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After All, We're All Paying for This

We would say now that Warden O'Malley had put up with enough funny business at the state prison and that it was time, once and for all, to show who's boss. We don't say that the prisoners have been coddled, but we do say that any further leniency whatever would be inexcusable. Guards should be ordered to shoot to kill; dining room silverware, always potential weapons, should be reduced to a minimum; frisking should be frequent and thorough; silence should be compulsory under threat of the "hole" and guards should not be required to take back talk from anyone.

The state has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to enlarge the prison, build a new wall, permit at least a semblance of segregation and insure adequate food. The answer from the convicts has been increased restlessness, more frequent breaks for freedom, cat-calling, bedlam at meal-times, secreting of all manner of weapons, setting of fires and vocal threats.

Oregon, and Salem particularly as the focal point, cannot afford a Michigan, a Kentucky or a Kojie Island. Nor should there be a way left open for such. The Oregon situation arose to large extent from the work of a group of opportunistic do-gooders early in 1951. That work needs to be undone.

We don't want any cruelty in our prison, and we fully recognize there are many inmates with no desire for violence and with good intentions to serve their time and return to citizenship. With a sterner policy on the part of the administration, this group should gain control.

Warden O'Malley has the responsibility for keeping the prison a prison, not a seething furnace of imminent revolt nor a country club. He has improved the standard of his guards and he apparently has the tools with which to work. We hope he uses them.

Langer Victory in North Dakota

Ever since the heyday of the Nonpartisan League politics in North Dakota has been torrid. The league no longer runs the state, but its adherents still figure in political decisions. This was proven in the victory of Sen. William Langer in the Republican primary last week. He was opposed by Gov. Fred Aandahl, an organization man, a proven vote-getter, but Langer's victory was decisive.

Langer himself has been a storm center in North Dakota politics. He is even more of a party maverick than Oregon's Wayne Morse. His votes show no consistency except inconsistency. He is, however, shrewd in playing his favors, a hardy campaigner and a colorful figure. He is a dead loss as a statesman; but North Dakota likes him, so he stays on in office.

Progress in Ending Pollution

Steady progress is being made in ending stream pollution. Most of the larger cities have completed sewage disposal works or have them under construction. Crown Zellerbach which operates the largest paper mill on the Willamette, is following the lead of Oregon Pulp and Paper Mill here and will impound its mill wastes during the season of low water, then draining the lagoon when the river is in flood. This is an economical solution for one of the hardest problems the Sanitary authority faced in enforcing its clean-up orders. With municipal and industrial wastes handled in a way to reduce greatly stream pollution, and with storage dams being completed which will release their waters in the dry season, the Willamette may become a respectable stream again very shortly. It has been a long, hard fight, — and expensive to the cities and industries using its drainage for removal of wastes.

Considerable road work has been done along the Elkhorn county road up the little North Fork. The road crew has cleared away the brush along the river to give a fine view of Elkhorn falls which is about 15 miles above Mehama. The water volume is large for the time of year, so the falls make a very impressive sight.

An OSC economist has made a survey of the business of raising broiler chickens in the Willamette Valley and comes up with the answer that it doesn't pay. Allowing compensation of \$1

an hour to the operator of the plant the figures show a loss; or to put it another way income less expenses allows only 77c an hour to the producer. Feed costs are too high; selling prices too low. Always though there seem to be folk ready to go into the poultry business; and a few stay with it and prosper.

It is hard to understand the apology from the State Department to Owen Lattimore for its recent order to deny him a passport. The tip on which the order was based turned out to be a phony which made State look silly. The department has apologized to Lattimore for the embarrassment it caused him. But it doesn't say he is free to travel outside the country if he wants to. The embarrassment was State's; the unjustified humiliation Lattimore's.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson was given a rousing welcome in Berlin and Vienna, expressions of appreciation for his efforts at preserving these cities from being swamped by the Soviet Union. The way Joe McCarthy talks Acheson would be welcomed only in Moscow. The facts of course are just the contrary.

The Modoc County fair at Alturas will stage a pony express race to Cedarville, 38 miles away, in September. Teams will be made up of six men and six horses, each to take one leg of the race. This ought to be good: the Old West rides again!

Phil Brogan, the Bend newspaperman who reports on Oregon geology, says that a thunder-egg field in the Ochocos will become a public park. For the benefit of our unsentimental readers we would report that the thunderegg is laid by the thunderbird. Isn't that correct, Phil?

In 1912 the Taft (William H.) forces used a "steam roller" to flatten out the opposition. Forty years later the Taft (Robert A.) forces are accused of using a bulldozer for the same purpose.

One thing certain, campaign managers for Eisenhower and Taft are getting plenty of practice in adding and subtracting. How accurately they are doing their sums should be clear in a fortnight.

The executive director of the Yale Plan Clinic says that education in drinking is a vital need if alcoholism is to be reduced. The shortest and safest instruction is not to drink.

Come July and maybe the weather will encourage use of the outdoor barbecues and lawn furniture; and give the old man a chance to show off as outdoor cook.

Bulk mailings of circulars goes up from one cent apiece to a cent and one-half. That will be hard on candidates. Fortunately for them the Oregon primaries are over.

Editorial Comment

NOW...JET ENGINES FOR TRUCKS
A new departure that bids well to revolutionize the trucking industry and attracting attention in a public display this week end at Portland is a jet-propelled truck which makes use of the Boeing airplane gas turbine engine.

According to the Oregon Teamster, this new truck engine weighs around 1½ tons less than diesel motors now used in big outfits. It requires practically no lubrication and no cooling system. Its engine takes up only 13 per cent of the space of a comparable diesel motor and it is made of only one-tenth the number of parts required in a gasoline or diesel motor of the same rating.

The new engine develops 175 horsepower at 2,750 revolutions per minute with a maximum of 200 horsepower at 3,000 r.p.m. The power of this airplane jet engine, developed for the U. S. Navy's bureau of ships, is harnessed by a secondary turbine that turns a shaft, rather than power from jet thrust as is employed in driving an aircraft through the skies.

In exhaustive tests in Washington, a large, 13-ton truck and trailer with a jet propelled engine traveled 15,000 miles with a 21-ton payload. Truck drivers will appreciate one of the features of the new engine. Its operation is almost as smooth and quiet as that of a passenger automobile engine. The roar and shake of the engine, the roar of the exhaust and the combustion knock associated with present large commercial vehicles is said to be practically non-existent.—Hood River News.

Cominform's Labor Leaders Revise Tactics After Political Strikes Fail in France, Italy

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

(AP) Foreign News Analyst

After the failure of Communist-led strikes in France and Italy with political strikes, the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) a creature of Moscow, called a hasty meeting of its executive bureau in Vienna. There it has just begun to change the tune.

The WFTU is a transmission belt between the Cominform and the Communist-dominated trade unions in free Europe. Its deliberations, in a building otherwise occupied with Soviet affairs in the international sector of Vienna, are kept to itself and the Cominform. What is announced about these deliberations comes out first in Pravda, after having been properly distilled.

What did come out, smoked up with a mess of Stalinist double talk, was an admission of failure. The program mapped out by Moscow for the Communists in France and Italy had fallen with a dull thud. It was time for Moscow to recognize this, and apparently it has done so.

The executive bureau of the WFTU drew up an "appeal" to "workers of all the world." This

time the appeal, while it had overtones of international politics, concentrated on the economic.

The usual cussing-out of "war-mongers" was only a minor part of the appeal. It's main fire was directed at the "diversionists" inside trade unions.

It was particularly angry about the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which it called "reactionary capitalist governments and reactionary enterprises. The ICFTU, incidentally, has been giving the Communists a bad time with well-directed counter-propaganda.

"Be alert," said the WFTU appeal as reported by Pravda, "and beat back the attacks directed against union organizations. For this it is necessary to make unions ever more powerful and active, to rally around them the broad masses of the workers."

"Comrades!" Organize decisive rebuffs to the encroachments of reaction, the social and economic rights and the freedom of the workers. Unmask the infringements of capitalist governments on the rights of unions

and organize broad campaigns of protest...

The entire appeal this time is based not on the contention that Moscow must be supported in its political war against the West, but on "the rights and goals" of workers. Unity of action, the hardy political rallying cry of the WFTU, is used again, but this time it is applied to bread and butter.

The dismal failure of Communist attempts in France and Italy to get the workers worked up to a feverish pitch against American government policies, Western international agreements and Western defense plans must have given Moscow much food for thought.

Six months ago the political strike technique was laid down by Moscow as the law for the Communists of France and Italy, despite their advice that the workers in their countries had no stomach for such action.

Now, belatedly, Moscow is coming around to the point of view of the WFTU's president, Giuseppe Di Vittorio, and Benoit Franchon, the head of the Communist-led labor federation in France, that the workers are interested primarily in keeping the pots bubbling on the family cookstove.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"... Is possible maybe cruel Capitalists is not spreading germs and bugs, comrade husband... is maybe just needing a bath?..."

Vienna Throngs Cheer Acheson

VIENNA, Austria—U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson arrived here Sunday amid the ringing cheers of thousands of Austrians under Soviet occupation.

He came from another Russian-tinged city—Berlin—where he also got a hearty welcome during a 24-hour visit.

His trips to Vienna and Berlin were intended to demonstrate to the two beleaguered cities that the West is determined to keep them free.

Acheson's arrival in this East-West crossroads was marked by one memorable demonstration: as he rode through the Russian Zone from Tulln Air Base 20 miles to Vienna, Austrians ignored Soviet soldiers and sailors along the route and cheered him loudly.

The U. S. secretary traveled to the Austrian capital aboard the personal train of U. S. High Commissioner Walter J. Donnelly along a route lined every 200 yards by armed Austrian police. He leaned from a window of the observation car to wave at Austrians who stood along the tracks.

Threats Unfulfilled
Communist threats to stage big protest demonstrations on Acheson's arrival failed to materialize and no incidents were reported. The Reds in Germany also ignored his visit—apparently on Russian orders.

Acheson spent 24 hours on his "symbolic visit" to Berlin, where he said the Western Allies intend to stay until Germany is united and rejoined to the free world. He then flew across the Russian zones of Germany and Austria in President Truman's plane, the Independence, to land at Tulln.

Receives Welcome
Acheson was welcomed at the airfield by Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber, High Commissioner and Mrs. Donnelly and Deputy High Commissioner Walter Dowling.

"We in the United States admire and honor the patience and courage with which the people of Austria have borne the disappointments in not having had the liberty and independence promised them in Moscow in 1943," Acheson said, adding:

"The constant aim of United States policy is to hasten the day when independence will be given to Austria."

Huge crowds jammed the square at Franz Josef Station in the American sector of Vienna to watch Acheson's arrival. Vienna police threw up a tight cordon along the Danube Canal bordering on the Soviet sector to prevent Red demonstration attempts.

A total of 39 Communists already had been jailed in the past three days for painting "Acheson, go home" signs on streets and walls of the city.

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two principal contenders for the Republican nomination for President.

At that it is hard to find in all the published speeches of the candidates a clear-cut statement of position. Taft's book and his later speeches have been a strange medley. In Wisconsin and South Dakota he made genuflections toward isolationism; yet as to Asia he is almost an interventionist. Nor is Eisenhower very clear in his program for the conduct of foreign affairs, though he does stand strongly for NATO. As to Asia he confesses his own ignorance of the situation there.

What it comes down to is that choice between Taft and Ike should be made, not on the basis of their campaign speeches, but on their records. Taft is for a narrow foreign policy, and Eisenhower for a broader one. Taft would pinch our financial commitments and our military involvement. Eisenhower would perform our commitments. His theory evidently accords with that of the present administration that the West must get itself in a strong military position; and once that is done the war threat will diminish. But Ike wants to taper off on our spending to avoid wrecking the domestic economy.

Neither candidate has any fresh, forward-looking constructive program to offer for world peace. Dulles has it over both of them in that respect. So the hope for the country seems to lie in this that if either Taft or Eisenhower is elected president he will appoint Dulles secretary of state.

Disappointed at Failure to Die

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. (AP)—James P. Longworth arose from his bed Sunday, after awaiting 24 hours for death, and tearfully remarked: "Well, I guess God changed his mind."

The 69-year-old mountaineer, who said God twice told him he would die at 7 a.m. Saturday, was still in apparent good health.

"I am greatly disappointed, however," he said. "I was ready to go."

The devout old man's disappointment was shared by many in his community of 15,000 at the foot of Cumberland Mountain.

Citizens were profoundly moved by Longworth's trust with death and his unwavering faith that a voice he heard, while praying on the mountainside, was God beckoning him to Heaven.

No Scoffing
There was no scoffing heard among the estimated 5,000 persons who Saturday visited the neat, five room cottage where Longworth lives with his daughter, Mrs. Dora T. Pouch.

Visitors still poured in Sunday. Most everyone who talked with Longworth, it seemed, believed he would die.

Folk far from Kentucky joined in the death watch. The Cawood Funeral Home, which had arranged for Longworth's funeral, said it received at least 1,000 telephone calls from all parts of the nation.

Everybody asked, "Has he died yet?"

Kept for Purpose
Longworth said Sunday he believed God decided to keep him on earth for a purpose.

"I don't know the purpose," he added, "but I'm going back to the mountain to pray and ask God."

His daughter offered this explanation: "My father," said Mrs. Tkach, "had such strong faith that he received the faith of others, like in a great religious revival. Maybe that was the purpose of all this."

She related that "drunkards, gamblers and even murderers came to shake hands with father and ask him to pray for them. And they had tears in their eyes."

Many States Represented in Sheridan Visits

SHERIDAN — Mr. and Mrs. Avery Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Earl MacDonald and Patsy of Denver, Colo., are visiting at the Harlow Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. El Alton and daughters of Lander, Wyo., visited here this week with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Countryman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Main and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Main of Jerome, Idaho, are visiting at the Glen and C. M. Pruitt homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Atwood and Judy have returned from a vacation trip which took them to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hogue and Vivian left this week for their home in Geneva, Neb., after visiting at the Ted Richey home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner and Major and Mrs. Steve Zvonar and Lee of Shreveport, La., are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPherson and family of San Jose, Calif., visited at the E. A. Brandt home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Lady have returned from a trip to Canada.

Greg Flynn was honored on his fourth birthday this week with a party. Fourteen friends were present. Refreshments and favors were given the small guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bozeman, and Dixie left this week for a trip to Tennessee.

Pfc Gordon Bronson, who has been home on furlough, returned to San Francisco this week.

Come On! Turn on the Fan!



PHILADELPHIA—As the temperatures soared toward the hundred mark for the third consecutive day, Pandora, the Philadelphia Zoo's pet chimpanzee went looking for relief. The chimp used an umbrella to keep off the hot sun, an ice bag, a cake of ice and an electric fan which the zoo keeper had not turned on. Weather bureau said scant relief was in sight. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

George Harms, Dallas, Dies At Age of 73

Statesman News Service

DALLAS — George William Harms, a resident of Dallas for the past 30 years, died in a local hospital Sunday at the age of 73.

He was born June 1, 1879 in Winkler, Manitoba, Canada. On March 4, 1945 he was married to Anna Quiring in Orland, Calif. Harms had been married previously. His widow survives. Their home was 508 Fairview Ave. Before his retirement he was in the housemoving business.

Besides the widow, he is survived by three daughters, Marian O'Brien of Dayton, Ohio; Katherine Ratzlaff of Everett, Wash.; and Lorraine Edwards of San Marino, Calif.; five sons, Irvin E. Harms and George G. Harms, both of Dallas; Pete Harms of Salem; William Harms of Detroit, Mich.; and Abe Unger of Main Center, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Services will be held in the Menominee Brethren Church at 2 p. m. Wednesday, with burial at Dallas Cemetery under the direction of the Bollman Funeral Home.

Spitsbergen has been the base for such noted Northern explorers as Andrew, Wellman, Peary, Byrd, Amundson, Ellsworth, Nobile and Wilkins.

Tele-fun
by Warren Goodrich



"Once I didn't make sure of the correct telephone number... and can you imagine? I found I'd dated a mud hen!"... Memory often plays tricks, so look up numbers you're not sure of—before you call... Pacific Telephone.

Stephen Foster, who wrote such songs as "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Old Folks at Home," died homeless and forsaken in a New York hospital charity ward.

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