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The Curse of the Albatross

Should the society page of some Seattle newspaper contain an item about a bridegroom who kept the wedding party waiting at the church because he was accosted on the street by a University of Washington faculty member who, with glittering eye, told a wild yarn about adventure on the high seas, we wouldn't be a bit surprised.

The storyteller would be no ancient mariner, however. He'd be the young research assistant who recently shot (and not with cross-bow, either) a white albatross off Cape Flattery. The unfortunate scientist was aboard a U. S. Fish and Wildlife service exploratory vessel and the downed the great sea bird as a specimen for the university museum.

The ship's seven crewmen, no doubt steeped, as they say, in the tradition of the sea, warned him not to injure the albatross. It means bad luck, they said. But scientists take little stock in sailors' superstitions, we guess. Or maybe this one didn't remember the fate of the ship in Coleridge's poem — how the mariner had to walk the deck with the dead albatross hanging from his neck, how the vessel was becalmed and there was water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink, and how the men saw mirages rising out of the phosphorescent sea. Anyway, after seven shots the Husky researcher had his bird.

And felt the effects of the ancient curse: The ship's net cables fouled up three times. The net caught on the bottom and was ripped to shreds. The shaft of the main winch snapped. It took the crew 5 1/2 hours to reel in the 1700 feet of cable. Another scientific assistant aboard the ship fell down a hatch ladder and broke a rib. The man who shot the albatross became violently seasick for the first time in his life, although the sea was calm. And when the ship got back to Seattle, the cook quit.

Peace in Any Case
News of the "biggest" armored assault of the Korean war unleashed by the allies and of a full company of marines deposited on a disputed mountain via helicopter brings to mind a prediction in The Statesman several days ago that communist acceptance of UN truce terms would have to be forced by arms.

General Van Fleet, Eighth army commander, said the same thing in a recent dispatch. "My hope for peace is with United Nations military might," he told a New York Times reporter, "and right now the enemy is hurt badly. We will hurt him much more before the winter is over and then he will want peace." Whatever happens, there will be peace in Korea by the end of the winter, Van Fleet believes.

The UN counteroffensive last April led to communist willingness to start truce talks. If the about-to-be resumed talks fail, the communists' next beating will force them to submit to peace terms. That is General Van Fleet's conviction, and judging from the latest reports he is not going to let the Reds make a liar out of him.

Cleaning Our Own House
There isn't much use spending money to carry the "Voice of America" behind the iron curtain so long as so-called Americans undercut our own factual propaganda by viciousness which plays right into communist hands.

A few weeks ago it was a crowd in Cicero, Ill., which mobbed the home of a negro and broke up every stick of furniture in the place. Saturday, other warped minds contrived to dynamite a negro-occupied apartment house in Miami, causing \$200,000 in damage. Beautiful examples of American democracy, these!

The incidents will be magnified a hundred times over in the communist press is certain. The "Voice" can't deny their basic truth. That's what makes it difficult to effectively

Peasant Status of Middle Europe Vanishing Under New Commie Industrial Revolution
By William L. Ryan
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(P)—Soviet Russia's planning now makes allowances for the possibility that Moscow will launch an offensive war someday, and with this in view, captive middle Europe is being converted into a vast industrial network to supply Soviet arms, says a man who ought to know.

Jan Wazelski, former economic adviser of the Polish foreign office and minister-counsellor of the Polish embassy at Washington in 1945, writes in the current issue of the quarterly, Foreign Affairs, that peasant Europe as it was once known is disappearing before a gigantic industrial revolution which is developing under Moscow's direction. He gives this sizeup:

Since 1948 the countries of middle Europe held captive by Soviet Russia have been welded into a closely knit Soviet dependency whose 30,000,000 population produces as much basic industrial goods per capita as the 200,000,000 inhabitants of the Soviet Union.

Current long-range plans are to raise the output of east Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary until the area produces 132,000,000 tons of hard coal, 290,000,000 tons of lignite, almost 15,000,000 tons of oil, and many times the present output of synthetic fuels and natural gas.

In its best year before Soviet occupation, the satellite area produced about 7,900,000 tons of crude steel. By 1950, how-

ridicule the silly, tragic use of the photo of Thomas Dewey and the Grants Pass Cavemen which the Soviets portrayed as an example of American barbaric traits.

The implications are very apparent to Americans able to see further than their own petty grievances. To others, the preaching of tolerance falls on deaf ears. But we can tell the rest of the world we're trying to clean up our own house, at least. It needs it and it's a long process. But we'll get it done. And we're free to do it.

No Genius, Alas
The Eugene Register-Guard is even less optimistic about republican chances in 1952 than The Statesman.

"It looks like Taft is the republican candidate at this writing . . . but except for his success in the Ohio campaign, he is just about as appealing as last week's clam chowder," the Guard says, concluding that the country is not ready yet to switch horses.

"There is a widespread desire to 'turn the rascals out,' but it has not reached the point of change for the sake of change. The republicans could probably win if they could find a candidate whose name stood for forceful and efficient administration and for an enlightened and hopeful foreign policy. There is no such genius on the horizon."

And there's no such genius in the democratic stable, either. That's the saddest aspect of the coming election. If there were such a genius, a lot of voters wouldn't care what party put him up.

Goodbye, Summer
Summer left the valley quietly Sunday. Not that it had to sneak out like that—just fading away into the smoke and haze of a murky day. After all, in a way summer was most gracious to us. It never interrupted a picnic, piled up a fuel bill, spoiled a new hat or taxed the sewers. It was mild, to say the least, and it didn't even set any heat records. But it left considerable to be wished in the shape of moisture. Perhaps it handed its rain bags over to fall. If so, now's the time to empty them, at least a little bit. But let's not overdo this thing. It is irksome to have to petition the weatherman first for rain and then for no rain. The valley will take it in stride, however. To summer, we can surely say thanks for some swell days.

Silence behind the Iron Curtain is declared to have raised doubts as to whether Russia actually has the A-bomb. Just so that silence continues, both behind and in front of!

They've chosen a "Miss Shipshape" to reign over power boat races in Miami. Now we know what "built like a battleship" means.

Editorial Comment
OUR GROWTH SINCE 1929
Tracing the expansion of the economy of the United States since 1929, the Department of Commerce describes it as "tremendous." That is not an exact description, even allowing something for our irrefragable national pride. The department would have been better advised if it had said "good" instead of "tremendous."

Reducing the nation's production of goods and services in 1950 to its equivalent in the dollars of 1929, the department finds an increase of 90% in the 21 years. That is an average annual increase of slightly less than 3% for the period, which included a great depression and the extraordinary effort of a world war.

Taking into account the increase in the country's population between the two years, the department finds an increase of 44% in per capita value of goods and services, again measuring in 1929 dollars. The average annual rate of increase here is hardly 2%, still a good gain over a run of years but not to be called "tremendous."

We are a wonderful people, of course, but we need not fancy ourselves to be supermen.

Better English
By D. C. Williams
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Had we have gone, it would not have happened."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "nastatorium"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Exhonerate, exhilarate, exhalation, exhortation.
4. What does the word "verifiable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning like that means "hopelessly entangled"?
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SHEDS TO ME

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added to midwest agriculture since I left the country in 1910—soybeans. They now are a big and profitable crop. Since the oil is used in margarine manufacture, soybean growers have been reconciled along with cotton growers to removal of restrictions on margarine manufacture. Big crops of corn maturing across the Mississippi valley, East of Chicago, heavy industry takes over. Steel mills around Gary and across Ohio and Pennsylvania steel and iron fabricating plants. All seemed busy, many working night shifts, though at 90 mph one can't get a very accurate picture of the railroads scene.

Off at Philadelphia for a board (church) meeting of a day. Weather still sunny, a bit on the sultry side. New York the same, but with a little more breeze. Bright sunshine, streets crowded, shops apparently busy.

Guest of Arthur Molley at lunch at the Canadian club (he gave the address at The Statesman advertising luncheon in Salem last February). Another guest was an English businessman. Asked about the prospect for the coming British election, he said he thought the result would be close. He reminded us (who did not need the reminder) that those who have shared generously in welfare services of government have the most votes. In other words, the British may not be ready to shoot Santa Claus. Our English friend was not severe in criticism of the labor government. He did observe, however, that it undertook its welfare and nationalization program at the wrong time when the country faced critical economic problems as a consequence of two wars.

A call from the Yugoslav information office with an invitation to attend a peace congress at Zagreb next month, which I declined. This one carries no Soviet taint (like the Stockholm petition and Warsaw peace congress). Yugoslavia is in a tight spot, right against the Soviet satellites. Its people are not fearful of immediate war but they are desirous of relaxing of international tensions. All peoples will join in that hope. The Zagreb congress may help to counter the red propaganda that peoples outside the iron curtain countries are all wrongdoers. That might prove helpful.

Quote for the Day
Much unhappiness comes from two serious human faults—uncontrolled temper and improper desires.
—Anonymous

Wallace Denies Urging Chiang, Red Coalition
By D. Harold Oliver
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(P)—President Truman today made public a letter from Henry A. Wallace denying the former vice president recommended a "political coalition" between the Chinese communists and nationalists in 1944.

Wallace also denied that John Carter Vincent and Owen Lattimore, who accompanied him on his China mission for the late President Roosevelt influenced him in writing his recommendations on how best to ally China against the Japanese who were threatening the whole of east China at the time.

Wallace wrote Mr. Truman a lengthy letter from his farm at South Salem, N. Y., to "clear up any confusion" as to what he was trying to do in China and to dispute testimony before the senate internal security committee that Vincent and Lattimore "were relied on by the party leadership to 'guide' me along the (communist) party line."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Sorry, I'm in no condition to prescribe for the world's ills... I just got here..."

Rent Gouging Near Military Bases Hit In Senators' Report

By Gordon Brown

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(P)—Rent gouging and substandard housing are so widespread around military camps that corrective action must be taken, a senate subcommittee reported today.

But, it added in a report, the solution must come from the communities.

The report was from the armed services preparedness subcommittee headed by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas) which sent investigators to 16 army, navy, air force and marine training camps.

The subcommittee reported conditions found at the camps were similar to those uncovered by the group in an earlier investigation of three installations—Camp Breckinridge, Ky., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Rucker, Ala.

Johnson said the first investigation revealed such shocking conditions that a second, more thorough inquiry was made to determine the extent of "this shameful profiteering from American servicemen."

"There can now be no doubt that it is widespread—so widespread that corrective action must be taken," he said.

"As we state in this report, the ultimate solution must come from the communities themselves. But we must give those communities every legitimate aid within our power."

Johnson said his group will have an open hearing within a few days to give the armed services an opportunity to present recommendations.

The National Association of Home Builders, in a statement on the committee report, called the housing situation around military installations, "a national disgrace."

It said its 25,000 members are "ready, willing and able to build the necessary housing as soon as the congress gives the federal housing administration the go-ahead sign for defense housing."

The subcommittee said that one of the "worst situations" its investigators found was at the marine training base at Camp Lejeune, N. C. There, investigators said, some marines were even taking advantage of the housing

vision and is now American representative at Tangier. Lattimore is a former occasional consultant of the department and is now a professor at Johns Hopkins university. Both have figured in charges by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) of communism in government. Both have denied any communist leanings.

Wallace, in his first published letter to Mr. Truman since the latter ousted him from the cabinet in September, 1945, when Wallace challenged the administration's attitude toward Russia, said he urged Mr. Roosevelt to help Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government "to help itself by bringing back into power the better men in the Chinese Nationalist ranks."

No Coalition
His July 16, 1944 report did "not recommend any political coalition between the government of Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese communists," Wallace said. But in his report now made public for the first time, Wallace said: "Chiang, at best, is a short-term investment. It is not believed that he has the intelligence or political strength to run post-war China. The leaders of post-war China will be brought forward by evolution or revolution, and it now seems more likely the latter."
At the time, however, Wallace reported "there seems to be no alternative to support of Chiang."

19 First Place Prizes Given at Fair's Parade

WOODBURN, Sept. 23.—Nineteen first place winners were judged in the Kiddies parade at the North Marion county fair, according to complete judging lists released today.

The parade took place Saturday, the final day of the colorful fair. Lists on judging of exhibits also were completed today.

Winners in the various divisions in the parade include Carolyn Jenness and Wesley Smith, decorated bicycles; Tony and Christine Painter and Ronnie Aire, decorated tricycles and scooters; Karen Buchanan and Bobby McMillan, decorated wagons; Glen Livesay, Paul Wadsworth, Maxine Anderson, Laddie Zastoupil, costumes; Truman Baird and Barbara Lee, Kinnis, miscellaneous; Lynne Higginbotham, horses and riders; Valley Tractor Co. farm floats; St. Paul high school, Hudson's, Killian W. Smith and Woodburn Millie store, floats.

Complete list of exhibit winners included: Junior vegetable gardening—Cabbage and lettuce, both Joan Peller; pumpkins, Bill Lewery; Hubbard squash, Charles Venderhor, banana squash, Barbara Van Lee; scallop squash, Larry Arndt; Crockneck squash, Richard Cruse; cucumbers, Phyllis Lou McLaughlin; carrots, beets and dry onions, Joan Peller.

Junior food preservation—Joanna Beardley, Carol Satter and Joyce Mount.

Food preservation—Four jars fruit, Mrs. Donald Hood; nine cherries, Mrs. Pearl Odehick; Royal Anne cherries, Mayne Seely; apricots, Joyce Mount; peaches, Fred J. Mitchell; peaches, Joyce Mount; rhubarb, Fred Mitchell; jam, Mrs. L. K. Hildebrandt; marmalade, Leona Paradise; jelly, Mrs. Kenneth Jones; Marmalade cherries, Catherine Hooper; cocktail fruit, beets and beans, all Mrs. M. E. Hammond; mince meat, Rita Becker; mixed vegetables, corn and tomatoes, all Mrs. Donald Hood; four jars vegetables, Mrs. M. E. Hammond; meat relish, Rita Becker; caloups, Lois Wengert; sweet and sour pickles, both Irene Nelson; Gill pickles and pickled onions, Lois Wengert; mixed pickles, Fred J. Mitchell; Italian prunes, Leona Paradise; and sea food, Mrs. Charles Tyler.

Junior textile division—Joanna Beardley, Harriett Ann Van Arsdale, Joyce Mount, Joanne Fabry; woodcarving, Glen McLaughlin; metal craft,

shortage to gouge their fellow marines on rents.

Making Efforts
On the other hand, said the report, citizens of some communities, notably Lake Charles, La., and Columbia, S. C., "are making earnest efforts to solve the problem."

In blunt language, the report said that in its investigation: "We have found posts in which soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen are being ground mercilessly by unscrupulous landlords. We have found one instance in which the landlords are servicemen themselves—a few marines who do not hesitate to line their pockets with money extorted from their fellow marines."

"We have found posts where men have gone 75, 80 and even 90 miles in a desperate search for housing. . . ."

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