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Apostate Diplomats?

The disappearance of two high-placed career members of the British diplomatic service has set two continents in a dither. It is feared they are Moscow-bound, where they will spill Anglo-American secrets out of both mouths. One was in charge of the American desk in the British foreign office, and until last year was head of the staff at the Washington embassy of Great Britain. The other is a member of the embassy staff at Washington. Both have disappeared; and both have been suspended from their official positions.

Secretary of State Acheson frankly expressed alarm if they have headed for Moscow. For one, MacLean, is fully cognizant of the intimate conversations and exchanges between Britain and the United States. What he could relate to Vishinsky would be worth far more than the pumpkin papers from Alger Hiss.

It may be that their disappearance is not voluntary, or they may have their other destination than Moscow. Perhaps fear is father to the suspicion that they have gone apostate. Assuredly there will be swift and thorough search for the missing men, and fast moves for repairing diplomatic fences.

A few Russians have renounced the communist faith and come to the west, and a number of diplomats from satellite states have elected not to return home from foreign assignment. It is surprising however that any from the west would elect to disappear behind the iron curtain. However as communism had its infection in our own government circles in the heyday of the new deal, so it may have penetrated into British official circles. The British, who have done some scoffing at our own loyalty procedure, may rush to invoke tests of their own. After all Dr. Karl Fuchs bore their certificate of clearance, so their screening has been defective.

This is one of the misfortunes of this present period of tension: you do not know whom to trust. If one high-placed like Alger Hiss could serve a foreign government, and if these British who had been in positions of trust have proved faithless, one's confidence in his fellowmen is weakened. There is this reassurance however, that these cases of apostasy are exceedingly rare. And as far as secrets are concerned the United States and Great Britain have no sinister designs on the USSR. Maybe telling Moscow that these governments really mean business if any funny business starts may have a wholesome

effect in inducing the Kremlin not to start any funny business. At least that is a Pollyanna way of looking at what looks initially as a major diplomatic embarrassment for two countries.

Junior League Baseball

Opening of the junior baseball season tomorrow is a matter of justifiable pride for the sponsoring American Legion, and here's to the best team wherever it is!

Junior baseball has reached a high place in the sports world. For years it has given youths a firm grounding in true sportsmanship, and a welcome chance to develop talent with the bat and glove.

Real good derives from the program, no matter at what level the play may be, and enthusiasm runs particularly high as teams advance in standing. Highlight of Salem's junior baseball participation came in 1932 when this city's team won its way to the national quarter-finals play-off at Omaha. On that team were outstanding players, including Bill Bevens, erstwhile pitching star of the New York Yankees who hurled the memorable one-hitter against Brooklyn in the 1947 World Series.

Rosters of the major leagues are replete with athletes who started in the Legion's program, and youngsters participating in this year's junior schedule will have the same chance for fame and fortune. It is a grand idea.

Tomorrow it's Salem at Woodburn, Mt. Angel at Stayton and Silverton at Oregon City. Let's give the boys a real hand!

Deane Seeger, who is well known in Salem from his frequent visits here as consultant to the League of Oregon Cities, has transferred his affections to Whittier, Cal. where he becomes city manager. Such a job is not new to him. He was the successful first city manager for Eugene. We'll miss him in Oregon however.

Believe it or not, Ohio and Missouri produced more wool in 1950 than Oregon, and Iowa nearly as much. Texas was away out in front with 52,696,000 lbs. and Wyoming second with 17,680,000 lbs. Oregon's was only 5,366,000 lbs.

Funny what happens to steers as the price of meat rises—they seem to run all to hamburger, no steaks or juicy roasts. At least the 'burgers are what seem to show up most at lunch counters.

Strong Measures Toward Anglo-American Coordination Declared to Be Badly Needed

By Joseph Alsop
LONDON, June 8—The Far East is not the only area where Anglo-American relations are in a mess. The trouble is pretty bad everywhere, as the following peculiar fact amply suggest.

For some months, the British have been seeking to organize a serious defense of the Middle East. The Middle East is a matter of Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, disposes of less than a division and a half of British troops. None the less, the Turks, who have more than 20 divisions, were asked to place themselves under the British Middle East command. When they refused, their action was blamed in London upon American influence at Ankara.

Again, the British and American governments have formally agreed to sponsor the admission of Greece and Turkey to the Atlantic pact. But this agreement was made with some reluctance in London, where it is feared that Moscow may be "provoked" to find an actual neighbor, Turkey, included in the Atlantic security organization. The Anglo-American decision had hardly been announced before all the British official arguments against it appeared in the "Times" here. Hence, the task of persuading the Scandinavian and other lesser powers, who oppose admitting Greece and Turkey to NATO, has been rendered immeasurably more difficult.

Finally, the whole world knows by now of the mess involving the Mediterranean and Atlantic commands. What is not understood, however, is that the British cheerfully approved the appointment of Admiral Fletcher as Atlantic commander in the expectation that they would thus secure the Mediterranean command for a British officer. And now the Mediterranean powers are objecting to a British commander there, and an American appointment is being canvassed, the British have begun to oppose a unified command in the Mediterranean.

On the surface, this sort of behavior looks almost neurotic. Undoubtedly it has some neurotic elements, such as the assumption implied in the whole Turkish episode, that nothing was changed by Britain's transfer to America of responsibility for Turkey, and that only American pressure could account for the Turkish rejection of Gen. Robertson's leadership.

But if the British sometimes seem a bit neurotic, it must be remembered that they are passing through a very bad time.

They had hardly won their terrible battle to regain economic viability, when they found their own strategic position undermined by the Soviet atomic bomb; their imperial position under attack as in Iran, and their standard of life again threatened by their defense program.

It may be silly for them to cherish the suspicion that the all too blameless state department is plotting to supplant British influence with American influence in the Middle East, which is the main source of all the command trouble. It may be illogical to worry about letting Turkey into the Atlantic pact. But this sort of instinctive reaction is only natural, in a nation in grave danger, suffering from weak leadership and laboring under the heaviest strain.

The question really is, not why these Anglo-American frictions are occurring, but whether they can be avoided. The answer is that they can easily be avoided, with the right kind of leadership in Washington. The British themselves sense the danger in the breakdown of Anglo-American collaboration. They were struggling to bring their Far Eastern policy more into line with ours, when most of the ground gained was lost by the statements of Dean Rusk and Adm. Forrest Sherman. And although they were

greatly disturbed by both Rusk and Sherman, they will continue trying to accommodate British and American views in the Far East.

What is really needed, however, to restore the former Anglo-American collaboration is a renewal of the old habit of complete frankness, of full exchange of views, of constant, honest discussion of all common problems, between the two countries. By renewing this habit, all foolish suspicions can be dispelled, and any serious conflicts of policy can be avoided. And in order to renew this habit, America, the more powerful partner, must take the initiative.

If Britain and America can again achieve a firm common front in this manner, it will be easy to solve all the innumerable pending problems, such as German rearmament and the final pattern of the NATO organization. The future of the Western alliance directly depends upon prompt, sensible solutions of the uncounted problems like these, which exist all around the periphery of the Soviet empire. They will not be solved, and the Western alliance will die of inanition, if Anglo-American relations continue to develop on the present line.

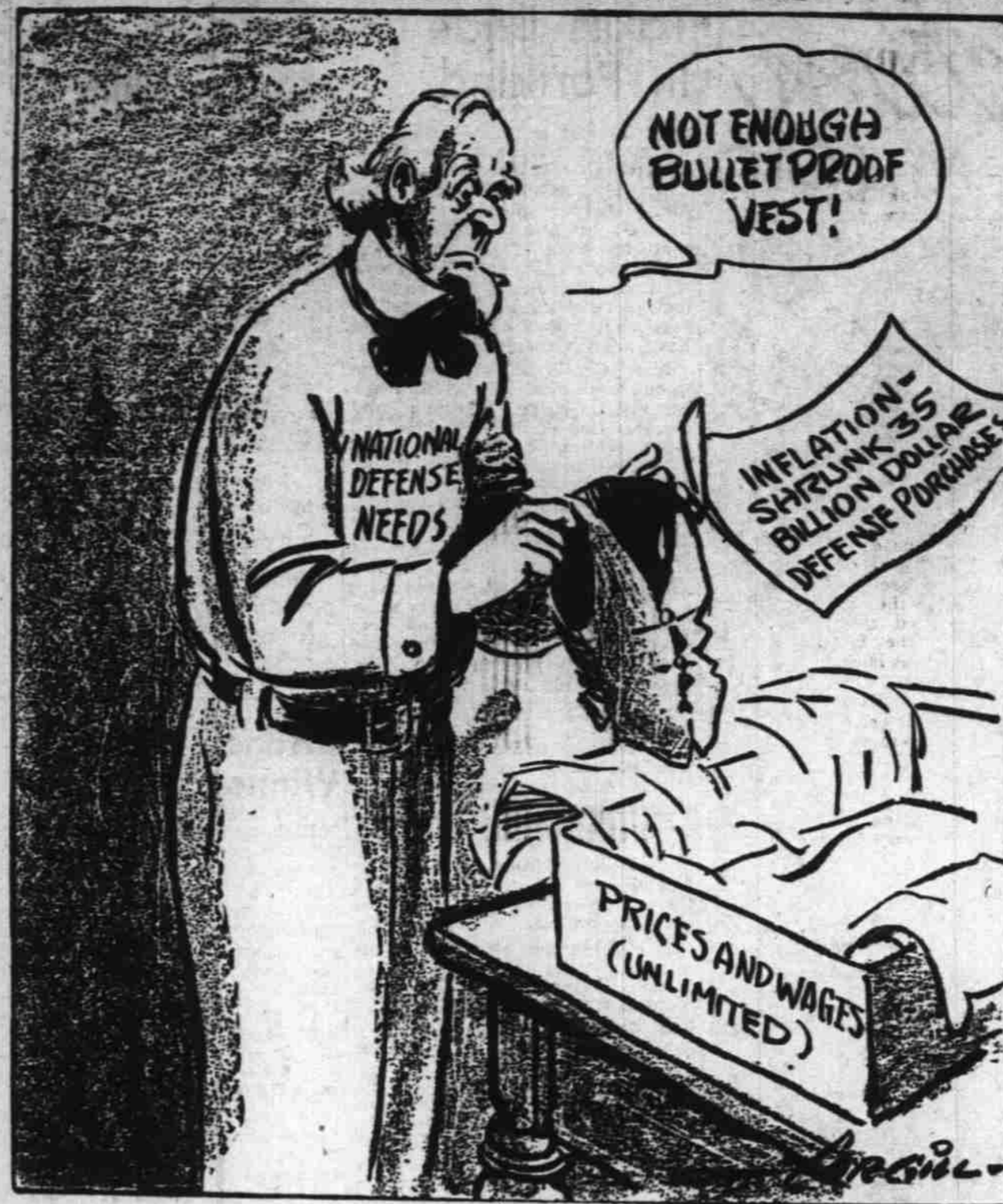
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GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"The hours I spent slaving over our first dinner... and all you do is sit there and eat it!"

BACK FROM THE CLEANERS



Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

Call came to the newsroom the other day from a worried woman who wanted to know when Dick Tracy and Tess were married. She was wondering about Bonny Braids, Tracy's new little trouble-maker. The bothered lady, who evidently keeps tabs on such things, was informed that Dick and Tess were married the day before Christmas in 1949. (Remember how Dick fell into a big case even on his honeymoon?) But we'd all rest easier if we knew what Crewy Lou is up to.



How come? ... Big wheels in the Portland Rose festival have forbidden Rose Queen Gloria Keieger, Portland high school student, to make publicity of the fact that she's this year's queen in connection with her singing career. Yet publicity handouts to newspapers from the Rose Festival association make great hay over the fact that Queen Gloria is now under contract to Paramount studios.

Coupla months ago all those citizens who were so inconsiderate of their fellow wage-earners as to hoard meat in home freezers and lockers—thereby causing a shortage of the raw red—were publicly rapped over the brisket and branded as unpatriotic. Now comes the sad report that we face an even greater shortage of beef because cattle raisers, at the other end of the cow chain, are refusing to sell their stock to the packers. To many a householder, who has been on the horns of lots of bum steers lately, it's mostly baloney, anyway.

Howard Higby, assistant scout executive, reports that at least half the flags hanging from Salem porches on Memorial day were hung wrongly. The Forman chain, which has purchased the Capitol and Elinore theatres here, announced it will do some redecorating at the movie houses—wonder if this includes the inside of the Grand here, too. Publicity man Gene Malecki and wife Helen are proud parents of a new handout, Judy Ann, released for publication June 3. The latest edition to the Malecki list of tax exemptions weigh 8 lb., 12 1/2 oz.

State Patrolman Bill Ferguson was wondering last week just what the city street department has against him. Street construction was underway on Fair Oaks way in front of his home thus cutting him off from his driveway. So he moved to nearby home of relative, parking his car there. That night, ready to go to work, he found THAT driveway blocked by a ditch dug by road crews. Some fast shovel work solved the problem. Next night Bill comes out to find the driveway blocked again by a big load of gravel, used the shovels again. Statesman photog Don Dill went to Lebanon Friday to get a pix of the Strawberry Festival queen cutting the traditional strawberry cake with the traditional mammoth knife. But Don had to be satisfied with other shots. Reason: Nobody could locate the big knife.

The Safety Valve

(Contributions to this column should be limited to 300 words. Write only on one side of paper; give name and full address. Poetry is not accepted.)

Charges for Phone Service Need Public Scrutiny
To the Editor:
Just How Big Are Your Teeth, Grandma?
Your editorial of May 30 commenting on the size of the bite threatened to the public by the requested phone rate increases prompts my question.

The concern expressed is longstanding. Requests for rate increases have been often.

Many years ago rural groups formed little mutual telephone companies and built and maintained lines as the only method of getting service. Their operation and maintenance was far from perfect. They were a means of doing what you could with what you had. Many groups held onto these small lines perhaps well past the point of good business judgment. Others consolidated to a size more adequate and efficient in the service they now offer.

Recent legislation has enabled telephone cooperatives to be set up on rather large scale and brings service to many long neglected and remote areas.

Why do people go through all this struggle? The large utilities

Permits Total \$125,000 for New Buildings

Nearly \$125,000 worth of construction in Salem was listed for permits Friday in the city engineer's office.

\$60,000 of the total is for a two-story reinforced concrete office building to be erected by Frank Doolittle at 52nd Court.

Doolittle reports that actual construction will begin the first of next week by Barham Brothers, Salem contractors. The ground has been leveled ready for the work.

Occupants for the structure will include Western Union Telegraph company. Other offices have not been assigned, Doolittle said.

Other building permits issued Friday include concrete storage tanks to be erected for Oregon Pulp and Paper company at a cost of \$20,000 by E. E. Batterman. The tanks are to be erected at 160 Bellevue st.

Others include: Fred M. Snider, permit to erect a dwelling, 350 Superior st., at a cost of \$18,000; Chester Stackhouse, erect a dwelling at 180 Candalaria blvd., \$13,750; Joseph Becker, erect a dwelling at 780 N. 15th st., \$10,000, and Earl T. Brown, alter a dwelling at 293 S. 14th st., \$800.

Buchanan Faces Check Charges

James D. Buchanan, 2285 S. 12th st., was charged with obtaining property by false pretenses Friday, city police reported.

Officers said the charge involved two fictitious checks totalling \$19 passed here in January. Buchanan was apprehended at Dallas where police said he was working for a paint firm.

Farm Prices Down Third Month in Row

Soft spots have developed in the field farm prices to Oregon growers, it has been noted during the past few days.

May marked the third consecutive month for downturns in prices received by farmers. Weaknesses which showed up in meat animals, strawberries, milk, wool, and wheat were mainly responsible for reducing the overall index. Prices were slightly higher for butterfat, eggs and some truck crops.

Mobile Lab Requested For Restaurant Check

Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, has requested the mobile laboratory from the state board of health to make tests of the eating and drinking utensils in eating places of this county.

The laboratory will be set up on the courthouse grounds during

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It sure is kind of you to let me borrow your pencil."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "facade"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled: Anatomy, a cachexia, analize, spahetic.
4. What does the word "obtrude" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with cy that means "disbelieving in the sincerity of human motives"?

Here Are the Objectives of Civil Defense

THIS IS CIVIL DEFENSE Chapter 5
The whole idea of civil defense is to help you protect yourself, and to make the best use of your own special ability and skill in an emergency. Then you will be able to save yourself and others if trouble comes.

Who is responsible for civil defense? You are. Civil defense is set up by federal and state law. But no law in the world will work unless you back it up by your own actions. Bombs don't fall on a plan, or an organization, or a system of government. They would fall on you and your family and friends.

The Federal Civil Defense Administration does the basic planning, gives technical information to the states, pays part of the cost of equipment and shelters. Actual operation of civil defense begins at your state line. The cities or-

ganize for civil defense. Each city is integrated into county-wide units in the interest of coordinated effort. The state helps in coordinating the over-all picture. The job of the armed forces is to win a war mainly by carrying the attack to the enemy. Civil defense is not their responsibility. This does not mean the military takes a hands-off attitude toward civil defense, but the program is primarily a civilian responsibility.

Before an attack, civil defense gets you ready. It gives you information on such things as how to safeguard your home, how to fight fires, and what steps to take against atomic, biological and chemical warfare.

Civil defense arranges for shelters, operates a warning system, gets medical supplies and special equipment ready, restores a stricken area and organizes for mutual aid and mobile support.

Next: "Civil Defense Jobs."

Salesman's Automobile Recovered at Seattle

A car, reported stolen because of a little bug at a north Salem motel, has been recovered by its owner at Seattle, Salem police reported Friday.

Fred Marentate, Seattle dress salesman, had reported the theft. Police said a Seattle woman he employed to model dresses ran off with his car after violently resisting his embrace.

Prep Leaders To Attend Eastern Meet

Fifteen Oregon high school student leaders, including five from the mid-Willamette valley, will attend the convention of the National Association of Student Councils at Wellesley, Mass., June 18 to 21, the state department of education announced Friday.

The valley will be represented by Don Davis and David Rhoten of Salem, Chef Daniels of Dallas, Eileen Wolfe of St. Paul and Sally Watson of Molalla.

Others to attend include Joseph Kirkwood of Hood River, Bill Brooks of Myrtle Point, Reva McClure of North Powder, Norman Robison of Prineville, Thaxter Goddell of Portland (Jefferson high), Martin Brandenfels of St. Helens, Bud Hinkson of Eugene, Zona Claire Smith of Portland (Catin school), and Dianne Drum and Leslie Wilkins of Portland (both St. Helens hall).

The Wellesley convention will be attended by 523 selected student delegates and approximately 200 faculty advisers from 42 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Canada. The conference theme is "Youth Leadership in a Changing World." In addition to four general sessions, a convention banquet and dance, and two tours of historic Boston, there will be five discussion group sessions during which delegates will discuss problems related to student council work.

Minor Blazes Keep Salem Firemen Busy

Four minor fires kept city firemen busy Friday. Seven shingles burned on the roof of vacant house at 1179 Chemeketa st. about noon. Firemen said sparks from burning rubbish were the cause.

A flue fire at the home of Gwendolyn Collins, 1555 N. Capitol st., was checked at 2:15 p.m. Firemen reported a fire in the 400 block of North Capitol street at 12:45 p.m. was caused by gasoline leaking from an air compressor owned by the R. L. Erlstrom Co. No damage resulted.

A cigarette dropped in a sidewalk was listed as the cause of a fire at the Benson bakery, 264 N. Commercial st., at 3:26 a.m.

Social Work Officers Revealed at Picnic

New officers of Willamette valley district, state conference of social work, were announced at Friday night's picnic in Dallas City park by Dr. John Rademaker of Willamette university, retiring president.

They are Ridgley Miller, Marion county veterans' service officer, president; Gertrude Acheson, Salem YWCA executive secretary, vice president; Nannette Schmuiki, state tuberculosis hospital, secretary; Mrs. Elinor Fox, Marion county Red Cross, treasurer.

The week of June 11 for their annual check-up on sanitation. Swab test samples will be taken by the city and county sanitarians and tests run by technicians from the state board of health.

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Salem Seniors At OSC Given Commissions

CORVALLIS, June 8—(Special)—Richard B. Jenkins and Edward R. McClellan of Salem were commissioned second lieutenants in the U. S. air force reserve at recent commencement exercises at Oregon State college. The majority of the 60 newly-commissioned officers will be called to active duty early this summer, while some will be granted delays to continue advanced studies of special value to the air force.

Jenkins, who received his degree in agricultural engineering, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Jenkins, route 1, Independence.

McClellan was graduated in science and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McClellan, 5245 S.W. Shattuck road.

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