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Constitution Day

Today is Sept. 17, Constitution Day. It was on this day in 1787 that the American Constitution was adopted in Philadelphia. That document with the additions or alterations of only 23 amendments has served from the time it went into effect in 1789 to the present time. William E. Gladstone of England paid it this tribute: "The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

The Constitution is the anchor of our liberties, particularly its Bill of Rights, as embraced in the first ten amendments. And fortunately we have in our judicial system a bulwark for the protection of those rights guaranteed to the people. Many times legislative or administrative bodies have sought to override popular rights, only to be checked by the ruling of the courts.

The Constitution is not an outworn document. It is vital; needed for the life of today as it was when it first went into effect. It is fitting on this day to quote, with endorsement, the appeal of Daniel Webster in an address he made in New York in 1837:

"Let us then stand by the Constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency, that we have one country, one Constitution, one destiny."

Of Time and Change

A news story in the Bend Bulletin tells of the return of a retired stockman of Central Oregon, Dominique Verges, from a visit to his childhood home in the French Pyrenees. He found that the region had changed little since he left it 45 years ago.

This fact stimulates a variety of reflections. Some will at once conclude that Southern France is "backward." Others may see in it a haven of rest in a contentious world. Dominique found it as he had left it, an experience which is rare for one who returns to an American birthplace after four decades.

We Americans have become worshippers of change almost for the sake of change. If a courthouse isn't wrecked, or old mansions dismantled to make way for a capitol or a supermarket or a clinic we are apt to call the town "dead." Progress seems to depend on the physical alteration of the scene. Certainly those who demand change have had their appetites sated in the postwar years by what has happened all over America.

The return of natives to Salem after a long absence brings mixed emotions. Many of the old landmarks are gone, victims of the march of "progress." They are as strangers in scenes once familiar; yet they must share St. Paul's pride in being identified with "no mean city."

The art of successful living lies in being able to conserve old values and cultivate new ones. We are intrigued by the name of the opposition party in Canada which calls itself "Progressive-Conservative." The label seems contradictory; yet it really conveys a very sound idea to "hold fast that which is good" in all the striving for betterment.

To get back to the Bulletin story about Mr.

and Mrs. Verges. It reports "they were mighty glad to get back to the United States." Their nostalgia was satisfied with a few months in the old homeland. For all its quality of timelessness they were eager to return to what is now their "home." Doubtless they were pleased when they found it hadn't "changed" in their four months' absence.

Defeat for Impellitteri

The combination of Tammany and the Roosevelt liberals upset Mayor Vincent Impellitteri in his bid for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the Tuesday primaries. The winner was Robert F. Wagner Jr., borough president of Manhattan, who doubtless derived strength also from the fame of his late father, who was senator from New York and author of the Wagner labor relations act and other New Deal measures.

There was more at stake than the mayoralty nomination. Involved also was control of the party organization in the state. James A. Farley, former postmaster general, and head of the party conservatives, backed Impellitteri. The latter's defeat is a rebuff to Farley in any effort to wrest the state party organization from the hands of the liberals such as Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., and Averill Harriman, both of whom were behind Wagner.

Impellitteri had been given the edge unless there was a heavy vote. Instead only a light vote was cast and still Wagner ran away ahead. Now there is the threat that the Mayor will revive the Experience party and run as its candidate in November.

In the finals Rudolph Halley, counsel for the Kefauver commission and now Council president in New York City will be a factor. The Republican candidate is Harold Riegelman who served as acting postmaster. Republicans, however, do not do well in New York City municipal elections. If Impellitteri splits the Democratic vote with Wagner that may be a help to Halley, who though an independent Democrat himself is running as a Liberal.

The primary is without national significance save as it marks a victory of the liberal Democrats over the Farley conservatives. Tammany also may draw fresh breath with Wagner's victory.

A bad plane wreck near Albany, New York, which brought death to 28 persons Wednesday, was due to the plane's striking a radio tower in foggy weather. The incident points up the necessity for keeping the vicinity of landing fields clear of obstructions. Here prompt action in the way of protest against a gin pole erected at a gravel company operation near the airport, plus the ready compliance of the head of the company, promises to bring a removal of the pole as a possible menace to local air navigation. We want no repetition of the Albany disaster here.

Labor Commissioner Kimsey reports that labor contractors are milking workers in the sugar beet area of Malheur County of a considerable portion of their wages. The evil of the gasping labor contractor was pretty well washed out by the establishment of the public employment service, but apparently some find it possible to survive, preying particularly on migratory workers. The commissioner should exert all the power of his office to protect these workers from exploitation.

As usual leaders of farm organizations split over what the power policy of the country should be. And as usual it was the Farm Bureau and the Grange against the Farmers Union. Kline of the Bureau and Newsom of the Grange approved the newly stated Eisenhower policy on power while Patton of the FU called it a "surrender to the electric power lobby." The Oregon Grange however is likely to side with the FU on this issue.

Administration Planning Complete Report on National Security In 'Operation Candor'

BY STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower has now approved plans for one of the most remarkable experiments in government ever undertaken in this country. These plans call for seven reports to the American people, all related to one aspect or another of the threat to national survival inherent in the growing Soviet air-atomic capability. The series of reports is tentatively scheduled to start Sunday evening, October 4, and to continue every Sunday evening thereafter until November 15.

This project—known as "Operation Candor" in the inner circles of the government—will start, as presently planned, with a vitally important speech by the President. In this speech President Eisenhower expects to tell the people in broad strokes, but frankly and factually, the hard truth about the national situation. This presidential report to the people is to be followed by six further nationwide radio and television reports by Administration leaders, all dealing with the problem of national survival in the nuclear age.

Precise schedules have not been worked out, nor has it finally been decided who will participate in the series. But according to present plans the presidential report will be followed by a discussion of American foreign policy by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Sen. Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Relations Committee. Dulles and Wiley are expected to stress the need for allies—and the foreign bases which only allies can supply—in the nuclear age.

Secretary of Defense Charles

Wilson, Deputy Secretary Roger Kyes, and Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are scheduled to follow with a three-cornered report on defense. Wilson, Kyes and Radford will emphasize what can be accomplished by an effective air defense against atomic attack, the need for which has now been officially recognized by the National Security Council.

In a sense, indeed, "Operation Candor" is an outgrowth of the Lincoln Project study of air defense, first described by the present reporter, and the various studies of the air defense problem which have followed it. For the purpose of "Operation Candor" is to explain to the nation the basic facts which make a great, continuing, national defense effort necessary.

After the defense report, Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Atomic Energy Commission chairman, Lewis Strauss, may make the most significant report of all. The present intention is for Strauss and Dulles to give rough estimates based on the best intelligence data available, of Soviet nuclear production.

If this bold step is finally approved by the President, Dulles and Strauss will give three estimates of Soviet stockpiling—a minimum, a median, and a maximum estimate. They will also give a sufficient indication of American atomic and hydrogen bomb production to provide the necessary standard of comparison.

There is still strong opposition to this course, in the Atomic Energy Commission (where there have not yet been made. Yet as it is reportedly one who opposes it) and elsewhere. But the essential facts on stockpiling are likely to be made public in the end, for two reasons.

First, the American people would learn nothing, from revealing

these facts. Second, unless they are revealed, "Operation Candor" becomes largely meaningless, like a production of "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark. For these reasons, it is believed in some quarters that the stockpiling estimates should be given at the very beginning, by the President, leaving Strauss and Dulles to fill in the details.

There will be a civil defense report by Civil Defense Director Val Peterson and his deputy, Mrs. Katherine Howard. And there will be a report on the balance between national solvency and national survival, by Secretary of the Treasurer George Humphrey, and probably with his budget director, Joseph Dodge.

This will be a key report, since it should give a very clear indication of how much real national effort and sacrifice the administration intends to ask, as insurance against national devastation in air-atomic attacks. It is possible that Humphrey will propose a national tax, as one painful but necessary means of paying the bill for this insurance. Finally, the President is scheduled to sum up on the evening of Sunday, November 15, putting what has gone before into proper perspective.

This program is, of course, subject to change. The President might even conceivably change his mind, and cancel the whole project. Short of this, it might in the end be so watered down as to serve no useful purpose, or even turned into a political stunt. Certain absolutely vital high policy decisions, moreover, must be made if the program is to be really effective—and these have not yet been made. Yet as of now, this program for trusting the American people with the truth looks like a remarkably courageous and wholly admirable experiment in government.

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FIGHTING TRIM



Comes the Dawn

We knew it would happen dept. A confused parker flung his overtime parking ticket and four-bits into a downtown mailbox, under the erroneous impression he was depositing same into one of the city's new serve-yourself fine collectors. . . . If things go on like this downtown curbs soon will be a solid mass of parking meters, stop signs, fine deposit boxes, mailboxes, traffic signs, traffic signals, street light poles and signs telling people not to clutter up the sidewalks. . . .



The Oregon-Nebraska football game Saturday at Nebraska will be carried by KPTV as NBC's game of the week. . . . It starts at 11:45 a.m. our time with some pre-game stuff cooking at 11:30 a.m. . . . According to the published NBC schedule this is the only time this fall that a college in the Pacific Northwest will be represented on the Saturday telecasts. . . . Although in its publicity blurb KPTV says this is the first of a series of telecasts over its facilities.

Johnnie Ray will guest-cry on Jack Benny's telecast on Nov. 15. . . . The Moaner's movie contract with 20th Century-Fox permits five guests appearances a year on TV. . . . Those who know, say The Damp One is not interested in having his own TV show. He'd rather do personal appearances at theatres and night clubs. . . . And considering what Johnnie drags down for personal appearances—plus the fact he doesn't have program headaches—it isn't hard to understand. . . . In a bean field near Turner there's a trailer camp. And sure enough poking above the top of one of the trailers is a TV antenna. (You'd think it would be a snap to get TV in a bean field) . . . That smoke haze in the air these days isn't only from burning leaf piles—the big TV and radio programs, off for the summer, are falling back onto the air again. . . .

Lots of the give-away shows this fall and winter will be handing out the usual stack of impractical stuff—like money. Why don't they toss out gifts with a verve? Here's a few common-place items we feel sure any contestant would be glad to lug home. A two year's supply of sunflower seeds. A set of genuine hand-crocheted parachute harnesses for your entire family. Four hundred pounds of frozen snuff—packaged in plastic bags. A five-year's supply of window putty. A one-week, all-expenses-paid trip to the Portland zoo. One dozen records of Bing Crosby singing White Christmas. A 10-year subscription to the Congressional Record. Eight thousand feet of garden hose. A carload of bird-seed. Two free passes to the next H-bomb test. An electric atom-smasher.

The only local radio station which participated in the CONELRAD test exercise Wednesday morning was KOCO. Because the gimmick is supposed to make it almost impossible for enemy bombers to home in radio beams KOCO personnel that they'd probably get lots of calls. Apparently, though, nobody was much interested in the nation-wide test. Because the station didn't get one inquiry. "We thought sure," said Bob Suing, "we'd at least get a call from a nervous old lady asking what in heaven's name was going on. Matter of fact we didn't even get one call from a young lady, nervous or otherwise. . . ."

GRIN AND BEAR IT



IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one)

and beets. A late run of peaches had been made and the bean run was to start on the evening shift. Other canneries have likewise been busy this week.

From what I have been able to learn I think it is true that the postponement of school opening has been of substantial economic help in this community. I wasn't in favor of it at the time it was proposed; but we have to live together in this community and a two million dollar bean crop isn't something to be ignored. The outlook for this segment of local agriculture and industry was very bleak for awhile. It is far brighter now, and whatever sacrifice the school people have made can be considered worthwhile—an investment in community goodwill as well as in economic gain.

On one point there is unanimity, and that is in the hope that the weatherman will not dish out as unseasonable weather as he did through June this year. Then we'll have no recurrence of this harvest jam.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Sept. 17, 1943

Governor Snell appointed Mary Way as superintendent pro tem of Hillcrest, state training school for girls to fill vacancy of Edna Russell who resigned.

Rogers MacVeagh of Portland, attorney and co-author of "Joshua" died at his home. He was the son of the late Charles MacVeagh, former ambassador to Japan.

The army used more than 150 passenger planes of various airlines to transport troops and equipment to Alaska when the Japs threatened the Dutch Harbor in June, 1942.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 17, 1928

The Florida hurricane, in the Lake Okechobee Everglades, estimated a loss of \$75,000,000 and took the lives of 1500 persons.

Fire starting in slashings near the Bear Creek dam in the Bull Run reservoir swept the construction camp at the dam where 500 men, women and children were housed during the construction of the \$2,000,000 project.

The Reid-Murdock company of Chicago leased the Pacific Fruit and Produce building, for one year with option to buy.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 17, 1913

A Shanghai dispatch said: The Japanese-Chinese situation has become accentuated in Peking, with Japan acting with the tacit support of Russia.

Mayor and Mrs. B. L. Steeves returned to Salem after a six week trip which took in half of the continent. On their return home they stopped at Weiser, Idaho, the old home of Mayor Steeves.

Max H. Gehlar, Marion

Humphrey Says Defense Plan To Give Most for Least Cost

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey said Wednesday that Russia's progress with the H-bomb makes defense stakes "too high to take any chance of being only second best."

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the National Press Club, Humphrey defended what he said were careful reductions in defense spending and said the administration is aiming at a "brand new model" defense program to give the most defense at the least possible cost.

"It is going to take some real work and a real new product," he said. "It won't be done just by putting some additional chrome on the bumper. We have to have a brand new model."

He conceded he was speaking in the language of Secretary of Defense Wilson, and predicted that the former General Motors head will do "a grand job if you just give him a little time."

Meantime, Humphrey said, "There is nothing in our present estimates to change our recommendation" that a scheduled 10 per cent income tax cut and abolition of the excess profits tax go into effect Jan. 1 as planned.

Answering questions after his speech, the treasury chief said he is "encouraged and optimistic" about the business outlook and sees no cause for alarm in "business readjustments" so long as they remain scattered.

Adlai Blocked On Proposal To Disarm

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Adlai Stevenson won't get anywhere with his disarmament proposal.

It runs directly counter to the firm beliefs of administration foreign policy experts. They believe, as the Truman-Acheson experts believed before them, that disarmament is not the key to a cooperative Russia. Instead, they believe that a cooperative Russia, her troops withdrawn from Eastern Europe, is the key to disarmament.

The Stevenson remarks do one thing, however. They embarrass the United States delegation in meeting what is expected to be a new Russian propaganda move about disarmament at this session of the U. N. General Assembly. The Reds will of course do everything possible to exploit even the remotest suggestion of divided American opinion.

On this point as on many others, American diplomats are pursuing the long-time policy, also followed by Truman and Acheson, of watchful waiting, taking no fixed positions, preparing no fixed attack, and ad libbing as the situation develops.

There are other points at which Stevenson strikes more closely at what many believe to be a failure of American policy. That is in the constant attitude of belittling and ignoring Russia's gestures of conciliation.

Since the death of Stalin qualified observers have believed that Russia is in an unstable position. This has been heightened by the revelation of her political weakness among the European satellite peoples.

Under the circumstances, many wonder if it would not be better to take Russia up whenever she makes a proposal for discussions, without so much quibbling over agenda. As Stevenson pointed out, the Reds could then be forced to put up or shut up, and their sincerity could be publicly tested at every point.

This was also behind his idea of a disarmament conference. But the Western powers already have their proposal on this subject before the United Nations. They made it on a basis of minimum demands in the beginning, so that there is no room for compromise. A conference could only emphasize, not diminish, the cleavage. Disarmament lies within the realm of hard facts.

Other differences between Russia and the West, however, lie within the realm of politics, of propaganda, and of psychological warfare.

There are a good many people among friendly nations who think the United States is falling down in this field.

A good many of them actually feel that by such failure America is contributing to, rather than helping diminish, world tensions.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was with us throughout the whole week."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "garnishes"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Evenness, eventually, evaporation.
4. What does the word "bravado" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with inf that means "a violation"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "whole." 2. Pronounce gar-mrff mff m2/4 nounce gar-nish-e, a as in arm, i as in wish, e as in this, accent last syllable. 3. Evenness. 4. Boastful behavior; ostentatious show of bravery. "He faced the mob with an air of bravado." 5. Infraction.

County clerk, was chosen secretary of the Oregon State County clerks' association at the meeting of 25 county clerks of Oregon held in Portland.

But he said the administration is preparing anti-recession projects and declared "I don't think this administration or any other should countenance or permit an economic catastrophe if it is in its power to prevent it."

The chances are, he said in his address, that the treasury will be able to stay within the present \$75 billion dollar debt limit, and no special session of Congress will be needed this year to raise the limit.

Arrests Clear Theft Series In Coos Bay

COOS BAY (AP) — More than a dozen local burglaries were believed cleared up Wednesday with arrest of two proprietors of an interior cleaning service.

Jailed at Coquille were Volmer A. Poole, 26, and Albert Mikelson, 25. Chief of Police Glen Kolkhorst of Coos Bay said the pair had obtained about \$4,000 in house and business establishment prowls the past four months.

Kolkhorst said the two men, who established their cleaning business here last January, had been under suspicion for some time. Kolkhorst said the finding of money wrappers in Poole's home led to their arrest.

Poole and Mikelson waived preliminary hearing when arraigned on charges of larceny and burglary not in a dwelling. Bail was set at \$2,000 each.

Kolkhorst said Poole was on parole from a three-year prison sentence from Jackson County for a burglary at Medford in 1950.

Largest of the burglary losses was more than \$700 from the Coos Bay Times. Other burglaries in the four-month period were at the Railway Express Agency, grocery stores and a theater.

Court Backs Reinstatement Of Workers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A National Labor Relations Board order to Dant & Russell, Ltd., to reinstate two employees who charged they were dismissed four years ago for union activities was upheld Tuesday by the 8th U. S. Court of Appeals.

Dant & Russell is a lumber firm at Redmond, Ore. The company said the workmen, Max Gassner and Henry J. Christopherson, members of the CIO Woodworkers of America, loafed on the job.

The court had previously denied the NLRB petition for the men's reinstatement, holding that officers of the national CIO had not signed non-Communist affidavits as required by the Taft-Hartley law. CIO officers subsequently complied and the U. S. Supreme Court ordered the case reconsidered by the appeals court.

Pay Raise Refused By Israel Officials

JERUSALEM (Israel) (AP)—Israeli Parliament members of the Social Democratic labor party "Mapai" had it their own way when collecting their allowances for the past month. When the cashier paid them fifty-four Israel points more than usual because the House Committee had approved an increase in their representation fees and travel expenses, the Mapai deputies said "no" and returned the money. The State budget is big enough anyhow, they thought.

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Death Claims 'Nancy Morris'

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Ada B. Degendorfer, 51, former staff writer for the Portland Oregonian, died Wednesday.

She was with the Oregonian from 1943 to 1947 and wrote under the name of Nancy Morris. She was a supervisor for the Federal Housing Administration in Oregon City at the time of her death. Survivors include the husband, Aloysius, and her mother, Mrs. D. W. Hawley, Woodburn.

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