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"Voice" Gets Throat Cut in Korea

Radio Korea neatly cut the throat of Voice of America. Taking offense at the broadcast of American newspaper editorials critical of the antics of President Syngman Rhee the information office which controls the radio cancelled Voice of America's permission to use the official radio facility.

One can understand how it was. In the confusion that is politics in Korea the government station felt it just couldn't tolerate the broadcast of critical material. It called the broadcasts "obviously insulting." Judging by what we have read of American comment on Rhee's strong-arm tactics the description seems apt.

Yet the criticism fit the case. And the Voice if it was to reflect American opinion faithfully had to include such material even if it was "insulting" to the venerable boss of Korea.

Incidents like this however make one wish we could chuck the whole Korean business and let Rhee wallow in his own mess. But his people do not deserve to be let down like that, to be overrun by the Reds and subject to the usual Communist purges. We'll have to pocket our pride, and either not using the government owned station or else edit the matter used to save the sensibilities of the old president. The temptation is strong to boot out Rhee. Maybe the national assembly will do that by electing a new president.

Standard of Farm Living

By way of the Hood River News we learn that an OSC extension service agricultural economist has figured out that the highest standard of living among Oregon farm families is to be found in the tri-county district of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman Counties. That is in the wheatgrowing section where the farms average over 2000 acres in size and the farms are regular baronies. Next in order are Klamath, Umatilla, Benton and Hood River Counties.

We can accept Klamath and Umatilla where grain and livestock share with irrigation in producing great farm wealth. How Benton gets into the picture though is a mystery. It has not been distinguished for agricultural abundance. Hood River's position also is in some doubt in recent years of killing frosts and poor markets for apples.

The ratings appear to derive from a study of the agricultural census, with particular reference to housing. One would like to know a little more about the basis used for comparisons before accepting the findings. That would go too far for the statement that the farmers on the Pacific Coast have a higher standard of living than those in other sections. This gratifies our pride; but knowing something of the productivity of the Central West one wants some verification of the claim.

Flag Day Today

Just a reminder: today is Flag Day. Unfurl the Stars and Stripes and let them wave in the June breeze.

Ours is a flag of unusual beauty. Its stars and its stripes have significance; and the whole emblem is rich in meaning for all loyal Americans. "Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue."

Extension for Economic Controls

The Senate has approved extension of economic controls (prices, wages, materials) to March 1st next. The House has yet to act. It

Soviet Air Reconnaissance of North America Believed in Progress; Alaska Soon Chief Target

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—Another of those moments has come which most people in this country have



hopefully believed never would come, even though their coming was logically inevitable. In brief, the active reconnaissance of this continent by the Soviet strategic air force has now begun.

About six months ago, the Soviet equivalent of a wing of TU-4s, or perhaps two wings, moved into new bases on Kamchatka, across the Bering Strait from Alaska. Since then, the air reconnaissance has been going forward.

Four claimed contrails, which are the vapor trails left by aircraft flying at altitude, have been sighted in recent months. One of these claimed sightings, two have been dismissed after careful investigation as probably the result of special atmospheric conditions and cloud effects. But two others, one on the north Alaskan coast and one in northern Canada, are held to have been the genuine traces of Soviet air reconnaissance missions. And the Alaskan sighting, at least, is further held to have been confirmed by the evidence of the radar net.

This development both is and is not a cause for deep concern. To begin with the sedative arguments, this air reconnaissance of our continent which the Soviets

have now started is only the equivalent of what we have been doing for some time past. Our long-range aircraft have been flying reconnaissance operations on the Siberian coast since before Korea, and they have gone in far enough for interception to be attempted on more than one occasion. Equally, there can be very little doubt that the Navy Privateer scout down over the Baltic a couple of years ago was also on reconnaissance duty.

In the case of the best-confirmed Soviet venture into our air—that in northern Alaska—there is even some doubt about whether the Russian four-motored bomber passed the off-shore line where it had a right to fly. For the Soviet strategic air force to occupy bases in Kamchatka and to fly reconnaissance from them along our coast is just as reasonable as for us to fly reconnaissance from Alaskan and other forward bases. In short, even though Canadian territory was certainly violated if the second probable sighting was genuine, there is nothing immediately war-like in this new development.

On the other hand, the development is a grim warning; and it is reasonable to be concerned because the warning is not being acted on. What has happened plainly indicates the growing size and power of the Soviet strategic air force. It suggests that this Soviet air force, if not a threat to us today, will almost surely become a very grave threat indeed before very long. We probably have a little time left to put our own air defenses in order. But this is the beginning of an ending. And if we do not use this time which we still have to the limits of our capacity, the danger will be upon us before our defenses are prepared.

Something of the poverty of our present defenses is suggested by the fact that visual evidence has provided the main proof of the presence of Soviet aircraft. Even in the Alaskan case, the

sighting of the contrail was positive while the blip on the radar screen was arguable. And in the Canadian case, marked as a probable, the Soviet plane appears to have found a big hole in the radar net.

The radar warning system is being improved, of course, although the rate of investment in vital necessary air-borne early warning equipment still leaves much to be desired. Still more important, the decision has not even been taken, as yet, to buy the real heart of a modern air defense system—all the costly complex of different types of guided missiles which are just now being perfected. And even the production of night fighter-interceptors is being cruelly slowed by low priorities.

A previous series of reports in this space presented the details of this huge problem. In brief, a spurt of progress with such guided missiles as the Army's "Nike" has suddenly made it possible to build a truly effective American air defense. But even "Nike" has not yet been ordered in very great quantities. And no effort is being made to speed production of the other promising missiles, Air Force and Navy—as well as Army-designed, which will also be needed.

Essentially, this is because an all-out effort to build a truly effective American air defense will demand additional capital outlays of somewhere between \$10 billion and \$15 billion. The Congressional approach to the defense budget already shows the clearest signs of election-year madness; and no one wants to talk about large new programs which have not been absolutely tested. The trouble is that if an all-out effort is delayed for another year, the completion of the air defense of this country will also be delayed by a year. And these contrails in our sky should be proof enough that any such delay is intolerable.

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may favor extension for one year. There is no chance that the President's request for a two-year extension will be approved.

Moving the terminal date to March 1st gets the controversial issue safely past the next election. The new congress however would have little time to draft a new law in a two months interval before the old one was due to expire.

The weight of the arguments for and against continuing the controls is about even-Stephen; but members of Congress do not want to run the risk of touching off more inflation, so they will continue government attempts to sit on the price-wage lid.

Oregon City and the state highway commission are looking over the bridge-crossing bottleneck at that point. It is one of the worst in the state. When the shift at the paper mill in West Linn changes the string of cars reaches across the bridge and backs up. The stream moves by jerks because the spigot has to be shut off at Main street in Oregon City to let travel move along it, at intervals. The obvious solution is another bridge, but that presents difficult engineering problems. They'll have to get a Baldock plan too.

Editorial Comment

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF LADINO RECALLS AUSTRIAN PEA HISTORY

From Madras, center of the recently developed Jefferson county irrigated area, comes the report that as of April 30 there were outstanding in Jefferson county 911 crop loans. Their loan value was estimated as something near \$4,100,000. Approximately 90 per cent of the loans are on ladino clover seed.

Since there has been no ladino clover seed deemed since March 1 it is expected that the Commodity Credit Corporation will have to take over the loans. There are 3,179,770 pounds of ladino clover seed under loan.

Ladino clover is a valuable crop and has an important place in agriculture which is becoming increasingly aware of the possibilities of pastures and grasslands. However, it is a question as to how much of a carryover in government ownership any commodity can stand.

We can remember a local example of the effect of government support prices and their operation. Austrian Winter Field peas in Washington county after a period of gradual growth hit the peak in 1942 with about 20,000 acres harvested. In 1943 the decline in acreage was well under way and was down to about 8000 acres. The drop was mainly result of the support price being cut from 5 cents to 3½ cents.

As a result of its support price stimulating production the government ended up with a vast accumulation of Austrian pea seed on hand. Farmers dropped out of growing the field seed when the price became unattractive.

Today a comparatively small acreage of Austrian peas are grown in the country where there is livestock with the screenings proving valuable as feed and the crop itself improving the qualities of the soil. Austrian Winter Field peas are no longer a special crop of which Washington county grows large acreages.

With ladino clover in storage and practically to go into government ownership, if we were a Jefferson county farmer we would begin to plan to use ladino clover as it fitted into our overall farming program but would be worried if it were our major crop and we were in a position of depending on the whims of government as it holds or dumps its surplus on the market.

We don't have all the facts, but the parallel to Washington county's experience with Austrian peas furnishes an example of what might happen.

(Forest Grove News-Times)

THE TREADMILL'S SUCCESSOR



Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS
GRAVEYARD OF THE ATLANTIC: SHIPWRECKS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST, by David Stick, illustrated by Frank Stick (University of North Carolina, \$5)
At Cape Hatteras, this author reminds us, the Gulf Stream and colder northern waters meet kermack; a turbulence of wind and wave, often over shoals and along a low coast, drives break-

ers high onto the shore. All this takes a heavy toll of shipping; some 600 vessels lost are listed here, among them for instance, 85 sent to the bottom from 1839 to 1861, and 108 from 1899 to 1918.

There could be sadder tragedy: One man after another loses his grip and tumbles from the rigging of a wrecked ship just before help arrives, or the U. S. man of war Huron, a steamer, strikes (in 1877) and 103 of 132 aboard die; the ill-fated ship had cleared Hampton Roads ominously on a Friday. The gruesome note is sounded in one lone case of cannibalism (in 1854) when the Orline St. John's captain, first mate and seamen "were compelled from necessity to feed on the body" of a sailor. He had died of exposure, the report explained, and the author adds that the food produced no ill effects.

However incongruous, humor was not lacking. A beau Brummel of a sailor, rescued by breeches buoy, rode ashore wearing a derby. There was mystery: Patriot, out of Georgetown, S. C., vanished (in 1812) and the Carroll A. Dereing (in 1921) ran ashore but without a man aboard. . . . was it mutiny, piracy or abandonment? And there were oddities: The dog that swam to rescuers with a line, the horse that guided the shipwrecked to safety, the proposal made aboard a raft. Sometimes vessels collided, or caught fire or a boiler blew, or storms swept them to destruction; in the 1899 hurricane seven ships were lost on the beach, six disappeared at sea.

For a time shipwrecks were big business; and the story was that bearded at a funeral, at the cry "Ship ashore!" would drop the corpse and run for the rich haul on the beach. Many mariners washed up there liked it so much, they stayed and built homes, often out of salvage. This book is salvage, too, salvage of the valuable kind.

Science has not yet found any method which will indicate intelligence through a study of the form and size of the brain.

New Zealand has 17½ sheep for every person.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"...And remember... tomorrow... for Father's day... we're going to let daddy pretend he's head of the house..."

The Safety Valve

Father's Day Greeting

To The Editor:
I heard over the radio, that if all the lawbooks and records stored in the congressional library in Washington, D. C., were piled on top of each other, it would make a stack over 300 miles high. All wasted paper and wasted energy! The two great Commandments and the Golden Rule contain all the law and the prophets in less than 300 words. This is the law by which we shall be judged. If all kept this law there would be no lying, no cheating, no stealing, no murder, no war. These are the commandments of God.

It is self evident that a divine religion has a divine head; that everything contrary to it is doctrine of devils. Carnal man is prone to follow any bellwether, just so he is a clever liar, promises everything they want whether he has anything or nothing. Of old they would gang up, plunder whole nations, stone the prophets, crucify the Prince of life and peace and slay His apostles. Therein religion is; grab all you can get your hands on and look for more! Then say, if there was a just God, He would not allow these evils; forget that God ordained that each one rules his own spirit, that whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Without free will, man could do nothing that would merit reward or punishment. There is liberty in heaven; otherwise angels could not have chosen evil. All who choose evil shall share a similar fate. God is love; if we miss love, we missed the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price. Christians cannot compromise with repobates, cannot appease or trust them; they lust for power, will gang up to force their will on others, will liberate murderers and slay the innocent. Enough said: now ponder it.

A. P. Kirsch
Stayton, Oregon

Tough on Grand Old Party

To The Editor:
Since Al Capone is dead and Hitler is out of general circulation, MacArthur is a natural and appropriate choice for chief spokesman of the Republican National Convention. Probably MacArthur will be longest and deservedly most loudly remembered for the Hittleresque way he handled the bogus marchers—at Hoover's behest.

If ever a political organization deserved to die and die hard, it was the GOP in 1912 and I have further contended in season and out, that with every succeeding presidential campaign since, the party has become more deserving of a harder death.

The combination of MacArthur, Taft, McCarthy, et al, should help speed up this most desirable outcome.

H. M. Stryker
Salem, Oregon

Sophomore Chosen Sisters Rodeo Queen

SISTERS—Carole Campbell, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell, Black Butte Ranch, Sisters, will reign as queen over the Sisters Rodeo, June 28 and 29. Miss Campbell, a sophomore at Sisters High School, will begin her reign at the coronation dance the night of June 27.

LOCKING DOORS
ALBUQUERQUE (INS)—Locking the barn door before the horse is stolen doesn't always work, either. Produccman J. W. Rogers told police a burglar who got away with \$28 was apparently already in the store when he closed up for the night.

Washington Mirror

Taft-Eisenhower Dog-Fights Dampen GOP Hopes; Demos Encouraged by Controversy

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON—Republican Party in-fighting between Taft and Eisenhower factions during the past two weeks has sent hopes of Pacific Northwest Democrats soaring to a new peak of optimism and plunged many a Republican into despair.

Members of both parties have roller coasted up and down between elation and despondency over recent weeks, but at no time in this year's titanic presidential struggle have Democratic spirits seemed higher and Republican spirits lower.

"I thought this was going to be a Republican year for sure, but this Taft-Eisenhower fight is getting so bitter I don't see how it can be healed after the convention no matter whom we nominate." This is the off-hand classroom remark on the GOP side these days. One prominent Eisenhower leader plays down this squabbling by saying:

"Lincoln once said there's nothing louder than a cat fight in the back alley, but it doesn't seem to prevent them from having plenty of kittens."

Most Republicans from the Northwest expressed opposition to the selection of Gen Douglas MacArthur as convention keynote. Three had favored Sen. Richard Nixon of California. Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), while recognizing MacArthur's oratorical talents, said he thought the keynote should be neutral rather than one who is publicly committed to Taft and, indeed, "available" for the nomination himself. Some stressed the need for a young keynote who might symbolize new blood in the party.

Of the other controversial developments at Chicago this week, in which Taft supporters had their way on every convention arrangement, another Ike man was most

fearful of the consequences of the decision to ban radio and television from observing the credentials contest that will be involved between rival delegations from Texas and some other Southern states.

On Dwight D. Eisenhower's political performance to date, Republican reaction runs from "disappointing" to "putrid." One of his hopeful admirers believes the only way he can get the nomination is to take off his coat and start swinging instead of meeting privately with convention delegates in New York. He thinks Ike in this way might whip up sufficient public sentiment to pressure uncommitted delegates to go for him.

But another of his supporters thinks the Taft crew has already wrapped up the nomination for the Ohio Senator and the election for the Democratic Party.

Democratic confidence apparently springs from the conviction that Taft could be beaten "by a landslide," as one put it, and from the belief that Eisenhower would not be as formidable a politician should he get the nomination as he had been in the primaries while still a rather glamorous military leader.

The Pacific Northwest's top Democrat, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, expresses more hope for Eisenhower's chances than anyone, so far as the GOP convention is concerned. "The big money is behind Eisenhower in the Republican Party; not that Taft doesn't have enough," declared Magnuson, "but the big money is behind Ike and when Republicans get into a close race the convention usually swings behind the money candidate."

Magnuson thinks the Democrats can beat Ike, however, if they nominate a candidate acceptable to the South or draft a platform suitable to Dixiecrats. Magnuson is a member of the 21-man temporary platform drafting committee which next week begins putting its ideas on paper.

Magnuson will urge a softer approach on the controversial issue of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission, which he thinks is the only crucial platform issue so far as Dixiecrat loyalty is concerned.

County Demos Won Election For Justices

A Democrat won both parties' nominations for justice of the peace at Mt. Angel in the recent primary election, but the Republicans, gathering four times as many votes as did the Democrats. This was shown by the official canvass of ballots in the county clerk's office.

In the strictly write-in balloting, Democrat Joseph M. Brockhaus barely won four times as many votes as did the Republicans. Philip J. May, however, the GOP gave him a large 147 to 59 lead over May.

A Democrat also won both nominations in the Jefferson Justice voting, but his name was on the ballot, without opposition. Marvin A. Hutchings got 165 Democratic and 67 Republican tallies.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

Better English (11½—Ed P)—
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He only asked for a cold glass of water."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "putative"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Excavate, excommunicate, exquisite, exaggerate.
4. What does the word "infatuate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with cur that means "a reduction"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "He asked only for a glass of cold water." 2. Pronounce the u as in cute, accent first syllable. 3. Exaggerate. 4. To inspire with a foolish and extravagant passion. "Her many charms infatuated him." 5. Curtailment.

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