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"No Favor Sways Us No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Churchill's "Mission with Moscow"

Prime Minister Churchill in reviewing foreign policy before Commons on Monday urged that leaders of Russia and the West hold a conference soon in an effort to compose differences between their countries. Since he specified it should embrace "the smallest number of powers and persons possible" it is assumed that he would limit the company to Eisenhower, Malenkov and himself. He urged too that the conference be held "with a measure of informality and a still greater measure of privacy and seclusion."

The PM was not too optimistic about definite results. Perhaps no hard and fast agreements could be reached, but he felt it might generate a better feeling and so halt the slide into war.

We may agree with the doughty Britisher that no one should be frightened over the prospect of such a conference. By the same token, one dare not be carried away in a glow of optimism. There have been many conferences at just under the heads-of-state level since Potsdam, but the resulting agreements have been minuscule. Another is set for May 27th when the foreign ministers will take another bite at the Austrian treaty hardtack. Many are inclined to make it the test of Russian intentions.

Churchill has one great ambition, and that is to resolve the cold war before he leaves the political stage. It is a worthy ambition, though this old warhorse has never been distinguished as a pacifier. If a conference could be had, with very limited objectives, it might do something to ease the present stress. If it attempted too much and met with failure then the end result might be damaging to world relations. To start with the West might reflect on what it would be willing to sacrifice to match any genuine offer from Russia to settle the issues separating East and West.

We can see why this administration, however, recalling the storm of protest over Yalta and Potsdam, will hesitate even to be caught in the same room with the Russians.

## Texas Tornadoes

This is the tornado season for the vast spread of the continent east of the Rockies. These twisters are quite unpredictable as to time and place and intensity. Actually they are rare and widely distributed and of brief duration. So the people of the plains and prairies have learned to live with them.

The ones which struck at Waco and San Angelo, Texas, on Monday were unusually severe, causing heavy loss of life and injuries to persons and extensive damage to property. So serious is the situation in Waco that martial law has been proclaimed.

As usual the American Red Cross is prompt with its measures of relief. The sum of \$200,000 was set up immediately for emergency care, and more will be forthcoming if needed. (How precious it is that we have this reservoir of money and trained personnel to draw on in time of disaster.)

We live in a time of wars and threats of wars, and sometimes seem to be hardened to lesser calamities. But when something of the proportions of the Texas tornadoes strikes

## In Struggle to Keep Control of Party, Attlee Is Contributing to Reds' Plan to Split Allies

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

Clement Attlee, with his attack in the British Parliament on Americans and their Constitution, now begins to out-Bevan Bevan. Americans who keep up with British politics will recognize the former Prime Minister's speech as connected with the conflict between him and Aneurin Bevan, left-wing leader, for control of the Labor Party.

Other Americans will be just plain mad. When he says there are elements in the United States that do not want a settlement in Korea, he is repeating the Communist line.

When he raises the question of Chinese Communist membership on the United Nations Security Council, even though he admits it shouldn't be done until after an armistice, he is advocating a pet Communist project.

When he emphasizes the differences between British and American institutions, when he chooses an extremely difficult period to talk about divergencies in policy, when he questions the President's power to really represent the U. S. on international affairs, he is contributing to one of Russia's most earnest campaigns—the campaign to split the Allies.

Attlee is not a Communist. He has been ousted by the British because he is not a representative in international affairs. His speech is primarily an example of the extremes into which politics can lead people. Americans, with the exception of those who get too mad, are familiar with similar intemperate manifestations in their own Congress. Many will be tolerant.

The former Prime Minister's interpolation in the British foreign policy debate will not, however, do anything to help smooth over the differences which have arisen on either side of the Atlantic over attitudes toward the Russian peace offensive.

Winston Churchill made a reference to Attlee in his speech proposing an immediate top level peace conference. He said maybe an Allied guarantee of Russian

safety from Germany, and of German safety from Russia, could be an entering wedge for East-West agreement.

Locarno, however is remembered primarily as one of history's best examples of the fact that if the nations want peace, no pact is necessary, and if they do not, no pact will produce it.

There is, however, no harm in exploring such things. And Churchill is certainly right in recognizing that, over and above the constant Russian policy of expansion of Communism, fear may play a very important role in the Kremlin's immediate attitude.

Fear of foreign influence is an

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
Shakespearean Players and Performances, by Arthur Colby Sprague (Harvard; \$4.50)

Thanks to radio, television and movies, we make enduring records not only of music as it is heard today but also of stage plays. But what the great actors and actresses of the past were like we have to deduce from written accounts more often intended to note a mood than to describe specifically how it was produced.

This interesting book tries to tell us, and does very well at it, too, how some of the immortals looked, acted, and what they sounded like. The author's problem must have been to reduce his material to manageable proportions; there was a little about everybody, he needed a lot about a few. So he reports on key figures in memorable roles on certain nights:

Thomas Betterton as Hamlet, 1709; David Garrick, Lear, 1776; John Philip Kemble, Hamlet again, 1783; Kemble's sister Mrs. Sarah Siddons, Lady Macbeth, 1785; Edmund Kean, Othello, 1817; William Charles Macready, Macbeth, 1851; Hen-

then public attention and sympathy are attracted. And such is the resolution of the human spirit we can be confident that these stricken cities soon will rise above the debris, though the broken lives will never be replaced.

## "Mining" the Forests

Remember those "mining claims" on choice timberlands and recreation spots in the Rogue River country which Sen. Ben Day brought to public notice some time ago? The forest service is moving to have them invalidated for lack of showing of mineral values—the timber and recreation values of the sites are self-evident. But if the federal court should throw out the claims (and it isn't easy to douse the gleam in the eye of a prospector, whether for gold or timber); then next day they could be filed on as mining claims again. So filing, contesting, eviction could become a merryground. Even if the forest service came out on top in the end it is put to a lot of trouble, and its plans for forest management may be interfered with.

The Medford Mail-Tribune, reviewing this problem, speaks favorably of a bill now in Congress by which the surface rights would be reserved though the miner is allowed to do his mining. There would be conflict if the mining really got started because you can't mine without damaging the surface; but at least the miner would not be under the temptation of "mining trees" for he would have no claim to them.

It certainly is time to revise the old mining claim laws.

On the "Meet the Press" program Sunday night Sen. Wayne L. Morse told reporters he would welcome a race with Douglas McKay for the Senate in 1956. Why do reporters and others keep setting up this contest? We have no inside knowledge but have never understood that McKay had a hankering to go to the Senate. He surely wouldn't give up his present post as Secretary of the Interior, a cabinet office, to run for the Senate; and this position holds into 1957—or longer if Eisenhower is reelected President. We are apt to find younger politicians eager to run against Morse in 1956, and perhaps against Cordon in 1954.

At the end of 1952 over 64,000 Oregonians were receiving federal old age and survivors' insurance (social security). The number on old age assistance from the state public welfare commission is something over 20,000. Steadily the former list will grow, and the latter will diminish, because of the spread of coverage of federal social security. There probably will always be need of the state assistance, however, to supplement grants under the federal system in cases of extreme need.

Russia is said to be building up its navy, going in strongly for submarines using the latest German subs as models. The subs could do a lot of damage but will never give Russia command of the sea because defenses against subs keep progressing too. The great weakness of Russia on the ocean is its lack of a merchant marine. Fifty-three per cent of its shipping is overage—25 years old or over. Moreover, the Russ have never been a seafaring people. The USSR will remain a land power.

Eugene is mustering forces to oppose the granting of a license for dog racing in that community. There is nothing scarcely which a city needs less than dog racing. It is just a parasite on the community, leeching away earnings for out-of-town promoters, offering little in the way of interesting entertainment and building up the vice of gambling. The racing commission should spare upstate Oregon from going to the dogs.

## AU REVOIR, BUT NOT GOODBY!



## Comes the Dawn

Local histro operators say it looks like every unemployed bartender in the country is hitting Oregon (in person or by mail) hoping to get back into the Old Stumpwater stirring business. Most of these martini manglers feel that now Oregon is back to selling booze over the bar the customers can stand a few versatile, big city type, fancy drink mixers . . . Eugene man passing through notes that Eugene liquor spot owners were in a tizzy last week end because they didn't find out until the last minute they were supposed to post bonds as the final step in getting their new by-the-drink licenses . . .

When Mary Pickford visited Salem for the Bond-a-Month drive one of the official greeters was Bruce Williams, local atty. and county savings bond chairman. Bruce recalled that during his WW II naval air training days at Corpus Christi, Tex., one of his pilot friends was Lt. Buddy Rogers, Miss Pickford's husband . . . At the luncheon here the entire audience was composed of bond-drive committee women. Sole male was Dave Hess, tape recording for KSLM. Mary started her talk: "Ladies and —" with a deep nod to Dave, "gentleman."

Treasury men assigned to guide her through Oregon got all fagged out trying to keep ahead of tiny, tireless Mary . . . The trip cost her a lot of personal dough—even though she and her secretary each got \$8 a day, plus travel expenses. Her maid was her own burden . . . In Salem Miss Pickford said she could slap the label of genius on only two persons in her life—Charles Chaplin and Walt Disney . . . Everybody keeps referring her to as a star of the lip-reading, roller-piano era. Well, she was, but she also starred in the early talkies and copped an Oscar for "Coquette."

New gimmick in salesmanship is for salesmen to call on prospective customers by phone. One Salem woman has been called three times in the past eight months by one insurance representative. Each time she patiently explains to the caller that she already has that type of insurance—with his company! . . . On the other hand Vic Withrow, local insurance agent, tells of HIS headache. Seems that an increasing number of persons write insurance firms and ask for "all the information on your plan. But no agents or callers." . . . "If you don't answer," means Vic, "people get sore. If you do, there are so many different plans, both you and the prospective client get so confused you can't tell the premiums from the indemnities." . . .

Gardening casualty dept . . . City Editor Bob Gangware was having trouble with his phone. Telephone repair man found that Bob's phone was the type with the ground wire staked into the ground—smack in middle of the petunia bed at the side of the house. Recent spading and scratching had dislodged the wire. Repair man says this sort of thing happens lots of times during the early, mad gardening season . . . Marion County clerk's office called a woman the other day for jury duty. At first the woman appeared shocked and confused. Turned out she thought they said she was scheduled for surgery.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



## 7 U.S. Civilians Freed by Reds, Tell of Brutality

FRANKFURT, Germany (U) — Seven American civilians who were swept up by the march of war in Korea nearly three years ago savored freedom Tuesday night and told a story of hunger and brutality under Communist guns. The seven, six missionaries and a former State Department employe, stopped briefly in Frankfurt on the last leg of their trip from prison to freedom in their homeland. They were interned along with some 72 others in 1950 when North Korean troops knifed deeply into Korea but nobody ever both..ed to tell them their status. Louis Dans of Chicago and Baltimore, who was a hotel manager at the State Department was spokesman for the group at a news conference at Frankfurt's Rhine-Main Airport. The others are Father William R. Booth, a Maryland, N. Y., priest, and five M..hodist missionaries. Lawrence Azellers, Weatherford, Tex., Nellie A. Dyer, Conay, Ark., Mary Rosser, Cordele, Ga., Berth-

da A. Smith, Marshall, Mo., and Anders K. Jensen, New Cumberland, Pa. Dans told of a "death march" up to the Yalu River on which 89 American soldiers and two civilians died. "We never saw the actual shooting," he said, "if any one couldn't keep up, they'd wait until the rest of us got around a bend and then we'd hear shots. Many of them died of exhaustion and malnutrition, though. There were 73 civilians but we lost only two."

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The price was nowhere near as high as I had expected."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "psychiatric"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Coersion, condescension, contamination, contiguous.
4. What does the word "metaphor" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with om that means "foreboding evil"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The price was not nearly so high as I had expected." 2. Pronounce si-ki-at-rik, first i as in sign, second and third i's as in it, a as in at, accent third syllable. 3. Coercion. 4. Use of a word or phrase literally denoting one thing in place of another by way of suggesting a likeness, as, "The vessel plows the sea." 5. Ominous.

## 25 Years Ago

MAY 13, 1928

National Music Week ends in program at the Armory, with over 500 participating. Numbers by Williams University and Elks singers were outstanding. William McGilchrist Jr., was chairman. Capital Post No. 9 American Legion in bright uniforms, under the direction of Drum Major Carl E. Hinges, entertained during the evening.

Ercel Kay and Graham Sharkey received word that Vernon Macan of Victoria would arrive to take over planning of new Salem Golf links. When completed the golf course will be one of the best and most beautiful in the country.

"Spec" Keene's home run was largely responsible for the one point victory of the Legion outfit over the Oregon Paper mill team in competition in twilight leagues on the Oxford Park diamond.

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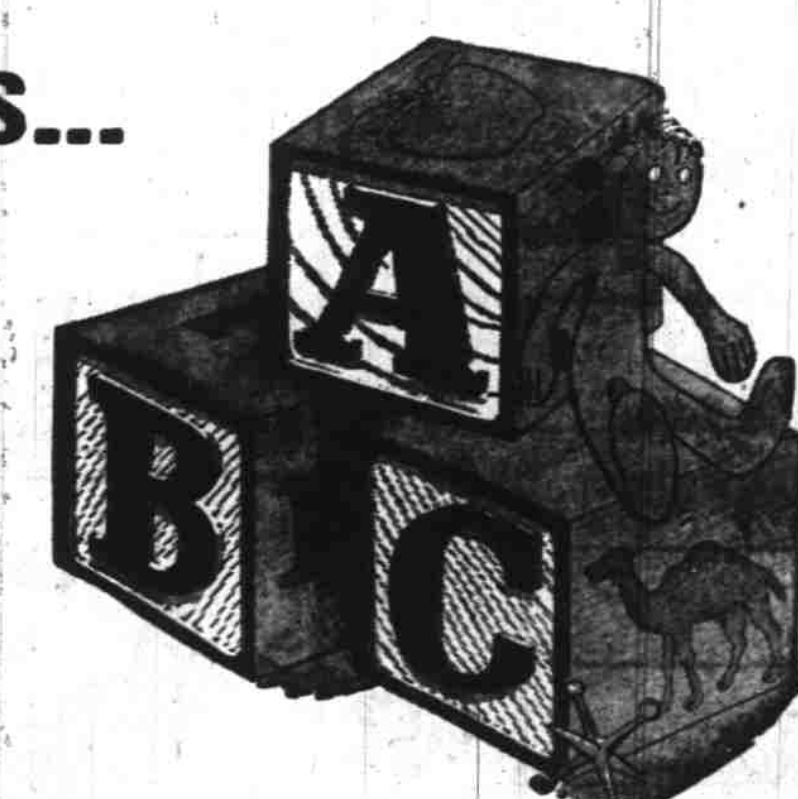
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