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The New Japan

The resurgent Japanese government is showing again the resiliency and forcefulness of a people which didn't even have a good paved road between its two principal cities 20 miles apart and yet could stand off the world's greatest power in the Pacific for nearly four long years.

Thus far, the new-found strength of independence leans strongly toward proof that General MacArthur and, lately, General Ridgway have done a fine steering job for democracy. Inflation was largely, though by no means completely, checked; unprecedented personal independence crept into the national life with a minimum of berserk antagonisms; economic strength has been building toward a better general standard of living. Japan as a bastion of democracy has become a contemporary reality.

It's benefit to the Pacific Coast already is more than apparent. On the same day President Truman signed the Japanese peace treaty, it was revealed that the Nippon government was completing the largest single export grain deal in Northwest history—17,000,000 bushels. Portland sources said payment would approximate \$43,000,000. On that day, too, the Japanese government exonerated three top-flight officers of war-crime guilt of which they were convicted some years ago. With its thinking channelled toward the new way of peace, the government runs no risk of Allied retaliation in so doing.

Soon, Japan will send the U. S. an ambassador—reportedly Sadao Iguchi, first secretary of the Washington embassy at the time of Pearl Harbor and now vice foreign minister. He will not represent the Japan of the war years, which extended for thousands of miles from Manchuria to the south seas. He will represent the Japan of today—the four major home islands with a small scattering of promontories in the same area. We hope he will also represent a Japan of continued democratic ideals and that opponents of the peace treaty, who fear a re-armed Japan as another menace to peace, are wrong.

We Liked It Anyway, Mr. Lichty

Now look, Mr. Lichty, we like your "Grin and Bear It" cartoon immensely. We recognize it as tops in American satire. And we also recognize that you are in no wise malicious in trying to make us all laugh at ourselves or someone else. But really, Mr. Lichty, we can't help but mildly point out that the modern-day carrier boy (and most the olden-day ones, too) don't make a point of tossing the morning paper on the roof as you so cleverly portrayed a day or ago.

Newspapers nowadays are very cognizant of the fact that service is of paramount importance. The finest story of the year, the best bit of prose a star reporter can turn out, the world's finest features, etc., are of little value if people don't uniformly get their newspaper promptly and handily. And our loyal "little merchant" carrier boys know it, too, Mr. Lichty. They try hard, and if they err on some of our dark, rainy mornings, they're sorry and so are we. Sometimes things do go wrong. Sometimes boys, as well as the rest of us, get careless. But we try to ride

herd on ourselves, and we want our subscribers-friends to ride herd on us, too.

We aren't quarreling with you, Mr. Lichty. We got a fine chuckle out of being the goat of one of your fine cartoons. Let's have more such. When we get so we can't laugh at ourselves, we'd be hopeless. So we'll laugh right along with you and hope the little satire will keep us mindful that our best efforts are none too good.

A Governor Bows Out

Governor Stevenson's counting himself out of the democratic presidential race removes one of the strongest possibilities the party-in-power had. His record in Illinois, the apparent sincerity of his hesitancy and his avowed principles so often at variance with the more radical and vocal members of his party made him a highly-respected figure in the national picture.

Whether or not he could have broken completely with the ruling clique, and whether or not he could have been elected president if he had, is now beside the point. The governor has made it plain that he is seeking only another term in his present job and will not accept a "draft" for the presidential nod. And who can blame him! Somebody's going to have a dandy mess to clean up and it'll be no mean task.

They Speeded Traffic, All Right

One-way streets may have speeded traffic through Salem, as claimed, but they also have tended to make such streets veritable speedways. The tendency, too, has been for drivers to keep the accelerator down too far on other streets, and in the main the average Salem traffic has become altogether too hazardous. The City Council, therefore, acted wisely and none-too-soon to have School Zone signs plainly labelled for speed. We are hopeful there can be better control of present traffic before the projected street-widening project encourages still more recklessness. Some intersections still are not satisfactorily arranged, such as the South Commercial traffic split to Liberty, and stop signs still are needed for such streets as Hoyt.

For the housewife it's soap opera; for the kiddies it's cereal stories. They're all about the same: corny and continued.

Editorial Comment

RAIN ON EASTER

Well, it takes more than a few showers to take the joy out of an Oregon Easter. A lot of fine new bonnets just didn't get a chance to greet the sun, but no one worried. People just parked as close to church as they could, and some turned up the umbrella for the block or two remaining.

As a matter of fact, here in the Willamette valley, we thank God for the rain, though wishing the wet day might have been the day before or after Easter. Not only was that Sunday rain good for the gardens; it was a godsend to the forests, which were getting dangerously dry. And whatever is good for the farm and the forest is just what our favored Willamette valley needs. So we can thank God for the rain, even on Easter. Come to think of it, the rain, with its promise of more abundant life for growing things, is very much in the spirit of the Easter day.—(Albany Democrat-Herald).

Soviet 'Peace Offensive' May Offer Real Hope for Genuine Settlement of Cold War

BY JOSEPH AND STEWART ALBOP

WASHINGTON—Without attracting much serious attention, the foreign policies of this country, of Britain and France, have now entered a truly agonizing crisis. The cause is the so-called peace offensive now being carried on by the masters of the Kremlin. The gravity of the situation may be measured by the remark of one of the wisest American top officials that "the crises now confronting us are probably just as serious as the crises presented by the Berlin blockade and the Korean aggression."

The most urgent choice, of course, is that concerning Germany. In two critical notes which this election—absorbed country has hardly noticed, the Kremlin has offered the unification of East and West Germany, on the ostensible basis of free elections, with the sole proviso that the new, unified Germany shall not enter any such combination as the Atlantic Pact.

Acceptance of the Kremlin offer means sacrificing the West German divisions which are intended to be the capstones of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower's NATO edifice. But if America, Britain and France reject the Soviet proposal, the West Germans, enraged at being disappointed in their hope of national unity, are unhappily very likely to refuse the NATO divisions anyway.

Moreover, this is only one part of a much larger pattern. The recent Moscow trade meeting dangled tempting offers of much-needed business before the assembled British and European industrialists. But if these offers

are accepted, the existing ban will be broken on strategic shipments to the Soviet empire. Almost simultaneously, Stalin's reply to the recent questionnaire has indicated approval of a meeting of the Soviet, American, British and French heads of government, to try to bring the cold war to an end. Stalin himself has made the same point, in even stronger language, in his farewell interview with the retiring Indian Ambassador to Moscow. And the Communist negotiators in Korea have hinted a new willingness to compromise, thus vastly raising State Department and Pentagon hopes for the long-awaited Korean settlement.

In the face of these developments, a strong body of opinion in the American government still opposes negotiating with the Soviet at this time. And the thought is that the Kremlin, in the last analysis, understands no language except the language of superior power. It is argued that the current peace offensive (awful phrase) is solely intended to embarrass and impede the Western rearmament effort. And the conclusion is drawn that the only thing to do, for the time being, is to ignore the peace offensive and go forward with rearmament.

In the first place, however, this is probably not a practical course to adopt. There is no use saying, "We'd rather have German divisions than gamble on German free elections and German unity," if the Soviet offer of free elections and unity is likely to mean we cannot get the German divisions.

In the second place a minority of the American policy makers, which nonetheless includes several of the most judicious men in the government, holds that this Soviet peace offensive may mean a great deal more than its predecessors. The test, obviously, is Korea. If the Communists come through with the concessions needed to end the Korean fighting (which many people now predict may happen before May 1) this group of policy makers asserts that the Soviet peace offensive must be taken really seriously.

They argue that the Kremlin may already be genuinely alarmed by the new unity and strength of the West, and may even be prepared to talk turkey about a serious world settlement. They do not suggest slowing down the NATO effort or abandoning German rearmament at this time. Under any circumstances the rebuilding of the strength of the West must continue; and the bold decision to include Germany in NATO was precisely the final push needed to bring the Soviets to a new frame of mind. To change course now, they therefore say, would be to throw away our whole bargaining power.

At the same time, these men advocate taking the German gamble if the Kremlin proves to be truly sincere about free elections; and they further urge high-level Four Power talks about other East-West differences. To refuse to take these steps, they point out, will place us in the position of opposing peace, with appalling effects on world public opinion. The refusal, they point out further, will also invite a Soviet conclusion that the West is genuinely preparing an aggressive war, and will thus spur the Soviets to attack first. On the other hand, these men add, negotiating with the Soviets will risk nothing, if we avoid making improper compromises. That, of course, is not a great danger any longer.

There are two other dangers, however. The first is that the French, who have been perfectly horrified by the Soviet proposal for Germany, will prevent the right kind of reasonable, all-out exploration of the Kremlin's sincerity. And the second is that the ruck of policy makers, British and French as well as American, are already like trolley cars running down their rails, being too set on the pre-planned course to consider any departure from it. For the present, pending a clearer position in Korea, it is utterly uncertain what choices will finally be made. But it must be added that the auguries are not too good for the bold and creative choices which the changing world situation is probably going to demand. (Copyright 1952, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)



IT SEEMS TO ME

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can escape it by buying at home. Of course purchases sent direct out of the state are tax-free, but then there's the transportation charge.

California has its primary election on June 3rd. The only competition in the GOP presidential race is between a Warren and an anti-Warren slate of delegates. Warren is conceded a victory, but the opposition is bitter, resembling the Dave Hoover campaign against Wayne L. Morse last year.

The Democrats were left with Kefauver as the only enrolled candidate when Truman pulled out of the competition. Another slate of delegates headed by Atty. Gen. Brown will contest with the Kefauver list on a "no name" basis. Local political activity is stepping up, with many meetings and placards of candidates already in evidence. Californians do their politics in the grand manner, too, though this year it will probably be less colorful than usual.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Referring to your brief note, you said that I made some mistake."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "canonical"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Disposable, dispensation, dispetic, disparity.
4. What does the word "peremptory" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with red that means "exceeding what is necessary"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Referring to your brief note, I observe that you said I made some mistake." 2. Accent second syllable, the o pronounced as in on. 3. Dyspeptic. 4. Taking

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"The sponsor would like 'Melanie's Other Mate' to meet an untimely death... he's just asked for another raise!..."

Congressional Quiz

Q—Is Congress going to do something about foreigners who use diplomatic status to do propaganda work in this country?

A—A bill to extend the Foreign Agents Registration Act to diplomats was approved by the senate March 24. Diplomatic and consular employees, previously immune from the act, would have to label their publications and register as foreign agents.

Q—Why did Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R Wis.) sue Sen. William Benton (D Conn.)?

A—Sen. McCarthy in the suit filed March 26 in Washington, D. C., charged that Benton libeled and slandered him in senate committee testimony. Previously, in the bitter feud, Benton asked the senate to oust McCarthy on grounds he had "deceived" the senate and was unfit to be senator. McCarthy challenged Benton to make the charges without senatorial immunity. After Benton offered to waive his immunity McCarthy carried out his threat to sue. He asked \$2 million damages.

Q—Why does the President want to let 300,000 additional Europeans enter the U. S.?

A—The President March 24 asked congress to relieve problems created by "Communist tyranny and overpopulation in Western Europe." He urged a program which would let in 300,000 European refugees, aid fugitives from the Iron Curtain, now escaping at an estimated rate of thousands a month, and continue participation in the international program for migration and settlement.

Q—When did congressmen last give themselves a raise?

A—In 1946. Their salaries were raised from \$10,000 to \$12,500, with an additional \$2,500 as a tax-free expense allowance. In 1951 the tax-free clause was repealed, as of Jan. 3, 1953. Rep. Jack Z. Anderson (R Calif.) March 31 suggested lawmakers' salaries be hiked to \$25,000 and the \$30,000 salaries of the house

away a right of action, debate, etc.; conclusive. "The officer's peremptory command was obeyed." 5. Redundant.

Comes the Dawn

Something new in the way of picketing tactics came to light Wednesday when telephone strikers walked the line in front of the State Street fone building. The pickets came up with a number of big balloons. To these they attached "On Strike" signs and sent them up across the street from the building. Well when the balloons rose to the level of about the 5th story of the fone building, the non-strikers on the inside would lean out the windows and shoot the balloons down, using the old school-time rubber band and tinfoil method. Gave passers-by a sporting show.



"Dear CTD: What happened to our South Salem councilmen and improvement associations last Monday night when the city decided to add on a hundred thousand dollars for the city street widening program for 1952-3—and nearly all on the north side of town? Isn't all the added population on our southern hills entitled to some consideration in the matter of streets? Only narrow High Street and 12th (which is the only one south included in the program) must carry all traffic south, outside of the highway race courses. Isn't Bush Park ever to be opened to motorists? Lots of us who live out this way for some years past could use another street or two—or some wider ones. J.E."

Livestock ad reads: "White Face At Auction." Somebody bid too high? ... Cannery Scandals show Friday night will have a real oldy act—Ray Mack, old-time fiddler, and Frank Boehringer, who will play what he claims are the oldest set of bones (musical, that is) in Salem ... Judging from the loud walls of nicked citizens many do not realize that if they get overtime parking tags while visiting a doctor or a dentist, they can turn the tags over to the medicos for fixing ...

Most disappointed citizen in Oregon this week end will be Don (Ex-Goin' After 'Em) Harger. While other fishermen are floundering around in streams and over posted land on Saturday, Don will be home nursing a broken leg. To a man who hasn't missed an opening day since he's been old enough to snarl his own line, his agony Saturday will be akin to that of a Republican flubbing the presidential nomination. But many a lad, though, will be out trying Harger-recommended technique with Harger-recommended lures—accompanied, probably by Harger-recommended screaming.

Some state employes are agitating for an investigation by OSEA of legislative candidates past records on bills affecting employes—and publication thereof for benefit of employes at election time. This idea was nixed last year by the employes state council and its executive committee dittoed in February. Said it was not wise to check each candidate's record and publish it, since OSEA is not a political organization and should keep out of business of supporting one candidate against another. However, info on individual candidates is furnished to individual chapters or employes on request.

Your Health

By Herman M. Busden, M.D.

Vitamin aids Disease of Bone ... Vitamin B-12 is now giving promise of curing a very baffling bone disease, osteoarthritis. Many of my readers may know that this vitamin has become recognized for its almost miraculous results in certain types of anemia. While treating some anemic patients who also had osteoarthritis, doctors noticed that the vitamin gave marked relief from the painful bone symptoms. Osteoarthritis is a type of breakdown of the bone structure that results in scarring and painful joints. It usually occurs in people past 50 years of age.

One group of 33 patients with severe osteoarthritis received the drug. The usual method was to inject a large dose into a muscle once a week. By the end of three weeks, all but two patients showed definite improvement. Twelve obtained complete relief from all their symptoms, while the remainder showed complete relief in some joints and partial relief in others. It has also been found that osteoporosis is helped by vitamin B-12. This is a loss of calcium from the bones in older people. The exact way this drug works in the body is unknown. Doctors feel that treatment with vitamin B-12, though still in the experimental stages, may offer a new hope for those suffering from severe osteoarthritis. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS M. F.: On one time I was told that epinephrine was used in treating shock. Is it still being used? Answer: Most authorities agree that the use of such drugs is dangerous in the treatment of shock. Shock is best treated by the administration of fluids, particularly blood. (Copyright, 1952, King Features)

Up to now, doctors have failed to find a successful treatment for this disease. The only hope they could offer a sufferer has been to relieve his pain and distress somewhat, without really attacking the underlying disorder. The new drugs, ACTH and cortisone, which seem to offer hope in some types of arthritis, are of no help in osteoarthritis. Improvement shown after the administration of vitamin B-12, however, prompted further studies of its efficiency.

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