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More Secret Diplomacy

That America's war-time foreign policy was based far more on immediate expediency than sound principles of defense was never better exemplified than in the current revelations that U. S. leaders knew at the time that the ill-famed Katyn massacre was a product of Communist plotting.

The mass murders of Polish patriots in the Katyn forest of Western Russia was an added stigma for years on the Nazi war-lords. It was easy to let the picture remain that way because America and her allies were ready to believe the worst of men who instigated the massacre of millions of Jews. And by letting the picture stay in improper focus, "friendship" with Russia was maintained. What a price for it!

General Bissell, former chief of U. S. army intelligence, has now disclosed that a report of the Katyn incident laid full blame on the Communists, and in testifying before a congressional committee last week he said that in his opinion Russia would not have joined in forming the United Nations if the U. S. had made public the evidence that the Soviet Union was responsible for the Katyn atrocity.

Apparently there is no end to the secret diplomacy and agreements of World War II—diplomacy and agreements which neither then nor now can stand on merit in the cold light of national reason.

A People Who Care
We would venture to say that had this year's prolonged drought occurred in Oregon 20 years ago, there wouldn't be any resultant news stories about the year's fire loss being among the lowest on record. And yet that is what statistics now show about 1952 in this state. The statistics are both surprising and more than a little gratifying.

It was true this year, of course, that we were spared to a large extent the drying east winds which so many times have turned forests into tinder and small fires into raging infernos. But certainly we can credit other factors, too, for seeing us through a dangerous season with a minimum of damage.

Through constant campaigning, residents of Oregon have really come of age in their recognition of our forests as vital to the economy of the state, and in their personal interest in helping to avert repetition of disasters of the past. Carefulness in the woods has become accepted as not only a courtesy but as a necessity; not only as something to be desired but as something to be enforced. And the new attitude certainly has paid off in 1952.

We are glad the rains are here; that the forests are safe; that hunters can have their fun. We are more than glad to have proof that we have become a people who care.

Johnnie Ray Day
It doesn't matter one whit whether you like Johnnie Ray's singing, if so be it, or whether you can imagine the why of the national triumph achieved by the spindly kid who used to tear around these parts. He's still Johnnie Ray, the teen-agers' hero who made and was made by "The Little White Cloud that Cried."

We say that opinion doesn't matter—not when the song in question recently went to its millionth phonograph-record customer. That proves that more than one person thinks young Johnnie Ray is quite something. And our valley city of Dallas is out to show it can recognize a home-town success when it sees one.

It's Johnnie Ray day Tuesday in Dallas. There's a parade, a courthouse ceremony, a

command performance at the high school, a chamber of commerce dinner and a dance. It'll be a full day for the boy who haunted many a club before sheer persistence, exertion and perfection of unique presentation won him fame and fortune.

We say that Johnnie Ray has earned such recognition and we hope he and Dallas have a great time together Tuesday.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times comes up with a baffling bit of news dug out of accident reports by a reporter of more than average alertness. There were three traffic accidents in Corvallis last Wednesday. In one, the ages of both drivers were 18; in another, the ages of both drivers were 24; in the third, the ages of both drivers were 25. What we would now like very much to know is whether that proves anything beyond the fact that persons 18, 24 and 25 years old should avoid accidents.

That new book on the care and feeding of husbands might suggest what to do when one of them finds 50 miles from his front door, that the tickets to the game are in his other coat.

A share-cropper in North Carolina gets a six-month jail sentence, suspended for five-years probation, for "leering" at a woman from 75 feet away. A wolf whistle from sidewalk-width undoubtedly would have earned him the gas chamber.

Now they've got sleeping pills with built-in waker-upper drugs effective after 8 hours. Next thing there'll be built-in razor service in the morning coffee.

"Average age of Congress drops slightly," headlines say. But we're a lot more interested in the average intelligence.

Editorial Comment

THE VANQUISHED

Free government, no less than good sportsmanship, calls for magnanimity in the victor and acceptance by the vanquished of the majority will. Even the fiercest battles in a democracy take place within a larger framework of cooperation for common ends.

Defeat has a bitter taste, but it should be sweetened for Governor Stevenson by the recognition that many Republicans and many independents who voted for General Eisenhower are expressing admiration for the defeated candidate.

An outstanding Republican newspaper, the New York Herald Tribune, comments on the Governor's admission of defeat:

It was the utterance of a man who had fought proudly and honestly for his beliefs; who was a credit to his party, his country and the way of life that shaped his character; who was the same man in defeat that he would have been in victory.

The very stature of Governor Stevenson enhances the magnitude and significance of General Eisenhower's resounding victory. The governor's future activities are still uncertain—as Mr. Truman's position. If Mr. Stevenson continues to lead the Democrats he will need to call on all his resources of intelligence, vision, and integrity to rebuild his beaten party on a sounder, morally healthier basis. His leadership would at least assure the Republicans of better cooperation and a more responsible opposition than they might otherwise face during the next four years. (Christian Science Monitor).

U. S. Explosion of Hydrogen Bomb Termed Open Secret; Announcement Expected Soon

By STEWART ALSOP
WASHINGTON — There is sometimes a certain odd neatness to the awesome processes of history. The atomic era began just as Harry S. Truman became President. The hydrogen era is now beginning, just as Dwight D. Eisenhower prepares to move into the White House.

The fact that Stewart Alsop, the United States' first hydrogen bomb is now, surely, the world's most open secret. The Atomic Energy Commission will soon make an announcement on the subject, quite possibly before these words are printed. To adjudge from the past, this announcement is likely to be cautious to the point of incomprehensibility. The word to look for is "thermonuclear." This means the hydrogen bomb.

But what does the hydrogen bomb mean? The essential facts, as already passed on security grounds by the A.E.C., are as follows: The bomb or bombs which have just been tested in the Pacific were probably a sort of compromise between the atomic and the true hydrogen bomb. But within the next few months, it should be possible to test a true hydrogen bomb, with an explosive power something like fifty times that of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki model. This bomb will have a blast damage area of about 10 square miles, and a searing heat flash area of about 150 square miles.

The effect of the much-feared radioactive gamma rays of such a bomb can be disregarded, since the range of the gamma rays is comparatively limited that anyone affected by these rays

will already be dead from the blast or heat flash. Theoretically, since the hydrogen bomb is an "open-ended" weapon it will be possible to construct a bomb far more powerful. But a much bigger bomb would present serious and perhaps insurmountable design and delivery problems. What is more, a bomb with fifty times the power of the original atomic bomb will obviously be capable of destroying at one blow any but a very few of the world's great cities. In fact, the hydrogen bomb is really only an appropriate weapon against very large cities.

Here two facts should be faced. First, because of the industrial concentration, this country provides a larger number of appropriate hydrogen-bomb targets than the Soviet Union. Second, there is every reason to believe that the Soviets will be able to test their own hydrogen bomb rather shortly. For reasons explained in a recent "Saturday Evening Post" article by this reporter and the physicist Dr. Ralph Lapp, which was passed for security by the A.E.C., this country has very little head start in the hydrogen race.

Therefore, far from offering greater security to the United States, the hydrogen bomb offers the Soviets a means of rapidly overtaking the American atomic lead. This suggests an obvious conclusion. What security remains to us in the hydrogen bomb era will depend squarely on this country's ability to hit the Soviet Union very much harder than the Soviet Union can hit the United States.

We must, in other words, remain at all times well in advance of this country, and to get, the kind of great national effort which the threat to national survival in the hydrogen era requires. Equally fortunately, Eisenhower is now in a position to demand of this country, and to get, the kind of great national effort which the threat to national survival in the hydrogen era requires. (Copyright, 1952, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

both respects. But it should also be clearly understood that certain "technological breakthroughs," to use a phrase favored by the scientists, make it entirely feasible for this country to regain a decisive offensive and defensive advantage.

This is not a matter of a single wonder weapon. It is a matter of a whole new weapons system. It is also a matter of a great, and very costly national effort. This raises the following questions: With the hydrogen era and the Eisenhower Administration both in process of birth, is it rational to talk of heavy cutbacks in taxes and defense expenditures? Any sensible man will agree that taxes are "too high." Any sensible man will also agree that the Pentagon has failed to deliver full value on every dollar invested in defense after the peak of rearmament has passed.

Yet surely a heavy over-all reduction in defense expenditures would be a strange American response to the hydrogen era, which will be well advanced when the four years of the Eisenhower Administration comes to an end. During the campaign, President-elect Eisenhower made a qualified promise to cut government spending by \$20,000,000,000. The great bulk of this reduction could only come from defense outlays. Fortunately, a man of Eisenhower's character and background, weighing the growing threats to national survival against a qualified promise made during the heat of a political campaign, is likely to arrive at only one conclusion. Equally fortunately, Eisenhower is now in a position to demand of this country, and to get, the kind of great national effort which the threat to national survival in the hydrogen era requires. (Copyright, 1952, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

AFTER 'MATH' OF THE ELECTION



Douglas Urges Hells Canyon Dam, More Federal Power

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP)—Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill) told members of the Inland Empire Waterways Association Friday the Snake River is "a natural" as a power producer and he will continue to work for the federal construction of Hells Canyon Dam.

He and Bonneville Power Administrator Paul Raver both strongly urged construction of a dam at the controversial Hells Canyon site at the closing luncheon meeting of the IEWA convention.

Douglas said his interest in the controversial Hells Canyon Dam stemmed from his concern over the scarcity of phosphate fertilizer for poor farmlands of the southern part of his own state and other sections of the Midwest.

Before his election to Congress, he said, he "found the richest phosphate deposits in the world were in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho," and that Hells Canyon would be the logical place to tap the Snake River for processing the phosphate.

million of the \$500-million invested in the projects, plus about \$70-million interest.

Forger's Memory to Improve at Jail

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—A man who said he didn't remember forging checks decided to place his confidence in the accuracy of law enforcement officials here and pleaded guilty to the offense.

The 31-year-old man when arraigned on a charge of issuing a bad check told the judge, "To tell you the truth, your honor, I didn't know I wrote them."

The judge apparently thought otherwise. He gave the man five years.



Duck hunting regulations are getting stiffer and more complicated all the time. Used to be if a hunter had a gun and shells that matched he was all set for the season. Now, in order to steer clear of those swinging jail doors, he must arm himself with a compass, latest pamphlet on hunting regulations, a map of Oregon, and federal and state statute books. And he must know the names of all waterfowl. But lots of dyed-in-the-barrel pump and trigger men can't seem to get the hang of those scientific names for ducks. So for them we herewith present an easy to learn guide list of Oregon waterfowl. These species are familiar to all duck hunters:

Armor-plated Canvasback—Also called Anti-Gravity Duck—This duck is the most common of all. He is the fowl about which hunters tell other hunters: "I was right on him. I know I filled him full of lead. Can't understand why he didn't fall."

Vanishing Nozzle-beaked Baldpate—Familiar with all hunters. Hunters sight this duck coming in—and just as he (the duck) gets in range he vanishes. This peculiarity has been blamed on high trees, low clouds and Old Grandd.

Giggle-headed Gadwall—This sturdy fowl flies right through a barrage of shotgun pellets, and then turns around and giggles at the hunters below. He is a cousin (by marriage) to the Flap-jointed Bufflehead, who does not giggle, but thumps his nose.

Rest-period Teal—This duck is the one who invariably flies in just when the hunter's gun is leaning against a tree and the hunter is attending to other chores.

Sneaky-Minded Mallard—Known as the 'Smart-Alec' of the ducks. This bird takes great delight in sneaking into a group of decoys right under the eagle eyes of five hunters. And sometimes just for the heck of it, he will even answer calls while necking with the decoys.

Tangle-feathered Widgeon—Also known as the Teaser Duck. This fowl character repeatedly swoops down over the decoys just out of range. And hunters, most of whom have their weapons zeroed in for anything up to a quarter of a mile high, blaze away with clean and accurate misses.

Faggle-brained Giddayhawk—Most hunters won't take this duck home. He is the one which always falls "re the guns of other hunters in nearby blinds.

Purple-domed Scaup—Also known as the Phantom Duck. This duck, although most plentiful of all species, is so tricky that no hunter has ever seen him. He is the one who never shows up on those days when hunters don't see any ducks. When a hunter tells his wife, "We never saw one, single, lousy duck all day," he is referring to old Purple-dome.

U. S. Financed Book 'Loaded' By Red Writer

BONN, Germany (AP)—U. S. authorities in Germany Friday night made the red-faced admission that they had spent over 200,000 marks (\$47,000) financing publication of a world history textbook written by a Communist and heavily loaded with Red propaganda.

The damage was discovered after 8,200 copies had been delivered to the U. S. High Commission and 1,100 of these distributed to American-sponsored public reading rooms throughout West Germany.

The discovery was made by a German government official who, after reading the book, wired U. S. authorities: "What's going on here?"

American officials said production of the book was contracted to Arno Peters and his wife. They said that Peters, a 36-year-old ex-journalist, has been identified now as a member of the Communist Party.

When the story was smoked out

by reporters, the U. S. High Commission produced two pages of excerpts from the book which, it said, proved that:

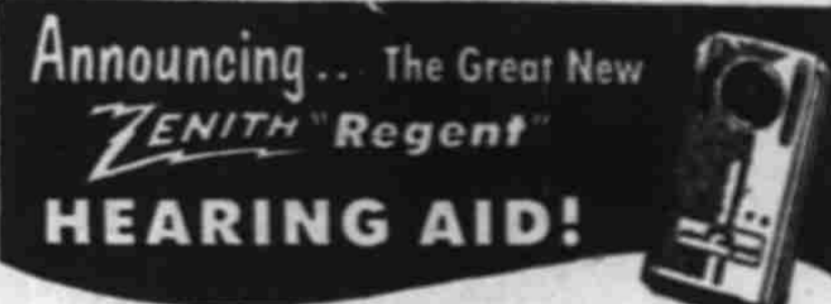
"The editors show very definite and obvious pro-Communist, anti-Democratic and anti-Catholic prejudices and, in a number of occasions, anti-Jewish and anti-theological prejudice."

"The tendentious editing is recognizable not only by statements along pro-Communist lines but also by the omission of important names and facts and the assignment of much space to subject items which do not deserve them under an objective basis."

The contract to Peters was let in April, 1951, when John J. McCloy was U. S. high commissioner, under a costly program to provide new textbooks to German schools. Peters was given 5,000 marks cash (\$13,500) and 150,000 marks (\$35,700) worth of paper.

American officials said they made no security check on Peters "because he had high endorsements from eminent German educators." But they now are considering whether to take legal action against him.

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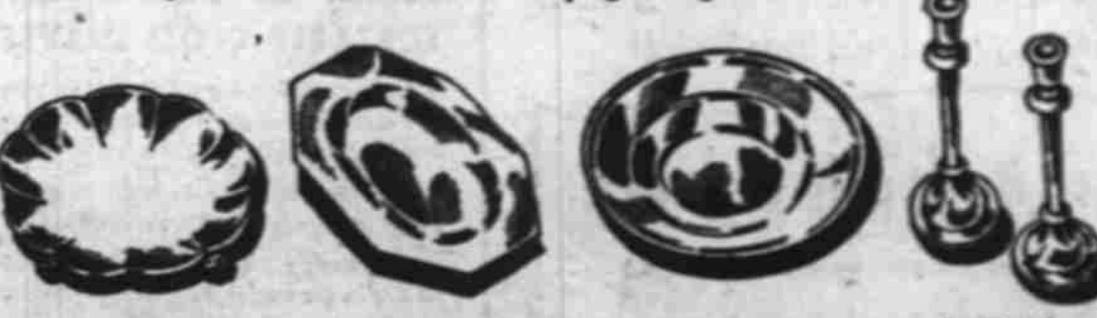
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