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Stalin's Last Thesis

In the inevitable showdown between the capitalist states and the Soviet system "Who will defeat whom? That is the essence of the question." So said Lenin. And so said his pupil Stalin. And so ask we all, although some in the West may have doubts as to the in-

Stalin's last word on the subject and his instructions to the faithful are examined by Bernard Taurer in the April Foreign Affairs Quarterly. Quoting liberally from the writings and speeches of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, Taurer points out how often these writers recognized that their cause must accommodate itself to the actions of the enemy, how inevitably the two opposing system must strive for the upper hand, and how "temporary equilibrium" is also inevitable, at times, between the two camps. When this condition exists, Stalin said, the policy of the Soviet must be to build up economic and political strength and exploit the "inherent contradictions of capitalism." This is especially necessary when the balance of power may be slightly in favor of the capitalist nations-as we Americans now suppose it to be. This policy of laying low is what Stalin means when he speaks of "peaceful co-existence."

cynical.

Stalin's last thesis, as Taurer reads it, re-

In view of these "realities," communists were instructed by Stalin to do all possible to strengthen the forces of extreme nationalism, including fascism and nazism. Russia's tactical objective continues to be avoidance of any direct military clash with the West, but at the same time continues intensive preparations for "liberation" (the new word for revolution) through governments willing to accept Red support or through "civil war" (such as in Korea, Indo-China).

That was Stalin's last word on the whowill - defeat - whom question. Whether that thesis is accepted by the present Soviet leadership, only time will tell, but the recent "peaceful" maneuvers would seem to indicate that this is a time of "temporary equilibrium" and of laving low.

dent satire paper, "The Thermometer." The humor was so hot it broke the Thermometer.

Omar

Prison Labor on Private Land

Howard Morgan runs a farm over in Polk County. He doubles as state chairman for the Democratic central committee. So it is natural for him to make hay when he can, political hay that is. He comes up now with serious charges that convict labor and state-owned equipment were used in land clearing near Jefferson.

George Alexander, who has just retired as prison superintendent, says the state bought timber and used prison labor and equipment to cut the logs into cordwood for use at state institutions. In the deal the state may have agreed to the clearing operation as payment for the stumpage.

Over the years the state has bought timber stumpage that way, bought potatoes and fruit and furnished labor to harvest them. The deals have given the inmates wholesome outdoor labor, and the state has profited in getting its needed supplies at low cost. -

Since the question has been raised, by all means let the specific deal and others be investigated by competent authority-Board of Control or grand jury. As far as Alexander is concerned, The Statesman expresses full confidence in his integrity and his business prudence. But let a responsible inquiry proceed. The facts will speak for themselves.

It's Still Booze

Announcement is made of the annual Oregon School of Alcohol Studies to be held at Reed College, June 22-July 3. W. K. Ferrier, the director, says the purpose of the school is "to acquaint ministers, nurses, teachers, school administrators, social workers, law enforcement officers, probation officers and other interested persons with the recent scientific developments related to the problems of beverage alcohol."

The latest scientific developments haven't disclosed anything to contradict the experience of the ages that too much beverage alcohol makes people drunk, that so - called moderate drinking may lead to alcohol addiction, that the victim of alcoholism becomes a physical wreck and a social outcast.

It is true that many people drink temperately and never become stew-bums; but some of this "scientific development" stuff sounds too much like an attempt to gloss over the risks of imbibing "beverage alcohol." Regardless of the label it still is booze.

Mrs. James B. Patton, Daughters of the American Revolution president, warned members at the DAR convention this week against "our trend to a materialistic civilization." This trend, she says, has "gradually permitted an invasion of states' rights and an increasing enroachment upon the part of the federal government." . . . For instance, when the federal government holds on to its claim to off-shore oil that is crass materialism, but when the states claim the off-shore oil that is states' rights.

ing the stamp catalogs? France this week issued a new 30-franc postage stamp commemorating Parisian haute couture. In colors of "swallow blue" and "amethyst yellow" it shows a willowly model against a backdrop of the Place de la Concord. (The gown, girls, is apparently lace or embroidered material of some kind with a long swept-back skirt and a sheer floating stole. Low cut back. Can't see the front.)

As for Senator Taft's idea of settling all Far Eastern problems in "one bite." the Christian Science Monitor says: "To try to bite off too much at once could be to end without even a taste of peace or a solid truce to chew on." Piecemeal, it's an unsatisfactory

SMALL RETURN, BIG INVESTMENT





Salem city officials presented a panel discussion on municipal affairs at the Kiwanis Club meeting. During the question-answer session somebody asked Mayor Al Loucks how about all those sheep turned loose in the Odd

Fellows Cemetery. Who was herding them? "I don't know," Grinned Al. "But I think we'll give the job to Alderman Bob White. Nobody can handle those ewe-turns like Bob . . . "

Salem postoffice grounds-one of the bestmanicured layouts in town or, for that matter, the state-has donned its annual spring outfit of colorful azaleas-with green lawns to match . . . The huge banks of floral beauties on both sides

of the front entrance on N. Church St., are in full bloom . . . About two weeks early this year . . . And as usual camera hounds (some from out of state) are prowling the premises snapping their shutters at all that natural finery . . . The flowers are in fine fettle this year, and we can hardly wait until the PO rhododendrons began burtsing out . . .

A communique from Rep. Walter Norblad notes that on page 127 of the current 1954 federal budget is a request for funds to be used to liquidate the National Recovery Act. Worried Walter points out that the NRA was dissolved by order of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1936, and has been in the process of liquidation ever since. Establishing these agencies seems pretty easy, notes Norblad, but putting them out of business seems a lifetime matter . . .

A raggedy, long-eared bunny edged into the newsroom door the other day with the inside yoke on how come the Dallas Chamber of Commerce ran out of prizes during the kiddies Easter egg hunt there last Easter Sunday. At the beginning the number of prizes matched the "prize eggs" alright, but the Chamber men underestimated the power of one woman-age about five . . . The trouble started when one little boy got a prize for finding a prize egg. As he walked back from the judges' stand a little girl took his egg, marched up to the stand and collected another prize. Other kids caught on and the racket was going dandy before the adults found out they were seven prizes short . . . The Chamber men had arisen early on Easter to prepare the egg hunt-but they didn't get up early enough to keep ahead of the kids-especially those sly little girls . . . Probably a moral there someplace . . .

For the fourth consecutive year, OSC students have elected a student body president with the first name of Don. The latest is Don Foss. He follows past presidents named Don Van Allsburg, Donn Black and Don Hays ... Wonder how come that age group is heavy on the name Don ... Could it be because that, say, 20 years ago the big movie heart-throb was Don Ameche? . . . The Virgil O'Malleys plan to leave Salem today but their destination is not known-except that O'Malley has a job offer in California.

the contest of the cold war. He GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



whether or no this is the inten- "What with Television, comic books and little friends on the street you should consider it a compliment when junio asks YOU anything."

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approve it without haggling over the sum realized from sale of the old building and ground.

It seems strange that such a conflict of opinion would arise. Did the Board of Higher Education make clear to the Legislature its finance requirements and plans for use of the proceeds of the old property? Or did the ways and means com-mittee while the appropriation was under consideration make clear to the representatives of higher education that a string was to be attached denying use of the building proceeds for the

new project? Whatever the basis for the misunderstanding now a real conflict of authority has arisen, an unfortunate one too, which sets The Oregonian to cuffing the ways and means committee around and accusing it of get-

ting too big for its breeches. The squabble should not be allowed to cripple or delay the school construction. It is badly needed; and for building and equipping so highly specialized an institution as a Dental School the outlay proposed does not

seem unduly extravagant. The Board of Higher Education should go ahead with its previous plan and ask the emergency board for its approval. The chairmen of the ways and means committee are members of this board, but they are men with a high sense of civic responsibility and will not veto the project merely out of pique.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The clerk tried ev-

ery which way to fix the adding 2. What is the correct pron-"homily"?

3. Which one of these words pet, wistaria, withhold. 4. What does the word "lat- Portland. ent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with to that means "full of by Mrs. Eleanor M. Elliott, 29, twists; winding"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "which," and say "to repair the adding machine." 2. Pronounce the o in "homely as in home. Pronounce the o in "homily" as in on. 3. Withhold. 4. Not visible or apparent; hidden. "They did not understand the latent meaning of his words." 5. Tortuous.

Zia's husband Mihaly Ursi, a scholar with a peasant upbringing and a radical reputation.

Mihaly accepts with the understanding that he may use his THE ANGRY ANGEL, by Lajos Zilahy, translated from Hungarian by Thomas L. Harsner

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

and hostile to ancient names.

Old Count Istvan has just died,

bequeathing his estate to Ostie,

his eldest son. But Ostie lives in America, and after funeral services that are a picturesque

reminder of the dying order,

he is required to name his stay-

at-home representative. At the

family conclave he considers his

two brothers, Rere, who is men-tally incompetent, and Johy,

(Prentice-Hall; \$3.95)

new power and position in be half of the Hungarian people he loves. Then suddenly World Rulers of thousands of acres, bearing a name that has been honored through centuries, the War II is upon them, and they find their plots and scheming outpaced by the rush of events. Dukays . . . you remember Zil-ahy's big novel by that title . . . now in another big novel race headlong to a fateful collision with the modern world. They are clever and determined, but the enemy, whether This world is greedy for land, German or Russian, is a mighty, irresistible force.

There is a secret cave, there are disguises, there is a bit of romance, but mostly this is a great colorful panorama of disintegration. A world falls apart and the men who long to save it grab gravely but futilely at the pieces. Evil is pitted against good which by its very nature is spineless, as one character

mentally incompetent, too, it "In fateful hours there are might be said, for he follows no more impotent or cowardly words than 'God, constitution, Hitler fanatically. Ostie rejects them both in favor of his sister human rights or morality'."

Your

Dr. Herman Bundesen

Hay fever occurs most often in late summer and early fall. However, many people have hay fever the year round, while war in Laos will become clearer. others have symptoms in the

to pollens from trees and grass- northern Vietnam.

Usually, the person having hay fever has a watery discharge from the nose, watering of the eyes, and the person may even have a cough. The symptoms of hay fever, therefore, are much like those of a cold, except there is no fever.

tacks of hay fever have been ily territorial or political. employed. The antihistamine drugs are effective in relieving some of the symptoms. If the case is very severe, ACTH and cortisone may be of help. Many times, injections of gradually increasing doses of the pollen to which the person is sensitive, if

Usually, the person with hay fever has the most discomfort at night. Air-conditioners which filter the pollen out of the air may therefore be of help.

Recently, a new mechanical device to remove the pollen with three columns of troops. from the air has been devised. This machine can be put into the bedroom or any other room from which it is desired to remove the pollen.

The air is drawn into the machine and through water sprays, by means of a powerful fan. The air is literally showered and washed clean. In this way, 93 per cent of the pollen in the room can be removed by the machine. Up to 200 cubic feet of air per minute can be washed by this method.

Thus, a new machine to help relieve the hay fever and allergy sufferers has been devised. But the doctor is the one to decide in each case which of the various measures available for the relief of hay fever should be employed.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. S.S.: I have wanted children for a number of years, but have been told that my womb help for this condition?

condition by your physician is advisable. (Copyright, 1953, King Features)

Auto Crash unciation of "homely" and Fatal to Infant

PORTLAND (A)- A six-week-old is misspelled? Whirligig, whip- boy was fatally injured Wednesday from Ringwood, N. J. mines. in a car crash on the outskirts of

Killed was David Robertson, who was riding in a car driven Portland, who was injured. Her car crashed with one driven by Louise K. Anderson, 49, Portland.

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Real Aim of Laos Invasion Still Hidden

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press News Analyst

The time is rapidly approaching when both the objectives and the possibilities of the new Communist

At first it appeared the chief Red aim was to overrun an area Hay fever is due to allergy or in the north and east of the Indooversensitivity to pollens from chinese country as a platform plants. The hay fever which oc- from which to proclaim a Commucurs in the spring may be due nist government as they did in

As more troops were thrown in, especially from the east at the waist of Vietnam, however, the Reds seemed to be striking in one all out blow for the whole country and for the Thai border.

The position of the French and Laotian defending forces thus came to depend heavily on wheth-Various ways to control at- er the Red objectives were primar-

If the capture of the capital at Luangprabang is considered vital to the political front of the proclaimed government, then the defenders would seem to be in fair position. The French claim they can whip the invaders in a pitched started early enough in the defense, with withdrawal of battle before the city. The entire year, will help relieve the at- French forces from their outposts to the north and east, has been planned along this line.

There is no front across country, ing chosen the old Patton tactics of driving directly into the country

This leaves the possibility that, rather than face a pitched battle before the capital, they could divert most of their forces, hold the city under siege, and strike on toward Thailand.

They could, by this means, present the world with a far more serious problem than even the occupation of the most important parts of Laos. But some of their columns are already 200 miles from their bases, and while the Red forces are accustomed to Guerrilla warfare, a movement of this size still depends heavily on supplies, particularly ammunition

The French are reported con-

sidering an appeal to the United Nations for help in the defense such as was accorded the South Koreans in 1950. The precedent is there, but the polifical circumstances are considerably different. France has been involved in disputes with her colonial areas. In is infantile and has not grown action, before the United Nations to its normal size. Is there any she has insisted that these areas, as parts of the French union, re-Answer: You should of course, present internal problems in which consult with your physician con- the U. N. is not empowered to cerning the treatment of an in- intervene. An appeal to the U. N. fantile womb. The giving of would thus be a withdrawal from large doses of female hormones this position, as well as an invitahas been tried in some of these tion to the Arab state members to cases with favorable results. renew their attacks on French Further careful study of your colonial policy in the world forum. One of these disputes also lies at the bottom of the Indochina war, which was begun as an independence movement, and only later taken over by the Communists. There's a whole hornet's nest

involved in the situation. Cannon for the seige of Vicksburg were cast from iron taken



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evitability of human events.

The late dictator even listed areas of agreement: the mutual need of trade and markets, credits and interest; the advisability at times of signing non-aggression pacts with bourgeois states and entering disarmament agreements and joining peace - making organizations such as the League of Nations or UN. But such Soviet amenability must always be

affirms the inevitability of wars between the capitalist states. The capitalist countries, as a result of selfish competition, would rather fight among themselves than unite to fight communism, Stalin predicts, using WW II as an example. Instead of uniting with Germany to fight Russia, England and France joined Russia (their real enemy) to fight Germany and Japan (their economic compe-

President Strand of OSC banned the stu-

Admiral Radford Looks Like Good Bet to Replace Gen. Bradley as U. S. Chief of Staff

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP WASHINGTON - Admiral Arthur Radford looks like a



Chairman of Joint Chiefs Staff. The decision will presumably be made as soon Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson can reach agreement

with president Eisenhower. The question is whether Wilson's wishes or Eisenhower's doubts will finally prevail. Wilson has wanted Radford

for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs ever since the President's pre-inauguration trip to Korea. When the Eisenhower party was on its way back, Radford met them at Pearl Har-

bor. He so Stewart Alsop much impressed and charmed . Wilson that Wilson proposed him for the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs then and there, without further

According to undoubted reports, the President answered that Admiral Radford was one of the two or three ablest senior officers in American uniform. fully qualified in every way to the Joint Chiefs, But he idded that Wilson had better not name Radford to the chairmanship until he had made uite sure that Radford's first loyalty would be to the Secretary of Defense, instead of to-

Admiral Radford has since made a long visit to Washington, which seems, if anything,

"wants what they want when they want it." He wanted the famous radio entertainer, Arthur Godfrey, for a Defense Department member of the President's special commission on psychological warfare. When he encountered opposition, he carried his fight for Godfrey to the length of refusing to name anyone else for a considerable time. In the infinitely more important case of Radford, he is

said to be equally determined. The President, meanwhile, has always opposed the extreme naval viewpoint which Admiral Radford has always stood for hitherto. Since the Admiral is a man who fights for his view to the last ditch, it can be seen why the President has hesitated to approve Secretary Wilson's proposal. The Air Force, where Admiral Radford's stand on the B-36 is only too well remembered, is also moving heaven and earth to block his nomination.

If Admiral Radford is not named, other possibilities are reported to be Gen. Alfred Gruenther, Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg and Gen. Carl Spaatz. Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbot has claimed the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs for the Air branch, and has taken the position that Gen. Spaatz should be called back from retirement if Gen. Vandenberg is not to be promoted. The argument that the chairmanship should rotate, which the Air Force presses, would stand in the way of the appointment of Gen. Gruenther. But he is favored by his closeness to the President, and his personal acceptability to almost everyone

to have increased Secretary In the first place, Secretary (Copyright, 1953, New York Herald Wilson's enthusiasm for him. Wilson is a man of strong likes Tribune Inc.)

Wilson is one of those who and dislikes whose personal opinions are seldom subject to change except by the very small number of persons he fully trusts and approves of. The opinion that he brought to Washington, about the right relationship between the defense effort and the budget, do not appear to have been shaken very much by anyone now on duty in the Pentagon. But Admiral Radford can be counted on to plead the cause of adequate national defense with great force, and he

can also be counted on to im-

press Secretary Wilson. Then too, the Admiral belongs to the school of American officers who have little or no patience with mere containment in has strongly advocated a blockade of Communist China, as part of a larger program to make the Peking government regret its intervention in Korea. He has shown a strong preference, in many other ways, for bringing the cold war contest to a rapid and complete show-

In this respect, Radford could hardly differ more widely from the present Joint Chiefs, whose eaution is illustrated by their intensely hostile reception of the Radford blockade plan and Gen. James Van Fleet's comparable plan for a ground offensive on the Korean peninsula. In fact, this new quality and outlook Radford would bring to the Joint Chiefs would probably prove far more important, in the long run, than his loyalty to the Navy and his suspicion of the Strategic Air Command.

In addition, Radford has one of the most compelling personalities and one of the best intellectual equipments of any man in American public life. Bringing such a man, with such a temperament, into a place of such great power and influence as the Chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs, is almost certain to mark a major turning point,

as a compromise choice. Nonetheless, Admiral Radford is the best bet because of the strength and determination of Secretary Wilson's support. It must be added that the appointment, if it goes through, can be counted on to influence American policy in all sorts of significant ways.