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Decline of Merchant Shipping

On July first there were only 71 merchant vessels being built or on order in U.S. shipyards. The total tonnage involved was 971,955 gross tons. One year previous 102 merchant vessels were under construction or on order with total tonnage of 1,364,370 tons. This year there was no passenger or combination passenger-cargo ship being built.

This shows the decline of American shipbuilding. We seem to do our ship construction in war time, at great expense, then little or nothing during peacetime. The chief tonnage now being built is for tankers.

Since the war European countries have revived their shoppard activities. Great Britain led again and had 5,779,300 gross tons of shipping under construction July 1st. Following in order are Germany, Sweden and Holland. Norway has gone far in restoring its pre-war cargo fleet; and Japan has made great strides to renew its shipping.

While the U.S. law offers quite favorable terms for ship construction and operation the maritime board which now administers the law doesn't seem to have stimulated much activity. For one thing there has been so much controversy over government subsidies, as in the case of the liner United States, that popular enthusiasm for diverting more money for merchant shipping is low. We do have fleets of Liberty ships tied up in storage, but they are slow and uneconomical when competition for cargoes is sharp. It looks very much as though soon the United States will be dependent again on the shipping of foreign nations. America has never been able to regain the preeminence in shipping which it held in the days of the clipper ships.

Two Scorpions

The Air Force has released news about its new Scorpion plane, a Northrup F89D. It is a flying arsenal, able to fly in high altitude, having a top speed of over 600 mph. Its fighting power consists of 104 rockets, a direct hit by one of which can knock a big bomber out of the sky.

Another Scorpion got into the news about the same time. This was a U. S. gunboat which was raised last week from the bottom of a small bay in Lake Ontario. This Scorpion fought in the War of 1812 and fired the first and last shot in the Battle of Put-In-Bay which gave the U. S. Navy control of Lake Erie. That was the battle after which the U. S. Commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent this dispatch:

"We have met the enemy and they are ours—two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop."

The treaty of 1817 with Great Britain limited the number of ships of war Britain and the U. S. could maintain on the Great Lakes. In compliance with the treaty the Scorpion and its sister ship the Tigress were sunk in Penetanguishene Bay, on the Ontario side. The Tigress was raised some time ago and is now a historical museum. The raising of the Scorpion is a project of the University of

Western Ontario for salvaging historical relics.

Quite a contrast between the old Scorpion and the new. We hope the one now bearing the name will render as creditable service as the old gunboat. If a new treaty for reduction of armament would work as well as this U. S.-British treaty covering relations along the Canadian border we could assent to the grounding of this new triple threat of the air: speed, altitude, firepower.

New President at Pacific U.

It takes a genuine spirit of dedication to assume the presidency of a small, independent college. But there are persons with such devotion to the cause of education, the training of youth and the building of character that they are willing to take on the duties of administering such an institution. It is good news that Pacific University, one of the oldest seats of higher learning in Oregon, has found a new president in the person of Dr. Charles J. Armstrong, who has been vice president and dean of the faculty at Whitman College.

The biographical details concerning Armstrong show that he is a scholar in the field of classical languages and has had administrative experience as well. Having been born and reared in British Columbia and having served of late years in Walla Walla he is thoroughly familiar with the Northwest region. All friends of higher education wish for him and for Pacific a long and mutually profitable association.

There will be general satisfaction with the choice of Victor P. Morris, dean of business administration at the University of Oregon for acting president of the university, to succeed Pres. Harry K. Newburn, resigned. Dean Morris has become very well known as teacher, lecturer and administrator, and commands the respect of all who know him. His selection will give the state board of higher education more time in winnowing names for the fiscal choice for president.

No Fourth Term for Warren

Three terms is enough, Governor Earl Warren has decided. So he has told the people of California he will not be a candidate for a fourth term. The three terms is a California record, for very few of its governors have been reelected.

Warren has been a good, middle-of-the-road Governor. He took office after Governor Olson had messed things up and quickly moved to get state affairs in order. California faced very serious problems during and after the war; and the state has handled them with marked success. It has met most of the big demands for social and educational services and still has a fat treasury.

Most of the criticism of Warren has come from hardshells in his own party, but he has given this big, growing, restless state an administration tuned to its needs and to the times. The risk to the Republican party is that if it reverts to antique type in picking a nominee some radical might be elected. Conservatives should reflect on whether they want to invite a fresh "ham and eggs" crusade or a revival of Upton Sinclair's EPIC program which was a real threat within the past score of years.

Another anniversary, the 14th this time, of the launching of the German attack on Poland which precipitated the second world war! Der Fuhrer Hitler proclaimed this would settle the fate of Germany for a thousand years; and he was correct except the fate turned in the wrong direction. Germany got all hashed up and Hitler bumped himself off. That guy surely messed the world up badly in his short span of years.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"After the summer I've been through, don't ever again let me hear you wishing the schoolhouse would burn down..."

Inside TV

Maybe Italian Films Will Close Happily

By EVE STARR

NEW YORK—The New York station WOR-TV has a new idea in TV films which may catch on long enough to become a regular fixture if the quality of the story material is good.



In cooperation with the Italian Film Theatre, they are presenting an hour-long weekly feature film minus an ending. Viewers are asked to write in 35 words how they would like the picture to end with the writer of the best synopsis winning a prize. This completed picture along with a new offering, minus an ending, will be shown the following week—a provocative gimmick indeed.

TV TOMORROW: The Red Skelton Show kicks off on the CBS network on September 22. Viewers must decide which funnymen they will see—the lovable Red or Uncle Miltie on the NBC web. It's a tough choice. . . . Ray Milland in New York for a 24-hour round of press parties to introduce his new CBS film comedy, "Meet Mr. McNulty." Series will air on September 17th, preceded by a big kick-off party at CBS Television Center in Hollywood set for September 8th. . . . Elena Verduga ("Meet Mille") represented CBS at an opening of the network's Omaha affiliate KMTV. Incidentally, wish you could see this chick's eyelashes—and they're for real. Florence Halop, who plays "Mama Bronson," is a glamorous young gal, when it's not business.

SKETCHBOOK: Paul Hartman is a gagster who has clowning his way across stage boards and now is slated to head the new ABC comedy series "Pride of the Family," scheduled for an October 2 debut.

Hartman's trek up the ladder of fame included a variety of entertainment roles. Serious acting, slapstick comedy and straight and comedy dance routines, even magician's sleight-of-hand tricks are milestones in his career. He's entertained audiences ranging from carnival-goers to the elite of cafe society.

In 1958 Hartman's nimble footwork brought about \$15.00 for an amateur show in London. Among recent successes here was "Tickets Please," a musical tailored to fit into the "Comedy Hour," "Studio One," "Philco Playhouse" and the "Milton Berle Show." are included in his TV experience. Hartman has also managed to pick up a few shekels from the motion picture industry, latest effort being in "Man On A Tightrope."

CRITIC'S CORNER: Robert Preston's appearance on CBS' "Medallion Theater" last week measured up to his usual good performance when he was cast as a Hollywood film director in "The Quiet Village."

It's an emotion-packed story about a grudge between Preston and his aging star staging a come-back. Interest was held throughout and technical operations were handled nicely. The play merits a top rating.

STARR PARADE: Jack Benny, the "lad" who has been 39 for the last 20 years, took up clowning before the TV cameras in 1950. Since then his CBS show has brought laughs to millions, although he has visited TV homes less than 20 times during the three-year period.

Jack started his successful seige on show business by sawing away on his violin when only a child. His early life was spent in vaudeville, teaming with various musicians but sticking strictly to music and seldom deviating to gag roles. In World War I, Jack exchanged civvies for a Navy uniform and his routine took a twist as well. Comedy became his paramount weapon and the fiddle merely his prop. Stardom quickly followed his Navy service. Broadway night-clubs, radio and movies became acquainted with Benny's smooth effortless delivery. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

OFF THE BOOK BEAT—Sometimes this week you heard, or were scheduled to hear, an author on the air answering questions before they were asked. It was a sort of ghost interview, and interviewer and interviewee did not meet. So they, too, heard their full conversation for the first time just when you did. It was the Mary Margaret Mc-

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Such statements are nothing else but absurd."
- 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "soiree"?
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Fusilage, fusible, fusillade, furtherance.
- 4. What does the word "acoutrements" mean?
- 5. What is a word beginning with la that means "expressing grief"?

- ANSWERS
- 1. Say, "Such statements are nothing else than absurd." 2. Pronounce swa-rah, first a as in ah, second a as in ray, accent second syllable. 3. Fusilage. 4. Articles of apparel; equipment. "They were decked with all the accoutrements of war." 5. Lamentations.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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thorns to grapple with. Perhaps it is fortunate that President Eisenhower is a coordinator rather than an original thinker. Eisenhower is not an innovator. He is not apt to project ideas of his own and try to force them through. His disposition will be to accept the recommendations of the committees or boards or departments to which specific problems have been referred, though not until he has made his own critical appraisal of such recommendations.

In this respect one may compare him with George Washington who was not a political theorist like Jefferson; and who lacked the creative intelligence of Alexander Hamilton. Washington possessed a sound judgment and mental stability—superior equipment for his job as the first President. Capacity for decision is the mark of a good executive; and ability to make the right decisions the mark of the statesman. President Eisenhower has called in good brains to tackle specific problems. When the reports come in then Eisenhower's wisdom in choosing courses to follow, firmness in decision and capacity for political leadership really will be tested.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Sept. 5, 1943

Thousands attended the official dedicating at Camp Adair to honor Lt. Henry Rodney Adair. Presentation was made to the post of the Bible and revolver owned by Lt. Adair, for whom Oregon's largest military installation was named.

Word was received that an escort vessel had been named USS Sederstrom in honor of Ensign Verdi Sederstrom, of Salem, killed at Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Grover Bellinger was elected state president of the Oregon Medical Auxiliary and took office at the state conference held in Portland.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 5, 1928

Sinclair Lewis, author of "Main Street," and his bride, the former Dorothy Thompson, foreign newspaper correspondent, were married in Europe.

Commander Richard E. Byrd took 140 tons of food when his expedition sailed on a two-year Antarctic trip.

Miss Elizabeth Lord of Salem is in Boston associated with Elizabeth Leonard Strong, the well-known landscape gardener. Miss Lord studied landscape gardening at the Lowthorpe School in Boston.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 5, 1913

Charles Winn Parrish, native son of 1844, an uncle of Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges (Oregon's nightingale) died. Mr. Parrish served as senator in the Oregon senate during 1909 and 1911 sessions.

To a Cole "Six-60" and C. S. Crawford went the honor of breaking all records in climbing toward the summit of Mt. Hood. He drove the car to an elevation of 4,800 feet.

Salem lies in the heart of the hop belt and dealers estimate that half the hops raised in the country tributary to the Capitol will bring to Salem \$2,080,000 from sales.

Four Lyons Victims Still Hospitalized

Statesman News Service

LYONS—Four members of the Sam Bridges family, injured in a gas explosion at their home here Thursday night, remained hospitalized Friday night at Santiam Memorial Hospital.

The father, Sam Bridges, 39, incurred extensive second- and third-degree burns to his face and body, according to his physician, who said his condition remained "serious."

Condition of three children was reported "fairly good" Friday. They are Johnny, 12, Buddy, 10, and Zoe Anne. They were burned about the face, hands and feet, their mother reported.

Mrs. Bridges and two other children were away from home at the time. Their house was destroyed by fire and they are staying with friends and neighbors. Mrs. Bridges said the house was insured and she "hoped" the amount would cover the loss.

Mrs. Bridges said the Propane Gas Co. which her husband operated would be open Saturday in its regular quarters. She said a truck would be sent from Portland to make deliveries.

New Rates for Insurance Set

PORTLAND — Robert B. Taylor, Oregon insurance commissioner, Thursday announced approval of new rate schedules for automobile collision insurance.

The new rates are expected to go into effect later this month.

The principal change reduces the cost of \$100 deductible policies and increases that of \$50 deductible coverage. The increase in \$50 deductible will be about 8 per cent in Portland and 18 per cent in the rest of the state.

The decrease in \$100 deductible payments will be about 22 per cent in Portland and 20 per cent in the rest of the state.

7 Men Enlist In Salem for Marine Duty

Seven men enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps at Salem during August, local Marine recruiters reported Thursday.

James A. Samuels III, son of Warrant Officer James A. Samuels Jr. of Corvallis, took after his father in selecting a branch of the military service. Samuels Jr. retired after serving 30 years with the Marine Corps.

Other men enlisting were Stanley T. Irvin, Los Angeles; Francis C. Cunningham, Dallas, Ore.; Carmon R. Estheimer, Kennan, Wis.; Richard D. Pflug, Turner; Lester R. Stockbridge, Hubbard; and Harold E. Howe, Silverton.

Chamber Agriculture Group Visits Silverton

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—Members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee spent the afternoon in Silverton Thursday visiting a group of ponds in the Silver Creek Soil Conservation District.

A party of about 40, including members of the chamber in Silverton, attended the visit. Chairman of the Portland group was George Penrose. Dr. R. A. Epeneter, president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, presided at the dinner meeting which concluded the trip.

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President's Own Advisers Think Nation Should Spend \$6 to 7 Billions for Air Force

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—When he returns to Washington from his vacation, President Eisenhower will find on his desk an official report proposing that the nation spend between \$6 and \$7 billion for air defense alone each year until 1960.

President Eisenhower has had a number of similar reports on his desk before this. The difference is that this report was written by the president's own men. The President's old friend and wartime G-3, Maj. Gen. Harold Bull, headed the committee which wrote the report. The other officials were for the most part Eisenhower-appointed officials in the government.

Indeed, as previously reported in this space, when the National Security Council appointed the committee, the stated purpose was to "get a report from our own people."

The Bull Stewart Alsop committee report has already been vetted from a scientific point of view by still another committee, headed by Lee Dubridge, the President's scientific adviser, and including such distinguished scientists as Charles Lauritsen, of the California Institute of Technology. The scientists have fully endorsed the Bull committee's proposals. So has the Air Force, whose letter of endorsement the President will no doubt also find on his desk.

The next step is the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The position of

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Nathan Twining is obvious, from the Air Force letter of endorsement. As for the other members of the Joint Chiefs, the air defense effort proposed in the Bull report demands the kind of reshuffling of defense priorities which the services constitutionally tend to resist.

Yet the new chiefs are now engaged, on orders from the President, on a complete "new look" at American defense planning. If this new look is to mean anything at all, it must involve just this sort of reshuffling of priorities. Moreover, the new chiefs now have available a great mass of evidence, in the shape of at least a half dozen reports dealing in one way or another with the air defense problem. From different angles of vision all these reports embody the same basic conclusion—that a great air defense effort is urgently required in the face of the constantly growing Soviet air-atomic capabilities.

The Joint Chiefs, whether they endorse the Bull report in detail, can hardly disregard the air defense problem, in the face of this evidence. After the Joint Chiefs have taken their position, the final decision will rest, of course, with the National Security Council and the President himself.

It is at this highest level that the final issue is most in doubt. The \$6 to \$7 billion annual investment in air defense proposed by the Bull report (very much the same sums as were first proposed in the Lincoln project report) does not represent a net increase in spending, since these sums include the currently projected allotment for air defense. But the net increase (proposed) is nevertheless on the order of \$3 to \$4 billion.

A powerful faction in the Administration, represented on the National Security Council by Budget Bureau Director Joseph Dodge, is trying to persuade the

President to reduce the level of the defense budget to well below \$30 billion. Quite apart from the air defense problem, this kind of reduction would mean a sharp reduction in force levels in all the services. Short of completely gutting the strategic air force and the other two services, a budget below \$30 billion would absolutely rule out an added \$3 to \$4 billion for air defense.

Just because this is so, the economy-at-any-price faction in the Administration has caused to be appointed yet another committee to consider the air defense problem. This committee is composed of economy-minded industrialists. It is obviously hoped that this packed jury will enter a minority report on the air defense issue, thus making it possible to shovel the whole expensive and unpleasant problem under the rug.

Yet there are signs that the economy-at-any-price faction will not in the end win the day. Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson has stubbornly resisted any arbitrary reduction in the defense budget, at least until the new chiefs have had their new look. Perhaps more significant was a little-noted statement by Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, the ablest man in the cabinet, and no friend of loose spending. Humphrey predicted that the Administration will reluctantly ask for new taxes, if it decides that the Soviet hydrogen bomb demands an increased defense effort.

As for the President, he is genuinely concerned by the burden which defense spending places on the national economy. He does not seem likely to pretend that the Soviet hydrogen bomb does not exist, as President Truman at first did in the case of the Soviet atomic bomb. This seems especially unlikely, now that the President has a report from his "own people" on the separate need to build our air defenses. (Copyright, 1953, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)