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Dan Tobin and the Taft Carryall

Dan Tobin—Uncle Dan—of the Teamster's union is boss driver for the union which dominates the commercial hauling of the nation. While his occupation is that of driver, he appears to be putting his foot out for a ride on the political bus of Sen. Robert A. Taft. Tobin is editor of the organ of his union and in its last issue has an editorial predicting a race between Taft and Truman for the presidency in 1952 and the election of Taft "unless we can arouse the masses of the working people."

Then, apparently easing himself out of all-out hostility of Taft because of the Taft-Hartley act he reaches for the lower step on the Taft carry-all, in this comment:

"Taft is now the outstanding leader of the Republicans not only in the United States senate but throughout the nation. Outside of Taft's antagonism to labor he is an honorable man. If Senator Taft gives you his word or promise, and he is careful about giving his word or promise to labor, he will keep that word or that promise."

Toll Highways, or Free

The Oregonian revives the subject of toll roads and offers the opinion that motorists would gladly pay tolls for a new water-level road extended up the Columbia to The Dalles and a new bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver (the highway commissions of Oregon and Washington have released a report asserting the present bridge will be adequate until 1960). For that stretch of highway the Oregonian is probably correct, but citizens of this state have become pretty well habituated to riding state highways "for free." The five coast bridges were authorized by the legislature to be operated on a toll basis, but the requirement was cancelled before the bridges were completed. The state charges toll for the ferry at Astoria, but that is about the only fee exacted in the state for use of roads and bridges.

Since tolls are paid by the highway users one might think that the solution is simply to raise the charges the state imposes on all motorists to get funds needed. That theory is good, but will not meet the immediate problem of completing the prime arteries of travel. First, the cities and counties share in the increased take and spend the money on their own streets and roads. Then highway funds are not apportioned strictly on the basis of traffic count (indicating use). They are spread over the state both to satisfy various sections and also to provide a network of good

roads to serve the whole state, which is an easily defensible policy.

There are however a great many strong reasons against toll roads in spite of their current popularity in other parts of the country. For one thing the state sets out to develop virtually two road systems, for the toll road must have a parallel free road. A state like Oregon hasn't the resources or credit to build two systems. The Statesman remains of the opinion that Oregon should adhere to its general policy of a free road system, but the peculiar conditions on the Columbia river highway may justify an exception there.

Tax Crisis in Washington

Oregon's legislature got razed for staying in session a record-breaking 116 days. The Washington legislature overran its constitutional limit of 60 days (by the device of screening the clock face), but failed to do its chores in the regular session and was called back for an extra session. The job it did in the special session was so poor the high court has kicked its legislation out, so now Governor Langlie is calling the members back in a second extra session.

The Washington legislature faces a very serious problem. Warrants issued on the basis of collections anticipated from taxes authorized in the special session are made invalid by the supreme court's action, but will of course be validated by legislative action. The state auditor will issue no more warrants against that account. Moreover the determinations of the court make the task of the legislature in locating new sources of revenue difficult.

The court ruled the 1951 act unconstitutional because it embraced two subjects, authorizing expenditures and levying a new tax. But it also held the proposed 4 per cent corporation tax was unconstitutional because it was discriminatory and violated the requirement of uniformity in tax measures. This last provision of the Washington constitution has been a roadblock against a graduated income tax. The special session will therefore have a legal as well as a financial problem on its hands in trying to dig up more money by means within the conditions imposed by the constitution. The state's famed 40-mill limit for property taxes is another roadblock for the state as well as subordinate taxing units.

The people over in Washington were educated to generous spending, especially in the Mon Wallgren regime. Langlie has had a hard time to keep the state solvent and hasn't had much help from the legislature. With state government there facing a partial paralysis the legislature surely will try to do a real job when it convenes at Olympia.

A Baltimore boy is the champion catcher of lightning bugs (fireflies), with a catch of 32,583 to his credit. That's one sport (or work) western boys miss, for the bugs with the luminous rear are not native to this region.

Soviets Having Own 'Great Debate' Whether Satellite Attack on Tito Would Provoke War

By Marguerite Higgins
BERLIN — The Soviet high command in Europe is currently engaged in its own peculiar "great debate," the outcome of which can mean peace or war.



The top level debate is shielded from publicity by the customary paraphernalia of secrecy. But in July a number of spectacular defections from the Soviet camp partially split this shield and gave American intelligence an eye-opening glimpse of the central issue. It is whether or not a Balkan assault can be localized, that is, carried through without inciting the third world war.

And the alarming fact, as the defectors' testimony shows, is that the official Soviet line has, as of April, been based on the so-called "localization" theory. The danger of this line of reasoning are clear. For Moscow is far more likely to order a satellite attack on Yugoslavia if the Kremlin is confident that America will remain aloof or give only limited assistance. Localization of the war would mean that Russia could launch the assault with complacent knowledge that as in Korea the conflict would involve neither its own territory nor its own soldiers.

Evidence confirming current communist thinking has come from many reliable sources reaching West Berlin, the last free outpost behind the Soviet curtain. But the most detailed and authoritative picture of the communist line has been provided by a M. V. D. agent who until the first of this month ostensibly acted as dean of the Soviet-controlled Journalism school in Leipzig. His real function, however, was to spy for Moscow on the East zone Politbureau and on a number of top Russian officials.

ter his arrival in Soviet Germany in 1947, Dr. Schulz was for several years a protégé of Gen. G. Gomez. Zaiser, who, along with Walther Ulbricht, is the most trusted of the Soviet-trained "German" communists.

Dr. Schulz is in the West for a practical reason. He was afraid of Soviet arrest. "My bank account was suddenly closed. Mysteriously calls came through. I suddenly couldn't get a car," Schulz related. I had to move fast. And I had to take my chances. It was either a year or two in an American jail for being a big bad Red or a lifetime in Siberia. So here I am." (But too valuable at the moment to be in jail.)

According to the former M. V. D. agent, top communists from Berlin to Moscow are convinced that until December 1953 Yugoslavia could be attacked without fear of general war. The communists point out that America's own officials have repeatedly asserted that because of weakness in arms and weakness in allies the Americans want to avoid world war for at least two years. Official statements on the Korean war have announced to the world America's desire to avoid any direct challenge to the Soviet Union.

"If you were not ready for war over Korea why should you be ready for war over Yugoslavia?" Schulz asked.

Better English

- By D. C. Williams
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "From hence we shall go to Mexico where the climate is healthier."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "hauiboy"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Auxiliary, autonaton, autumnal, auricle.
 4. What does the word "monosyllabic" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with lav that means "incapable of being seen"?
- ANSWERS
1. Omit from, and say, "where the climate is more healthful."
 2. Pronounce he-hoy, first e as in beam, e as in tall, accent first syllable. 3. Auxiliary, 4. Pertaining to words of one syllable. "He was very reticent; even with intimates he was monosyllabic." 5. Invisible.

Other information reaching American intelligence this summer reveals intricate and detailed plans for camouflaging Russia's role in the event of a Yugoslav "incident." Phase one of the communist plans involve a softening-up process. Disturbances are to be created within Yugoslavia to the point where Bulgarians and Hungarians can announce that an uprising has occurred and that "volunteers" will be sent to help the troops fighting against the Tito heresy.

In preparation for this day an anti-Tito Yugoslav committee in exile has long been functioning within Russia. Dr. Schulz, who has met a number of these committee members, says they are tough and fanatical. This committee, according to reliable reports, is currently training a Yugoslav army in exile. Since there are not enough anti-Tito soldiers around to make a good showing, the so-called Yugoslav liberation army is being made up in part of other satellite volunteers.

"It won't really matter what nationality they are," said Schulz. "They will all be in Yugoslav uniform and the key people will speak the language."

So if the communist plan worked, Russia would remain thoroughly aloof from the satellite action. It would be portrayed as a civil war, an internal Balkan affair. And as Dr. Schulz asked, "Are you Americans really ready to drop bombs on Moscow and thus provoke world war simply because of a satellite attempt to overthrow Marshal Tito? The top Reds don't think you are. Only the most secure communists dare contradict the Soviet line. There are an important few who are fearful of American reaction. But so far they haven't made much impression in this debate."

Dr. Schulz has put a tough question. It is a dilemma we will have to resolve very soon. For just as our weakness in policy in South Korea prior to 1950 encouraged Red aggression, so will weakness in the Balkans invite new assaults.

Unless the American government is prepared to give unmistakable warning that Russia will be held responsible for satellite action against Yugoslavia and that in fact such action will mean world war, it seems certain that an assault is inevitable. It is only a question of timing.

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TUNING UP FOR '52 CLASSIC



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.)

Young Republican
Condemns McCarthy
To the Editor:

The Republican party can offer to the people of the United States the same sort of forward-looking, liberal, intelligent, efficient administration it has given Oregon for so many years.

The nation desperately needs an honest, courageous, statesman-like leadership to replace the corrupt, careless, and conscienceless crew that is letting our Ship of State drift idly, with no direction save that of the prevailing wind.

It seems important, though, that many Republican voices be raised just now to remind Oregonians that the junior senator from Wisconsin, who will be in Portland this weekend, does not represent the GOP. He represents neither the charitable humanity of Abraham Lincoln, the fearlessness of Teddy Roosevelt, nor the integrity of Herbert Hoover. He does not represent the high moral principles that have so long guided the party. He speaks only for himself.

Safely sheltered from lawsuit by the walls of the Senate chamber, he has slandered some of America's finest public servants. Over and over he has been challenged to repeat his accusations where he would have to accept responsibility for their utterance. So far he has shamelessly failed to meet the challenge.

He has succeeded in achieving notoriety for himself and has irreparably damaged the reputations of blameless American citizens. He has, single-handed, lowered (still further) the calibre of personnel who can be recruited for government service. Able, intellectually-honest citizens do not willingly get within range of the slander-shogun wielded by the trigger-happy Red-hunter from Wisconsin.

He has already violated the American tradition of fair play

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers
ANDRE GIDE, by Albert J. Guerdard (Harvard; \$4)

Gide discovered early in life, thanks in part to an evidently precocious sensuality, that he had a bent for the sort of abnormal sexual experience which in lesser men has often proved a tragedy but which in his case helped prepare him to assume a principal role in the intellectual life of our times.

He had a Protestant conscience, which led him to confess, and a pagan bloodstream, which provided plentifully the material for confession. This conflict within him, this being of two minds, or being of one mind and one recalcitrant body, would be repeated later in more public situations: in his acceptance of Communism and his dramatic rejection of it, his hesitant support of Dreyfus, his wavering attitude toward Catholicism, his uncertainty about Pétain, in short, in his belief in individual freedom coupled warringly with his occasional deep need for the repose and solace that accompany submission to authority.

Guerdard symbolizes these two sides to the complex character in Biskra, in exotic Africa where he first traveled, and in Cerverville, where he lived in Normandy with his wife. And noting that, more than with the average author, Gide's biography is Gide's writing, he matches the contradictory personage to the novels and their contradictory heroes, like Michel and Lafcadio. Gide commanded at best an "intermittent and slight" creative gift, Guerdard says, and I think says rightly. But he seems to have been a fascinating per-

son and he is credited above all with representing the contraries and perplexities of 20th Century man, and with exerting a preponderant influence, particularly as craftsman, on contemporary French culture from Dada to Camus. Guerdard makes out an especially interesting case for the extreme importance of the not wholly successful "The Counterfeiters."

Gide's talents, and the nature of his influence, Guerdard emphasizes, are peculiar to France, but less popular here. He adds that we could do with a Gide and his "tolerance, reasonable sympathy, suspended judgment, moral independence."

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of the Chinese nationalists with a footnote reference to deep freezes, mink coats and the RFC. It asserts that Chiang might have fended off the Chinese Reds if he had received effective U.S. military aid.

On the 38th parallel it takes a stand—against it. A Korean truce that restored that dividing line would mean a victory for red China's aggression. It would mean that the U.N. objective of a unified and liberated Korea would not be achieved—though the senators refrain from urging continuing the fighting to gain that objective.

This is the package that eight republican senators offer the country, the committee as a whole having declined to prepare any report. Senators Lodge and Saltonstall of Massachusetts wrote a separate letter in which they concurred in a few of the charges, but Senator Morse is vigorous in his condemnation of the eight-man output, of which Sen. Harry Cain of Washington was a principal author.

The weakness of the round robin is that it is too largely a political document based on allegations rather than proof, on assumptions rather than demonstrable fact. It fails in another particular in setting forth no positive alternate that would have averted the Chinese debacle, and shows scant comprehension of the greatly involved matter of the revolution among the Asian peoples. To the back-facing eight the revolution seems not to exist.

To get back to my original thesis that a nation's foreign policy mirrors its domestic politics. There is no doubt that the impact of this anti-administration drive has forced the state department to retreat from previously prepared positions. This is true as respects Chiang, Formosa, Franco, admission of red China to United Nations. Circumstances have changed to give some basis for the retreat, but the concessions appear to have been due in large degree to appeasement of home critics.

Anyway the 1952 battleline is drawn. I see little chance for the GOP convention to retreat from the position taken by the senate eight. Senator Morse will be just a voice in the wilderness at Chicago. The effect of this instrument is to force Eisenhower to the outside of the track. It is not

Chinese Reds Building Subs

HONOLULU, Aug. 21—(AP)—Rear Adm. George R. Henderson said today Red China is building submarines under the direction of "somebody who knows how."

The admiral, commander of U.S. Carrier Division Five off the coast of Korea, arrived at Pearl Harbor aboard the carrier Princeton. The Princeton is en route to the California coast after seven months in action.

Henderson told a news conference that American intelligence reports showed the Chinese Reds were building subs.

Attack Submarine 'Trout' Launched

GROTON, Conn., Aug. 21—(AP)—The attack submarine "Trout" was launched from the ways at the Electric Boat Co. today.

Mrs. Mary Crane Clark of Monterey, Calif., whose husband, Lt. Cmdr. Albert H. Clark, was commanding officer of the vessel's predecessor when it sank off the China coast during World War II, smashed the traditional bottle of champagne over the 1,600-ton "Trout's" bow on her second try.

conceivable that he would run on a platform with this as its substance; and it will take a major revolution to draft a platform purged of this material.

Senator Morse, who beat the gun with his rebuttal of his colleagues' report said, "I am satisfied that time of political strategy even as a bit of political strategy they are making a great mistake." The senator may be right. In the 1952 campaign the republican party may be behind this Eight-Ball.

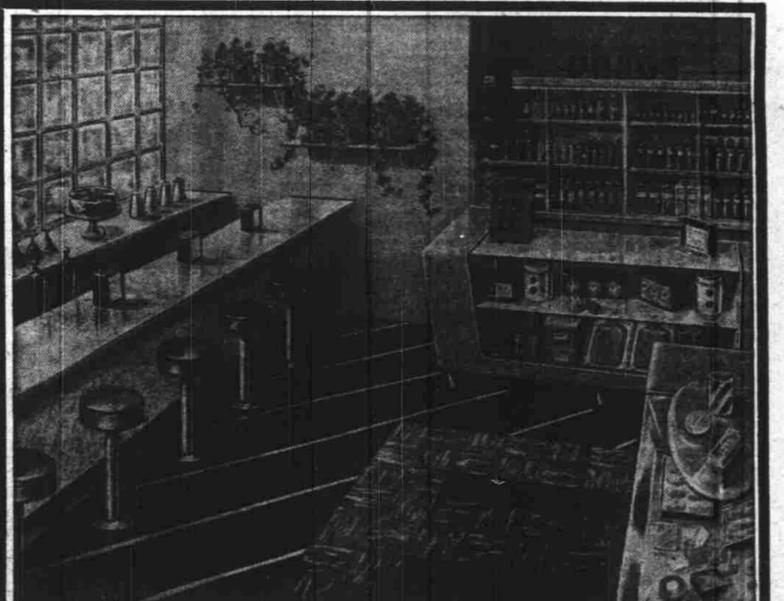
Quote for the Day

The we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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