

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

This is a time to drop the negative out of our Machine Bureau's column heading, "Don't Look Now." If one wants to get a catalog of the chiseling and grafting and influence peddling of recent vintage in Washington he should take a look at LOOK magazine for May 22, "The Scandalous Years." The authors, Fletcher Knebel and Jack Wilson, charge that "political morality in Washington has sunk to the lowest depths in a quarter of a century." And they make a list of items in chronological order to substantiate their charge.

Other publications are "spilling dirt" about goings-on in Washington. "Washington Confidential," also an article in the May American Mercury. Another sensational book is "The Strange Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt." I haven't read the latter collection and wouldn't pretend to vouch for their authenticity. But the LOOK article compiles items well generalized, like Harry Vaughan's "deep freeze" boxes, Mrs. Young's mink coat, Johnny Maragon's chiseling operations. They add up to what the authors call "the shameful era of Pendergastism in Washington."

There is always a certain amount of skulduggery going on in Washington. People there make good living by their wits, the wit consisting of outsmarting the government. The five percenters are by no means a new tribe. Where the carcass of public funds is, the vultures assemble for a feast. What seems demonstrably true is the failure of the president to get out the scourge and drive the chisellers out of town. Instead, he balks, like a Missouri mule against kicking out the inept and unfit Harry Vaughan (later raised to a major-generalship). He called the Fullbright

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Carlton Girl Chosen Dayton Rodeo Queen

DAYTON, May 20—Girls from Carlton, Dallas and Gaston were selected today for the royal court of the 1951 Dayton Buckaroo. A crowd of 600 watched judges choose Ann Linke of Carlton for queen of the event. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24. Selection of the court was the feature of Buckaroo Playday at the Buckaroo grounds.

Princesses chosen were Yvonne Smith, Dallas, sponsored by the Salem Saddle club, and Beverly Van Dyke, Gaston, who represents the Washington County posse.

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Allies Smash Vicious Chinese Attack on Central Korea Front

U.N. Armored Patrols Strike Back in West

TOKYO, Monday, May 21—(AP)—Allied forces early today smashed vicious new Chinese attacks in central Korea and rammed armored patrols against red positions in the west.

The reds massed more men for 20 miles in front of the U. S. Second division—already victor over 26,000 communists who had tried to engulf it.

An allied officer said "The situation is still dangerous" there. The U. S. Eighth army commander reported today that bitter fighting raged in most sectors across the mountainous peninsula as the red offensive entered its sixth day. Headquarters emphasized that red casualties continued to be heavy—but made no estimates.

In the air Sunday, 26 U. S. sabre jets bested 50 Russian-type Mig-15 jets in a new battle over northwestern Korea. Pilots said they definitely destroyed three Mig-15s, probably a fourth and damaged five without loss to themselves.

On the bloody central front, the U. S. Second division hurled back waves of Chinese striking at its left or western, flank of Chuncheon, between 45 and 50 miles northeast of Seoul. Previous red assaults had hit the right flank in east-central Korea.

An Eighth army briefing officer said the gallant division had pretty well sealed a gaping hole on the right flank, to the east between Hangye and Pungnam.

On the west-central front, allied forces advanced more than two miles Sunday up the Pukhan river valley northeast of Seoul. This reconnaissance in force was aimed at Changgong, some 25 miles northeast of the old republican capital.

Reds surprised. Surprised communist troops, hit while they were trying to mount probing attacks, were repulsed "with moderate to heavy losses."

One advancing allied column reached a point northeast of Masong, 18 miles northeast of Seoul. On the western front, ROK troops smashed more than six miles northwest of Seoul against communists in estimated battalion-size strength. Other allied forces fanned out from the bustling Seoul defense perimeter to the north and northeast.

One column rumbled back into Uijongbu against light resistance Sunday, but returned to allied lines. A new scrap in the Uijongbu area, 11 miles north of Seoul, was reported Monday.

Red supply lines on the east coast were pounded by the U. S. battleship New Jersey, sister ship of the Missouri which left Korean waters after more than six months of action.

Allied war planes eased off their attacks on supply targets to lend maximum close support to ground forces. The U. S. Far East air force announced more than 1,100 sorties were flown by fighters and bombers Sunday.

Even B-29 Superforts joined in assaults on Red frontline positions. In the heaviest night frontline attack thus far in the Korean war, 40 B-29s and B-26s dropped 250 tons of 500-pound fragmentation bombs on the Reds.

The bombs were dropped with new radar techniques which compare in accuracy with daylight visual bombing, FEAF reported.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, allied supreme commander, made his fourth trip to the battlelines since succeeding General MacArthur. He visited the undaunted Second division and toured the troops.

He said, however, that U. N. troops were "confident" and that have taken a heavy toll of Chinese lives.

210 DROWN IN FORMOSA. TAIPEH, Formosa, May 20—(AP)—An estimated 210 persons have drowned in floods in southwestern coastal areas of Formosa.

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Commands Second Division



TOKYO, May 20—(AP)—Gen. Clark Ruffner (right) is the commander of the U. S. Second division which caught the brunt of the current communist offensive in Korea. Here Maj. Gen. Ruffner is shown with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway in Korea when the latter was commander of the U. S. Eighth army. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

U.O. Girl Said 'Forced to Move' From Sorority for Dating Negro

EUGENE, May 20—(AP)—The University of Oregon campus was in an uproar today as the result of an editorial in the student newspaper, The Daily Emerald, which charged that a girl was forced to move out of her sorority house because she dated a Negro.

The sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, denied an ultimatum had been issued the girl. A sorority officer said the girl had signed a statement in front of witnesses that it was campus pressure that resulted in the move.

The girl offered to turn in her sorority pin, but the offer was refused. The girl still attends chapter meetings and dines at the sorority house.

Outside Prejudices. In a prepared statement, another sorority officer said "There were evidences of prejudice entirely from the outside which were creating embarrassment for the girl, the boy and the sorority. The girl herself agreed to change her residence."

The university is observing a hands-off policy. H. K. Newburn, president, said "A person's friends are his own business."

The Oregonian today carried what it said was an interview with the girl and the boy in which she insisted that she was asked to move from the sorority house.

Tells of Burning Cross. She told a reporter that she left the house after a flaming cross was found burning on the sorority house lawn early one morning three weeks ago. Who put it there was never discovered.

Both vessels were proceeding to Seattle under their own power. The troopship reported it had a large hole in its bow at the water line and another eight feet above the waterline. It said it was taking no water.

Pravda Publicizes Senator's Peace Plan for Korea. LONDON, May 20—(AP)—Pravda, Russia's official communist newspaper, made its first comment today on Senator Edwin Johnson's proposal for a Korean cease-fire, and other communist newspapers in Europe gave extensive publicity to the idea.

Pravda interpreted the proposal as an indication that some elements in the United States are getting tired of the war. Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) offered a resolution last Thursday in the U. S. senate asking the United Nations to call upon both sides to declare an effective armistice along the 38th parallel, the old dividing line, on June 25, anniversary of the outbreak of fighting.

Pravda and other Soviet newspapers gave great prominence to the proposal yesterday.

SENATOR TAFT TO WAIT. WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today he will not decide for several months whether to make an active bid for the 1952 republican presidential nomination.

ADENAUER TO VISIT. BONN, Germany, May 20—(AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany has accepted an invitation to visit Britain soon.

THE WEATHER. Max. Min. Precip. Salem 77 41 .00 Portland 72 48 .00 San Francisco 68 51 .00 Chicago 83 64 trace New York 61 53 .04

FORECAST FROM U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, McNary Field, Salem: Fair to day and tonight. Little change in temperature with highest today near 70 and lowest tonight near 40.

SINCE START OF WEATHER YEAR, SEPT. 1 THIS YEAR 49.7 Last Year 46.26 Normal 52.21

Taft Sees Shift in Policies

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) declared today that the Truman administration has adopted "practically all the features" of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's far eastern war program that the republicans have been urging.

He said the state department now seems willing to promote revolution against the Chinese communist regime.

Taft's statements about reversal of policy brought a heated denial from Senator McMahon (D-Conn.). He contended that the administration has followed a consistent course in the Korean war, changing it only to meet altered circumstances.

Taft, chairman of the senate's republican policy committee, engaged in a table-pounding television debate (NBC's "American Forum of the Air") with McMahon on the eve of Gen. Omar N. Bradley's return to the witness stand in the senate hearings on MacArthur's ouster as far eastern commander.

Since MacArthur's dismissal last month, Taft said, "The administration was come around to practically all the features of his policy that the Republicans have been urging."

The Ohio senator said Friday night's speech by Dean Rusk, assistant secretary of state for far eastern affairs, "practically said, 'Now, we are against Chinese communism and we're going to promote revolution against Chinese communism.'"

"That's an absolute reversal of the state department's position," Taft declared.

A viewpoint similar to Taft's was expressed by Senator Brewster (R-Me.), who said the administration "while putting up quite a din of opposition, has been retreating under that smokescreen very close to the MacArthur line."

Call for Berry Pickers Due in Coming Week

Farm labor needs will pick up in the Salem area this week when first strawberry pickers are called to some fields. It was reported over the week end by Claude Litchfield.

Although the main harvest is not due for two weeks, this early picking may draw from the available supply of bean workers, said the farm placement representative for the Salem employment office. Bean workers will start setting trellises for training in some yards within a few days.

By the time of peak strawberry picking, the youth platoons organized by the state employment service will be available. Sixth graders for the first time are being called for work in the groups.

Groups are organized varying in size from about 20 to 70 youngsters under platoon leaders with several years' experience in such work. Six or eight more qualified leaders are needed for strawberries, Litchfield said.

Army Has Use For Unwanted Artillery Shell

DETROIT, May 20—(AP)—This is the happy story of a 155-mm artillery shell that nobody, apparently, wanted.

The shell was found the other day behind a foundry in suburban Wayne by 14-year-old Larry Bills.

Bills lugged it home proudly to his dad, Donald.

Bills nearly jumped out of his skin. The shell, he saw, was very much alive, all 70 pounds of it.

He called Wayne police. They told him to dump the shell in the river, but not to bring it to the station. They wanted no part of it.

For a couple of days, Bills left the shell alone. Then he loaded it up on a pickup truck and took it to the Wayne county (sheriff's) road patrol.

"They told me to get that thing out of there. They said take it to the state police or somewhere but 'don't leave it here,'" he said.

"I started to drive to the state police post and then I figured, 'If everyone is scared of this thing, what am I doing driving around with it?' So I dumped it."

Truce Reached after 200 Prisoners Gain Control of Utah's State Penitentiary

First U.S. Jet Ace Crowned

U. S. FIFTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Korea, May 20—(AP)—A furious air battle in which three communist MIG jets were shot down today produced the first jet ace in aviation history.

Capt. James Jabara, of Wichita, Kans., got two of the MIGs to raise his victories to six enemy jets downed—one more than required for an ace.

Twenty-eight Sabres and 50 MIGs tangled in the air battle south of the Yalu river. In addition to the three kills, one MIG was listed as a probable and five others as damaged.

East Germans 'Escape' for Spree in West

COBURG, Germany, May 20—(AP)—Four thousand Germans from the Russian occupation zone broke through communist police lines and frontier barricades today to "invade" allied-occupied West Germany and enjoy a spree in Bavarian restaurants and beer halls.

For many, accustomed to the watered beer of East Germany, the Bavarian brew appeared too potent and they had trouble staggering home.

The breakthrough occurred at Hoenbach near Sonneberg, in the Soviet zone state of Thuringia. Big crowds had gathered there for a music festival and rumors spread that the Russians would open the frontiers to the West for the holiday—as they once did in 1949.

When these reports proved false, the East Germans took matters in their own hands and broke through cordons of communist "People's police" at the frontier and streamed into American-occupied Bavaria at Wildenheid and Neustadt, near here.

The food-rationed East Germans rushed for the restaurants and pubs and loaded up—even though they had to trade five of their East marks against one West mark. (Nominally the two currencies are at parity).

American constabulary aided Bavarian police in restoring border controls and rounding up the East zone "shoppers" to send them home.

Dayton Boy Struck by Car

DAYTON, May 20—A car struck Calvin Smith, 9, Dayton, today as he crossed the highway in front of the Dayton Buckaroo grounds while Buckaroo playday was in progress. The lad was hospitalized briefly with minor head and knee injuries. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith.

2,000,000 Buy Atom Booklet

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Civil Defense Administrator Millard Caldwell reported today a small but definite break in the public's indifference toward the danger of atomic attack.

Caldwell said more than 2,000,000 Americans have bought the agency's booklet, "Survival Under Atomic Attack," and added: "When over 2,000,000 are interested enough to put their 10 cent pieces in an envelope and mail them to Washington in order to get this easily read and easily remembered information, that is a heartening sign."

U.S. Quotes Stalin in Rejecting Russian Plan for Japan Treaty

By John M. Hightower. WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—The United States tonight accused Russia of "conniving at aggression" by seeking a Japanese peace treaty which would deny Japan the right of collective self-defense.

A Russian treaty-making plan, which this country rejected in a note published tonight, would bar foreign forces from Japan after the occupation ends and thereby block an arrangement for foreign troops to help provide Japanese security.

The state department made public the 3500-word note, which was delivered to Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin yesterday.

While rejecting the Russian program that called for a Pacific big-four meeting, including Red China, to draft a treaty, the note urged the Russians to join in completing

POINT-OF-THE-MOUNTAIN, Utah, May 20—(AP)—Hot-tempered inmates of the Utah state prison overpowered six guards and rioted today, smashing furniture, windows and equipment. More than 200 of the 532 inmates jumped into the orgy for several hours until a truce brought order back and returned prisoners to their cells early tonight.

The rioters released all inmates of death row. But locked doors at the ends of corridors of cellhouses prevented escapes by the doomed men or other inmates.

Some four hours after the trouble began, the four guards still held were released. The two other hostages had escaped through windows.

The truce and release of the guards were effected by six prisoner spokesmen who complained to authorities that some of the prison officials had been unfair.

One of the spokesmen, Nuburn Keith, told officials the trouble started after three convicts were punished for causing a commotion in church today. The three were put in semi-solitary confinement.

Amor got around, Keith said, that the three men were being punished for a mild riot over food last Friday night. He said the inmates became bitter. Warden Alvin O. Severson explained to the spokesmen and officials who were holding a hurriedly called hearing to receive complaints, that the trio was segregated for the church disturbance.

To Study Complaint. The rioters began moving back to their cells. With them went assurances from their spokesmen that officials and the state board of corrections had agreed their complaints of partiality would be studied.

The four guards released were Joseph Mitchell, Eddie Nelson, Leonard Jewkes and Leroy Cox. The guards who escaped earlier were Weston H. Haslam and Franklin E. Holliday.

One prison source reported some inmates got into the prison hospital and presumably had access to narcotics and other medical supplies.

No escapes by inmates had been reported several hours after the outbreak started.

As the conference with the prisoners' spokesmen opened the noise and milling quieted. Warden Severson called reporters in to hear the prisoners' complaints. A recording of the conversations was made.

John Dugan, chairman and Leslie Burbridge, members of the state board of correction, joined the open hearing in the administration building.

Charges Partiality. An inmate rose and said he was Red Noble, chairman of the convicts' delegation. Noble charged three prison officials with partiality. He named them as Deputy Warden James H. Davis, Captain H. B. Smart and Wallace Ostler, a steward.

Noble praised Warden Severson. "The warden has showed only fairness," said the convict.

Other prisoners in turn gave their accounts. The rioting began when the prisoners were brought in for lockup before their evening meal. They refused to go into the cell-blocks.

More than 200 officers, armed with full equipment from the modern police arsenal, patrolled the prison.

Police cars, parked 15 to 20 feet apart, ringed the double fenced enclosure. The officers carried rifles, shotguns, pistols, tear gas and riot guns.

While Leon Cooney was changing a customer's oil, thieves helped themselves to the change in the cash register at his service station at Pringle road and highway 99-E, state police reported Sunday night.

Sought are two strangers, suspected of tapping the till of \$100.

CLATSkanie MAN KILLED. ASTORIA, May 20—(AP)—Mervin Palomaki, Clatskanie, died of injuries early today when his car ran out of control after a blowout and crashed into a telephone pole. The accident occurred at Woodson on highway 30, east of here.

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Rural School District Budget Vote Today

Marion county's 1951-52 rural school district budget, totaling \$48,384 less than last year's levy, will be voted on today.

Balloting on the total \$1,124,461 budget will take place from 9 to 10 p.m. at each district's elementary school. The votes are to be counted and the results, with ballots, are to be sent in to the office of Mrs. Agnes Booth, superintendent of Marion county schools.

The rural school district board will then canvass the votes later this week, she said. If the proposed budget fails to pass each individual district must make up its own budget and vote separately.

To carry the budget must gain approval of a majority of the total votes cast in the county.

Pay Stabilizers Said Ready to Lift Ceilings

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—The government's pay stabilization program is due for a drastic overhaul this week and next, with negotiated pay boosts for hundreds of thousands of workers almost certain to be okayed by the wage board.

The biggest decision to be reached in the near future will be whether to lift the 10 per cent ceiling on wage increases above Jan. 15, 1950 levels another two or three per cent—or even more if labor unions have their way—in making up for living cost rises since the wage-price freeze of January 25.

A new consumers' price index will be announced by the bureau of labor statistics this week. The board is committed to "take another look" at the 10 per cent formula on the basis of that index, which will cover prices as of April 15. Since that is expected to show a boost over prices prevailing when the freeze went into effect, the board is likely to revise its formula only one way—upward.

Iran Refuses to Compromise

TEHRAN, Iran, May 20—(AP)—Iran demanded today that the Anglo-Iranian Oil company name representatives to assist the government in taking over the British-owned enterprise.

At the same time the government formally rejected the company's bid for arbitration of the oil nationalization dispute.

These latest moves were made in a letter by Finance Minister Mohammed Ali Vazirshahi addressed to N. R. Seddon, Tehran representative of the "former Anglo-Iranian Oil company."

The latter gave no hint of any intention to compromise.

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Don't keep offering me pearls—a word MINK!