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French Troubles in North Africa

France is having trouble with its overseas possessions. Indo-China has given the most trouble, even though an independent or quasi-independent empire was proclaimed there. Closer at home and likewise troublesome are the three countries of Northwest Africa; French Morocco whose main frontage is on the Atlantic, Algeria and Tunisia. In these lands the nationalist ferment is working. In Tunisia there was so much rioting that the French high commissioner on authority of the President of France forced the Bey of Tunisia to dismiss his cabinet. Sunday anti-French riots occurred in Tangier, the international zone city of Spanish Morocco at the Straits of Gibraltar.

After the war France made an attempt to solve its colonial problem when it adopted a constitution with a new frame of government. This gave the outlying dominions some representation in the home government; but that doesn't satisfy the natives who aspire to greater or complete self-government. With Libya which adjoins Tunisia on the east now independent (and it is a more primitive country than the ones to the west), the ambitions of the North Africans are stirred to demand further concessions from France.

With superior military power France probably can retain its hold on North Africa. But if it wants to avoid more serious clashes it will have to change its methods. For the colonials of North Africa are no more willing to submit to foreign rule than those of Asia. The ferment of nationalism will continue to work.

Same Water

A number of Idaho people testified at the committee hearing on Hell's Canyon dam against the federal project on the ground that it would prevent upstream use of the water for irrigation. The protestants as we understand the matter, are agreeable to letting Idaho Power put in five run-of-river dams.

What we can't figure out is how Hell's Canyon would be more damaging to upstream irrigation than Idaho Power. The former would at least store water for drawdown in the period of light run-off while the low level dams would be absolutely dependent on the current flow of the river.

If the irrigation contemplated is on ultra-high-cost projects like Mountain Home the use of the water for generating power may be more beneficial than putting it on the land.

All of which points anew to the urgent need for a competent, impartial top-level body to study this whole basin development program.

Sharpies and Long Profits

The war and postwar periods were certainly fitted for the sharpies eager for the fast buck. A small group by juggling corporations were able to clean up \$20 million in profits in a few months through importing whiskey in wartime. They are being tagged now for failing to pay enough income tax, but how about the prices

they charged—did they violate OPA?

Other outfits have juggled tankers they bought from the Maritime Commission, resold, rechartered and then they came out with huge profits. "Oilboat Olga" got half a million just in commissions on some of the sales.

Other transactions turned out with big profit to the promoters.

These are speculative profits and they seemed to depend more on political cleverness than financial. That is one trouble with government deeply involved in business. Those with pull and influence and shrewdness (and lack of scruples) often can make a cleanup and get away. They disgrace both legitimate business enterprise and decent government.

Weyerhaeuser foresters have invented an attachment for the power saw which can convert it into a water pump for use in putting out small fires. Since the power saw is responsible for a good many blazes in the woods it seems quite fitting it should be used to put them out. Only there still must be water handy.

When Joe Stalin misses the big show functions of the USSR foreign observers commence speculating on his health (as domestic observers must also). Last Saturday Joe marched into the closing session of the Supreme Soviet, apparently in good health—which must disappoint the foreigners (and some of the domestics as well). Stalin manages to put off Lenin's immortality quite successfully.

Ilya Ehrenburg, the Soviet journalist and novelist is doing another novel. The setting, he says, will be in Jackson, Miss., which he visited when on a tour of the USA in 1946. This novel, reports Ehrenburg, will show how people are prevented from living a peaceful life. After "Tobacco Road" and "Grapes of Wrath" we doubt if Ehrenburg can write anything to shock us.

The Tones are out of tune. Franchot has sued his short-time wife, Barbara Peyton, for divorce, and she counter-filed against him. And Ann Sterling, movie and TV actress, got all messed up in some fracas last week. Hollywood stars just can't keep out of the papers.

Politics will just have to move over and give space to another very human interest. The baseball season is getting under way again.

The Canadian dollar is worth \$1.01 U. S. That's because so many from this side of the line are pouring money into Canadian investments in mines and oil wells. It is rather unique, however, to have the dollar U. S. quoted at a discount.

"Rural Women to Hear of Kitchens" says a Statesman headline. One would think that's what they want to hear the last of.

"Springtime," says the Mill City Enterprise, "is a bit of God." But some days the devil seems to get his hand in too.

Washington Newsmen Give Gov. Stevenson Big Lead in Democratic Race, If He Wants It

BY JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—One thing at least is clear about President Truman's flat-voiced announcement that he will not run again. Perhaps by concert, perhaps by design, it puts Gov. Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, on a very hot spot, indeed.

Sen. Estes Kefauver may be out winning primaries. Sen. Robert Kerr may be campaigning in Nebraska. Sen. Richard Russell may have the whole Southern group of delegates in the bag. But as of today, the really massive support of the big states is most likely to go to Gov. Stevenson, provided he is even a mildly co-operative candidate.

Thus Mr. President has in effect abruptly forced Gov. Stevenson to decide whether to talk himself out of the Democratic nomination.

Perhaps he will be well on his way to doing just that before these words are printed—he had a strong tendency to do so before the President spoke. But if only for history's sake, it is at least worth recording the results of a careful nationwide survey of Stevenson's potential strength, which was conducted in part by President Truman's own request and communicated to the President before he went off to Key West to make his final decision.

The surveyors, who were headed by Gov. Paul Dever, of Massachusetts, one of the most astute political professionals in the business, found strong indications of the most powerful support for Gov. Stevenson among Democrats in almost all Northern and border states, from Connecticut right across the country to Oregon. It is no use tabulating states, since the situation is infinitely too uncertain for anything of that sort, but the leaders

who have tentatively indicated Stevenson's proclivities tell the story to all politically practiced eyes.

In Connecticut, Sens. McMahon and Benton are on the list. So are the chiefs of both factions in Indiana, Gov. Schickler and Democratic National Chairman McKinley. So are Gov. Williams, of Michigan, Sen. Murray, of Montana, the principal leaders in New York and New Jersey, and National Committee Chairman David Lawrence in Pennsylvania. Massachusetts, where Gov. Dever, the original pro-Stevenson professional, absolutely controls the delegation, and Ill. Stevenson's own state, must also be listed, as may be the delegate strength of Ohio and probably Minnesota and Missouri.

What this roster adds up to is the conclusion that Stevenson has much the best chance to get the nomination, provided first that he wants it, and second that he does not spend the next three months with his foot practically permanently lodged in his mouth.

The best indices of the form so far (which probably influenced the timing and character of the President's announcement) are the two talks Stevenson is known to have had with Truman at their January meeting at Blair House. Truman said he probably would not be a candidate again, indicated he personally favored Stevenson and asked the Illinois governor to become a candidate. In a later telephone conversation, Stevenson left the door of the future open, but said that he was committed to run again for Governor of Illinois and argued that he could not simultaneously become an announced candidate for the Presidency, even on a tentative basis.

The President is known to have been more than a little put out because the Illinois Governor failed to meet his original generous overture at least half way. Otherwise, the President's announcement would probably have been accompanied by some sort of sign, informal or other, that Stevenson was his chosen successor. But as the President certainly knew, the absence of such a sign by no means greatly reduces Stevenson's potential strength. It may even have some

advantages, if Stevenson does not continue to shrink from the prospect opening out before him.

The reasons for the President's personal decision, long forecast in this space, hardly need be set down again. In deciding to withdraw, Mr. Truman has shown once more his curious knack of rising to big choices, often the very day after he has stumbled over the smallest ones.

Since Mr. Truman kept even the Democratic leaders who are closest to him (including Democratic Chairman McKinley) on tenter-hooks of lingering uncertainty until the very last moment, no one on earth can foretell the outcome of the resulting turmoil in the Democratic party. Especially if Gov. Stevenson continues to be coy, the party professionals are quite likely to find themselves landed with Sen. Kefauver or even Sen. Kerr. The announcements of other candidates may also be expected in due course.

It is fairly easy to foretell, on the other hand, that the President's decision will at least strengthen the current Republican tendency. Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign strategy has been built on the theory of an eventual fight against Mr. Truman. And even a big victory to balance off Sen. Taft's recent reverses in the primaries will hardly overcome the effect of the unkindly and perhaps wholly unreliable polls, if these now continue to show Sen. Taft being defeated by almost any Democrat but the President himself.

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Stamps in The News

THE KINGDOM of Cambodia has issued its first set of stamps. There are 17 stamps in the complete set consisting of three main designs. One of the designs shows Apsaras, one of the water nymphs of Indra's heaven, in her celestial dance. The second design pictures a night view of the illuminated palace at Phnom-Penh. The third design depicts a recent portrait of King Norodom Sihanouk who ascended to the

TOO MANY 'BUGS' IN IT



Comes the Dawn

Now that President Truman has finally come through with a big fat "No" (surprising nearly everybody except 90 per cent of the radio commentators) it seems that nearly everybody, from editors, to bankers to politicians has an opinion on the matter. No one has interviewed the smaller fry—except us. We did it through the grapevine and came up with some down-to-earth, folksy statements. For instance here are some answers we got from a sampling of small citizens on the subject of the President's surprise announcement:



A. Smith, resident of Independence, Mo.: "It'll be nice to have Harry home again. I only hope he don't keep us all awake nights playing that dang piano—and with Margaret singing now—." J. Fimphg, breakfast food salesman: "We are trying to interest Mr. Truman in endorsing our cereal. Our product is advertised as the cereal that holds out to the end." Herringbone O. Tweed, men's clothing manufacturer: "I'm on my way to Washington, D. C. immediately."

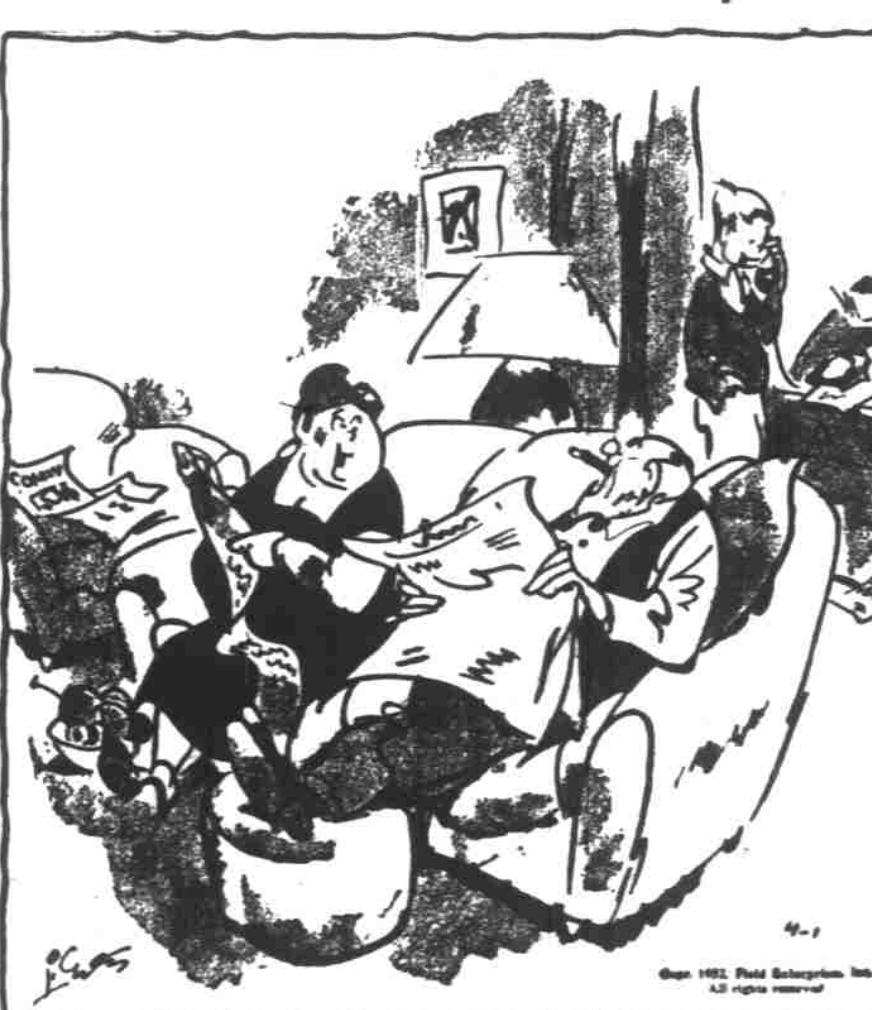
Joe Mstxljs, Democrat precinct committeeman in Last Chance, Ariz.: "I was going to open my veins, but I decided I can do the party more good alive." Al Smoytjr, Republican precinct committeeman in Last Chance, Ariz.: "I wanted to lend my razor to Joe Mstxljs, but my wife wouldn't let me." J. Otyuvx, chairman of MacArthur for Mayor committee in Okla., Neb.: "Ah hah!" W. Note, proprietor of a music store in Up, N. Y.: "I wish Harry would give us a hint or something. Here I am stuck with 90,000 copies of the Missouri Waltz—sheet music yet."

O. Wxt, tax collector in Huh, Miss.: "Severance pay, you know, is taxable." J. Tryw, milk raiser, Ok., Kan.: "No comment." Mrs. S. S. Pearl Harbor, housewife in Breakup, Calif.: "I understand the Republicans are going to lower food prices next week." Mr. Terev, GOP national convention delegate from Guess, Ore.: "A typical underhanded Democratic trick. Here I got 10,000 printed campaign cards all bearing the slogan: 'Beat Harry.'"

Oscar O. Eerrg, music critic of Miss., Mass.: "I still got time to pan Margaret and get one of those hot letters from Mr. Truman. I got a buyer all set up." Miss Ina Book, Republican school principal of Main, Maine: "Once again we teachers are going to begin urging our students to study hard and aim for the presidency." Jim Ofst, high school student of Erk, Ark.: "So what. Don't they have to pass a law or something before a Republican can become President?" Miss Olegard Sooth, seamstress in Lazy, Mo.: "Peachy! Now little ol' Harry can come down here and run the Confederacy. Those Yankee carpet-baggers were corrupting him anyway."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"I'm worried about Junior... he doesn't ask awkward questions any more!..."

Your Health

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

A new method of relieving allergies has been developed from the use of a familiar drug in an entirely new way. This drug is procaine, a local anesthetic. Allergic conditions are sometimes most baffling and difficult to treat. Drugs may bring miraculous cures in some cases and fail to help in others.

Doctors and chemists are constantly searching for new and better drugs for allergic conditions, such as hives, allergic rashes, asthma, hay fever and others, which are so widespread. Rashes which appear after taking penicillin and vaccines are also of an allergic nature, and sometimes are serious medical problems.

We now have reports that in certain cases of severe allergy, the procaine treatment has proved highly satisfactory. This drug is also used as a local anesthetic by injection into wounds and sites of surgical operations.

In a new and unique use, the procaine is combined with large doses of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) and taken by mouth. The benefits have been superior in many instances to all those obtained from other forms of drugs previously used.

In one study, high doses of procaine and ascorbic acid were given to 10 patients with severe allergic disorders, such as hives, and allergic rashes to penicillin and serums. This drug was also employed in a case of severe asthma that failed to respond to all other courses of treatment. All of these patients responded well to procaine.

This drug combination for the treatment of allergic conditions is still in the experimental stage. Reports have been highly favorable, however, and it is becoming

an aid in the treatment of severe allergy.

Allergies are responsible not only for a great deal of discomfort, but also may even incapacitate many persons. Hence, any new method of treatment which controls the symptoms of the disorder produced by allergies is extremely welcome.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
H. N.: Can bone cysts be removed successfully?
Answer: In most cases, bone cysts are easily removed by surgery.
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Central Oregon Floods Possible

REDMOND (P)—Record-breaking snow in Central Oregon will bring abundant water supplies and possibly more floods to the Crooked and Deschutes River basins, a snow survey expert reported here Monday.

W. T. Frost of the Soil Conservation Service, Medford, said the snow cover in the Crooked River watershed is 165 per cent of average and 125 per cent of the 1949 total which was the heaviest on record in recent years.

BALLOT ISSUES LISTED

EUGENE (P)—The primary election ballot in Lane County will have three special issues on it. One would put the county government under the council-manager plan; another would establish county-wide control over roaming livestock and the third would establish a special levy for garbage disposal.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

MY COUSIN RACHEL, by Daphne du Maurier (Doubleday: \$3.50)

Philip Ashley, seven in the opening pages when we are treated to his prophetic reflections on a man hanged by the roadside to satisfy English justice, is in his mid-twenties for the rest of this intriguing novel about my cousin Rachel and also, quite importantly, my cousin Ambrose.

Master of some 500 acres which he intends to leave to orphaned Philip, Ambrose suffers from a weakness which drives him from the damp insular winters to sunny Italy, where eventually he meets Rachel. He has seemed to be a confirmed bachelor, and has had no experience with women... nor has Philip. When Rachel makes herself generally congenial to the expatriate, he marries her, as he at last writes to tell Philip, and moves into her Fiesole villa. For a while his letters maintain a happy mood, then strike a worried note, become harried, fearsome, tragic. The despairing Philip rushes off to Italy only to find his beloved friend has died.

His suspicions are aroused by the disappearance of Rachel, by the cool reception he receives from her adviser Ratcheld. Back home he confesses his doubts, and his determination to avenge Ambrose, to his own legal adviser Kendall and to Kendall's pretty daughter Louise. Kendall wants to know the grounds for his charges. Rachel at last arrives unexpectedly in England, at her dead husband's place, where the Kendalls, the servants, Philip, the neighbors and the readers may judge her for themselves.

As the politicians begin to play on the popular revulsion to the Korean War—an unwanted war, though hardly an unnecessary war—we should keep in mind these facts: that aggression has been stopped; and that if patience will result in a durable truce then better to suffer the weariness of prolonged negotiation than to precipitate full-scale war in Korea—and perhaps round the globe.

That's precisely what this cunning author invites us to do in this smooth and expert narrative. Rachel loved her Ambrose and nursed him faithfully; or Rachel was the slave of Rainald and at his bidding poisoned Ambrose... Miss du Maurier lets you think her heroine wonderful in one chapter, evil in the next. The ball is tossed back and forth right to the end. The ambiguity about Rachel is completely synthetic, but you do keep your eye on the ball. This is the Literary Guild's 25th-anniversary selection... for March.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "The ship sank near the shore, and the reason for this was because of the captain's carelessness." *
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "solace"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Nursery, hickory, mystery, gallery.
4. What does the word "inordinate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ve that means "quality or state of being true"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "The ship sank near the shore, and the reason for this was (omit because of) the captain's carelessness." 2. Pronounce sol-as, as in solid, (not as in sole), as in state, un-stressed. 3. Hickory. 4. Not limited to rules; excessive. "He possessed an inordinate love of wealth." 5. Veracity.



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PRaises PALMS

To the Editor:

Whoever conceived the idea of placing those palms, which add so very much to the stage at the High School for the community concert—the last two—deserves a big vote of thanks. Looking at those dirty "walls" was distracting but the palms conceal much of the dirt. Couldn't that pink paint be "re-pinked"?

Also, a word of appreciation for the fact that at the Whittemore—Lowe program those blinding house lights were turned off. Thank you!

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SHATTERING!

To the Editor:

re: Whittemore and Lowe, the flashy moderns.
VERILY, the idea of a would-be musician (or two) coming to the mid-Willamette culture center showing evidence of a visit to the barber within the past thirty days is SHATTERING.

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The word "profiteer" first came to be used in England during World War I and was given official sanction in act of parliament in 1919.