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Military Aid to Yugoslavia

Marshal Tito is a Communist, but in the cold war of today we probably will get more for our money in supplying him with military equipment than in furnishing it to some of our European allies. The latter are seemingly so afraid of another war that they are reluctant to get ready to fight it, in spite of the example of the Russian satellite, in spite of their eyes. But Marshal Tito already is guilty of such heresy that he has no escape but to defend himself. And Yugoslavia can muster one of the largest and toughest of non-Communist European armies.

A U.S. military team has promised Yugoslavia increased military aid, including such equipment as jet planes, tanks and heavy artillery. Their decision was made after inspecting the Yugoslav forces, testing their training and morale and examining their needs.

It is plain as a pikestaff that the Russians will be slow to make a drive westward with their arch-enemy, Marshal Tito on their flank, commanding a well-trained and well-equipped army. Closer in on a flank is Turkey whose military strength is formidable since its armies were furnished with American supplies and equipment.

We may dislike doing business with Marshal Tito because he is a Communist, but in this business of setting up the players on our team we just can't be too choosy. Tito can furnish the divisions, and at a spot where our probable foe is vulnerable.

Danger in Gag Rule

Winston Churchill keeps his aging feet firmly on the ground even though the Red Dean of Canterbury has been mouthing foolishness that has led to widespread demands that he be muzzled.

The dean, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, has long been identified with Communist causes but never has been sillier than when he "disclosed" at a press conference a story that Chinese children, using chopsticks, had been picking up germs dropped by Allied planes. Next thing he'll be saying we use spears to bag invisible atoms hurling through space.

Churchill, in effect, says to let him rave—that free speech should not be curtailed despite the fact that "it carries with it the evil of all the foolish, unpleasant, venomous things that are said."

What is beyond understanding is the blindness of the Red Dean himself, assuming his sincerity. The president of the International Council of Christian Churches most certainly is correct when he says the dean "is hurting the cause of Christianity and freedom."

Even so, though, we believe Churchill is correct when he says that involving a gag rule could well lead to far worse damage. The dean, like warts, eventually will dry up.

No Danger in Predictions

If you'd like to go from Salem to Portland in 2½ minutes, or from Salem to San Francisco in 30 minutes, or from Salem to Chicago in less than two hours, just hitch-hike a ride on the Navy's new D-558-2 Skyrocket.

Assuming you let out a shout as you leave Salem, and assuming the shout could be heard in Chicago, you'd be in Chicago nearly two hours before the sound caught up with you.

Or, if you're interested in a little more complex comparison, if a Skyrocket left Salem at noon today and continued its recent record speed (1238 miles an hour) around the world, it could beat the sun and arrive back in Salem at 8 a.m. tomorrow—flying in daylight the entire trip.

Of course, sustained flight at the top speed is not yet possible. But just one generation ago a body would predict traveling faster than the earth rotates would have been termed crazy. Now, everyone can predict anything and still be credited with having all his marbles.

Lookouts Supplementary

Whatever can be said for or against Operation Skywatch, it is not true that the work could be done by forest lookouts instead. The forest lookouts are placed strategically in regard to forest protection, not as a sky screen, and they are

not on constant watch—during rains they leave their posts for some hours or days at a time, and all-night vigils are not maintained routinely. After all, one man (or woman) can't patrol the horizon 24 hours a day.

That doesn't mean our forest lookouts shouldn't be briefed on Operation Skywatch. It does mean that to be effective Skywatch must be maintained as a separate entity to insure uninterrupted vigil.

The government now says the Republicans were cooled illegally at their recent national convention because owners of the International Amphitheatre in Chicago did not have official permission to install the air-conditioning system which took 40 tons of steel and 1100 tons of copper. But the system won't be withdrawn immediately, at least, because the Democrats meet there next week. We'd say that was fair. If the Republican convention had been any hotter than it was, we'd probably have Charlie McCarthy as the GOP nominee. And we hope the Democrats will keep their shirts on, too.

In Canada the Commonwealth Federation party has a program of progressive Socialism. It is dominant in Saskatchewan where it has put the province into various business enterprises. Its party in Alberta says if it gains power it will cancel permits for export of natural gas to the U.S. The Social Credit party has long been boss in Alberta and probably will continue to hold power there. The CCF attitude, however, shows what has to be overcome to assure a steady flow of natural gas to the United States from Canadian fields.

One thing certain, the Oregon presidential preference primary got a new lease of life in Chicago. After observing the shabby contests from states where delegates are not selected in primaries, Oregon voters will not cancel out their system which at least makes definite who are entitled to credentials. Even in states where the party is well organized, precinct caucuses are apt to be sparsely attended, which gives the advantage to those running the party machinery.

Grocers have their problems, for certain, here on the mainland. But in Hawaii? Well, one chain there imported a carload of rice by air from San Francisco (because of the shipping tie-up). The air postage for the 24,000 pounds was \$3,570—more than the cost of rice. But the grocers couldn't charge above ceiling prices so, in effect, absorbed the postage cost themselves. The rice was sold out in one week end.

Highway Engineer Baldock is back from a trip to Europe and is reporting on the highways he observed while touring the continent. As was to be expected he made it an engineer's vacation; just like the postman who goes for a walk on his.

OPS is cutting its staff of employees. Will it be, as it has been so often, when one alphabetic agency was curtailed or liquidated, that the employees will merely swing over to XYZ agency?

Senator Russell of Georgia must be taking his candidacy very seriously—perhaps hopefully. After having voted twice for the Taft-Hartley law in 1947 he now says it should be repealed because it is "weighted against labor." On this issue though Kefauver is one-up on him—he voted against the bill in congress; and so did Sen. Barkley.

Another news story appears in which an elderly man who lived in apparent poverty left an estate of a million dollars. Those surprises we hear about. What we don't hear very often are the stories of the guys who live as though they were millionaires and die in debt.

Some of the prominent Democrats profess to see Eisenhower an easier opponent to beat than Taft. Somehow one feels they are just whistling to keep up their courage as they climb Cemetery hill.

"State Noes PGE Dam" says an Oregonian headline. No, no, no; not Noes, please.

Importance of Western Europe Production For War Is Shown in Combined Steel Totals

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst
If you still don't know why the United States cannot sit back and take chances on the conquest of Western Europe by a Russia which intends ultimate world conquest, all you need to do is take a look at a recent United Nations report on industrial patterns.

The United States and Western Europe together produce 150,000,000 metric tons of steel annually. The U.S. share is 95,000,000.

The Iron Curtain countries and Western Europe produce 97,000,000 tons. The Russian-controlled share is 40,000,000.

Without Europe, Russia cannot compete with the U.S. in its industry vital to war. With Europe, she is an equal.

The U.S. produces 519,000,000 metric tons of coal, Western Europe 502,000,000, the Soviets 281,000,000 plus large quantities in Poland and some in other satellites. A combined continen-

tal production would have all the edge.

The oil situation is different. The U.S. produces seven or eight times as much oil as the European continent.

There are adjacent to Russia, however, vast oil reserves subject to possible conquest, and it is quite possible that she still has vast untapped resources of her own. The manpower situation is well known.

Thus, in a world where continental Europe was mobilized, even against its wishes, for Russian purposes, the United States would cut a small figure.

And it must be remembered that the figures are subject to constant change.

Russia contains all and perhaps more of the natural resources which made the U.S. great. And she is pushing their development.

Her rate of industrial expansion is far greater than that of the rest of the world, which, being ahead, of course does not have room for such rapid increase.

But the Western world has few

if any important untapped resources, where Russia has many. In this department the greatest immediate opportunity of the West lies not in new development, but in the industrial revival of Germany.

But even with Germany's 21 per cent increase in industrial production last year, Western Europe's gain was only ten per cent.

Russia claimed 16 per cent, Czechoslovakia 10 per cent, and Hungary, which is just beginning, 30 per cent. The U.S. makes no attempt to go behind the reported figures.

In one way, reports of industrial production behind the Iron Curtain contain hope.

Hope that one day, when Russia will have developed her own vast resources, she will find herself in the position which has had so much to do with the international morality of the United States. Then Russia would not need to employ aggressiveness to seek her needs.

But while that aggressiveness still exists, the necessity of preventing an imbalance of power through Russian mobilization of Europe can hardly be overestimated.

THIS IS SHOW BUSINESS



Comes the Dawn

Thursday morning The Statesman received a call from a woman living in South Salem, who reported, rather nochalantly, that a flying saucer was floating over her house. Furthermore, she yawned, it was about to land in a field near her house. So Charlie Ireland, Statesman valley editor, went out to investigate. Charlie found the saucer, a large flat saucer-like saucer, in a field just off Liberty Road. As he hurried up to the machine the top hood popped open and a little creature hopped saucily out.



He was, says Charlie, something out of this world—something, that not even True would believe. He was about 3 feet tall with two legs, four arms, a head which came to a rakish point at the top, a nose shaped like a flashlight (later Charlie was to find out it really WAS a flashlight) baby blue eyes and ears shaped like electrical plug-in sockets (they were). He wore metal coveralls and his hat was a combination television set, atomic power unit and radio-telephone—and at that moment, said Charlie, the Saucer Man had it tuned into the Johnny Ray program. Welded to the breast of his coveralls the fellow had a large "ike" button.

"Ireland's the name," said Charlie politely stepping forward in his new two-toned shoes. He grasped one of the fellow's four hands and shook it vigorously. "Yessiree," Charlie said briskly, "nice day for flying that—er—saucer. Dandy landing you made there." The little man (Charlie thinks it was a man) looked blank for a few seconds. Suddenly he smiled, a glow about his face and he plugged it into his ear. "Gnow yohr koming threw better," said he in broken English. "Hehr ohn erth I gett conphused with AC and DC." Too polite to mention the peculiar spelling in the fellow's diction, Charlie whipped out a pencil and paper and began taking notes.

"You a stranger around here?" Charlie asked eagerly. "Strate from Mahrs," said Saucer Sam. "You mean Mahrs?" corrected Charlie. "On Mahrs we pronounce it with an 'h'," replied the fellow. "I don't wish to pry," said Charlie discreetly, "but what are you doing—or, that is, how come you happen . . ." At this point, says Charlie, the little gnome pressed the third button on his overalls and his "ike" button lit up with a brilliant flash. "I whas a delegate to the convention," he said smugly. "I was the only delegate not out to save something. I just had phum."

"Well, well," said Charlie. "Of course, nobody believes in you. Even though your standing right here in front of me, I can't bring myself to believe you really exist. Furthermore the Air Force said you just are not so." With this the little disk-jockey allowed several bolts of lightning to flash from his baby-blue eyes. Even, says Charlie, his flashlight nose began to blink off and on. "That's why I'm leaving you earth-shmeaths," he snapped. "You don't believe in anything until you have to start paying taxes on it." He was so excited, Charlie said later, the visitor dropped his h's. After a few mild exchanges about the weather, the steel strike, and inter-planetary space rates, the little pilot climbed aboard his saucer, yelled "contact," and took off. Charlie told the city editor, that, inasmuch as he did not get the fellow's name he did not think it fair to take his picture. After all . . .

IT SEEMS TO ME

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first-hand knowledge of the responsibilities the government must carry in the proper administration of its national resources, particularly grazing, mineral lands and forests. Take the matter of access roads to timber: these are required if the government is to harvest its timber. Some may be built by government appropriation; others have to be provided by the private concerns purchasing the timber. A trip such as the delegation will make today into the forest region of the Coast Range will enable them to see how, through a road agreement conveying reciprocal rights made between the Bureau and the Willamette Valley Lumber Co., public and private timber will be harvested and marketed over a single road system. They will observe also the forest practices pursued under a plan for sustained yield. And by following the logs down to the sawmill they will see how they contribute to community support.

The ticklish question of sharing the proceeds from O&C lands was touched on only lightly Thursday. It may be gone into more thoroughly at the meeting tomorrow. Walter Horning, formerly regional administrator and now with the Department in Washington, expressed the view that under proper management the yield to the counties under a reduced percentage would exceed what it has been realizing under recent percentages.

Congressman Ellsworth said that the bill to vest title to converted lands, and the bill to cut the county share to 50 per cent of the gross (instead of the present 75) were probably dead for this session of the congress. These issues are "unfinished business" of Congress. We may hope that the visit of these congressmen will supply them with such a clear understanding that they can assist the Oregon delegation in getting them finally determined.

Besides that, we are always happy to have Washington officialdom pay us a visit.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I hope we will be on time for the lecture."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "melange" (a mixture; medley)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Modiste, mnemonics, monetary, monastary.
4. What does the word "psychical" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with tru that means "savage; cruel"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I hope we shall be in time for the lecture." 2. Pronounce ma-lanzh, first a as in ah, accent second syllable. 3. Monastary. 4. Pertaining to the spirit, soul, or mind. "He devoted his life to psychical research." 5. Truculent.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"But I didn't hang up on you, Otis! Daddy tore the telephone off the wall! . . ."

Polk Timber Project Tour Scheduled for Congress Delegation

A delegation of congressmen and U. S. Bureau of Land Management officials will inspect a sustained yield forest management program today in mountain timber land west of Falls City.

The group will spend all day in the Black Rock area viewing a progressive timber management program of the Willamette Valley Lumber Co. and will see most phases of modern logging operations.

Included in the tour will be inspection of an old forest fire burn of about 20,000 acres of private and government lands which is being cooperatively reforested by private and government funds. Efforts at hand planting of trees and results of sowing Douglas fir seed by helicopter will be viewed by the party.

Dallas Chamber of Commerce will be host to the visitors at a dinner tonight at 7 o'clock. Dallas Lions Club will join as hosts to over 100 persons, 75 of which are expected in the visiting delegation.

Participating in the welcome will be Dallas Mayor Hollis C. Smith and Polk County Judge C. F. Hayes.

Prior to the Dallas tour the officials have inspected range seedling projects in Idaho, according to Roscoe E. Bell, northwest regional administrator of the Land Management Bureau in Portland. Included in the party which is to arrive in Dallas at about 9 a.m. today, are eight congressmen. They are U. S. Representative W. F. Norrell, Arkansas; John Murdock, Arizona; B. J. Jensen, Iowa; H. H. Budge, Idaho; Wayne Aspinall, Colorado; Wesley A. D'Ewart, Montana; Norris Poulson, California; and W. H. Harrison, Wyoming.

Members of the O&C field committee from various regions in the United States, including Roy F. Bessy, chairman of the northwest region, and other officials also will participate.

The group arrived in Portland Thursday and spent the day in conference on forest land management. Greeting the group was Gov. Douglas McKay and Former Gov. Charles Sprague of Salem, chairman of the Oregon and California Grant Lands advisory board.

The conference is expected to close Saturday after a session on resource management problems covering the whole course of the western tour from Montana to Portland.

Saturday morning county court members of the 18 O&C counties in western Oregon will meet with the congressional group to discuss legislation affecting the O&C lands. Marion County will be represented by County Commissioner Roy Rice.

Literary Guidepost

By E. L. ALMEN

DEFENSE OF FREEDOM, by the editors of La Prensa (John Day; 34¢)

The valiant but losing struggle of La Prensa for survival already has earned the admiration of free men everywhere. The editors who helped make the Argentine newspaper the greatest tribune in the Spanish-speaking world have written the step-by-step story of that uneven struggle.

The creed of La Prensa was set forth by its founder, Dr. Jose C. Paz:

"Independence, respect for the private individual and reasoned criticism of public officials but not of their individual personalities."

Because such a creed is intolerable to an authoritarian regime, say these authors, La Prensa had to be eliminated by the Peron government.

The process of elimination ranged from the ludicrous to bare force. It included fines for alleged petty violations of municipal ordinances, the blast of government loudspeakers across the street from La Prensa, the blast of bombs thrown by hired thugs, the arrest of the managing editor, and finally the seizure of the property.

As the authors point out, closure of La Prensa as an independent organ was the ultimate goal of its persecutors despite the pretence of legality. "Defense of Freedom" sheds the supposedly legal justifications with incisive strokes of logic.

La Prensa's monetary worth is placed at easily over 14 million dollars. The government gave it an expropriation value of \$1,299,613 and then ruled that the newspaper owed \$2,256,224 in retroactive customs duties on newsprint.

How the government used and still uses its monopoly over newsprint imports as an instrument of censorship and a bludgeon against independent newspapers is described fully.

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, director of La Prensa, escaped to Uruguay. He and his colleagues have told a story that is forbidden to be told in Argentina and one which should help the free world to recognize the insidious methods which can undermine its freedom.

Twenty-two states now prohibit the diversion of motor vehicle fees and taxes to non-highway purposes, says the Automobile Club of New York.

Snake Water Rights Argued At Hearing

BOISE (P) — Attorneys for the Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho Power Co. clashed Wednesday over whether water rights are an issue in the Federal Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power's application for a license to build Oxbow dam.

"Water rights are not an issue in this hearing," said Howard Stinson, attorney for the regional Reclamation Bureau. He outlined the water rights provisions of the proposed Hells Canyon dam, saying the state's water rights for both present and future irrigation are protected.

"I disagree," said A. C. Inman, Idaho Power attorney. "What Congress gives it can take away." Stinson said the bill for Hells Canyon — which would be built along the same stretch of river where Idaho power wants to build five low-head dams—provides for present irrigation water rights and also has a provision that it would be subordinate to all future rights for water for 1,113,000 acres.

He represented the secretary of the interior, who has intervened in opposition to Idaho Power.

Stinson and Inman clashed again as State Sen. Claude Detweiler (R-Twin Falls) started to testify. He was second in a list of 100 witnesses who Inman said wanted to support Idaho Power's position.

FPC Examiner William Costello ruled at the outset that general testimony on public vs. private power was not within the scope of the hearing.

Detweiler, speaking as a business man and civic leader, declared that the government should encourage private capital and develop natural resources and that he was alarmed at the trend toward government development.

"I'm in favor of Oxbow because it will forever stop the Hells Canyon project," he said.

With Idaho Power building the dams, he said, the state can be sure the power won't be exported to other states; fish migration will be undisturbed, and customers will be assured of a steadier delivery of power.

Polk Mishaps Hurt Drivers

Two men were treated for injuries Thursday afternoon, sustained in separate Polk County accidents.

Taken to Salem General Hospital was Harold Gates, 38, of 1090 S. 16th St. He suffered shoulder and head injuries when his car went out of control on the Dallas-Salem highway just outside West Salem and plunged into a bank. His condition was good.

Robert B. Hamblin, 22, of Independence sustained head injuries when his pickup truck rolled into a ditch about two miles north of Independence. After treatment by city ambulance crewmen, Hamblin returned home.

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