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Return of William Oatis

Those who expected William Oatis to come out and do a Robert Vogeler after his release from Communist prison are surprised and perhaps disappointed at his persistent refusal to say the things they expected. Oatis denies the Reds used drugs or terror to force a confession from him. He admits their method was psychological; but he declines to repudiate his confession and gives hazy answers to queries on espionage activities.

This naturally will erect doubt as to his own innocence. Was he in truth serving as a spy?

It is quite unsafe to jump to such a conclusion as a result of Oatis' own vagueness. As Frank Starzel, general manager of Associated Press, said, we must remember that Oatis has been in prison for 25 months, cut off from contacts, ignorant of the fact even that Stalin had died. Of a sudden he received a pardon and was flown thousands of miles back to the homeland. The experience certainly has been a great emotional shock. Oatis wisely wants to wait until he gets re-oriented, until he can reread his confession.

Perhaps he reveals the real truth when he says that "What was a crime in Czechoslovakia would not be a crime here." In other words, where here it is quite legitimate for a reporter to probe into political, economic and military matters, that is forbidden in Czechoslovakia. This leaves unanswered the question whether he was working merely as a reporter for the Associated Press or engaging in espionage for our government at the same time. The rule in the Associated Press is for one to serve only the AP; and it is very doubtful if the government would seek to employ a regular AP reporter for espionage.

So we must await the full story; and we trust that Oatis will write it when he is fully rested and relaxed, and tell the truth regarding his activities and his experiences.

Match for Joe McCarthy

When Joe McCarthy called up James Weschler, editor of the New York Post for interrogation he pulled in a Tartar. Weschler proved more than a match for the Wisconsin senator. The resulting publicity when Weschler called on the American Society of Newspaper Editors to study the transcript and see if McCarthy was attempting press intimidation advertised the hearing and exposed the McCarthy method. And in a Sunday night Meet the Press interview Weschler pressed his attack on McCarthy with skill and vigor.

Weschler has been hammering McCarthy in the New York Post. McCarthy invited him to come to testify before his committee, ostensibly because a book of Weschler's had been found in an overseas government library. But when the quiz came off neither McCarthy nor his counsel could tell which one of four books Weschler had written was involved. (Two were written while he was a member of the Young Communist League; two after he had broken with Communism). Instead McCarthy directed his probe at Weschler personally and at his editorial work for the Post. He imputed that Weschler still might be a Red because he was critical of McCarthy, Jenner and Velde, as was also the Communist Daily Worker!—a characteristic perversion of logic by McCarthy.

Press freedom wasn't injured by the Wes-

chler hearing. Instead he came off so well that it was enhanced.

But the time has come for the public to understand what a menace Joe McCarthy is. He has done nothing but spread fear and suspicion in this country and contempt for us abroad. He has not tagged a single Communist in government service. His recent denunciation of the British — let them withdraw from Korea and be damned—was arrant demagoguery. It was time someone stood up boldly to resist McCarthy in his own lair. Weschler did just that. He did a valiant service not only for the free press but for free thought in this country.

Backhand for Truman

Stephen Mitchell, who was Adlai Stevenson's choice for Democratic national chairman, was politicking in Oregon over the week end. He tossed a few bricks at Republicans—one at Secretary McKay for dropping Hells Canyon; but his backhand slap at ex-President Truman was what was significant. Quizzed about the former president's recent statement that he planned to get into the Democratic campaign in 1954 and 1956 the Democratic chairman said coldly that the high command had no plans for using Truman in any future campaigns.

This indicates that Mitchell thinks that Truman was an albatross around Stevenson's neck in the last campaign. He was; Stevenson couldn't repudiate him, and he couldn't carry the Truman burden. The 1952 Democratic candidate virtually admits this is his own diagnosis of his defeat.

It seems quite too early to throw old Harry to the wolves. He has a unique down-to-earth style of campaigning that certainly proved effective in 1948. It appeals to the crackbox voters, and there are many of them. Come 1954 or 1956 Truman with his bite and his bile may prove an asset to the Democrats. Mitchell should remember that Stevenson's own style, though it pleased the intellectuals, failed to register behind the gas house.

Predictions were made that when planes broke through the sonic barrier they might fly apart. One plane piloted by young De-Haviland in Britain did; but the barrier has been crossed so many times without event that it is no longer fearsome. It was newsworthy, however, for Jacqueline Cochran, noted woman aviatix, to fly faster than the speed of sound and to break two world speed records in doing it. This she did on Monday last, flying a F-86 Sabre jet plane at an average speed of 652,337 miles per hour. She calls it the "most exciting and interesting experience in my 21 years of flying." She really is a pioneer, the first of her sex to fly through the sonic barrier. The light barrier, however, is still safe from penetration.

Editorial Comment

NATIONAL FOREST PERMITTEES
AND H. R. 4023

While a resolution in support of the so-called Uniform Federal Grazing Lands Tenancy act (H. R. 4023) was voted by the Oregon Cattlemen's association in Portland on Wednesday the vote loses significance when it is remembered that the permittees on the national forest ranges in Oregon oppose the bill almost unanimously. It is these cattlemen whose interests are affected by the proposed legislation and they are against it in its present form.

The forest permittees tried in vain to secure indorsement of their views regarding H. R. 4023. They are, in the main, operators of average spreads. They were voted down by the users of the Taylor grazing act range and the influence of the big operators in Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

The recommendations for changes in the bill presented by the forest permittees, if adopted, would leave things on the forest ranges pretty much as they are today. The only conclusion is that the bill, supported so strongly by the national cattle and sheep associations, is a bad bill and should be defeated.—(Bend Bulletin.)

Allies Delay Korea Peace Talks in Order to Discuss Conflicting Armistice Plans

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

Associated Press News Analyst
The Allied request for a further six-day recess in the Panmunjom talks means that the Western Allies have not yet fully agreed on their new approach to a Korean armistice.

Reports among delegates to the United Nations in New York, that the United States would revise its proposals to bring them more into line with last fall's U.N. Assembly resolution, seemed to have some basis in fact, although indications at the State Department were that things were by no means "set."

The report was that the U. S. might agree to a political conference to take up the disposition of prisoners unwilling to accept repatriation to Communist-held territory, provided some sort of limit was set for the conference to reach agreement.

The Americans at Panmunjom power neutral commission, but demanded definite time limits. Prime Minister Nehru of India, whose country would be a member of the neutral commission, brought the Allied dispute into the open last week with an announcement that he considered the Communist proposals nearer to what the U. N. had intended than were the counterproposals of the American negotiators at Panmunjom.

Canada, France and Great Britain were inclined to agree, with the Canadians the most active in expressing British Commonwealth sentiments. The tendency seems to be that of prisoners who still refuse to go home should become a problem not for the neutral supervisors, nor for the Americans or Communists, but for the United Nations itself.

Reports that the U. S. had agreed were classified in Washington as premature. There were still gaps between the U. S. and her allies, and still conferences to be held in an effort to close them. There was no assurance that, regardless of how the United States might amend its proposals, the Communists would agree to a truce. They had roundly denounced the U. N. resolution at the time of its adoption. Even successful conferences at Washington among the Allies might produce no more than better agreement among themselves.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS
THE ARMY AIR FORCE IN
WORLD WAR II: Volume Five:
The Pacific: Matterhorn to Na-
gasaki June 1944 to August
1945, by editors Wesley Frank
Craven, James Lea Cate and
others (University of Chicago;
\$850)

In nearly 900 pages of text, photos, maps, charts and tables, this fifth volume concludes the history of AF combat in World War II. . . . the two remaining volumes in this essential series are intended to discuss the AF at home or on auxiliary assignments.

The book tells the dramatic story of Superforts over the Pacific and, eventually, over battered Japan. It is climaxed, of course, by the atom bombs that laid waste Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the summer of 1945. It tells of all planes, to be sure, in all sorts of services: rescuing fliers downed in the ocean, supporting invasions, ferrying supplies, dropping incendiaries as well as explosives. For all our high opinion of fission and its calamitous potentialities, it after all did not do so much damage, apparently, as old-fashioned fire. The new fire bombs for instance killed more than 80,000 in one Tokyo raid,

and in urban Japan in general obliterated more than 100 square miles of essential manufacturing areas.

"Matterhorn" was subtitled the "early sustained bombing of Japan," the task of Bomber Command XX, based in China, it didn't pan out. Number XXI, working from the Marianas, took over and, after Hansell and his precision bombing were forced to yield to LeMay and his area fire-bombing, it began to even find room for some thrilling incidents. Billy Mitchell was proved right, they say, "right, that is, for the Pacific war."

There are the familiar names, from MacArthur, Nimitz and Arnold to Spaatz, Kenney, Whitehead, Harmon; the inevitable detailed account of various major operations from the sometimes hot-tempered discussions of strategy to the logistics and the fighting itself; the authors even find room for some thrilling incidents. Billy Mitchell was proved right, they say, "right, that is, for the Pacific war." Though they speak for AAF, their claims are modest, and they quote Prince Konoye on the way "prolonged bombing by the B-29s" broke the militaristic spirit and hastened war's end.

MAN-MADE VOLCANO



What's happened to food prices since OPS went off in March? Well, Oregon Business Review, put out by U. of O. bizad school, reports on a list of 74 foods priced in Portland at mid-April. Compared them with prices in mid-March . . . It found that 33 items of food were higher than in mid-March, 27 were lower and 14 remained unchanged . . . In an earlier survey (while OPS was still with us) made in mid-Feb. the Review reported that from mid-Jan. to mid-Feb., 22 items had gone up, 34 had declined and 18 were the same . . .



Signs around town someone should check up on . . . That one at Shrock's car lot: "248, 000,000,000 miles to Mars, 1,300,000,000,000 miles to North Star." . . . That one in McEwan's photo shop window: "Your child's portrait for only a penny a pound." . . . That faded one (a leftover from WW II days) in 100 block on N. High: "Pull this switch at the sound of a blackout siren." . . . That sign in a State St. window: "The itchen center." . . .

When the legislature raised the state retirement age to 72 it must have had Oliver Huston, Salem's answer to Bernard Macfadden, in mind. Oliver, who doesn't sit around and let old creep age up on him, put in this full day Saturday . . . He drove to Eugene at 9 a.m.; attended University of Oregon football preview at 10:30; letterman's luncheon at noon; Oregon-OSC track meet at 1; Oregon-OSC baseball game at 3; drive back to Salem at 5; got his own dinner (wife out) at 6:30; Salem-Spokane baseball game here at 8, joined visiting relatives at neighbors for colored slides at 10:30 . . . Wonder the slides were about something relaxing like mountain-climbing, or bear-hunting.

Marion County budget committee, meeting this week, is getting lotsa requests from department heads asking for new office equipment for their offices. But the committee feels that new equipment can be bought when the new courthouse is done next spring. While the committee was talking about cutting out of the budget all unessential new equipment items, Margaret Resnick, clerk of the committee, almost fell out of her chair as an essential caster came out of one of the chair legs . . . Later Judge Rex Hartley almost fractured his budget when a caster came out of his chair . . . Loyal Warner, citizen member of the committee, noted that questions asked department heads made it all sound like a quiz program . . . He could have added it was a six-per cent quiz but not double-or-nothing . . .

Because of legislative action this is the first time the county budget committee can set salaries of other elected county officials as well as their employes . . . So along with requests for wage boosts for their workers, dept. heads also have requested salary increases for themselves—ranging from nothing to \$100 per month. . . . Maj. Harlan Judd, veteran of many a budget hassle when he was county clerk, is now stationed at Joliet, Ill., ordnance ammo center as chief of the legal staff there. His wife, Pat, and sons plan to join him soon as school's out . . .

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



... Rather than stage an investigation, Senator, wouldn't it be simpler to merely order something else instead of the hash? . . .

Your Health

By
Dr. Herman Bundesen

Migraine headaches are a severe nuisance and handicap to thousands of people in this country, both men and women. These sufferers should know that now there are drugs which will help prevent and relieve many people who have these attacks. These drugs can be taken in several different ways, of course always only under a doctor's guidance.

Most migraine headaches, it is believed, are due to a form of allergy combined with some nervous disturbance, and they may run in families. They are usually not helped by the more common headache powders or tablets.

A migraine attack usually brings head pains of varying severity which may appear on one side of the head. In many cases there may be severe nausea and vomiting, with some disturbances of vision, such as spots before the eyes and attacks of blindness.

Most people with this condition tend to be "keyed up" type, and their nervous tension and anxiety only aggravate their distress. Sometimes an attack may incapacitate the person for days and in severe cases, for weeks.

It has been shown that combinations of caffeine and ergotamine tartrate are helpful in stopping and preventing many attacks if taken early enough before the attack becomes too severe.

When the attack is accompanied by nausea and vomiting, however, the person may be unable to take these helpful drugs by mouth. It is then necessary to resort to injections of the drugs in the muscles or veins in order to stop the pain, or ward off a threatening attack.

Injections are not always the answer, either, as many people are reluctant to give themselves injections, or to take injections given by anyone except their physician. However, the doctor may not always be on hand in time to prevent an attack.

When this problem exists, the answer may be to take the medicine in the form of a rectal suppository, which is very quickly and easily absorbed. A small group of patients with severe migraines was given these suppositories to try, and the attacks were controlled very successfully.

The suppository is inserted as soon as the person has the first warning of a migraine attack. Occasionally, it has been known to cause a little rectal discomfort, such as burning, but this is very rare and usually preferable to the severe headache.

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? Upon entering into the room, a trunk was found.
- 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "alma mater"?
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Obeisance, obes ity, obligatory obligato.
- 4. What does the word "conduce" mean?
- 5. What is word beginning with va that means "part of an army"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "Upon entering (omit into) the room, we found a trunk." 2. Pronounce al-ma mater, first a as in at, second a stressed, third a as in mate, accent first and third syllables. 3. Obligato. 4. To lead or tend, especially with reference to a desirable result. "Moderate exercise conduces to the preservation of health." 5. Vanguard.

This Day

25 Years Ago

From Statesman Files

MAY 20, 1928

The new natatorium is completed and will be filled with ocean water heated for swimmers at Newport, popular beach resort for vacationers of Salem, many of whom have summer home there and at Agate Beach.

George C. Will, local music dealer, fills another vacant space in the business section by the erection of a new \$12,000 two story building on Liberty Street. The lot was formerly occupied by the Grease Spot Service Station.

A petition is being signed asking the city planning commission, the city council and the county court to find some way to lay out a boulevard from Fairmount Hill and South Salem through the cemeteries and let the city grow south in the territory on the west side of Commercial street.

AWARD GIVEN

ENID, Okla. (AP)—Vance Air Force Base here was the first pilot training base in the nation to receive the flying safety award of the Air Force.

GRAVE ROBBER JAILED

HONG KONG (AP)—Kwan Wai, 27, a flower seller, was sentenced to two weeks in prison for stealing flowers valued at \$1.60 from a cemetery.

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