deferments are the national office of the associa-

reserve officer training corps Students enrolled in air corps (ROTC) freshmen and sophomores ROTC training are entitled to

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# China's Desire for War Termed Reason For Failure of Latest Cease-Fire Effort

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst One thing can be said for the latest passage between the United Nations and the Communist

bloc. It has knocked another prop from under the idea that peace can be negotiated when one of the parties actually does not want it. Prime Minister Nehru of

India seems to be about the only important figure in the non-communist world who still thinks you can do business with communism. And it seems likely that his attitude is due more to bias against the western nations, growing out of his long struggle for independence from Britain, than to any rational consideration of the situation created by the expansionist aims of Communist imperialism.

Nehru is one of the few socialists left in the world who has failed to recognize the vast difference between socialism and the type of so-called communism which Russia imposes on her satellites and seeks, in one of history's greatest displays of cynicism, to use as a weapon for territorial aggrandizement.

It is Nehru who joins with the Soviet bloc in opposing United Nations condemnation of China as an aggressor.

It is Nehru who, unwittingly perhaps, encourages a certain element in both Asia and Europe to consider the conflict between the United States and Russia as merely another power fight between the big nations.

As Peiping was broadcasting its rejection of the latest U. N. cease-fire proposals, it was Nehru who said that, even so, China should not be branded an ag-"All the troubles in the far

east arise from the failure of the world to adjust itself to the changes which have taken place n Asia," he added. That just isn't quite true. A

big trouble right now is naked spites the west. military aggression.

. . . recognize the inevitability and the meaning of Asia's revolution against western exploitation. Asia has every right to complain. It has every right to be touchy like an attempt to railroad western policy. India is the more

The world has been slow to about anything that might look subject to uncertainties because of differences between British

But none of this justifies a willingness to accept the advance

EARLY STORIES, by Elizabeth

The 25 short stories in this

book, beginning with the first

one Miss Bowen completed,

"Breakfast" . . . and what better place to begin? . . . were written

in the early 1920s, after the au-

thor, as she says in her preface,

had given up trying to be a poet

and a painter. What she might

have become in the other medi-

ums would be an interesting,

but futile, subject for specula-

tion. We know the writer she

has become, however; sensitive,

work in her first two published

volumes, "Encounters" and "Ann

Lee's", show the little steps she

took at the start, always sure,

always heading straight for her

goal, and sometimes, though not

always, triumphantly reaching

A teacher fails to break down

This collection, containing the

observant, imaginative.

Bowen (Knopf: \$3)

Many Chinese were willing to accept the aid of communism, to accept anything that promised change from Chiang Kai-shek and from western interference in China's business. Now the helper has become the tyrannical

Czechoslovakia's government in exile during the war made a treaty with the communists designed for "live and let live," but again the collaborators became

Nehru can learn much about the choice of evils, if he wants to put it that way, from the bare of communism merely because it record.

and American Asiatic policies,

Literary Guidepost couple quarrels and is reconciled. another quarrels and is not: a

parrot, unlike his stuffy mistress,

is not finicky about the houses

he visits; a frightened boy waits

for his mothers death . . . these

are some of the people and situa-Miss Bowen somewhat-resents the word "sketch" used indiscriminately by one or two early reviewers. Yet with the word "story" applied to such a mass of shoddy writing now, "sketch" in a sense might be regarded today as complimentary. And actually, it seems to me, the successful pieces here are the earlier, sketchier, ones, rather than those in "Ann Lee's", where the indubitable technical advance does not always compensate for a psychology strained a bit to fit the larger frame. My two favorites are both in the first part: "Coming Home", and "The

the barrier between herself and a sketch her pupils; an aging woman tries The preface is invaluable, for indecorously to prepare for the Miss Bowen sees her work with return of a lover; an interfering an uncommonly unbiased eye. woman shows up unexpectedly; Preface and stories together cona man proves how impossible a stitute an excellent manual for writer; but he musn't forhusband he will be; moods of mother and daughter fail dishe needs some Bowen in mally to match; one married his make-up, too.

Lover", which she classifies as

deny completely the insubordination charges by E. L. Peterson, state agriculture department director. Spitzbart may, so the scuttlebutt goes, dwell on the Hall-McKay gubernatorial race two years ago and stress his allegiance to Gov.

if the civil service commission finds he was fired unjustly (and nothing, so far, says it will) about all the commission can do is to refer the matter back to the department headwhich is Peterson - for reconsideration. And it isn't likely

employ and de-employ state fair managers. Of course, even under this setup Spitzbart could still find himself at the state fair next year only as a paying guest.

A message from Sen. Wayne Morse says the reactivation facilities will be "made from time to time and that Camp Adair status probably will not be determined immediately."

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by Lichty



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