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## "Iron Curtain Over America"

Most of the anti-Semitic tripe which circulates is so venomous and so distorted in its accusations as to be self-defeating. A person of ordinary intelligence recoils from its grotesque and exaggerated rant of hate. Probably John Beatty, author of "The Iron Curtain Over America" whose book is on a level considerably higher than that just referred to, will deny that his book is anti-Semitic; but it certainly leaves that impression with the reader.

What he does is to put the blame for the woes of the country and the world on the Khazars, who were not Jews at all but "a people of mixed stock with Mongol and Turkic affinities." In the eighth or ninth century however they embraced Judaism in preference to Islam or Christianity—and they became Beatty's scapegoats who are responsible for the bolshevik revolution, Zionism, the rise of Hitler and the American New Deal.

He draws his book into a campaign tract against Truman and the Democrats; but contributes little that is original to the "standard thesis" that Communists in our government are responsible for the loss of China. He goes farther in his imputation of disloyalty when he raises the rhetorical question: "Can any objective thinker avoid the conclusion that the manipulators of United States policy confidently anticipated the defeat and destruction of our forces, which Secretary Acheson advised President Truman to commit to Korea in June, 1952?" The warping of Beatty's mind in this wild sentence:

"All indications then point to the conclusion that those who control the National Democratic party want war, Socialistic controls, and plenty of casualties, and not one fact known to the author points to the contrary."

Even the admission of "a great new horde of refugees" is given a sinister significance as "a boon to the Democratic party."

One can readily toss out the run-of-mill propaganda from the professionals who have labored for years to link the Jews and the Communists and Roosevelt and Truman in an unholy alliance. But Beatty is a man of education, a college professor, an author, one who served for five years in the Military Intelligence Service during the late war. He documents his references accurately and his range of citation runs from the Encyclopedia Britannica to the Congressional Record. The detached reader, however, is forced to the conclusion that he has developed a thesis and has hunted up authority to prove it. From many of the sources he gets not only matter to quote but confirmation in his bias. Among them are: "Human Events," "Williams Intelligence Survey," "Clover Business Letter" which are part of the literature in what we may call the "black network." Now we may expect the authors of these poison sheets to prove their case by quoting Beatty!

This resurgence of historic Know-Nothingism

and Kluxism is one of the phenomena of our times. Its rose-burst is Joe McCarthy, but he is only the bloom in a sorry garden. Fortunately the American people have a fair degree of intelligence and usually can distinguish between the false and the true. Beatty's book betrays not the willful distortion of McCarthy but the mental warping which makes him a victim of his own scholarship.

## Former Governor Passes

While Ben W. Olcott resided in Portland most of the time following his term of Governor (1919-1923) his previous long residence in Salem served to identify him with this community. Living to the age of 79 as he did most of his contemporaries here had preceded him in death. There still are many here however who remember him as a friendly personality and an honorable public official. Those acquainted with state politics will remember, too, the bitter fight in 1922 when Olcott won the Republican nomination for Governor by a very narrow margin over Charles W. Hall of Coos County. The sharp division engendered in the primary campaign carried over to the fall election and Walter M. Pierce was elected Governor on the Democratic ticket. Olcott attributed his defeat to opposition of the Ku Klux Klan which under Fred Gifford as Cyclops was at the peak of its influence in the state.

Olcott's career was varied, ranging from common labor to banking and holding public office—Secretary of State and Governor. He joined in the Alaska gold rush of the late '90s, then returned to Illinois to engage in banking. Oregon, however, drew him back and most of his adult years were spent in this state.

Olcott was not a strong partisan but he was positive in his own political convictions. His manner was modest and he drew many warm friendships in his journey through life. And he lived to see the Klan, which had fought him, thoroughly discredited in Oregon.

Oregon is deeply shocked over the killing of two tourists who were visiting the Crater Lake region. We like to think of our roads as safe for travel, in city, in country, in the woods and mountains. These visitors were men of prominence in the business world who sought recreation in our state. Instead they fell victims to the gun of a foul murderer. Officers of the law must be diligent in pursuing the criminal. He must not be permitted to remain at large.

Northern California now reports seeing a flying cigar. Well, whether it's due to a change of brands or new spectacles it's at least a relief not to have all flying objects look like saucers.

In this political year the grass roots are being rediscovered. Beats all though, the punishment grass has to take.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Look at him eat since he thinks it's naughty... You run in and scream 'NO... NO!' again, Dear..."



(Editor's Note—"Dawn" has gone fishing for two weeks. Once in a while during his absence his co-workers may pitch in and ruin the good name of his column—as follows.)

Six bucks a month may not sound like much but when 4,000 people get it, fundamental arithmetic indicates it totals \$288,000 per annum... a nice little added pot for social security to throw in the Salem area come October... now if we can only make our bonus last until we're 65... why we'd like a crystal ball—to know whether Doug McKay actually will run against Wayne Morse; to find out how much our insurance will be worth in 1962, and to bet on the November election.

We'd say Vlesko & Post were quite fortunate as contractors... It's doubtful if there're any better sidewalk-superintendent projects in the state than the Courthouse and the new Statesman building... Now if there was just a hot-dog concession halfway between them... what's this about all the red-light-runners in Salem being laid end to end and only reaching to Salt Lake City... some of 'em musta been overlooked... radio tubes are sturdy instruments... dealers report no great surge of replacement buying even during the political conventions...

Things unnecessary that irk our news editor: Reporters who write "a baby boy was born etc" (did you ever hear of a boy being born that wasn't a baby?); "the program will start tonight at 8 p.m." (well, anyway, it's nice to know p.m. is really at night); "Mrs. Joe Doakes was granted a divorce from her husband today etc" (who else could she get a divorce from)... (Things he likes; short names (they fit in headlines); children (he's got three); Thursday and Friday (he's off)).

If there aren't any such things as flying saucers, why don't they go away and let us alone?... the death of Ben Olcott leaves Oregon with six ex-governors—Jay Bowerman, Os West, Walter Pierce, A. W. Norblad, Charles A. Sprague, John Hall... Janet Tugman's old man is Bill Tugman, long-time respected managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard... and where is Janet working?... on The Statesman.

Publicity for the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee at Jacksonville Aug. 2 and 3 says "Oregon-bred burros can out-run, out-kick and out-bray any other burros on the West Coast"... why just West Coast?... And publicity for a July 26 Statepost article on Johnny Ray says "many 'hep' critics and entertainers still refuse to believe the Ray success is real"... we'd say an income of \$10,000 a week was quite real... so is the need for "Dawn's" return before we do this in his column again.

### Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We only asked her once, but she wouldn't sing any."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "surcease"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Proselyte, protein, professor, prognosis.
4. What does the word "impetuosity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with om that means "infinite knowledge; hence, God"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We asked her only once, but she wouldn't do any singing."
2. Pronounce sur-sees, u as in fur, e as in see, accent second syllable.
3. Prognosis.
4. Violent state; rash energy. "Don't be too hasty; impetuosity manages all things badly."
5. Omniscience.

Southern states, refuses to take the oath; then that state is unrepresented in the deliberations of the party. In effect then the convention disfranchises its party members in whole state on an "iffy" question. That hardly seems cricket, and certainly not democratic.

In his statement of withdrawal from the presidential race Vice President Barkley takes a crack at the labor leaders who seek to dictate the decisions of the convention. It's the old "Clear it with Sidney" stuff of 1944. Barkley has the old-fashioned idea that no group should dominate the party but that it should be a blend of all. He is right, but the Democrats have been in pawn to the labor bosses for so long they can't shake them off. Perhaps they do not want to, counting on the labor vote to win their elections, though in 1948 it was the farm vote which proved decisive.

As for Barkley doubtless he would have been so fired up if the labor leaders had told him he was their choice. What stung him was the bite of ingratitude, for "Dear Alben" was a consistent support of labor's cause in battles in the Senate.

The man who stands as the Greatest Common Denominator of Democratic hopes and the Least Common Multiple of their objections is Adlai Stevenson, Governor of Illinois. If he indicates his assent to draft, his nomination looks very probable. And for vice president—either Estes

## Former Pen Guard Faces Bigamy Charge

CORVALLIS — A former Oregon State Penitentiary guard is charged with bigamy, held in Benton County jail awaiting arraignment in circuit court. He was indicted recently by a Benton County grand jury.

The accused is Walker S. Roach, 57, resident of 3910 Cherry Ave., Salem, who was employed at the penitentiary from Nov. 1, 1950, to Jan. 31, 1952. Recently he had worked at a mill in Philomath.

Sheriff C. N. Lilly said Roach is accused of having a wife each in Philomath and in Salem. The charge against him grew out of a recent report from his Philomath wife that Roach was missing, said the sheriff.

Roach was known in Philomath as Wayne Sidney Reed and lived there about a month with the wife who then reported his disappearance, the sheriff said. He added that the Salem wife told officers her husband had taken to leaving for several weeks at a time. Neither woman knew of the other, Sheriff Lilly's report indicated.

Roach is held under \$2,000 bail.

## House Auction Set at Site of High School

Auctioning of 18 houses to be cleared from the site of a new South Salem High School will begin Saturday, it was reported by C. C. Ward, business manager for Salem School District which bought the houses in a block just south of Leslie Junior High School.

The school board arranged for Claude Kilgore to sell the houses by auction, much the same as he has recently sold several houses which had to be removed from state highway right-of-way here.

Two of the houses will go on the block at 3 p.m. Saturday, the former Paul Brandon home at 1965 S. Cottage St. and the former Karen Barnes home at 1940 S. Cottage St. The auctioneer will provide information on the houses, including possible sites for locating them and estimated cost of the moving and installation.

PLANES COLLIDE  
BAGOTVILLE, Que. (AP)—Two aircraft—A Vampire jet fighter and a Lancaster bomber—collided Tuesday 30 miles south of this Northeastern Quebec town. Loss of life was not immediately known, but one report said seven or eight died in the crash.

## Jet Bomber Crash Kills Crew of 4, 2 Children

MARIANNA, Fla. (AP)—A B-47, one of the newest and fastest jet bombers of the U. S. Air Force, exploded and crashed in a residential area here Tuesday, killing its four crewmen and starting a fire that burned two children to death.

It was the second fatal crash of a B-47 six-engine Stratofort in Florida this month, and resulted in the commandant of MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa calling in all planes from training flights and grounding them pending an investigation.

Air Force information officers said the big plane, on a five-hour training flight, apparently was flying at about 7,500 feet over Marianna when it exploded with a force that shook the city.

An engine plummeted into the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Fort, just a block from the Jacksonville County Hospital, and started a fire which quickly consumed the house.

Flames shot out and burned Peggy Diane Williams, 5, and her three-year-old brother, Rufus, who were playing in the yard of their parents' home next door. They died almost simultaneously a few hours later.

## Salem Obituaries

MINES  
In this city July 20, Jane Irene Hines, late resident of 960 Tamarack St. Survived by son, Harvey R. Hines of Bowling Green, and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Sorahan, one son, Floyd C. Crabtree, all of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Grace Bowling of Salem and Mrs. Nora Fowler of Stayton; John Crabtree and Everett Crabtree of Salem; five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Member of the First Christian Church. Services at Howell-Edwards Chapel Thursday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m., with burial in Belcrest Memorial Park. Conducting services at Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton.

WILCOX  
Arthur R. Wilcox, 871 17th St., at a local hospital, July 22. Announcements later by Clough-Barrick Co.

MEYER  
John Joseph Meyer, former resident of 2181 N. Frost St., died at a local hospital July 21. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lena Meyer of Salem; sons John W. and Joseph Meyer of Portland and Peter Meyer of Salem; daughter Mrs. Madonna Hall of Salem; one grandchild. Services will be held Thursday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with concluding services in Belcrest Memorial Park. Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon Co.

## Battle of Old Baldy Taking Heavy Toll

By GEORGE McARTHUR  
WESTERN FRONT, Korea (AP)—A tragic stream of wounded Allied soldiers down a shadowed, shell-blasted valley indicates the price in the continuing battle for a strategic hill—Old Baldy.

The faces of the men passing through this cleft in the Western Korean hills are sweat-streaked and drawn. Torn uniforms, broken equipment, bullet-punctured helmets and blood mark the muddy road.

"If they'd just get those mortars out of there, we'd be all right," said one wounded infantryman. "We lost more men Tuesday morning than we did Monday night taking the hill."

"Old Baldy, west of Chorwon on one of the historic invasion routes to Seoul, was taken by units of the U. S. 45th Division last month. The Chinese Reds last Thursday night began determined attacks to regain it.

In the see-saw battle that followed the crest traded hands several times, the Chinese storming to the top Tuesday only seven hours after Allied troops captured it behind a massive artillery barrage.

A frontline officer said estimates of Chinese casualties now total 1,300, but the Reds keep coming in awesome disregard for human life.

Singly and in twos the Chinese—about 200 to 300 of them—braved intense Allied artillery fire in broad daylight Tuesday to retake the crest.

Artillery and mortar fire by both sides has been so heavy that stout log bunkers built at various times by both Allied and Communist troops have been demolished. The barren slopes afford little natural cover. Troops use shell craters or dig foxholes.

Chinese pressure has seldom slackened since the battle was joined on Old Baldy.

"They want it," said one officer. "They want it bad."

## Rites Set for Mrs. Hampton Of Jefferson

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy R. Mintie Hampton, late resident of Jefferson, will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards Chapel, with concluding services at the IOOF Cemetery.

Mrs. Hampton came originally from Clearwater, Tenn. Married there, she went with her husband to Texas. Almost 50 years ago she and her husband, who was a farmer, came to Salem where she has lived since.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Millie Foster, Albany; stepdaughters, Mrs. Dora Ward, Kelson, Wash., and Mrs. Anna Mason, Klamath Falls, Ore.; sons, Clint of Aumsville; Clifford of Salem and Cleave Hampton of Jefferson; brother, John Keizer, Stephenville, Tex.; 29 grandchildren.

## Widower of Idanha Woman Files Suits

The widower of an Idanha woman who died from accidental burns is suing an oil company and two partners in a service station for \$15,000.

Jimmie Staggs filed an amended complaint Tuesday in Marion County circuit court to make Union Oil Co. a defendant, along with Nerton F. Cox and V. D. Bryant. He alleges that his wife's death was due to negligence of the defendants.

Mrs. Staggs, 22, died in March as a result of burns she incurred Jan. 26, 1952, while lighting a wood fire in her stove at home near Idanha. The complaint declares an explosion and fire burst upon her when she lit a match after putting stove oil on the wood. The oil had been delivered by the service station two days before.

Staggs' complaint alleges the liquid used was not the same as ordinarily purchased from the defendants.

## Doctors Gain in Income Survey

WASHINGTON (AP)—American doctors averaged a net income of \$12,518 last year, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. Lawyers averaged \$9,375, and dentists \$7,743.

Besides making one third more than lawyers and 40 per cent more than dentists, the medical men, according to a Department survey, scored the biggest gain in earnings during 1951—an increase of \$980 over 1950. Lawyers averaged a 1951 earnings increase of \$303, dentists a gain of \$450.

## Embezzler Given Five-Year Term

PORTLAND (AP)—Fred J. Clemo, 59, accused of embezzling approximately \$4,200 from a state liquor store, Tuesday was sentenced to five years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Robert R. Carney told Circuit Judge MacCormac Snow that since Clemo was indicted investigators found the shortage amounted to about \$28,000 over the past six years.

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## Best-Laid Calculation of Oldest Professional Politicians Go Awry in Veep Barkley Incident

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

CHICAGO—The strangeness of American politics is all too amply illustrated by the inner story of what really happened here to Alben Barkley and Adlai Stevenson.

To tell that story correctly, one must begin some time before the convention began.

At that time, the Democratic Party comprised a thousand politicians in search of a candidate. Almost everyone from the president down (except, of course, Sen. Estes Kefauver) wanted Stevenson. But the Illinois governor had rejected a final plea to enter the race by Col. Jacob Arvey, the Illinois leader.

And when the president sent Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney to Springfield to make a final plea on behalf of the White House, Stevenson had sent him away with a flea in his ear.

That left only two choices for the president and the other members of the Democratic inner circle. They could organize a draft movement without the president, being angry, refused to consider. The others, meanwhile, did not dare to organize the draft movement without the president's backing. That left them with the second choice—picking another candidate. Until then, Vice President Alben W. Barkley had contented himself with saying he was "available."

But after careful consideration of all possibilities, the inner Democratic group decided that the 74-year-old Barkley was their best bet.

Thus the plans were laid to give powerful northern support and the valuable White House nod to vice President Barkley. As already recorded in this space, different planners had different motives. Men like Senate Secretary Les Biffie went all-out for Barkley when they transferred their support from Stevenson to him. Having previously advised the vice president

against becoming an overactive candidate, they now persuaded him to do so, with the intention of staying with him to the end.

The president, Col. Arvey, and others, also encouraged the vice president to become an active candidate. Arvey even telephoned Barkley in Kentucky to assure him Stevenson would not run. But the members of this second group, who also included Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh and Gov. Henry Schricker of Indiana, merely promised the vice president their initial support. They were not with him all the way. Their intention was to give Barkley a run, in the political phrase, and to see whether he would go over. Moreover, Arvey, Lawrence and Schricker all meant to join in drafting Governor Stevenson, if Barkley's candidacy failed to attract a majority, and a deadlock thus developed.

American political experts will argue for decades about whether the Barkley strategists were mistaken in passing the word so early that the president had given the nod to the vice president. They did so on Sunday, and when they did so, they were telling the precise truth. But starting Barkley so early, they stimulated a violent counter-surge among the delegates. The delegates wanted to win, thought the Democratic party could win, but did not believe the party could win with a 74-year-old standard-bearer.

In particular, certain respected and determined younger candidates for office, such as the senate nominee in New Jersey, Archibald Alexander, Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan, and Gov. Mennen Williams of Michigan, flatly rejected the combination formed by the older leaders. Alexander and the others took the position that they would not give a damn if Arvey, Lawrence and company did not feel they could launch a Stevenson draft prior to a convention deadlock. Alexander declared that he would put Stevenson in nomination if no one else did, whatever Stevenson might say. And this bold raising of the Draft-Stevenson standard encouraged the surge among the delegates already mentioned above.

A great many scores of delegates took the unprecedented step of going, quite spontaneously, to offer their support to the amateur draft-Stevenson headquarters opened by Prof. Walter Johnson of Chicago University. The labor chiefs helped to crystallize matters by declaring that although they greatly liked and

respected Barkley, they could not persuade their people to vote for him. But the decisive factor was the formation of a powerful pro-Stevenson parade among the rank and file of delegates—a parade that threatened to leave Arvey, Lawrence and company high and dry with their plan to give Barkley a run.

These northern leaders did not consider their commitment to Barkley as being absolute. Col. Arvey announced the change of signals at the famous "canvass curtain caucus" of the Illinois delegation, when Governor Stevenson pleaded with his friends not to back his candidacy, and Arvey and the other Illinois delegate flatly defied the governor. That was the great turning point.

For Barkley, it spelled doom. Illinois, Pennsylvania and Indiana were to have supplied the great majority of the 227 first ballot votes that the vice president had been counting on. With these three states plunging into the draft-Stevenson movement, Barkley was left with many fewer than 100 first ballot votes. This implied humiliation as the only reward of persistency.

The Barkley strategists made a final appeal to the White House, asking the president to call all leaders subject to his influence and rally them to support the vice president and stop Stevenson. The president replied, characteristically, that he would remain true to his promise to support Barkley on the early ballots, no matter what happened. But he pointed out that he had only promised to give Barkley the nod, and had never promised to wield the White House lash in his behalf. That ended it. Barkley counted the delegate totals and sadly withdrew.

The bitterness of his statement, it is now clear, must be attributed to the rage of the people around him, such as Sen. Earle Clements of Kentucky. After the first shock, Barkley took his reverse with remarkable good humor. Just to underline the irony of these events, it may be added that Governor Stevenson, the unwilling cause of Barkley's misfortune, was considerably angrier than Barkley, having been completely infuriated by the defiance of his wishes by the Illinois delegates.

Politics has certainly become a strange business, when the best laid calculations of the oldest professionals seem always to collapse, while every role appears to be illogically reversed.

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