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Attack on Offshore Lands Act

The Attorney General of California, Edmund G. Brown, doesn't think that Arkansas and states associated with it will win their suit attacking the validity of the act vesting jurisdiction over offshore lands in the coastal states. In an interview with Earl Behrens of the San Francisco Chronicle Brown cites language of the Supreme Court in a case involving use of federal land for the Hetch Hetchy water project. The court said:

"The power over the public lands thus entrusted to Congress is without limitation... and it is not for the courts to say how that trust shall be administered. That is for Congress to determine."

Brown discounts the assertion that the government is abdicating its sovereignty over the lands in question. The language of the act reserves federal authority with respect to commerce, navigation and the national defense and makes it "paramount" to the "rights of management, administration, leasing, use and development which are given to the states."

The Statesman likewise has been skeptical of the chance of upsetting the congressional action by resort to the courts. Congress in the past gave to states public lands for schools, universities, state capitals, etc., so it would seem to have ample authority to give states control of economic resources of offshore lands.

How "Germ Warfare" Was "Confessed"

Now we learn from some of the returning prisoners of war how they were forced to "confess" engaging in bacteriological warfare. Col. Frank H. Sewabe of Arlington, Va., says he had only one choice to make, "confession or death." For weeks he was made to sit and sleep on a small table in a tiny lean to, and was told he would have to confess "or you will never leave this valley." Lt. Kenneth L. Enoch relates that he was placed in solitary confinement and kept under constant mental pressure until he figured if he didn't confess he would be shot.

Thus by the pressures of constant interrogation and threats and physical discomforts the Red Chinese drew material for their propaganda campaign which they carried on in the most vicious manner possible round the world.

People at home should not condemn these men who yielded under prolonged strain—William Oatis is telling his experience under Communist duress in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in articles running now in The Statesman. Few of us at home would have done any better. Instead there should be great sympathy for these men who gave way only under extreme coercion. Their repudiation of confessions ought to be broadcast wherever the Communist lies were spread. Then people would know that the Communist confessionals are false as hell itself.

U. S. Reverses Policy in Forcing Asian Nations to Red Side of Conference Table

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

The United States may be making an historical mistake with her policy of forcing the Asiatic neutrals to align themselves on the Communist side of the table if they wish to attend the Korean peace conference.

In these days when nationalism, anti-colonialism, racism and religious differences combine with communism to create such a disturbed world situation, none of us is capable of seeing where we are going or what we are going to do when we get there.

It is well, however, to take a look at any policy which runs against the grains of a majority of nations, and against the traditional American attitude of being willing to sit down anywhere with anybody at any time when there is even the barest possibility of producing anything good.

The Communists are now making the situation more difficult by the suggestion from Peiping that there may be grounds for a political settlement of the Indochinese war. This is something which reaches into the heart of France's troubles, and touches every nation in Asia.

The U. S. is taking the attitude that it will be time enough to look into other things when the Communists have demonstrated some sincerity about wanting a settlement of the most immediate point at issue, Korea.

Other nations, a majority of the other nations as indicated by the voting at the special session of the U. N. General Assembly, want to make a round-table conference out of the Korean negotiations, with interested as well as combatant nations represented, with the door open for discussion of any and all Asian problems.

By its stand, the U. S. hopes to avoid discussion of the future of Formosa and other subjects where she has nothing with which to compromise except her principles.

Invite these countries to sit on their side of the table.

Suppose the Communists do so? These neutrals are non-Communist, or not-yet Communist, or not quite Communist, but not anti-Communist countries. Among them, Pakistan is the only one which expresses any particular friendship for the United States. India, Burma, and Indonesia, though perhaps not actually hostile, are certainly distrustful.

Whether one or any of them would accept a Communist invitation which placed them opposite the U. N. belligerents is not known. If they did, would they ever again sit anywhere else? Are the present tactical goals of the United States worth the risk?

Asia, leaning toward communism, would have through its Moslems an important connection with the Arab states of the Middle East, who lean against Western Colonialism and against Western support of Israel. Alliances of strange bed-

fellows have become common under present world pressures. The dangers of such another cannot be overlooked.

Outside of another rupture with Syngman Rhee of South Korea, who can be driven back into line just as he was on the armistice issues if the United States is sufficiently determined, are there any vital danger points in a round-table conference? The United States would have her veto. She could stand up and say that she would not discuss the things which she now seeks to avoid discussing.

Would that be worse than giving all Asia a push, no matter how small a psychological push, toward the arms of the Communists? The United States has a commitment to Rhee. The United States has a valuable reputation for living up to its commitments. But sometimes even the most legally perfect commitments are overruled by the courts as against public policy.

Literary Guidepost

By RUSSELL BRINES
FACING MOUNT KENYA, by James Kenyatta. (British Book Centre; \$4).

It is unfortunate that this book was written too early, and perhaps too scientifically, to explain the campaign of slaughter against the white man and his supporters in Africa's Kenya.

The author was sentenced for activities with the Mau Mau, the fanatics trying to drive the white man from this relatively obscure colony; the sentence was upset by a higher court.

This book is a study of the tribal life of the Gikuyu, the proud Africans involved in the campaign.

But it is an anthropological, not a psychological, study, and it was first written in 1938, then republished. There is in it only a hint, here and there, of smoldering resentment against the white colonists; never a suggestion of what might have prompted the final explosion. It is, therefore, revealing as a

scientific study of how the Gikuyu live. It gives little help to clarify today's events.

Kenyatta, a Gikuyu himself, describes in detail the customs, government, religion and superstitions of the one million people he says live in this stretch of agricultural Africa. He writes both from his own experiences and the stories told to him by his elders, mixing them with the broader outlook acquired as a student in England.

From his rather stolid recital of the facts emerges a humbled nation, recalling its days of comparative grandeur, thwarted by economic bondage and puzzled by the European's inability to understand it. But, he says in the preface, "The African is not blind. He can recognize these pretenders to philanthropy, and in various parts of the continent he is waking up to the realization that a running river cannot be dammed for ever without breaking its bounds." These are only flashes in a book dedicated primarily to the serious student of African sociology.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It's just a period of healthy readjustment, boss... people are living within their incomes till they get their confidence back."



If it weren't for couples panting into the Marion County Clerk's office on Saturday morning to get marriage licenses, the office would be dead, indeed. Now that Marion County attorneys have voted not to work on Saturdays the clerk's office has little to do on these days. Ditto for courts, recorder and other county offices... And courthouse office workers, whose duty is to do and die and seldom reason why, can't help but remember when a bill was up before the last state legislature seeking to close the Marion County courthouse on Saturdays. And guess who opposed it? Upstate and Portland area attorneys...

And in Multnomah County, where offices do not open on Saturday, a movement is afoot among attorneys to knock off legal work on Saturdays. Yamhill County attorneys also kick golf balls around Saturday instead of torts... And even most state employes in Salem get Saturdays off—probably so they can go down to the county clerk's office and get marriage licenses...

Doug McKay ought to sue Business Week magazine. As the subject of a splashy story the magazine libeled McKay in at least two departments. To wit: (1) The cover picture of the Secretary gives him a distorted appearance so that his nose stands out like Big Cliff Dam; (2) In the text it says that Doug's political career goes "all the way back to 1952..." Also tells how Doug rides Interior Dept. horses in a Washington, D. C., park. McKay explains he does that as a beyond-the-call-of-service act to exercise horses which otherwise probably wouldn't get much action...

A subscriber-friend writes to ask why, regarding the Sunday king-size crossword puzzle, the "cue section" (i.e. A three letter word for an Egyptian snuff-box) isn't printed above the puzzle, instead of below. The way things are now, the puzzler goes on, the puzzle-workers hand covers up the clues while he writes in the words... Well, we don't know. But people must like them the way they are or the syndicates wouldn't put the puzzles out that way...

Statesman back-shop man Jerry Spurlock was driving toward Woodburn the other day on the Pacific Hiway. When he came to Labish bottom he noticed a whole string of cars parked alongside the road and lots of people standing around peering into the roadside ditch. Thinking maybe a flying saucer had landed he parked up at the head of the line and galloped back. Nobody seemed to know what the excitement was. Finally he worked his way to the center of the crowd and came upon a man standing there looking at the ditch. "I started all this," the guy said in a low voice. "I've been driving by here for a long time and often wondered what was in that ditch. Today I stopped to have a look. Before I knew it all these other characters began stopping and getting out, and so..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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that the business was decided, though he did indicate the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that the complete pattern of one-way streets from Marion to Ferry and from Commercial to Capitol, inclusive, should be adopted very soon.

My own representation was in behalf of the Capitol Planning Commission which has been desirous of keeping heavy traffic outside the Capitol mall. The planning for the Capitol group is still under study and there should be coordination in this planning and that for handling street traffic. With this the Council seems to be in full accord.

What about applying the full grid to the central business section? Is it needed at present? Are there alternatives which might serve the purpose? Where is the balance between making streets thoroughways and making them serve local business?

Frankly I do not have the answers to these questions. I recognize the value of the one-way street pattern in the moving of traffic but do not feel able to say of my own knowledge that the plan should be extended at present. The Council shows no disposition to cram the scheme through, and has put off the matter until its meeting on Sept. 28th. It is probable that if no further or strong opposition develops the full pattern will be adopted, though with some modifications to meet particular criticisms.

The Council should be sure of its ground before acting because considerable expense is involved in signs and signals. Those who have positive views on the subject should present them to the Council on or before Sept. 28th, "or forever after hold their peace."

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I took you for John when I talked to you."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Carburetor?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Loathsome, ransome, handsome, lissome.
4. What does the word "braggadocio" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with le than means "unseemly frivolity?"

Answers

1. Say, "I mistook you for John when I talked with you."
2. Pronounce kar-bu-ree-ter, the first e as in net (not rate), accent first syllable. 3. Ransome. 4. Empty boasting. "He had a swaggering air of braggadocio."
5. Levity.

Ohmart Heads Realty Board

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Lee Ohmart, Salem, was elected president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards at the close of the annual convention Tuesday.

Edwin D. Van Tassel, Tugene; Albert C. Ullman, Baker, and Albert R. Bullier, Portland, were named vice presidents. W. Thomas Stoddard, Portland, was elected treasurer, and Taylor W. Treece, was re-elected secretary.

The Council of Women's Realtors elected Eva Stuart, Oceanlake, president; Alta Draper, Portland, vice president; and Dorothea Dorn, Grants Pass, secretary-treasurer.

Driver Pleads Guilty to Assault With Intent to Kill

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP) — Richard Thomson, 25, pleaded guilty in circuit court here Tuesday to a charge of assault with intent to kill.

He was accused of attempting to slay his business partner James K. Mueller, last Thursday by striking him over the head with an iron bar and then driving him in a car over a cliff on the Coast Highway. Thomson is to be sentenced next Tuesday.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1943

Willamette University's third war loan victory almost quadrupled its goal in the first week of its three-week campaign for the sale of stamps and bonds. The original goal was for \$5000, they collected \$19,800.

Verden E. Hockett, formerly associated with the Steeves-Hockett clinic was promoted from a lieutenant commander to a full commander, United States navy.

W. J. Hardie, 755 Breys Avenue, displayed a ten-foot potato vine from his victory garden. Hardie is chief gardener at the State Capitol.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1928

Mark N. Huckestein arrived from his home in Hawaii to visit at the home of his parents, Postmaster and Mrs. August Huckestein. He is transportation manager for the Oloa Sugar Company.

The new giant dirigible Graf Zeppelin, completed its first real test flight with 90 persons aboard, covering a distance of 1,000 kilometers in 9 1/2 hours.

Earle Sandy, Salem jockey riding his last race at Belmont Park, brought his horse under the wire a nose behind Mrs. Payne Whitney's horse. Sandy will retire as rider, but will continue on the turf as owner and trainer.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1913

Interest was created in the city concerning a "Coffee club" which has become a permanent fixture in nearly every city of California. Eugene, Oregon adopted the plan.

Damage to the extent of \$16,000 was done in St. Paul, Oregon, when the general mercantile house of Ray & Thompson was completely destroyed by fire.

The second time within three years a bomb jeopardized the life of General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, which was destroyed by dynamite Oct. 1, 1910.

Ike's Aide Terms Stevenson's Talk 'Sound and Fury'

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

DENVER (AP) — The summer White House Tuesday called Adlai E. Stevenson's criticism of the Republican administration "just sound and fury signifying nothing."

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At a Democratic rally in Chicago Monday night, Stevenson accused the administration of putting things off — of running a "government by postponement."

Truman told the same rally a wrecking crew is "undermining and tearing down" in Washington, and that Democrats must keep America and the world from "the road to ruin."

Hagerty said President Eisenhower would have no comment on Stevenson's speech Tuesday night.

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Sweetland Sees Strong Demo Bid For Senate Seat

CHICAGO (AP) — Monroe Sweetland, Oregon Democratic national committeeman, said Tuesday night Democrats will make their "strongest bid" in years for the U.S. Senate in Oregon next year.

Sweetland said that State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger is one of "our most formidable possibilities" for the seat held by Sen. Gordon (R-Ore.).

"Neuberger is better known in Oregon to the rank and file of people than the Republican incumbent, who is a party in the Hells Canyon give-away and a partisan of the giant lumber corporations in timber controversy," Sweetland said in a statement.

Sweetland added that he himself would not be a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

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