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## No Martyrdom for Acheson

Preliminary word was that Dean Acheson, secretary of state, would be the piece de resistance for his foes at the senate committee's MacArthur hearings. Acheson long has been the target of anti-administration sharpshooters, and of late democrats had joined republicans in urging his retirement, hoping to "lighten cargo" for the storms of the 1952 campaign. Such was the cloud under which Acheson appeared that Senator Russell, chairman, contented himself with making a very simple introduction, quite in contrast with the plaudits he had heaped on the military from MacArthur to Admiral Sherman. After the six days inquisition however Acheson emerged, quite unruffled. The anticipated scalping didn't materialize. Acheson came out with his hair and his mustache in place. Neither republican Knowland or democrat Byrd had upset him. In fact some of the documents he produced, like the MacArthur-Wedemeyer-Spruance telegram put the opposition on the defensive.

Resulting news comments are interesting. The United Press reported:

"It was generally agreed Secretary Acheson had handled his case with great skill, dignity and intelligence, but it was also practically a unanimous verdict that this showing would in no way lessen or modify the attacks of his enemies."

Columnist Barnet Nover wrote that Acheson "rendered a very useful service when, in the course of his testimony before the Russell committee, he sought to place that compact in its historical setting." Reporter Doris Fleeson observes that Acheson's showing before the committee has taken President Truman "off the hook."

"Secretary Acheson, in an extraordinary ordeal of six continuous days on the witness stand, has handed his party a lawyer's brief on foreign policy which even his critics praise."

The United States News however sums up the Acheson appearance in this wise:

"What he said apparently changed few if any opinions. With a war on and a presidential election coming up, most minds were made up, attitudes frozen before he took the stand. But the hearings do reveal the curious nature of his predicament and make plain that sooner or later, and perhaps sooner than some may think, Mr. Acheson will be forced out of the job to which he has clung through months of dispute and personal harassment."

Joseph C. Harsch writing from Washington to the Christian Science Monitor, reported that his opponents had underestimated Acheson's ability and readiness to defend himself and also underestimated the documents he could bring to his support when the test came. To reveal the reversal from the early prognostications Harsch quotes one of Washington's wits who remarked: "It looks like the lions have been thrown to the martyr." That may be too early a conclusion, but at least it must be admitted that Secretary has blunted the spears cast in his direction, and done it pretty much on his own, without assistance from his party cohorts in the senate. At least now he has a right to expect the democrats to ease up on pressing Truman to replace his secretary of state. Acheson still will be under fire but at least he escaped execution in the senate hearing.

China and Korea will give politicians and historians food for argument for years to come; but as time mellows the bitterness and permits a less impassioned survey of recent history it will, in our judgment, conclude that Acheson was a man of high character, sincerely devoted to his country, who discharged the duties of his office in a time of great trial with great ability and who withstood bravely political attack which in its malignity has rarely been equaled in our history.

Improved crop prospects in the southwest brought the estimate for 1951 wheat production to over a billion bushel, making this the eighth year of such abundant production. Carryover of old wheat is estimated at 390,000,000 bu. and consumption and exports may cut that down by 50,000,000 in the next year. But there will be

plenty of wheat for domestic use and a lot to share with hungry people in other countries. Acreage restrictions are off this year and the price is guaranteed by the government at 90 per cent of parity; so it looks like another good year for the nation's wheatgrowers.

## New Chain Letter

Nothing new under the sun? Yes there is. Eugene reports a new style of chain letter. Here is the letter a local businessman says he received:

"Don't break the chain! This chain was started in the hope of bringing happiness to tired businessmen. Unlike most chains, this one does not require money. Simply send a copy of this card to five married male friends. Then bundle up your wife and send her to the fellow who heads the list.

"When your name comes to the head of the list, you will receive 188 women. Some of them ought to be dandies.

"Have faith—don't break the chain. One fellow broke the chain and got his wife back."

Can we set the author down as "one who loves his fellowmen?"

Speaker John Steelhammer thinks that a 1949 statute offers clearance to the board of control for employing a warden, in addition to the prison superintendent, in spite of confusion reported concerning 1951 legislation. The 1949 law reads that the superintendent, "with the approval of the Oregon state board of control, shall appoint a warden and a deputy warden whose salaries shall be fixed by the Oregon state board of control." If the general appropriation for salaries is adequate and the right man can be found, presumably a warden will be employed. But the \$8000 salary is restricted to the superintendent.

It will be interesting to see if the house of representatives expels Rep. Walter E. Brehm who was convicted of illegal acceptance of "campaign contributions" from members of his office staff. Previously it never moved to expel Jim Curley of Boston or Andy May of Kentucky or J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, all convicted of crimes while serving as members of the house. Since Brehm's jail sentence was suspended he is free to serve and sit in congress unless the house kicks him out. With all the talk about "honesty in government" the house shouldn't overlook this opportunity to show courage with virtue.

John Foster Dulles must be mightily discouraged over prospects for his peace treaty with Japan. Not only is Russia demanding—repeat, demanding—a multilateral conference to write the treaty with Japan, but France is bucking the settlement which Dulles has been working on for the allies except Russia. The real victims of course will be the Japanese who should be set up in business again as an independent nation.

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## Editorial Comment

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He leaves many monuments. There is, of course, the great bulk of his writing, which will always be freshly enjoyed. There is his impact on the Juilliard School of Music. There is his profound curricular innovation at Columbia with the courses in the humanities based on a large number of great books. Greater than all these, however, is his living monument in the thousands of persons who came under his influence. He made those persons a little bit wiser and much, much more joyful. He enriched those whom he touched from his own seemingly boundless store of good sense and good humor. —(New York Times)

## National Interests Without Morals, Spheres Of Influence Advocated by Political Scientist

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.  
Associated Press News Analyst  
How would you like to live in a world where all the nations, not just one or two, make national self-interest the sole criterion of policy and power is the only arbitrator?

Hans J. Morgenthau, naturalized German-born professor of political science at the University of Chicago, seems to think that is really the world we do live in. Morgenthau's new book "In Defense of the National Interest" was published this week by Knopf.

It represents "real politics" with a vengeance. Any international policy which is influenced by morality comes under the author's fire, along with the manner in which the U. S. has done practically everything since the war.

not safely take thought of morals and are not restrained by any sort of self-discipline or community thinking, beyond what is purely selfish.

Morgenthau has a true understanding of what the American national interest is. He understands that Russian imperialism, not mere economic and political theory, is America's real enemy today. He stresses the necessity of fighting this enemy without at the same time trying to block the world revolution which has been at work for years and is best typified by the rise of nationalism in the Far East today.

But he largely passes up real collective security—security for like-minded peoples in willing cooperation—and resigns himself to a world of conflict.

## Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They divided up the profits of the business."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "codicil"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accumen, accustomed, accumulation, acquisitive.
4. What does the word "venerate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ra that means "to approve and sanction"?

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Is now the political news... read without slightest indication that comrade announcer is on one side or the other..."

## MIGHT BE SHOOTIN'



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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and Copco says its new project is contingent on obtaining an extension of this contract.

Persons one prominent in Oregon affairs appeared in the 1931 hearings. Evan Reames of Medford represented Copco; later he served as U. S. senator under appointment by Governor Martin to succeed Frederick Steiwer. Bert Haney, Portland attorney, who had been a partner of George Joseph and defended him in disbarment proceedings, appeared for the Klamath water users. He later as judge on the federal circuit court of appeals. L. J. Liljequist of Marshfield, sometime assistant attorney general, was attorney for Klamath irrigation districts. All these have passed on. Charles Stricklin, state engineer, who attended the hearings in 1931, also attended the hearings at Klamath as member of the state hydroelectric commission. He is intimately familiar with the history of the dispute over Klamath water rights.

At the hearing Monday the major opposition to granting the license was on the ground that the water would be needed for irrigation. Water users testified to the growing demand for water because of intensive cultivation, and need for reclaiming more land to sustain the economy of the Klamath basin. Copco contended that the new dam and others planned for lower down on the river would require no more water than they now are entitled to for their dams on the Klamath down in California.

The controversy is just another one in the long skein of disputes over water rights. Once it was between stockmen over waterholes. Now it is between irrigationists and power users. Over in the Rogue it is between irrigationists and recreationists and trout fishermen. On the Deschutes the controversy is between a power company and commercial fishing interests. The law sets up a ladder of priorities

## Ways in Washington

By Jane Eads  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Inheriting the adventurous spirit of her grandfather, Captain Mountain, who sailed in 1841 to the west coast of America, Mrs. Austin Flegel is looking forward to going to Bangkok, Thailand.

With two Willamette river-front residences, a Portland city home and a country place 20 miles out, this Oregon wife welcomes the challenge confronting her as she accompanies her husband, the new Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) mission chief to the far-away land.

Active in social and civic affairs as the wife of the former state senator and democratic nominee for governor in 1950, and a member of the Girl Scout council, garden club and other Portland community organizations, she is well-equipped to do her share in helping her husband in his new post.

In Thailand Mr. Flegel will direct the activities of the ECA technical and economic mission in endeavoring to help Thai government strengthen its economy. Though the Flegels in their 28 years of married life have traveled to many parts of the world, they've never visited southeast Asia, but Mrs. Flegel has studied

for water use and irrigation has a higher rating than hydroelectricity. The poor fish get no priority but other legislation seeks to give them protection from dam-builders.

Faced with a decline in lumbering through cutting the virgin stands of timber Klamath people are interested in alternative development. They need power for industry, business and homes. They want to expand irrigation wherever that is feasible. The decision in the present case may rest on whether Copco's assurance is correct that it is merely using upstream the water which later it uses at other plants downstream, which it is now entitled to receive.

up on the geography, history, customs and climate of that area. "Everything I've learned and heard about the place is good, too," she told me. "The people are warm, friendly and charming, from what I can find out, and it is a beautiful country."

Outside of clothes and an assortment of other personal items, Mrs. Flegel is not carting a large stock of household items with her.

"I'll see what's in the house after we arrive—I understand one can buy almost anything one needs right in Bangkok," she said. "I just want to see if the country is green and what the gardens and flowers are like."

Mrs. Flegel says she expects to have many canned things—tomatoes, beans, peas, apples and other produce grown on their country place, "River's Edge," sent on later.

Mr. Flegel, a wealthy manufacturer, is owner of the Portland Dahlia Gardens and his Duroc swine have consistently won the Oregon grand championships.

Mrs. Flegel's wardrobe consists mostly of linens, washable silks and lots of evening clothes in her favorite shades of blue, lavender and peach.

## Final Rites Set Thursday for Callie Panther

Mrs. Callie Panther, 51, Salem resident since 1932, died Tuesday morning at a local hospital after long illness.

She was the wife of William M. Panther, 565 S. 22nd at. They came to Salem 19 years ago and had lived at the present address for eight years. She was born June 17, 1899, in Murphy, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the W. T. Rigdon chapel. The Rev. Thornton Jansma will officiate and interment will be at Belcrest Memorial park.

Survivors include the widower; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Johnson of Portland; a son, Allen W. Panther, Salem; three grandchildren; also several brothers and sisters who live in North Carolina.

## Capital Wins 1952 Lions Convention

BAKER, June 12—(AP)—The annual state convention of Lions clubs will be held in Salem next year.

GIRL'S INJURIES FATAL  
GRANTS PASS, June 12—(AP)—Darlene Winyard, 12, died in a hospital here today of injuries suffered on the Pacific highway near Rogue River yesterday. The automobile driver, R. L. Childs, Oakland, Calif., reported the girl ran into the side of his moving automobile.

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