

By Charles A. Sprague

Speaking in Seattle on his Northwest tour in his campaign for the Republican nomination for President, Sen. Robert A. Taft, who has been denouncing the Korean War as "Truman's War" called on the United States to help Chiang Kai-shek's armies stage an invasion of the mainland. He said:

"Now that a Communist assault on southeast Asia is on the horizon, it should be clear to our government that the only chance to stop it is by a Chinese Nationalist invasion of Communist-held territory."

"Neither the strength of the Nationalist guerrillas nor the widespread hatred of the Communist regime on the mainland is a negligible factor. An invasion, well-organized, might snowball rapidly. Is there any other way to prevent Stalin from setting all Asia and building up such massive strength that he will attempt, finally, an assault on the United States?"

Time and again I have warned of the folly of such an undertaking. That would require U. S. transport and naval force to convoy them and to help them secure a beachhead. It would call for U. S. Air Force to provide the protective umbrella for that beachhead and continued U. S. Navy protection for their supply, to say nothing of the vast quantities of guns and materiel which the United States alone could supply.

If this should be undertaken it might well be called "Taft's War."

Let me be rated as a fourth-rate military critic (which probably is correct, and an armchair one at that), let me quote from a source which Senator Taft ought to respect, the Wall Street Journal. Its Washington correspondent contributed a lengthy article to Monday's issue basing his

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Lebanon Girl Burned Fatally By Matches

LEBANON — Playing with matches turned a little girl's nightgown into a blazing torch that Wednesday snuffed her life. Five-year-old Allyn Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barker, Lebanon Route 1, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Doernbecher Hospital, Portland, where she was rushed during the previous night.

Linn County authorities gave this version of the tragedy.

Allyn and her brother Robert, 9, were at home with their grandfather Tuesday night while the parents attended choir practice at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. When the little girl's nightgown caught fire the grandfather put out the flames, gave first aid and took both children to the church. "They were playing with matches and her nightgown caught fire," the grandfather was quoted as saying.

The parents and the Rev. David Gordon took the child to Lebanon General Hospital. She was moved shortly to the Portland hospital. Attendants said burns covered 90 per cent of her body. The father is a mill worker. Services are pending at the Huston Mortuary here.

Race Council Due in Eugene

EUGENE (AP)—A council to work on this university city's Negro problem was expected to be formed within a few days as a result of a meeting Tuesday. Dr. Joel V. Beaman, acting head of the University of Oregon Sociology Department, proposed the formation of a permanent inter-racial Relations Council at the meeting of 400 persons.

The meeting was the outgrowth of recent newspaper articles on the plight of Negroes in Eugene, set off by anonymous threats to a woman she had leased a house to a Negro family in a district populated by whites.

Conditions faced by 18 Negro families living four miles west of the city in houses without water or sewage facilities were discussed at the meeting, moderated by the Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"I'm afraid you'll have to take both pairs—I can't seem to break up the triangle."

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Weather

Salem	44	33	50
Portland	45	30	50
San Francisco	55	37	50
Chicago	37	24	50
New York	29	20	50

Willamette River 5 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy with intermittent rain today and tonight. High today 50 to 52; low tonight 35 to 36. Salem temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 35.

Tillamook Deer Not Camera-Shy



TILLAMOOK—When the many-thousand-acre Tillamook Air Base was fenced in during World War II, a few deer in the timbered area were fenced in with it. Now there are a score or more. The one pictured is just in front of the Post Exchange looking over a camera which a recent visitor, Joseph Tompkins of Salem, had set on the ground. Accompanying Tompkins to the base was Morrill Cray, also of Salem, who had a camera of his own and made the most of it as shown.

Truman Seeks to Silence Predictions Ike's Future Poses Problem to NATO

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House cracked down on free-talking visitors Wednesday, as new confusion erupted over what President Truman is or isn't saying about seeking re-election.

Press Secretary Joseph Short declared two callers had quoted the President without authority. They were:

1. Benjamin Browdy, head of the Zionist Organization of America, who said Truman told him Wednesday he will make up his mind "within the next 10 to 15 days" whether to run again. Browdy expressed belief the decision would be to run.

2. Rep. Sabath (D-Ill), who quoted the President as saying Tuesday he would be willing to run if necessary to help along the cause of world peace.

Short told newsmen with a hint of tartness:

"Many people go in to see the President and some of them come out and do a lot of talking. I'm sure some people in their enthusiasm confuse their remarks with those of the President."

Browdy's remarks were in apparent conflict with those of another of Wednesday's White House visitors, Abraham Feinberg, New York businessman. He quoted the President as saying he did not plan to make his decision for "some time to come."

The White House appeared to favor Feinberg's version, for a presidential aide had tipped newsmen that they might want to interview this visitor.

ACHESON VISITS COFFIN

LONDON (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson, representing President Truman at the funeral of King George VI, paid his homage to the dead monarch at the royal catafalque in Westminster Hall Wednesday night.

Valentine's Day Marks 93 Years of Statehood for Oregon

Valentine's Day has a special meaning for Oregon residents because it was on February 14, just 93 years ago Thursday, that the state was formally admitted into the Union.

But it wasn't all hearts and flowers among early settlers—this business of acquiring statehood. Agitation for admission to the United States began soon after Oregon gained territorial status in 1848. And the roses were red but the agitators turned blue when first the territorial legislature and the people successively defeated the statehood proposition.

Finally the issue carried with the voters in 1857. But Congress did not get around to tying a lover's knot between the U. S. and the far-off Western territory until St. Valentine's Day in 1859.

There was no celebration in Salem on that day. Mostly because

Duke Visits King's Coffin

LONDON (AP)—A sorrow-burdened Duke of Windsor paid homage with bended knee and silent meditation Wednesday night before the bier of King George VI, the brother who shouldered the duties of a crown Windsor gave up for love.

The Duke, his brow furrowed, went before the bier in Westminster Hall with his mother Queen Mary and his sister Mary, the Princess Royal.

More than 180,000 of George's subjects—the great and the humble alike—have passed through the hall since the fallen monarch's closed coffin was placed on the somber catafalque, guarded by scarlet-coated men with reversed arms.

Gas Rate Rise Hearing Set

Hearing on the application of the Portland Gas and Coke Company for a rate increase is set for Thursday, Feb. 28, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel announced Wednesday.

New tariffs filed by the company were suspended by the Utilities Commissioner pending the hearing. Of the \$350,000 revenue increase sought \$337,750 is applicable to gas sales in Oregon and \$12,250 to gas sales in Vancouver, Wash.

The hearing will be in the Salem offices of the Public Utilities Commissioner.

Non-Existent Fire Results In Damages

PORTLAND (AP)—A boiled-over coffee pot sent smoke from the apartment here Wednesday. Some one turned in a fire alarm.

Then in quick succession: A fireman fell from a fire truck speeding to the scene. Another fire truck called, only to collide with a freight truck. When the freight truck tried to pull free, it backed into a trolley bus. The bus had to be retired.

Eventually firemen got to the apartment, where they found only the coffee pot damaged. There were no serious injuries in the series of mishaps.

ATTACKS COST REDS 320

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Intense Communist probing attacks against Allied ridge-top positions cost the Reds an estimate 320 dead on the frozen Eastern Korean battlefield, the Eighth Army announced Wednesday.

But in 1929 Gov. I. L. Patterson blew out, all in one breath, 70 birthday candles on a large birthday cake.

Taft Shies From Primaries, Seeking Friendly Delegates

Time Lacking For Campaign, Senator Says

By WENDELL WEBB

Morning Editor, The Statesman
PORTLAND — Fit, hungry and genial, Sen. Robert A. Taft brought to Oregon Wednesday his slambang attack on the democratic administration—an attack he hopes will lead him to the presidency come the November vote.

The Ohioan's day here began with an 8 a.m. press conference in the Multnomah Hotel, included many interviews with party stalwarts, and closed with an address calling for a change in national leadership in the interests of "common honesty" in government.

The senator made it clear, however, that he had no intention of testing the strength of his appeal in the Oregon primaries—"I am not known out here, and there just isn't time enough for me to conduct a proper campaign."

But there was no doubt he was hoping to line up GOP delegates who would switch to him at the July 7 Chicago convention if and when they were released by the candidate given Oregon's preferential vote in the May primaries.

After 18 Minutes
The morning press confab didn't last long—it was before breakfast for some of the hungry news men, too. A pause in the questioning gave the GOP aspirant a chance to close the conversation and duck out to eat after only 18 minutes of commentary.

In that 18 minutes, he managed to re-phrase and re-emphasize a good many of the issues he had discussed early this week in Spokane and Seattle: Chinese Nationalist troops should be used against Communist forces in the island of China to draw Communist strength from Korea; such action would not lead to World War III.

Supreme Court Justice Walter Toozee stood in the connecting-room doorway behind Taft as the senator, sitting cross-legged in a neat gray suit, held his glasses off and on as questioning proceeded. A score of reporters were crowded into the room.

Sees Danger
At a late-afternoon church (Methodist) dinner, Taft asserted that the military burden and inflation put the nation "in danger of trying to extend ourselves beyond the scope of what America can do."

And at the Civic Auditorium in the evening, at a Lincoln Day dinner, he lambasted the Truman administration for asserted immoral conduct, too-costly government, bureaucratic regulation, a bungling foreign policy and an "unnecessary war."

An overflow crowd estimated from 3,000 to 4,000 attended the dinner in the auditorium basement. Some were seated on the main floor, to which Taft's talk was broadcast by loud-speaker. The senator himself also paid a brief visit to those who could not crowd into the main hall.

The senator had words of praise for Oregon's Republican administration. "The honest and efficient administration of the affairs of state under Gov. McKay is a good indication of what we may hope for in Washington under a Republican administration," he said.

With Oregon Senators
"I have served a long time in the Senate now with your two able Republican senators," he added. Guy Gordon has been a personal friend of Taft's since he was on the basic principles which have dictated the Republican course in Congress.

"I have had more disagreement with Wayne Morse, but he always vigorously presents a point of view which forces those who differ with him to reconsider the correctness of their own views, and tends to a sounder judgment by the majority in the Senate."

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Warren Opposes Taft's China Policy

NEW YORK (AP)—California's Gov. Earl Warren took issue Wednesday night with a proposal by Ohio's Sen. Taft that the United States arm Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa for an invasion of Communist-held territory.

"I don't see how we can just arm 300,000 soldiers and send them to Formosa unless we are prepared to follow through and finish the job for them if they failed," Warren said.

ACHESON STARTS TALKS

LONDON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson plunged into talks with British leaders Wednesday night to speed plans for hitching German men and machines to the faltering Allied arms drive.



SEN. ROBERT A. TAFT "Not Enough Time"

Loucks to File For Second Mayor Term

Salem's Mayor Alfred O. Loucks will file for another term in his present office instead of running for a seat in the state house of representatives.

Loucks did not amplify this disclosure Wednesday, saying he would prepare a filing statement later. He is known to have been particularly interested in furthering plans for city parks and recreation and in finishing some of the other projects begun during his present term.

Loucks was elected mayor in 1950 in a three-way race with Harry V. Collins and Walter Musgrave. He is known to have been considering becoming a candidate for one of Marion County's four seats in the house.

In other city political moves Wednesday, Alderman Claud Jorgensen took out petitions to circulate for nomination to another term as Ward 3 alderman. He is the third City Council incumbent to file his name for reelection. Aldermen Robert F. White and James Nicholson also have taken out petitions. The other alderman whose term expires, David O'Hara, is expected to seek reelection.

Korea Casualty List Shrinks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department Wednesday reported 237 more Korean war casualties, the smallest weekly figure since the fighting began. It made the total battle casualties for the war 105,508.

At the same time the whole-war total of missing was cut by 798, and 816 men were added to the roster of prisoners held by the enemy. The prisoner list went up to 991, and the "current missing" dropped to 10,558.

Sharon Muller Tops Parrish Spellers; Boy Wins in Polk

A 13-year-old girl, Sharon Muller, won the title of champion speller in the 7th and 8th grades of Parrish Junior High Wednesday.

Wednesday afternoon will represent Parrish in a semi-finals of the Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest.

Sharon is an 8th-grader and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Muller, 657 N. 20th St. Reading is her favorite hobby. As Parrish spelling champion, she succeeds Mack Harris, now in the 9th grade and therefore ineligible, who went on to win the \$100 defense bond in the grand finals last year.

Young Harris acted as judge in the Parrish competition Wednesday. Second place in an unusually close contest at Parrish went to John Jelderks, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jelderks, 3625 D. St., and third place to Nancy Teague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Teague, 590 N. 15th St. Both are in the 8th grade.

The contest was held at the school assembly. Word pronouncer was David Putnam, teacher.

Teacher of the new Parrish champion is Robert Dow.

Sharon will be in the semi-finals at Leslie Junior High at 7:45 p.m. Monday, March 10, when champions of at least seven Salem-area schools will compete for the right to enter the grand finals early in April.

Eighty-four schools are participating in the contest.

High Tax Official Forced to Resign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Another high tax official resigned Wednesday, by request, while his office was under investigation. And there were signs of a growing feud among probers of nationwide revenue irregularities.

These were developments in a sudden new flareup in the tax scandal situation:

1. President Truman announced he had accepted the resignation of Frank Scofield, veteran \$11,000 a year Internal Revenue collector for South Texas. Tax Commissioner John B. Dunlap said a preliminary investigation "indicated it would be for the best interest of the revenue service that he submit his resignation."

Scofield thus became the seventh of the nation's 64 regional tax collectors to leave office in less than a year. Altogether, 166 tax employees were fired or required to resign last year, 60 for alleged dishonesty.

Files "Whisked Away"
2. Dunlap said agents of a House subcommittee investigating the tax scandals have whisked away Revenue Bureau files from New York "in the dead of the night."

The files belonged to the Bureau, not the subcommittee, Dunlap said. He added that the subcommittee's action is "unprecedented—I never heard of such a thing before."

3. Theodore J. Naumann, deputy collector at Minto, N. D., was released for alleged irregularities. Shortly afterwards, Naumann was arrested on charges of converting collections from taxpayers to his own use.

Ex-official Indicted
4. In San Francisco, John A. Malone, the suspended assistant chief of the income tax division of the Revenue Bureau there, was indicted on charges of conspiring to defraud the United States. With others he was accused of conspiring to backdate excise tax returns of a drug company to avoid penalties.

Scotfield, 65, was appointed collector by President Roosevelt in 1933 to take charge of a large district in South Texas, with headquarters at Austin.

Scotfield refused to see an Associated Press reporter at Austin, Tex., where he is in a hospital. Mrs. Scotfield said he was too ill to comment. She added that Dunlap's statement the resignation was requested is untrue.

Offer Made for Eugene City Hall

EUGENE (AP)—A Portland mortgage firm Monday night offered to buy Eugene's ivy-covered 1903-model city hall.

Commonwealth, Inc., said in a letter to the City Council that an unidentified client wanted the site, and the ground occupied by the adjoining Eugene hospital and clinic, for a department store.

Councilmen put off discussion until later.

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Other filings: District Attorney Donald E. Heister, The Dalles, for re-election. Circuit Judge Virgil H. Langtry, Portland, for re-election. John Morgan (R), Portland, delegate.

Bureau to End Supervision of Indian Tribes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Indian Bureau is moving to end its supervision over some 41,300 Indians in Oregon, Washington and California, Commissioner Dillon S. Myer said Wednesday.

First to be affected, he told a reporter, will be some 43 groups and bands in the Grande Ronde-Siletz agency of Oregon. Legislation to accomplish this is expected to go before Congress within the next two weeks.

Myer said action probably can be completed within six months after Congress acts. The Indian Bureau still is providing some medical care through a contract doctor and is supervising trust lands and funds. Most of its other supervisory activities already have been ended in the area.

Some three to five years more may be required to accomplish the same results in California, Myer said, but the bureau has an agreement with the Indians both there and in Washington State to push the action.

As the Indian Bureau moves out, state governments are taking over schooling, police protection and other services once provided by the bureau. The bureau still subsidizes some state-operated schools to ease the transition from federal to state control.

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TO HEAR TRUCE PLAN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Communist and Allied negotiators Thursday agreed to a plenary session of the armistice delegations Saturday to hear the revised Red proposals for a final Korean peace settlement.

Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest semi-finals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide in intra-school contests now underway.

alphabet
diary
house
institution
permanent
another
answer
certificate
control
early
panorama
persistent
assistance
autonomic
charge
conquer
definite
electric
feature
piece