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Military Reorganization to Prevail

The cry of "Prussianism" proved insufficient to stop the Eisenhower plan for military reorganization. Rep. Clare Hoffman's motion to reject the plan was defeated, 234 to 108. Since no effort has been made in the Senate to block the reorganization it is almost certain to go into effect on June 30th. The plan automatically becomes effective unless it is rejected by a constitutional majority in either house of Congress.

The point objected to was that it gave the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff authority over the joint staffs themselves. It was argued that this enhanced military control and followed the pattern of the Prussian general staff. Some prominent persons opposed this provision, among them F. Eberstadt, the New York banker who did a great deal of work on planning our military organization, and former President Herbert Hoover. Leader in the House of the fight against the plan was the well-known obstructionist, Clare Hoffman of Michigan, whose opposition should give most measures a boost.

Where the Innocent Suffer

John Christie, the mousy London "clark" who was convicted of murdering his wife, and admitted going away with an indefinite number of other females, will go to the gallows. His crimes were heinous, but perhaps his worst was giving testimony which brought conviction and a death sentence to the husband of one of his own victims. Here was an instance of grave miscarriage of justice, the guilty one shouldering the blame on one wholly innocent.

Another very grievous case of wrongful accusation is reported in the current issue of Life magazine. A stable citizen, member of an orchestra playing regularly at the Stork nightclub, was arrested on charges of robbing an insurance office on several occasions. He was "identified" by members of the office force. After a mistrial his innocence was discovered when another robber was caught who confessed the other crimes. But the musician's nerves were badly shattered and his wife's breakdown sent her to a mental hospital.

The prosecutor's zeal must be tempered with desire for justice, and witnesses must avoid guesswork especially in anything as important as identification. The rule still holds that it is better for 99 guilty to escape than for one innocent man to suffer punishment.

Methodists Observe 250th Anniversary Today of Crusading Founder John Wesley

By GEORGE CORNELL
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The ghost of a resolute little preacher on horseback is rallying Methodists for a world-wide crusade of winning souls.

The phantom rider is John Wesley, and here in Convention Hall you could almost hear his words flung down the centuries:

"The world is my parish."

Sunday is the 250th anniversary of Wesley's birth. Thousands of Methodists are gathered to honor his memory and dedicate themselves to the job he did so well—turning men's hearts to God.

In calling the three-day "World Convocation of Evangelism," the Methodists staked out a heady task.

"A world-wide, simultaneous mission x x x to win men to Christ and his church x x x an adventure that might change the currents of contemporary history and write a new chapter in the acts of the apostles."

Such vision finds spiritual antecedents in Wesley, the ardent little Oxford scholar who was banned from church pulpits but lighted fires of faith around the earth.

His once-ridiculed "Methodism" raised up a colossus. The hoofbeats of his "circuit riders" drummed across the horizons of time.

In the United States, the creature he founded shot up like a raw-boned adolescent. Once the smallest sect, today it is the biggest protestant church in the nation.

Its guiding rule, free of theological hair-splitting, remains much as Wesley phrased it: "To have a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ."

The army of Methodists now numbers nearly 1 1/2 million in this country. It hopes to enlist another 250,000 in the United States alone during the six-month drive ahead.

How did it all happen? That was Wesley's "method" that thrived so phenomenally in American soil?

"The American Ambassador and Mr. Luce"

In Rome the invitations are engraved, "The Ambassador and Mr. Luce"—and that starts the tittle-tattle in the entrenched society of the Italian capital. For according to Paul Ghali, Rome correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, the relics of nobility who reign in Roman society file their tongues when they talk about a woman ambassador; and poor Mr. Luce is extra baggage in spite of his efforts to remain inconspicuous.

The Italians didn't want a woman for U. S. ambassador in the first place, and they are definitely irked at Clare Boothe Luce for her speech in Milan during the campaign when she said this country would "revise" its policy if the election went totalitarian, that is to Communists or neo-Fascists. The reaction was bad as opposition groups called it blackmail (threat of cutting off aid); and the DeGasperi coalition is described as unhappy over the speech, feeling it cost the central parties a good many votes.

As for Henry Luce himself though he has detached himself from the U. S. embassy, he can't detach himself from his magazines, Time and Life; and the Italians naturally assume that what appears in these magazines on Italy flows right out of the embassy with Luce as the conduit. Not correct and not fair; but that is how it is, reports Ghali.

As for the speech it must have been cleared with Washington. As for the waspish dames of Rome they may find that Mrs. Luce is an adept phrasemaker herself. In view of the initial bad breaks it would appear that her assignment to Rome was not one of Eisenhower's satisfying selections. But before her term ends she may have the counts kissing her hand, if not the countesses.

In the perennial game of musical chairs in French government a new name was added to the roster of French premiers, that of Joseph Laniel, an independent Rightist who had the usual backing of centrist parties. But Georges Bidault who has been in an out of cabinets as premier or foreign minister ever since the war will stay on as foreign minister. This confirms the saying that the more the French government changes, the more it stays the same. As for Laniel he probably will incline to the conservative policies of Pinay in domestic finance, which will insure him only a brief tenure in office.

The durable Sir Winston Churchill is laid aside by doctor's orders at a very critical period. His foreign minister, Anthony Eden, is still absent because of illness; and the extra burden has bowed the body if not the spirit of the Prime Minister. The Bermuda meeting is postponed, and the resulting stalling of conversations among the Western allies may give Russia time to regain its balance, sadly disturbed by the late riots in Germany. The United States, unfortunately, engrossed as it is with Korea, shows no disposition to take the diplomatic initiative on Europe.

Justice Douglas scored as the Great Dissenter for the session of the Supreme Court just closed. He filed 35 dissenting opinions on cases and cast 19 dissenting votes in cases where he filed no opinions. This total of 54 breaks all records in the history of the Court. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes used to be termed the Great Dissenter, but his fame came from the content of his dissents rather than their number.

We do not hold with gambling but we cannot but admire the weatherman who, tired of being banded about wrong forecasts, flatly offered to bet all comers that he was right more times than he was wrong. We doubt he gets "called," either.

It seems this battery additive they are quarrelling about in Washington is chiefly just salts. If so it ought to be good for a starter.

COUNTING OUR MILESTONES AGAIN



IT SEEMS TO ME

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government through the State department shows movies, conducts panel discussions, furnishes lectures on American life. All this is part of our propaganda effort to offset false reports spread by Communists and to acquaint foreign peoples with facts about the United States and a sampling of our literature.

The response has been excellent. According to the U. S. News and World Report ten million persons in foreign countries borrowed books from our libraries last year and 36 million visited U. S. reading rooms. The magazine reports that "educators and editors who inspect the libraries and report regularly to Congress are saying that, in general, the libraries win friends for the U. S."

In buying books for overseas libraries there has to be a selection. They are chosen to serve a definite purpose. Books should be bought which will give a fair picture of American life. That doesn't mean they should be all of the Pollyanna series, or the Horatio Alger books or Louisa M. Alcott's. They should be fairly representative, showing something of the variety of opinion and of

writing in our literature. Limitations of funds and restrictions of purpose will eliminate thousands of book titles from these overseas libraries simply by their not being purchased. That does not of itself mean suppression of thought or bookburning.

What is most alarming is the evidence of panic shown by the State department somewhere along the line in purging libraries by the standard of fear of Messrs. Cohn and Shine and McCarthy. Removal of some of the books can be explained only on the basis of sheer ignorance or of fright. Such fear not only destroys the department's integrity but its prestige at home and abroad. The department appears to be but a timid creature responding to outside pressures. Therein lies danger; for this department needs above all to possess self-confidence and then to have the courage to stand up and fight for its convictions.

No one expects our government to circulate literature designed to destroy it; but it should not in panic cast books to the flames out of fear or suspicion. That is to throw away its own soul.

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

June 28, 1943
The Pioneer Turner tabernacle is the scene of the 92nd annual state convention of Christian churches.

General Foods corporation purchased the Ray-Maling plants at Woodburn and Yakima, Wash. They will continue the process of frozen foods.

County Judge Grant Murphy bought business property at the northeast corner of 17th and Center streets. Murphy, elected last year, disposed of business interest in Stayton.

25 Years Ago

June 28, 1928
Traffic controls are being considered for five of Salem's busiest intersections during the noon hour and from 5 to 6 o'clock. A traffic control kept at Commercial and State Streets at 6 p.m., showed 38 vehicles a minute.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gregg are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. He has been named Kenneth Stevenson.

The Portland Electric Power Company installed electric service through Quinby and Hopmire, furnishing 58 homes with electricity.

40 Years Ago

June 28, 1913
C. J. Voorhorst, Portland egg man, has discovered a simple and effective way of shipping eggs without breakage. He devised convoluted pasteboards fitted together with place for an egg in every hollow.

Cal Morgan, veteran gardener at the court house, gets the credit for the lawn and roses acclaimed by tourists as beautiful.

Workmen unearthed bones while working in the Richmond district, two blocks from State Street, thought to be those of an Indian princess due to the beads and arrow heads found. This portion of the valley was a camping place for exploring Indians.

Last Hearing On County Budget Set

Final hearing on Marion County's \$3 million budget for the coming fiscal year is set for 11 a.m. Monday at the courthouse, open to the public.

The budget committee cannot add any items to the budget but can increase or decrease any item by 10 per cent.

Departmental requests approved totaled \$2,863,943, with estimated tax delinquency of \$192,934 adding to a total budget of \$3,056,877. Estimated revenue is \$954,407 and expendable surplus \$816,250, leaving \$1,286,220 to be raised by tax levy inside the 6 per cent limitation.

Outside the limitation is the final \$250,000 of a special courthouse construction levy.

The Celilo Indians have sole fishing rights at Celilo Falls on the Columbia River.

Kimsey Says Buyer Beware On Appliances

Many defective electrical appliances are being sold in Oregon, state labor commissioner W. E. Kimsey said here.

Kimsey said his inspectors have condemned more than 500 appliances which are being sold in retail stores.

He advised purchasers to make sure appliances have the mark of the Underwriters' Laboratories on them before they buy.

The condemned items include travel irons, hair driers, fans, barbecuers, toasters, coffee makers, trills, lamps and other items.

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Morse Advises Grange to Aid In GOP Defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Morse of Oregon advised Oregon State Grange members Saturday to get out in 1954 and 1956 and "beat the Republicans."

He gave this advice during his weekly committee report in the Senate which he devoted principally to discussion of the administration's public power policy—a policy he said is "a sellout to the private utilities."

Morse said he recently received a letter and a resolution from the Oregon State Grange supporting his position. He added he appreciated this support "but I say to them a resolution is not enough."

"Go to work in the state and translate your opposition to political action in 1954 and 1956," he said. "Vote against the candidates who have not been throwing in with us. That means beat the Republicans."

Morse also said that farmers in the country have a big interest in

the power fight in the Northwest because phosphate beds in the area cannot be developed without cheap power.

The farmers, he said, need cheap fertilizers.

"Senators from the farm states should be fighting shoulder to shoulder with me," he said.

REALTY VIEWS

Mr. Palmer looked as if he had lost a close friend. "Doctor's orders," he said, "I've got to sell out. Get completely away from my 20 acres. Believe me, it's tough to face."

One look at Mr. Palmer convinced me. It was tough.

"It's possible to get married to a piece of land. It's been a real part of me for years," Mr. Palmer continued.

Fred Rawlins nodded. "I know it sounds sentimental, but please call me before you show it. I don't want to be there."

We agreed. Not long after a young couple came along. Said the husband, "That farm is just what we want. It gives us a thrill just to think of owning it." I knew this was the logical new owner!

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