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Strategic Sweden

Both Sweden and the United States are on a veritable spot regarding Russian petulance over the Swedes approaching Red installations in the central Baltic waters.

The Swedes, understandably, are more than a little angry at Soviet action in shooting down a patrol plane and flying boat, neither of which was violating international frontiers. And it is possible Sweden will implement its statement that "Swedish military aircraft are obviously entirely free to fly over the free sea and will, in the future as hitherto, make use of this right."

What then? It won't take very many more such instances to make Sweden leave its vaunted neutrality and petition for inclusion in the western defense pact. But from all appearances there is no certainty the West would welcome the move.

True, Norway has a common boundary with Russia in the far north and Sweden doesn't. But Sweden generally remains as a Baltic bulwark, regardless. Its eastern land boundary is Finland, which Russia has encroached on but not annexed.

With a population (6 1/2 million) twice that of Norway's and a geographical area (173,000 square miles) 40 per cent larger than its neighbor, Sweden in some ways is to the Baltic area what Switzerland is to mainland Europe. Neither could be expected to stand against the comparative Goliaths at its doors, and neither in modern times has tried. But whereas mountainous Switzerland is generally recognized as a needed base of neutrality in any world clash, Sweden has no such status and a predatory nation might elect to pick it off. The West may have a real problem on its hands if the Swedes quit straddling the fence.

In the meantime, the Olympic games will bring new focus on the Baltic area. Their site at Helsinki is almost within sight of secret Russian installations on a tip of a once-Finnish peninsula to the south, and through which Finnish trains may travel only when windows are tightly shuttered. It is too bad the theme of the Olympic games oath can't spread into the politics of the area involved:

"We swear that we will take part in the Olympic games in fair competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and with the desire to participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honor of our country and for the glory of sport."

Maybe a little of that oath will soak off on Russian participants. It is too much to hope that it will make any impression on those who are putting the squeeze to nearby Sweden.

Remember Paul Dresser's song at the turn of the century: "Oh the moonlight's fair tonight along the Wabash . . . On the banks of the Wabash far away." Well, the fish you might see in the moonlight, if there was moonlight now would be dead, killed by cyanide poison dumped into the Wabash by mistake. The incident does get the Wabash back in the news as it hasn't been for a long time.

Democrats in Chicago are milling around, waiting for something to come out of a smoke-filled room—or out of the White House. Delegates just don't know which bandwagon really will roll. It's been so long since they had any real choice in naming a candidate for President they hardly know how to act. For all their freedom they still are listening for word from the "Commander-in-Chief."

Shoals, rapids and hidden logs were little-headed obstacles to the nine YMCAers who traversed the 25 miles from Albany to Salem in a canoe Friday. The Willamette is no raging torrent and the trip is not comparable to the daring treks on the Colorado or the River of No Return, but it still offers great sport and we hope more and more such use will be made of it. The eventual riverside park in Salem will lend welcome emphasis.

When Johnny Ray was singing "The Little White Cloud That Cried" a jar of tear gas was released which drove the crowd in a Boston theater into the street. The gas made them cry even if Johnny and the song didn't.

Lebanon's New Hospital

Lebanon dedicated its new 50-bed hospital with proper aplomb Sunday and the 3,200 citizens whose donations made the plant possible can take a well-earned bow.

Yes, 3,200—there are that many names on the huge lobby plaque in the hospital which was financed by more than \$525,000 in cash aid plus \$193,000 in federal funds. First patients will be admitted two weeks from tomorrow after the finest available equipment has been completely installed.

The Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, which operates the old 20-bed Lebanon hospital, has contracted to run the new facilities.

Seldom is it that a town of 6,000 has ever raised more than a half million dollars in a hospital drive, but that is what Lebanon has done in two concerted campaigns. It didn't even need as much federal money as it was entitled to under the Hill-Burton Act. Lebanon may have been "solicited to death," like most other cities have been under the demands of modern times, but it still took on and carried to fruition a community project that will serve for many years. Our neighbor is due all congratulations.

In spite of his name Ahmed Qavam, new premier of Iran, seems to have no qualms about dealing with the British on Iranian oil.

Copying the cigaret promotion girls the 1948 "Miss Wisconsin" is touring the country offering samples of Wisconsin cheese. Maybe she won't come to Oregon. Tillamook and Coos Bay might pursue her with their "Wisconsin plus" cheese.

In Chicago the GOP old guard were well braced against another Wilkie cyclone. What really blew them off the perch was the chorus of tiny whispers, "Taft can't win in November."

A prize example of mixed metaphor is the assurance Senator Dirksen of Illinois gave to Bob Taft before the closing battle in Chicago: "I'll be in your corner to the last ditch."

The State Highway Commission reports traffic at an all-time high on Oregon's roads and we'd like to know which of the visiting cars unloaded all these earwigs we've been over-run with lately.

If General Eisenhower doesn't catch any fish in the Colorado River maybe we could arrange to have him spend a day at an Oregon hatchery.

Editorial Comment

CITRONELLA CIRCUIT

A good portion of the nation legitimate theatre has begun to fold its tents and steal across the countryside in search of the special audience that supports the citronella, or summer, circuit. This year will see literally hundreds of playhouses weighted with all grades of professional and amateur talent. With the vacation business in for a good summer from Maine to the Poconos, summer theatres should logically look forward to a great-paint bonanza. Not necessarily so, say the strawhat managers. They point to baseball, politics and television—three national pastimes which will get a particularly large bite of the customers' attention this summer. And they are only too grizzled in their own peculiar hazards. Star players and musicals make for high overheads. The two-month season, with new shows every week, admits of small margin for error in seeding, cultivating and harvesting a continuing attendance.

All summer-theatre patrons are divided into two parts—the confirmed and the transient. The confirmed you don't worry about. They are hardened to heat, mosquitoes, oak benches, night sounds in the dramatic pause. But the transient is an audience divided within itself. The week-ending husband must be harried and cajoled into a long drive, double parking in a jam-packed country lane, and admission prices that may be painfully reminiscent of Broadway's scale.

Yet the ordeal by citronella is no pale imitation of West Forty-fourth Street or Sunset Boulevard. Summer theatre is incontestably the best live repository of the best American plays of recent vintage. For many actors it provides the major source of income. Many a triumph of the Thirties is now an annual fixture in the hinterlands and many a favorite performer of that decade returns to add a special glamour and nostalgia. For that reason alone summer show business—for richer or poorer—will always be a hit, a very palpable hit. —(New York Times)



IT SEEMS TO ME

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the Justice present its difficulty in this description of the lands:

"One has to walk the Middle East to know the full impact of overgrazing of land and unlimited cutting of trees. Here one sees the end product of erosion. A trail that follows the contours of the ridges passes only a few trees a day. In summer one is under a blistering sun the whole day through. Great areas show nothing but ugly gullies. The topsoil of the upland basins has rushed to the sea. Only bare rocks are left or fields which show little soil until tons of rocks are removed from them. The slopes have been washed by millions of rains and robbed of their fertility. . . . Goats furnish milk and meat and hides—but the goat "is the villain of the piece" because he crops the forage to its exhaustion. The stinging of the soil is matched by the greed of the landlords. Writes Justice Douglas: "I had seen the heavy mark of government of the landlords, for the landlords and by the landlords on the land. People lived in squalor with no opportunity of escape. Some men owned two hundred, six hundred, fifteen hundred villages apiece. They owned every piece of property in these villages. . . . Small wonder that Douglas found Asia in revolution: "There are rumblings in every village from the Mediterranean to the Pacific. A force is gathering for a mighty effort. We think of that force as Communist. Communists exploit the situation, stirring every discontent and making the pot boil. The revolutions which are brewing are not, however, Communist in origin nor will they end even if Soviet Russia is crushed through war. The revolutionaries are hungry men who have been exploited from time out of mind."

The judge offers some practical suggestions as to our attitude toward this emerging Asia: "We must give up the idea that the world can be standardized to American specifications. There are tremendous tensions inside Asia which have to be reckoned with. "Statesmanlike management can make Soviet expansion in Asia Russia's greatest menace." America, the nation of surplus

food, must find ways and means of sharing her surplus with the world.

American teachers and missionaries have made a great contribution to the Middle East; through them the people of Asia have come to know "the warm and understanding heart of America."

In dealing with the Orient we must learn patience.

The prime needs is for a political rather than a military program in Asia.

After reading the Douglas book one understands better the news from Iran, how the populace rioted when Mossadegh was dropped as Premier, to be succeeded by Ahmen Qavam who proposed to make a settlement with Britain on the oil dispute. The disturbance may be politically inspired; but the Iranians like other Asians are eager to throw off colonial yokes. They fear the return of Britain to Abadan even though they must know the British are needed to refine and market their oil.

Judge Douglas ventures on more risky ground when he penetrates the jungles of the Malay States. There he may find real Communist infiltration, matched of course against British domination of tin and rubber interests.

One wonders though if his prescription of reform for Asia will not be too radical even for the New Deal.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "A lot of people are going to lose out in this struggle."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "et cetera" (etc.)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Barricade, fusillade, gossamer, escalator.
4. What does the word "decadence" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with co that means "repentance; self-reproach"?

- ANSWERS
1. Say, "Many people are going to lose (omit out) in this struggle." 2. Pronounce et cetera. All it's as in set, accent second syllable. 3. Fusillade. 4. State of decline. "The condemned building had long been in a state of decadence." 5. Contrition.

Workers Get Vacation Benefits

NEW YORK (AP)—More than 395,000 workers in the men's clothing industry throughout the country received 40 million dollars in vacation benefits under agreements between employers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO.

The entire industry, engaged in the manufacture of men's and boys' garments, shirts, underswear and related items, shut down for two weeks recently before starting in fall and winter lines.

GOP Governors' Advice Requested On Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Sunday asked the nation's Republican governors to supply ideas for a "constructive" GOP foreign policy. Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) made this unusual move because, he said, the governors are "one of the greatest sources for the further youthful revitalization of the Republican Party."

Simultaneously, Wiley warned the Democratic Party, opening its Chicago convention Monday, that its "reckless actions" may "sabotage bi-partisan foreign policy." Wiley, who would become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in a Republican Senate, said in a statement he was writing the governors for advice as part of a campaign to "strengthen" bi-partisan foreign policy.

Ordinarily, governors are not solicited openly for suggestions on foreign affairs. But the 25 GOP state executives obtained extra-

ordinary political influence as a group during skirmishes at the Republican convention preceding Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's nomination as the presidential candidate.

Wiley said also he had conferred with Sen. Carlson (R-Kas) and had received assurances that Eisenhower would continue an "affirmative foreign policy approach" during the campaign. Carlson will accompany the general as an adviser.

Hollywood on Parade

By GENE HANDSAKER
HOLLYWOOD—Joanne Dru says she doesn't want to be a studio girl any more. On the screen, that is. Claims she's had only two sex-appealing roles, "Red River" and "711 Ocean Drive."

"Outside of that I've been the weeping, nice girl. You cannot be exciting in an unexciting role."

So what's she playing? A schoolteacher, with Richard Widmark, in "Big Man." Fashion tip from Miss Dru: Pencil-slim skirts are good if you have a tendency to slouch. "You have to hold your tummy in," she confided, looking smart in her pencil skirt. . . .

Quickies: The cafe hostess at M-G-M is named Marge Champion. She's no kin of the dancer, who works at the same studio. . . . Perfect casting would be Audrey Dalton as Joan Bennett's daughter. Miss Dalton is one of three English girls imported for "Pleasure Island." Looks like Joan did 20 years ago, a crew-member remarked. . . .

Another pair who look alike: Kefauver and M-G-M Boss Dore Schary. . . . Two starlets at that studio whose faces haven't grown up: Pier Angeli and Leslie Caron. Just naturally funny: Alan Mowbray. . . . Jerry Lewis did some strenuous nonsense with Dean Martin in "Scared Stiff" the other day. Then he looked all over his person and the set for his 7-year-old son Garry's baby ring. Jerry wears it on a chain as a good-luck charm, and the chain had snapped. He didn't find it until he took a shower before lunch; it was clinging to his skin. Another charm that Jerry is never without is a plastic-encased photo of his wife and two kids. The only time he was hurt—in a night-club routine—he didn't have it in his pocket. . . . Dean Martin says he and Jerry are happy with the revised script of "Scared Stiff," whose first draft had them feuding with Producer Hal Wallis. "Now there are more scenes of us together," Dean explained. "Before, we would have been alone, or with other people." . . .

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Soviet Propaganda Agency Drops Plea for Inclusion of Red China in Big-Power Talks

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
(AP) Foreign News Analyst

The puppet mouthpiece for Soviet propaganda almost imperceptibly has shifted its tactics, indicating some tentative paving around in the works looking toward at least a temporary Korean peace.

The World Council of Peace, which long has carried the ball for Soviet propaganda ventures, has dropped its insistence on a five-power pact—including Red China—as a step toward international agreement. That this was done at Soviet dictation is, of course, obvious. It could have been confidentially predicted last May Day, when the slogans published for the holiday in the Soviet Union also dropped the five-power pact cry.

The world council calls instead for a four-power meeting on the unification of Germany. Its resolutions on the Far East—as published in the Soviet press—call for an immediate end to the fighting in Korea, withdrawal of foreign troops, and withdrawal of Americans from Japan.

The council's resolutions also urged all countries to ratify the 1925 Geneva Conventions outlawing bacteriological warfare. The adoption of this resolution preceded by a week the announce-

ment of Red China that it qualifiedly accepted the Geneva protocol.

The impression is almost as if Korea now were a secondary matter in the mind of Moscow, with attention centering on the two biggest targets—Japan and Germany. The council's various resolutions give much attention to both.

Moscow apparently is making ready to prevent any repetition in the East of what has happened in the West. The call is for a withdrawal of American troops from bases in Japan and for "full sovereignty to the Japanese people to develop in an atmosphere of democracy and peace." From there the resolutions take off on a bid to all Asian peoples to demand a "real peace treaty" with Japan.

What apparently worries Moscow is that Japan eventually will be integrated in a Pacific bloc of nations in the same way Western Germany is being brought into the Atlantic bloc.

The Russians undoubtedly are willing to go to great lengths to prevent such a development. The Anzus (Australia-New Zealand-U. S.) pact already forms the basis for such an association, and the Moscow press has devoted

much attention to the possibility.

There still are clear indications the grandstand play is in the making. A Soviet-led, Soviet-inspired move toward armistice in Korea would be calculated to have a profound effect upon the rest of Asia, even at the momentary expense of Communist China. It would surely have a deep effect upon the Japanese people.

Despite the big buildup of Chinese Communist forces in Korea, despite the viciousness of the bacteriological warfare propaganda campaign, dispatches from the Orient most and more are rife with speculation that the Chinese Reds are ready to make a deal and are looking principally for the face-saving device to make one possible.

Peace in Korea would not end the cold war by any means. In fact, an armistice there simply would set the stage for the next Soviet move.

But it would indicate clearly that the USSR is unready, psychologically and materially, to risk the misstep that would lead to all-out war—and that it is preparing to proceed with its long-range attrition program Western civilization, with the conviction that time is on the side of Communism.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Don't know why Congress is so fussed about subversive school books... I have yet to see one of our kids look at school books..."