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A Kind Year

Despite the return of a veritable Indian summer yesterday, the fire danger to Oregon's forests appears at an end for this year and the "closed forest season" now is over by official proclamation of the governor.

The year has been kind to this state's great resource. Not in 42 years has there been as low a fire-loss as in 1953. There was a considerable number of fires—quite a few apparently resulting from the hunting season—but none spread out of control and the acreage burned was very limited.

Kind treatment on the part of the weather undoubtedly was a prime factor. Rain seemed to arrive when needed, and the dangerous east winds remained largely in the background. But Providence also was given a big assist by vigilance on the part of loggers, rangers and the general public; by forest organizations and conservationist promotion. Of the less than 1600 fires reported, lightning was blamed for about 65 per cent. About 10 per cent were believed caused by cigarettes. Campers probably accounted for another 5 per cent, logging operations 5 per cent, slash fires 5 per cent. Others could be classed as miscellaneous.

The record is a good one—even though still leaving room for improvement—and there's plenty of credit to go around for all concerned. So the fall rains can come back now as they wish—we do not need to come to them as supplicants for aid this year. Now, the autumn season seems to be settling quite gently into the Oregon country, and the fall coloring of nature is in more than usual abundance. No violent storms have contrived to strip the shedding trees all at one swoop—a fact which may not suit those who would get their leaf-raking done all at once—and thus are left on gorgeous display more deciduous trees than that with which the valley usually is credited. Their turning leaves have stayed on long enough this fall to show many a transplanted midwesterner that, after all, Oregon has four seasons, too, even if they are not as pronounced as those of the Great Plains. It's a beautiful time of year everywhere.

Unavoidable Gesture

The Big Three's gesture in inviting Italy and Yugoslavia to a conference on Trieste is just that—a gesture. Such a conference will provide a sounding board for extreme nationalists on both sides, satisfy their constituents they are doing everything possible, and, we hope, leave the issue where it is now.

There seemed no other answer to the prob-

lem which began six years ago when British and American soldiers occupied Trieste's predominantly-Italian Zone A, including the city of Trieste, and the Yugoslavs took Zone B. Certainly any government which wanted to perpetuate itself in Italy could not afford to surrender claim to Zone A. And there never was a chance the Yugoslavs would withdraw peacefully from Zone B. So Britain and America had no choice but merely to withdraw from Zone A if the issue was to be "settled" at all. Trieste's trusteeship under the United Nations, as an independent state, would only have aggravated both sides.

So what does Trieste do now? It very probably remains divided and there seems to be hope the furor in Yugoslavia will die down if even the slightest concession can be found as a face-saver in the forthcoming parley.

An Asset to the Community

Initial opening of the Asahel Bush home as the Salem Art Museum drew a gratifying throng of more than 1000 persons Sunday and fully justified the sponsors' valuation of cultural interest in Salem pioneer lore. Located on a knoll in expansive Bush Pasture Park, now the property of the city and Willamette University, the home has long been a point of pride as well as curiosity and its opening now provides a pleasurable source of study for many folk heretofore acquainted with it only at a distance.

The Bush family, which had its beginning in the area with the arrival from the East of Asahel Bush I to become the first editor of The Oregon Statesman in 1851, deeded approximately half of the 100 acre tract free to the city, and the remainder was purchased for \$125,000 some years ago. The Bush home was long occupied by Sally Bush, daughter of Asahel I, and since her death was the home of her brother, A. N. Bush, who died several months ago.

Retention of the Bush home and furnishings, and its maintenance through efforts of the city and the Salem Art Association, are well-worth-while fruits of labor to preserve to the valley a glimpse of the gracious days of yesteryear. And as a center of art and activities, it is a most valuable asset to the entire community.

Editorial Comment

McKAY RETAINS RAVER

Secretary McKay's announcement that he will not replace Dr. Paul Raver as Bonneville power administrator will surprise no one. There have been indications ever since McKay took over the interior department that the two men could work together. McKay's decision, too, is a further indication of his wish to proceed down the middle of the road as between public and private power development.

The secretary has expressed satisfaction with Raver's negotiation of 20-year power contracts with four private utilities. The administrator, in turn, has shown a uniform disposition to accommodate himself to the McKay policies and has found that this involves no sacrifice of principle on his part.

Secretary McKay is giving every evidence that neither private nor public power interests are to suffer at his hands. He recognizes that there is a field for each in providing the power necessary to national defense and continued industry progress.—(Albany Democrat Herald.)

Rhee Showing No Signs of Accepting Peace Without Unification of All Korean Peninsula

By JOSEPH ALSOP

SEOUL—Syngman Rhee has said it before, but he is saying it now more flatly, firmly and frequently. He will renew the Korean War if his country has not been unified by a political conference or other means within three months time. He has the power to make good his threat, despite rather desperate effort to gain a hold on him. And his threat could hardly be more bluntly stated.

"Whether we win or lose, we have to fight to unify our country if that is the only way. That's all there is to it."

That was the Korean President's last statement, his final summing up, of a long and almost eerily dispassionate discussion of the situation in Korea. There was no possibility of mistaking what he said. The only question was whether he meant it. But the question was not easy to answer.

This strange and obstinate old man has a face like a pippin, pale, golden, infinitely wrinkled, with little eyes like apple-seeds. He speaks unemphatically, in a thin, piping, but still musical voice. His surroundings are in the hideous false-western style that is the sure, distressing mark of executive pomp and power in the modern Orient. But in this setting, the small, gnarled aged figure in an ill-fitting tweed suit seems distinctly out of place.

The contrast was really too extreme between the speaker, with his air of being a benevolent Korean professor emeritus, and his words, with their portent of war.

"President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles told me they hoped that a political conference would bring good results," he said, with a thin smile. "I agreed to cooperate to the extent of waiting for ninety days beginning October 27. I don't regard myself as bound after that time."

But what of the political conference, he was asked. The answer was unequivocal. He doubts

whether a conference will be held. If there is a conference he thinks it will produce no agreement "unless the United States surrenders everything to the Communists, which I do not think the United States will do." But what then, was the next question.

The answer came quietly and without hesitation. "We have to unify Korea or we shall be destroyed in the end. If we are to be destroyed in any case, why not take our stand now with courage? We have no alternative. Divided we cannot survive. Could you survive with your body cut in half? They come to us and they say sweetly, 'Please accept national death for the sake of world peace.' I say it is wrong in principle and in sentiment, and I will not do it. It would be worse, far worse, than Munich."

Munich, clearly, is a prime clue to the old man's thinking. After all, the most competent historians of the last war now agree that if President Benes had defied the threats of Hitler and the persuasions of Chamberlain and Daladier, Britain and France would have been forced to come to the aid of Czechoslovakia in the end. The historians also agree that the outcome would have been better, not only for Czechoslovakia, but also for the major western allies who were so anxious to appease Hitler at Czechoslovakia's expense.

Rhee is convinced—or says he is—that here is an exact parallel between this episode of the tragic past and the events that are now unfolding. The truce, he insists, has settled nothing. The Asian power balance is growing worse. Ducking the issue now will only mean fighting later on more unfavorable terms.

The old man also feels or pretends confidence about what America will do if he orders reluctant yet obedient commanders of the ROK army to renew the Korean War. He is not exactly explicit, but he says quite enough to indicate that he believes America will have to do just about what the historians think Britain and France would have had to do if the Czechs had fought rather than be partitioned in 1938.

"I believe the American people will stand by us, whether they like it or not," he said. "The United States has a sense of hon-

or. They started to help us. Will they drop us halfway? They will not buy a short-lived peace by sacrificing an ally. It is out of the question in my mind. For if peace is so sweet that everything is to be sacrificed to peace, the Soviets soon will have the one world which is their goal."

Nor is this all. The proposal for a "unified, neutralized Korea," which the State Department thinks has an off chance of acceptance at the political conference, finds no favor whatever with Syngman Rhee. On this point he would not be specific, however closely queried. Yet his objection was obvious enough.

By all the signs, he thinks that the neutralization of Korea will at least reduce if not altogether cancel the program for arming twenty Korean divisions and additional air and naval forces, which Secretary Dulles had to promise him as part of their curious bargain. He is already demanding an additional air and naval buildup as specified in the contract. No doubt he wants these armed forces, in part because they insure his own distinctly dictatorial rule in Korea. But also he wants these forces because he regards any kind of weakening or diminution of his own or of western armed power in the Far East as intensely dangerous.

Plainly, of course, Rhee is gambling with gigantic stakes and he may well be bluffing. Plainly too, although he may be able to renew the war if the political conference fails, he will hardly be able to lead his people into another holocaust just because his rearmament program has been cut down by the unification and neutralization project. But the plainest of all is another fact.

The Washington tendency to think the Syngman Rhee problem has been or is being dependably solved is both false and dangerous. Rhee may be a willful madman, as so many people believe. His vision of the Far Eastern future may be altogether wrong, although it is hard to find flaws in his arguments. But naked courage, whether lunatic or sane, is now so uncommon that even a weak country's leader can still shake the whole world by displaying or just threatening to display this rare human commodity.

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THE PERSUADER



Can you imagine an ex-governor forgetting where his old office used to be? Well, when Intr. Secy. McKay visited Salem over the weekend he decided to drop in and swap sad tales with Gov. Patterson. So the Capitol elevator operator stopped the car on the second floor—the one sporting the governor's suite of offices. McKay walked out of the elevator, looked around curiously, turned and started to step back into it. "This isn't the governor's floor, is it?" he asked. The operator assured him it was, and finally the Secretary found his way into his former offices . . .



Talk about beginner's luck. Joy Doyal, Marion County Court secretary, was on her first deer hunt with friends near Burns over the weekend. The only shooting she had ever done in her life was firing a couple shots from a .22. She was packing a 38.55 which she had only fired once before at a tin can—and missed. She came on this buck standing about 200 yards off. She fired and on this, her first hunting trip, shooting at her first deer, she neatly nailed the first deer for her party. "I was more surprised than the deer—well, maybe not quite," she sez . . .

That big grin Walt Cline Sr., is packing around these days is left over from Sunday when he won his first bridge masterpiece tournament at the Elks Club . . . When Assistant City Atty. Tom Churchill took up the legal club to protect the city's police radar system, he wasn't exactly walking on a thin screen. Tom put in three years as a radio operator with the Merchant Marines . . . And speaking of clubs—city department officials don't exactly talk themselves to death these days in front of news reporters. Seems a sort of unhealthy quiet has settled on city hall since the council's recent hassle with a certain department. Which is a fine state of affairs in this day and age . . .

Have you been chewing your no-cough, no-smoke, no-dope cigarettes to a frazzle lately watching the stars shine and twinkle in the eyes of your favorite TV glamor-gal actress? Have you noticed how her orbs snap and crackle while she tells her first husband she'll always be true to him, the meanwhile looking stumps for letters to her second and third spouses? Well, that gleam in her eyes may be love, but more often, doggone it, it is probably the new "liquid passion" eyedrops. This is a new secret formula designed to brighten up a girl's eyes while she emotes over TV. If this keeps up, what with all those other false aids, it'll soon be hard to tell where the girl leaves off and the guile begins . . .

Aviation Week mag., out this week, says the Air Force intelligence center, after a study of flying saucer reports, is expected to come through with the dull news that the U.S. is in no danger from "interplanetary travellers." Of 2,000 "saucer" reports received through military channels since Jan., 1952, the AF has determined causes as follows: balloons, 15.4 per cent; aircraft, 15.2; astronomical phenomena, 17.8; birds, light reflections, windmill papers, other small objects, etc., 6.3; radar, 5.8 and hoaxes, 1.6 per cent . . . There was insufficient data to evaluate 23.6 per cent of the reports and 14.3 per cent are unsolved. And Venus (the planet) is causing as much confusion among near-sighted saucer seekers as Venus (the statue) did among Salem residents . . .

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"NO POWER TOOLS. Smokey! . . . you do enough damage around the house with the ones you run by hand! . . ."

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels tried to assure the German home front that the tragic "collapse" of 1918 would not be repeated. He said the Germans had an abundance, which they did not have in 1918.

The Grand Central Market purchased by David Caplan a few weeks ago from Floyd McNall, is resold to Milton D. Parker.

Capt. Douglas McKay of Salem was appointed post public relations officer at Camp Adair, succeeding Capt. George Godfrey.

25 Years Ago

October 21, 1928

Crater Lake Park broke all records with 113,323 visitors in 1928. The stream of sightseers entered in 34,869 automobiles and represented every state in the Union and 14 foreign countries.

Word was received of the death of Lewis Leadbetter of Portland. He was well known in Salem through his connections with the Oregon Pulp & Paper Company. His sister was Mrs. Frederick F. Pittock of Portland.

The Supreme Court, in Washington, D.C., refused to interfere with the seizure by the government of foreign ships carrying liquor sighted within territorial waters and showing their destination to be the United States. Liquor on the ships being held was estimated at \$181,000.

40 Years Ago

October 21, 1913

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, veteran suffragette of Portland, was honored in recognition of her 79th birthday.

Will H. Bennett, deputy bank examiner since 1911, resigned to become vice president of the First Trust & Savings bank at Klamath Falls.

The Salem water works received a new engine boiler which replaced the old boiler in operation for 15 years. The new steam boiler has a 65 horsepower, the old one 40. This was eliminated in 1926 and an electric pump was used until 1935. (It is now operated in 1953 with a gravity system from Stayton.)

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Keep me posted, and I will be back in a few days."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Bouquet?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Receive, acheive, perceive, bereave.
4. What does the word "paragon" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with tu that means "clouded; not clear or translucent?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Keep me informed, and I shall return in a few days."
2. Pronounce boo-ka, oo as in boot, accent second syllable, and not bow-ka.
3. Achieve. 4. A model or pattern; a type of excellence or perfection. "She was a paragon of chaste womanhood."
5. Turbid.

GE to Honor 4-H Leaders

Salem 4-H Club leaders will be special guests of Portland General Electric at the annual 4-H leader achievement banquet at the China City Cafe Nov. 2.

Dr. Roben Maaske, president of Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, will speak. Music will be provided by the Salem Singers.

Leadership pins, provided by the U. S. National Bank and certificates will be presented to each leader having led a club this past year, said James Bishop, city extension agent.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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credited as the author of our Bill of Rights. The home is now maintained by the Society of Colonial Dames, and Mehitabel, (Mrs. S.) as member of the Oregon branch was particularly interested in it. It is a well preserved brick story and one-half structure in the Georgian style. En route we stopped at the church George Washington served as vestryman.

Mrs. Say does considerable writing on points of historical interest and Harold is a real authority on Civil War battlefields so we had excellent guides.

In the late afternoon Carlton Savage of the State Department took us to the Lebanon embassy for tea and to meet Ambassador and Mrs. Charles Malik. Dr. Malik (Ph.D. Harvard) is one of the great intellects working in the field of diplomacy. A devout Christian, he brings an alert conscience to bear on problems in world relations.

Today (Sunday) we plan to attend the National Presbyterian Church to hear the pastor Dr. Elson. This is the church attended by the Eisenhowers and the McKays (they are all out of town). That is not the reason for choosing it, but rather to meet Dr. Elson with whom I was associated several years ago in raising the Coast's allotment for the church's Restoration Fund.

Tonight we take the train for the West.

In the days of sailing ships, some superstitious sailors feared to go to sea in a ship which did not have a figurehead.



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