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Cracking of Steel Ships

The States steamship Pennsylvania is sunk or a derelict some 500 miles off the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Storm-battered the vessel developed a crack across its steel plates which let in so much water the crew was forced to abandon ship. The Flying Enterprise which has held the attention of the whole world as its captain fought valiantly but unsuccessfully to save his vessel, foundered when its plates cracked.

The Pennsylvania was built in wartime at the Oregon Shipbuilding plant in Portland. Others from that yard have cracked; and so many others from other yards. Usually it is the steel that splits rather than the weld. Whether this implies defects in the steel or use of too light plate is a question for the experts. But the crack-ups are so numerous that shipbuilders should give attention to methods of making steel ships more seaworthy. Wooden ships would ride out the gales without splitting across the beam.

When Editors Disagree

The reply of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier printed on this page to comments of this editor over a lack of GOP leaders skilled in meeting the issue of resolving the cold war is what the logician would describe as "confession and avoidance." First the E-C notes that as a party of opposition for 18 years Republicans could merely conform to or resist the administration policy; and then it excuses its favorite candidate, Taft, because he has had no chances to shape policy; and concludes by inquiring "What proof is there that had Taft had his way it would not have been better?"

As for opportunity there was Arthur Vandenberg who though a Republican, distinguished himself as a leader in the field of foreign policy. John Foster Dulles, we agree on, is a recognized leader in this field. You stop there when you call the roll of really eminent Republicans who have shown qualities of leadership in the field of policy-making. Eisenhower's experience has been primarily military. Senators Lodge and Morse have worked to continue the Vandenberg policy but lack the recognition to give them rating.

As for Mr. Taft his great strength lies in his understanding of the domestic situation and of the problems of government. These are great qualifications, which we have not minimized. He has not been clear-sighted on foreign affairs, and even his recent book on the subject shows considerable fumbling.

But one cannot safely predict from his previous record just how a person will perform as President. Look at FDR and compare his 1932 speeches with his 1933-37 performance. Taft—or Eisenhower—might surprise us.

In Fish Business

Transamerica Corporation which began as a bank holding company and branched into real estate, insurance, etc. is now in the fish business as owner of the big Columbia River Packers' Association. It was in previously, along with Nick Bez of Seattle. The latter has sold his stock to Transamerica and retired from the company.

Under fire from the Federal Reserve Board for monopoly in banking Transamerica has been divesting itself of its shares in the Bank of America and now is definitely a minority stock-

holder in that institution, the biggest bank in the United States. It still controls banks in Oregon and Washington; but its range is wide, embracing besides this fish business, retail stores and manufacturing. The case brought against it by the Reserve Board, seeking to force it to divest itself of bank holdings, has not been decided.

The Military-Civilian Mind

George Turnbull who is doing the edits for the Albany Democrat-Herald, turned a good phrase the other day when he referred to General Eisenhower "with the best civilian mind in the Army." The Ike-for-President committee should pick that up for a slogan.

Raymond C. Coulter, Grants Pass attorney, says he will not seek reelection to the legislative assembly where he has served ably for two terms. It's not for us to tell Josephine County voters what to do, but they will find excellent material in Ralph T. Moore, former House member from Coos County, now a resident of Josephine.

When a trickle starts, a landslide is on the way—watch those filings for political offices in the next few weeks.

Editorial Comment

WE DISAGREE

In what has become, to our aggravation, a weird Republican patriotism, the Oregon Statesman at Salem says in discussing the Republican party's rallying of its forces in Marion county: "To meet this issue (resolving the cold war) the Republican party is singularly barren of leaders."

It is a careless, unconvincing statement that ignores the fact that Republican leaders for 18 years have had no opportunity to do anything but conform to or resist the Truman or Roosevelt policies of failure. Is the only true gauge the Democratic policy of tragic cost in human life, fantastic costs in money and ignominy for the United States? The opposition of Republican leaders—half a dozen of them—have checked the Democratic administration from extending some of its terrible errors. How can anyone then say didactically that Taft is wrong or "boxed in" because he has had to fight a rear-guard action, with no chances as yet to shape a policy? The trouble is the Roosevelt-Truman razzle-dazzle in foreign policy and censorship have mesmerized too many Republicans with the status quo magic. What proof is there that had Taft had his way it would not have been better? We have no objection to the Statesman's proposal of John Foster Dulles, who, it complains, "has not been mentioned for president." But, after all, he is a Republican. And, no Bourbon mentions Acheson for president, either. Abraham Lincoln had a policy in the Civil War, but he had to fortify his philosophy with action after he was elected and suffer before he was elected, one side of a yes-but criticism not unlike that to which Taft is being subjected by too many Republicans who can't say just where Taft is wrong. There'll be leaders all right if a genuine Republican, who hasn't forgotten that the basic tenet of the Republican party is the preservation of the Union, is nominated and elected.

The Statesman's editor wrote before General Eisenhower became "available," but it was no secret he was a possibility. Then, there's the Statesman's Senator Morse who might hold a bearing and demand that a leader come forward so he could be against him if he was anyone but Eisenhower. The situation just won't balance off the statement that the Republican party is "singularly barren" of leaders, but it is certainly comforting to mink out procurers and tax-fixers among the foreign policy paragons in the federal limousine.

—(Oregon City Enterprise)

Truman, Churchill Agree War Not Inevitable But World Still in Deep Shadow of Conflict

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

President Truman and Winston Churchill said in their post-conference communique that Anglo-American policy is based on the premise that a world war is not inevitable.

But President Truman told Congress in his State of the Nation message that "the world still walks in the shadow of another World War," Anglo-American policy is based on that, too.

And the latter is far more demonstrable than the former.

If the first were not believed, there would be no excuse for the butter part of the "guns and butter" program. I'm still confused over the defense Mobilization Board's determination to continue the "guns and butter" program in the face of the Defense Production Administration's plans for the big cut in household goods.

If the second were not believed, the nations of good will could concentrate on the really fundamental business of improving the lot of man to the point where communism would have no appeal, and could no longer be used as a war weapon by the Russian expansionists.

Mr. Churchill has expressed belief that war can be avoided. That, of course, is the whole meaning of the rearmament program.

But Mr. Truman's stress on immediate threats was not overdone. Observers seem to be pretty generally agreed that a climate in tension will be reached in the next year or so. Nobody knows what the Kremlin will do as its propaganda efforts fail to halt the Allied defense program. It may lash out in a defensive reaction, or in a desperate attempt to force its program on the world before the last chance of success had faded.

Nobody knows how Allied peoples, strained more and more by their defense outlays, may succumb to sudden impulse, under some Soviet provocation, to end all the trouble even at the expense of war. Challenges which might not be accepted in a period of weakness such as the West has just been through could produce an entirely different reaction when the strength for retaliation is at hand.

Allied diplomatic planners have not yet decided what they

will do with their new strength. They are not yet planning to draw any lines and say to Russia, "cross that and we fight." They are lying back and waiting. Some of them are confident that the mere existence of the expected new strength will itself produce a drastic change in Russian actions.

It is hard to see how any peace can come while totalitarianism and imperialism exist in any major country. But there doesn't seem to be much alternative to the present program.

Congressional Quiz

Q—On just how many national issues do political opposites President Truman and Sen. Robert A. Taft (R Ohio) disagree?

A—A Congressional Quarterly survey of their stands and Senate voting records showed they tangled on about two of every three important legislative issues during the past 12 years. Of 67 key issues that came to record votes in the Senate from 1939 through 1951, Truman and Taft were in disagreement on 44. Twenty-two times they agreed; and once the position of then Sen. Truman was not recorded.

Q—Is Mr. Republican more "Republican" than President Truman is Democratic?

A—In the 12 years, Taft apparently spoke for the Republicans in the Senate more often than did Truman for the Democrats. Taft either shared or shaped the position of the Senate GOP majority on 58 of the 67 issues. Truman was with most of the Democrats on 53 of the key Senate issues.

Q—On how many issues were Truman and Taft especially in opposition?

A—They were most at odds on such controversial topics as foreign policy (opposed on 16 of 14 key votes); economic controls (divided on 6 of 6 ballots); labor (4 of 6); defense (4 of 6)

and farm bills (4 of 6).

Q—What did they agree on?

A—CQ found occasional instances of harmony between these two veteran campaigners. Truman and Taft were in disagreement only once in six housing and education issues, twice in six civil rights votes, and half and half on six key tax roll calls.

Q—Did Congress provide for payment to families of servicemen killed in action?

A—Congress in 1951 granted the Veterans Administration \$5 million to pay death benefits to families of servicemen killed during the Korean war. The payments of \$10,000 each, are in lieu of voluntary \$10,000 insurance policies previously offered servicemen.

Q—How many sons of President Taft are in Congress?

A—Two—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R Ohio), son of William Howard Taft, the 27th President (1909-13) and Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., whose father was President from 1933 until his death in 1945. Descendant of two former Presidents is Rep. William Henry Harrison (R Wyo.), whose grandfather, Benjamin, was 23rd President (1809-49) and whose great-grandfather, Gen. William Henry Harrison, was 9th President. Gen. Harrison died during his first year in office (1841).

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The Safety Valve

Urges Use of Bequest
On Pioneer Cemetery
To the Editor:

The question of the disposal to be made of the Carroll Moores estate is before the City Council and their recommendation will probably be made at the next meeting.

The proposal given first place, the erection of memorial statuary, has apparently met with so much popular opposition that it has been dropped from consideration.

The second, a memorial room to be added to the Public Library, will probably be recommended by the Council.

So much opposition is being voiced to this also that the Salem Pioneer Cemetery Association feels justified in urging the consideration of their proposal for the use of the fund for the benefit of the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

The proposal provided for the erection of either a monument or an entrance arch as a memorial to the pioneers with the greater part of the fund used to establish an endowment fund, the income from which would be used for maintenance of the cemetery.

This cemetery, established more than a century ago is the resting place of nearly all of the pioneers of this area, together with their descendants of several generations, with frequent burials still being made.

As a result of a sort of ritual policy, which made no provision for perpetual care, the cemetery has in recent years fallen into a state of deplorable neglect, a disgrace to the community and a dishonor to those buried there. We feel that no memorial to the pioneers could be more fitting than adequate care of their final resting place and that the use of Mr. Moores estate here would fulfill his desire to perpetuate their memory since the use of the income would aid in that purpose for all the years to come.

We realize that this income would be but a small part of that required but we feel that it would be a secure and permanent foundation on which to add other bequests and gifts together with assistance from the city and county, both of whom are indebted to the founding fathers for our beautiful civic center, the site of the Court House, Post Office, Wilson Park, and much of the Capital Grounds.

That our proposal is much popular favor is made evident by the large number of letters and phone calls which we receive and many offers of bequests which await only a definite authority and maintenance plan.

Salem Pioneer Cemetery Assn.
Lewis Judson, Pres.
Roy V. Ohmart, Secy.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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invite strong objection from the United States which has cut off all trade with the continent because of Chinese aggression in the Korean war. Japan knows this; and knows too that the U. S. Senate has yet to act on the Japanese treaty.

The situation is further complicated by the interest taken by the British who want to retain at least Southeast Asia as a big export market and so, according to Marquis Childs, Washington columnist, have been trying to divert the Japanese to cultivate the China trade.

The situation shows how damaging this whole war business is, for Red China needs manufactured goods from outside; and Japan needs the big market that might be opened up on the continent. Had Red China been less churlish and stayed out of the Korean war its standing among the nations would have been much better. Now it has to prove itself by military might or by improved conduct if it expects consideration.

A settlement of the war in Korea on decent terms ought to serve as a prelude for subsequent settlements of disputed questions in the Far East, so that prewar interchange of goods and ideas and persons might be possible. Until a better understanding prevails Japan will continue to be under pressure from outside nations over the China trade and under pressure from within to maintain the lives of its fast growing population.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS
THE GIANT, by Feike Feikema (Doubleday, \$3.95).

You will remember Thurs Wrakson, one of the large and ambitious creations of contemporary letters. In Feikema's grandly conceived trilogy, "World's Wanderer," Thurs the unforgotten giant was a boy in Michigan, a student, a visitor in the East, and now, he is back in the country he knows and loves, the country in which he belongs, in the Twin Cities. The first volume was "The Primitive," then "The Brother," and finally the formed, rounded "Giant."

In this concluding volume, Thurs starts his again, stumbling ridge with Slim the trucker, with the fat man into Pittsburgh, with Dr. Genshiziger to Zion (where Hero is married and mother of two children), and at last with Bruce Farwell, physicist, to his destination. Wed to Mary and a lot of money, Thurs still is trying to make an independent

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"We have on hand nearly 2000 letterheads bearing the names of last year's officers... I recommend they all be re-elected..."

Hollywood on Parade

By GENE HANDSAKER

HOLLYWOOD — A couple of big scenes, unrealistically handled, weaken producer Sam Goldwyn's big entry for the year, "I Want You."

This sentimental-filled offering is a sort of "Best Years of Our Lives" in reverse. Goldwyn's "Best Years" you remember, won the 1946 Oscar bringing Frederic March, Dana Andrews, and handless Harold Russell home from the war.

"I Want You" sends ex-GI Andrews and drafted Farley Granger into the Army and the present state of world conflict. It does so with considerable heart-wrenching but less dramatic sock than the earlier film mustered.

Andrews is now a building contractor happily married to Dorothy McGuire, with two children. His old commanding officer, Jim Buth, persuades him that he belongs in the Army. Granger is Dana's carefree kid brother. Bitterly, he figures he's drafted because the draft-board chairman, Ray Collins, disapproves of his love for Collins' daughter, Peggy Dow.

The film is built emotionally around the heartaches and family disruptions. One false note is

where Miss McGuire bawls out Granger for his bitterness. It's no way for a sister-in-law as sweet as she has been depicted, to behave.

Rather pointless is another scene where Mildred Dennock denounces Robert Keith as a phony hero in World War I. These two play the parents of Granger and Andrews.

"I'll Never Forget You" re-minds us that fantasy is awfully hard to make fascinating. This one, a re-make of 1933's "Berkeley Square," which starred Leslie Howard and Heather Angel, doesn't succeed.

An American atomic scientist (Tyrone Power), living alone in the old family mansion in London, is stunned one day by lightning. Overwork has had him perilously close to mental derailment, and now he thinks he's living in 1784. In a sudden switch to Technicolor and old-time London, he falls in love with Ann Blyth, mingles with high society, tries to introduce 20th century inventions, and is considered ripe for the looney-bin. All this monkeying with Father Time is neither convincing nor very entertaining.

"Earthquake Lake" is a color-film look at snakes, butterflies, frogs, egrets, and other wildlife in Northwestern Tennessee. A slender incidental plot is less interesting than the animals. An arresting sequence shows a horn-tailed snake devouring a salamander.

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Your Health

IF an infant vomits persistently, the mother should lose no time in having a physician look for the cause. Vomiting may be a symptom of a disorder that requires surgery.

Of the many conditions that can cause a child to vomit, some, like an improper formula, can be corrected easily. Others, such as severe infections or bowel obstruction, are more serious.

Vomiting often is due to a con-

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am equally as pleased as you that he was able to show up."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "bade"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Scandal, scallop, scavenger, Scandinavian.

4. What does the word "erudition" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "to invoke a curse upon some one"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "I am equally (omit first as) pleased as you that he was able to come (or appear)."
2. Pronounce as though spelled bad, and not as bald. 3. Scallop. 4. The result of thorough instruction. "He was a man of profound erudition." 5. Imprecate.

living with an information poll, and he adds Thurs to his staff of one, Ring Star. But it is rather the play than the work of this trio that interests us: Thurs with his wife, Ring with one woman after another, and Thurs who sees a bigger and better Hero in a young woman, Eva, who works at the library, whom he courts, who is the mother of his children, who leaves him free to compose his music.

This is the best of the three books. There's an eagerness about Thurs, an impatience, drive and youthfulness. You are convinced, too, that he is tall, like Feikema himself, and truly a "giant." And in the writing you find an energy, a sort of high horse-power rating wholly beside the matter of such words... which I mistrust a little... as flounder, hink, gruch, sloch, fleb. Even so, this is Feikema below par. With this seventh autobiography, "I work out of the way, he call again, I am sure, on the

Young Singer Pleases Send-off Audience With Voice and Charm

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

It was Sharon Currier night Thursday for Salem Lions Club members and several hundred other citizens they attracted to give Sharon a rousing sendoff in her musical career.

The 22-year-old Salem soprano warmed the hearts and pleased the ears of an enthusiastic audience of 800 well wishers last night in her recital at Salem High School auditorium. The Lions sponsored the concert.

At ease with her audience in an ambitious program, Sharon ranged from the somber gypsy song of Menotti's modern opera "The Medium" to such thrilling old favorites as "Ave Maria," "My Hero" and "I Wonder As I Wander."

The music was serious throughout, but the young soloist preserved the spirit of hometown informality in her part introduction of most of the program selections. ("... And that's how I happen to be on the floor when the aria ends...") This medium produced all those voices, actually real people she had stashed away behind the curtains.)

"The Blue Madonna" she identified as one of her new-found favorites and proceeded to sing in a manner which may well have added it to the favorites of her audience. The Niles song presents the story of Jesus in a Spanish setting with Joseph as a successful bull fighter, based on a folk tale.

Miss Currier's selections were sung in English, French, Spanish and Italian. Her accompanist was Erenner Luthi, whose solo numbers, Chopin's Revolutionary Etude and Brahms' Ballade, were popular with the audience.

Miss Currier is the daughter of Mrs. Sam H. Ruhl Jr., who was introduced to the audience and presented a corsage by Fred G. Starratt, president of the Salem Lions Club.

The vivacious blonde singer was

Quote for the Day

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B. C. Forbes

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