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Oregon Responds When Informed

A little more of the "exasperating" and "amusing" story of the once-cancelled Operation Skywatch comes to light with the Marion County Civil Defense unit's report to the county court covering the first six months of this year.

The quoted words are from the report itself, and presumably reflect the opinion of Wallace H. Wharton, county CD director whose signature is attached.

The exasperating part of it was the completely inefficient manner in which the Operation was ordered to go into effect in May—official notification was haphazard or lacking entirely, no reason was given for the sudden need, and instructions were sadly inadequate.

The amusing part of it grew out of a meeting in Washington, D.C., at which Gov. McKay faced a hostile attitude of Secretary for Air Finletter, who said other states were getting in line and demanded to know whether Oregon's protest was based on an unwillingness to be defended.

According to Wharton's report, McKay replied that Oregon not only was willing to be defended—it was ready and eager to defend itself but was "not being a rubber stamp for anybody."

Comeuppance was Finletter's discovery that McKay was correct in his portrayal of Air Force mismanagement in attempting to set up skywatch, and in its subsequent cancellation—a move affecting 400 volunteers in Marion County and 60,000 over the Nation.

A month later, of course, Operation Skywatch was again ordered and now is in operation. But in the meantime, the Air Force gathered up its loose ends in organization, came out with a reason for the operation (Russia for two years has had the wherewithal to bomb continental United States), and is doing some of the training and indoctrination work it had promised to do in August of 1951.

The story is not a pretty one in reflecting the military minds at work in the case. It is to wonder whether the Air Force should take over the entire Operation, including its recruitment as well as its training and operation, if it has no better knowledge of public relations and the human equation than it showed in May. And yet such functions should be combined, and the recommendation for such now is under advisement.

Wharton's report regarding all aspects of civil defense hits a solid note in county patriotism: "Support of the program by the volunteer workers has been good and consistent, indicating a growing appreciation for the need of a civil defense organization to provide neighborhood aid and help for victims . . . in any type of major disaster," military or otherwise.

The U.N. as a Deterrent
The Greece-Bulgarian border incident over the island of Gamma in the Evros River is a case in point that emphasizes the value of the United Nations even though it has remained largely militarily helpless and politically void.

The Greeks fired at a group of Bulgarians who were seen on the normally uninhabited island which both nations claim. We aren't informed as to the reason either for the attempted occupation or the trigger-happiness of the Greek garrison which opened fire. But such an incident several years ago could have been far more serious than should be expectable now.

Before U.N., the Bulgarians would have had to deal directly with the Greeks, either verbally

or militarily, and, pride being what it is, one word or one shot naturally would have led to a lot of others. But there's a buffer now. The Bulgarians protest the "provocative" and "aggressive" action to the United Nations, and a lot of steam gets let off right there without making matters worse.

We aren't saying the U.N. has prevented or will prevent the incident from getting out of hand. But sometimes when a person has someone at whom to yell "See what he did to me," he's a split-second less apt to wage in with fists flying.

What Price Democracy

We learn from the Chicago Daily News' Keyes Beech that in Tokyo the commander of British forces orders all Japanese off a golf course a half hour before and a half hour after he plays, and that in Hiroshima the British officers' clubs bar American Neisli doctors because of their color.

And we also learn that because the Japanese courts gave a \$5 fine and a 30-month jail sentence to two British sailors who stole a Japanese taxicab, a new international incident seems to have arisen.

We have only one suggestion—let the British commander and the powers-that-be in the officers' clubs serve the sailors' sentence.

There is a firm rule in military, and some civil, matters against giving "aid and comfort" to the enemy. So it is to be wondered on what basis Defense Secretary Lovett announced a "definite decision" that no atomic weapons would be used in Korea. Certainly it would be a "comfort" to know that the atom wasn't in the arsenal at hand. And it is hard to believe such announcement will help speed truce talks, too.

Leo Schneider's firm sold the city of Milwaukee, Wis., merchandise worth \$620,652 but has been too busy to present the city a bill for collection. Just skip it entirely, Leo. Milwaukee won't mind. Sorry you're so tied up.

Editorial Comment

APPEAL ON PASSPORTS

It is increasingly alleged against our State Department that it rides a very high horse, indeed, in its administration of the passport system.

Now the word from Washington is that the department is preparing to dismount; we wish it a sure and speedy landing. The complaints arise from a recently obvious tendency of the department's passport division to refuse passports to applicants and of the department's agents to lift passports from holders as they reach a port of departure on some intended journey.

In all such cases, the action is summary and unexplained, a circumstance that inflames the indignation of Americans thus shorn of a common privilege of citizenship, and also enhances the puzzle of a large segment of the public that begins to wonder what the passport dispensers are up to. The result has been a general belief that the department is whimsical, or arbitrary, or unfair, or all three. In a praiseworthy attempt to remove such discontent, the department now proposes to revise its passport system to this extent: Persons denied passports will be entitled to appeal to the passport division, and if still dissatisfied, to carry their case higher into a Board of Review set up in the department.

This is a revision of great merit; it is in accord with the principles of equity and of the American theory of law; it should be effected as soon as possible. (San Francisco Chronicle.)

Both Presidential Tickets in Quandary on What to Say Regarding Civil Rights Issue

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — The way both major parties are sniffing nervously at the civil rights issue provides the least edifying spectacle of this campaign. The candidates have got to decide soon just how badly they need the Negro vote and just how far they will go to get it.

President Truman himself has often said privately that the Negroes gave him the margin of victory in 1948, by voting for him in sufficient numbers to provide his slim majorities in Illinois, Ohio and California. According to Negro leaders, Negroes feel even more deeply about the civil rights issue this year than in 1948, and more of them will go to the polls than ever before. There are more than 3,000,000 in the key Northern states which could go either way, including more than half a million in New York, more than a third of a million in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and well over 200,000 each in Ohio, Michigan, California and Maryland.

The way Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson deal with the civil rights issue could obviously determine the outcome of a close election. Eisenhower's pre-convention campaign manager, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, and his allies are trying to persuade Eisenhower to reverse himself on the issue. Although Eisenhower has flatly said that he opposes compulsory fair employment legislation, the Lodge group is willing to risk a public flip-flop by their candidate, because they think it will pay off in November.

Lodge and his allies are clearly much more worried than they were in the pre-convention period, when there was talk of an Eisenhower sweep which would carry Southern Democratic states like Texas. An Eisenhower switch on civil rights would knock out his chance of winning Southern electoral votes. But Lodge now considers it much more important for Eisenhower to have a solid chance to carry the key Northern industrial states, where the Negro vote is concentrated, rather than an outside chance of winning a scattering of Southern states.

Moreover, the Lodge group is convinced that the Democratic nomination for vice-president of Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama gives the Republicans a real opportunity to recapture the bulk of the Negro vote. Since he was visited a few days ago by a Negro delegation, Eisenhower seems to be thinking of taking Lodge's advice. But after what he has already said on the subject, it will not be easy for Eisenhower to reverse himself.

Eisenhower's running mate, Sen. Richard Nixon, moreover, has repeatedly voted with the Southerners on civil rights issues. He has opposed cloture, and on the Senate's labor sub-committee which was considering the Humphrey-Jones fair employment bill, Nixon joined Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama in opposing the bill. Thus, the Republican vice-presidential candidate would have to do a public flip-flop too.

The curious fact is that Stevenson's problem is easier than Eisenhower's despite the presence of Sparkman on the ticket. For the time being, Stevenson has played down the civil rights issue, and his Southern leaders, like Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, Sen. A. Willis Robertson of Virginia, Gov. Hugh L. White of Mississippi, and the late

into the fold, Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, are declaring for Stevenson. Stevenson's supporters will appear on the ballots in these and other Southern states.

With the South thus tidied up, Stevenson will then be in a position to make a speech firmly favoring federal civil rights legislation, and interpreting the Democratic civil rights plank as stronger than the 1948 plank. This is the strategy which some of those close to him are urging Stevenson to adopt. It would have been easier for Stevenson to do so effectively, if the "liberals" at the Chicago convention had not gone a trifle mad. They made a funny issue of the seating of the Virginia and Louisiana delegations, talked about Stevenson's nomination of Sparkman, whom he admires for his generally liberal record, and pictured Sparkman as a sort of Simon Legree.

Since it is no secret that Stevenson encouraged the nomination of Sparkman, whom he admires for his generally liberal record, this public spasm of the liberals in Chicago certainly complicates his problem. It makes it much easier for the Republicans to picture any strong civil rights stand by Stevenson as mere cynical vote hunting.

This could hurt Stevenson with the Negro voters, especially because there has already been so much stomach-turning political cynicism where their civil rights are concerned. The Southern oligarchs have seized on the civil rights issue to maintain themselves in power. Many of the Northerners have used the issue as a sort of political flypaper, shouting for unenforceable legislation which they know has no chance of passing, in order to catch Negro votes. Under these circumstances, it is just possible that the best strategy for both Eisenhower and Stevenson is to say what they really think. And being the kind of men they are, it is also possible that this is precisely what they will do.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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has the right to determine the basic policies of the schools. He has short shrift to those educators with a mission to "make indoctrinating school children in their own credo. As to pragmatism which has flowered in "progressive education," Woodring thinks it has become a "new dogmatism." Other philosophies have currency and deserve respect.

He urges teachers to accept the principle that basic policies in our schools should be determined by the people through their elected representatives. The schools are not the special property of the teaching profession, though teachers are the specialists to carry out the policies that have been duly approved. As citizens they have the same right to express their views as others.

For one thing, Woodring says teachers should discuss with their critics such matters as the quality of instruction in the fundamentals, the question of political bias in textbooks, and the extent to which schools should go in vocational training and moral instruction.

The Bellingham educator has given teachers a new slant, which "cuts in" the public, but he does it in a pleasant way, without saying harsh things about teachers or critics. Perhaps he doesn't give enough attention to this factor, that the public is disposed to turn the schools over to the school boards and the latter to turn them over to the teachers. Often it is only when some band of super-patriots start beating war drums that the public takes an active interest in school policies. Perhaps not, but the public is not to be taken for granted. Woodring should follow up with "An Open Letter to Parents."

Willamina Sailor Lightweight Champ On Island of Guam

Statesman News Service

WILLAMINA — In a boxing tournament held on Guam in July, Keith Ellis, of Willamina, won the Golden Gloves lightweight championship. Keith also holds the All-Navy lightweight championship on Guam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ellis of Willamina.

Ellis arrived home on leave Tuesday. He will go to Baltimore, Md., where he will attend Gunnery School. Then he will be sent back to Guam.

Statesman News Service

WILLAMINA — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitworth, Donna Lee and David, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitworth of McMinnville, and Mrs. Bryan Watts and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Watts, gathered at the Russell Watts home to celebrate the birthday of Harold Whitworth. The occasion was also a farewell party for Donna and David, who have returned to Los Angeles, where they live.

SWEET TOOTH

COLORADO SPRINGS (INS) — A 16-year-old motorist, arrested after the car he was driving sheared a lamp post, told police he was getting a piece of candy from a sack on the seat beside him and lost control of the car. He was charged with careless driving and damaging city property.

Ribbons Won by More Than 325 Children in Parade Day Events at City Playgrounds

More than 325 children won ribbons in the Parade Day Friday, sponsored by the Salem Recreation program and held on city parks and school grounds.

Ribbons were given for the best float or wagon, bicycle, tricycle, doll buggy, scooter and most unusual vehicle.

Winners were:

West Salem Park: Best float or wagon: Robert Cummings, 1149 Ruge St.; Eddie Caldwell, 1180 7th St.; Adella Wiechmann, 733 Piedmont St.; best decorated bicycle: Johnny Stearns, 1149 Ruge St.; Dana Glasgow, 771 Rosemont St.; Eddie Parker, 1186 6th St.; best decorated tricycle: Lucille Buntler, 1335 2nd St.; Diana McGilchrist, 570 Rosemont St.; Wayne Wilson, 1179 Ruge St.; best decorated doll buggy: Rita Cummings, 1149 Ruge St.; Hene Brownlee, Piedmont St.; Linda York, 1286 Ruge St.; best decorated scooter: Raymond Williams, 1363 Franklin St.; Timmy Noffzinger, 829 Kingwood Ave.; most unusual vehicle: Dougie Dragger, Ruge St.; Johnny and Sharon Hoffart, 1380 Plaza St.

Washington Playground: floats and wagons: Steven Jones, 495 N. 24th St.; bicycle: Roberta Johnson, 3265 Duncan St.; Gaylee Keppinger, 3185 Lancaster St.; Linda Garrison, 3228 Beacon St.; tricycle: Marie Woodward, 2745 Sedona St.; Clarice and Bret Anderson, 2755 Sedona St.; Wayne Spensat, 3000 Lansing St.; doll buggy: Gordon Livingston, 3250 Duncan St.; Judy Guthrie, 3375 Silverton road; scooter: Marge Christman, Fairview St.; most unusual vehicle: Ronald Graham, 3462 Roberts St.; Bobbie Pickler, 3455 Lancaster St.; Nancy Kingston, 2260 Lansing St.

Englewood Playground: Best float: Jeffery and Jill Uelman, 1815 N. 16th St.; Kay Ann and Gary Hunsley, 630 Thompson St.; Charles Campbell, 855 N. 17th St.; best decorated bicycle: Steve Chambers, 1337 Court St.; 2. Caroline Schmidt, 1755 N. 23rd St.; 3. Susan McGee, 546 N. 22nd St.; best decorated tricycle: Beverly Macroft, 1950 Market St.; 2. Stephen Schmidt, 1755 N. 23rd St.; 3. Kay Marie Yoder, 1755 N. 23rd St.; best decorated doll buggy: 1. Rose Ellen Pade, 1435 Jefferson St.; 2. Jean Ann Graber, 1854 N. 16th St.; best decorated wagon: 1. Gary Lunda, 685 Thompson St.; 2. Russell Geist, Oregon State hospital; 3. Janet Mary Martin, Jeanie and Marie McFeters and Jerry Patton, 980 N. 16th St.; most unusual vehicle: Terry Tolle, 1170 N. 12th St.; 2. Roger, Barbara and Jimmy Roth, 1475 N. 21st St.; 3. Charles Walte, 1555 Pearl St.

Richmond Playground: Best float or wagon: 1. Cheryl Cole; 2. Johnny Wilkerson; 3. Sheryl Lawson, 365 Richmond Ave.; Best decorated bicycle: 1. Bryn Thomas, 261 23rd St.; 2. Dick Bonar, 258 Shelton St.; Best decorated tricycle: 1. Deanna Cole; 2. Jimmy Rouse, 2386 State St.; 3. Sharon Bonar, 258 Shelton St.; Best decorated doll buggy: 1. Sheryl Lawson, 365 Richmond Ave.; 2. Kenny Schweigert, 258 Shelton St.; 3. Most unusual vehicle: 1. MarLee Genser, Lee St.; 2. Candis Cole, 215 S. 23rd St.

Wagon: 1. Gary Darnelle, 540 Wild Wind Dr.; 2. Patsy and Nina Gorman; 3. Billy and Jim Hamilton, Best Decorated Bicycle: 1. Darleen Thomas; 2. Vern Meighen; 3. Robert Meighen. Best decorated tricycle: 1. Terry Collier, 1855 N. 17th St.; 2. Joan Sauer, 3. Arlen Schwartz. Best decorated doll buggy: 1. Sharon and Sandy Hann; 2. Sheryl Lawson, 365 Richmond Ave.; 3. Cargat. Best decorated scooter: Raymond Cox, Most unusual vehicle: 1. Aileen and Butch Hawkins; 2. Tommy McGilchrist; 3. Romy Collins.

Bush Playground: Best float or wagon: 1. Robie Edwards, State St.; 2. Kay Sherman, 1707 S. Church St.; 3. Sarah Sherman; honorable mention, Charles Barr, Best decorated bicycle: 1. Marilyn Lutes, 1060 S. Commercial St.; 2. Sharilly K. Stjerverson, 940 Wilbur St.; 3. Judson Bressler, 2752 S. Commercial St.; Best decorated tricycle: 1. Roxie Bustenier; 2. Donald Godsey, 388 E. Lincoln St.; 3. Terry Taggart, 1194 Fir St.; Best decorated doll buggy: 1. Shorty Lewis, 1315 S. High St.; 2. Janice Nielson, 1677 S. High St.; 3. Karen Rutherford and Janice Barr, S. Liberty St.; Prettiest decorated vehicle: 1. Judy Nielson, 1677 S. High St.; 2. Elmer Crisp, 4665 Thorman St.; 3. Charlene and Joan Taggart, 1944 Fir St.; Most unusual vehicle: 1. Karen Sipola, 1660 S. High St.

Highland Playground: Best float or wagon: 1. Larry Stark, 1090 N. Cottage St.; Best decorated bicycle: 1. Robie Edwards, State St.; 2. Kay Sherman, 1707 S. Church St.; 3. Sarah Sherman; honorable mention, Charles Barr, Best decorated bicycle: 1. Marilyn Lutes, 1060 S. Commercial St.; 2. Sharilly K. Stjerverson, 940 Wilbur St.; 3. Judson Bressler, 2752 S. Commercial St.; Best decorated tricycle: 1. Roxie Bustenier; 2. Donald Godsey, 388 E. Lincoln St.; 3. Terry Taggart, 1194 Fir St.; Best decorated doll buggy: 1. Shorty Lewis, 1315 S. High St.; 2. Janice Nielson, 1677 S. High St.; 3. Karen Rutherford and Janice Barr, S. Liberty St.; Prettiest decorated vehicle: 1. Judy Nielson, 1677 S. High St.; 2. Elmer Crisp, 4665 Thorman St.; 3. Charlene and Joan Taggart, 1944 Fir St.; Most unusual vehicle: 1. Karen Sipola, 1660 S. High St.

Grant Playground: Best float or wagon: 1. Larry Stark, 1090 N. Cottage St.; Best decorated bicycle: 1.

Daylight Time

The following cities in Oregon are on Daylight Time (with their clocks one hour ahead of Standard Time):

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Cottage Grove
Culver
Dayton
Delake
Gastonia
Gladstone
Hillsboro
Hood River
Klamath Falls
Lafayette
Lakeview
Lebanon
Medford
McMinnville
Milwaukie
Molalla
Newberg
Oakridge
Oceanside
Oregon City
Orengo
Portland
Prineville
Rainier
Redmond
Riddle
Roseburg
Sandy
Scappoose
Seaside
Sheridan
Silverton
Springfield
St. Helens
Sweet Home
Tillamook
Vernon
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Infantry Unit Plans Picnic

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Principal speaker will be Harry E. Williams, Oregon veteran and past commander-in-chief of Spanish War Veterans.

Presiding will be the Oregon veterans association president, Brig. Gen. Carl Abrams of Salem. R. C. Churchill of Salem is secretary.

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