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Peace Prize to Marshall

Not Harry Truman, but George Marshall was awarded the Nobel peace prize for the year 1953. Belatedly, the 1952 prize was made to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Alsatian missionary, doctor and musician. The former president had been mentioned prominently in connection with the award which is made by the Norwegian Nobel Institute in conformity with the will of Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite.

While the Institute does not make public reasons for its selections it is safe to assume that the basis of the choice of Marshall was the attachment of his name to the "Marshall Plan" for the rehabilitation of European nations ravaged by war. He initiated this in a speech at Harvard University in 1947. Congress moved promptly to carry out the idea, set up the Economic Cooperation Administration and appropriated billions for it to expend. This assistance speeded up recovery in western Europe and helped substantially in stopping Communist penetration in Italy and France. Marshall made this contribution to world leadership during his tenure as Secretary of State. Previously he had served as commanding general during World War II and Ambassador to China, and later as Secretary of Defense.

The fame of Marshall suffered under the onslaughts of the partisan isolationists and Chiangophiles who tried to make him share blame for U.S. "mistakes" which caused the "loss" of China. The Nobel award should remove some of the foul tarnish on the luster of his honorable name.

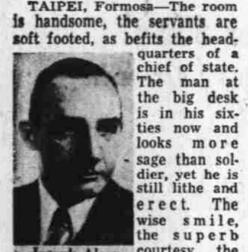
Corporate Earnings

A stock market news report says that Wall Street is more than pleased with continued high earnings reports. It had been expecting minus signs to appear on the comparative statements of earnings. Instead both gross business volume and net earnings stay up. But these reports are always past history, and traders are trying to discount the future.

Corporations are reaping the fruits of new plant investment which gives increased production at lower unit cost. If business volume decreases the elimination of overtime costs softens the blow of lowered volume. Next year the excess profits tax comes off, which will give a lift to those in the high earnings class. So while business seems to be settling down, it is doing so on a high level.

Chiang Kai-shek's Weakness Declared to Be In Placing Trust in Bad Lot of Pliable Men

By JOSEPH ALSOP



Joseph Alsop

TAIPEI, Formosa—The room is handsome, the servants are soft footed, as befits the headquarters of a chief of state. The man at the big desk is in his sixties now and looks more sage than soldier, yet he is still lithe and erect. The wise smile, the superb courtesy, the air of timeless dignity—these traits are quite unchanged. Such is Chiang Kai-shek today. As basically simple.

"The enemy has lost the people yet their system drives them always to make new aggressive moves. Our time will surely come."

It is nearly 30 years since this man coolly expelled the Communists from the Kuomintang. It is getting on for 20 years since the Japanese attacked, in order to forestall this man's unification of China. It is nearly four years since he fled from the mainland, leaving his life-work in ruins behind him. Through all these vicissitudes, his courage has never failed him.

It is reasonable to admire such a man, and the current fashion is even to be sentimental about him. There are not many, after all, who have never bowed their heads. There are not many who can be cool in victory and still serene in defeat. Chiang Kai-shek, beyond doubt, is one of the great men of our time. Those who deny his greatness are fools or worse.

Yet it is also prudent, although not fashionable at the moment, to remember that the weaknesses of this man helped to bring disaster upon him and his people.

God knows, American policy in China was idiotic enough in the crucial period. Yet it was not American policy. It was Chiang Kai-shek's. It was entrusted to the highest responsibilities of the state to such slimy villains as Chen Yi, such flagrant traitors as Fu Tso-yi who sold Peking to such blithering incompetents as Tu Li-ming who lost Manchuria, and to such public jokes as the rapacious old eunuch who commanded the Chinese navy until he went over to the Communists.

Here in Formosa you can see what might have been, from the job that is being done by

the Chen Changs and the Sun Li-jens and all the other able and honest men whom the Generalissimo never used to like or trust. There was something in Chiang's nature that usually led him to prefer pliant bad lots to independent minded good men; and this tendency, plus the character of the pre-disaster Kuomintang, had infinitely more to do with the loss of China than any American folly.

Today, furthermore, just as you can see Chiang Kai-shek's greatness at work here in Formosa, so you can also see the influence of his weaker side.

There are certain lessons of the past that Chiang and those around him can be counted on not to forget. The troops will never again be left unpaid and cheated of their rations. The currency will never again be casually inflated. If draconic punishments can keep the government clean, the government will never again be allowed to relapse into corruption.

Yet there are other lessons that have not been learned in particular, the really first class men who were put into key governmental posts in the first flush of determination to make a fresh start, are gradually yet perceptibly losing ground again, again.

Brave old Prime Minister Chen Cheng has less influence. The remarkably able and courageous former governor of Formosa, K. C. Wu, who joined with Chen Cheng to put through the land reform and to give a voice in government to the Formosan people, has been removed from office after a paltry row. The new governor, O. K. Qui, is also an able man, but one of those who do not argue, and he comes from the former entourage of Doctor H. H. Kung, which has its own significance.

Again, in the army, the command belongs to Sun Li-jen, but the command is a very limited business. There are nearly 50,000 surplus officers, there are more than 1,000 surplus generals, all intriguing for appointments. Since the Burma days and before, Gen. Sun Li-jen has never possessed the generalissimo's personal confidence. But that confidence is still given to some of the most deplorable survivors of the old days such as Gen. Hu Tsung-nan and Gen. Tang En-po.

American influence has just led to Tsungshan's removal from the critical command on Ta Chen, the most advanced and strategically important of the Formosan island outposts. But army and divisional and some-

times even regimental and battalion commanding officers are still being chosen, not for efficiency, but by the influence on the generalissimo of Hu Tsung-nan and others of his kidney.

Cutting across this situation, and interacting with it, there is the emergence of the generalissimo's son, Gen. Chiang Ching-kuo, as a major power here. Fortunately, Chiang Ching-kuo appears to be a man of the highest capacity, brilliantly intelligent, hard as nails, absolutely honest, ruthless no doubt, but with exceptional abilities of the sort that are badly needed. Unfortunately the Americans here have tended to exude disapproval of Chiang Ching-kuo, because he heads the Army Political Department, and because he is not by any stretch of the imagination a "democratic" leader.

There are other cross currents, such as one between Gen. Chiang Ching-kuo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, one of whose wretched nephews Chiang Ching-kuo, once gaolero for currency black marketing. But the main present tendency is for Chiang Ching-kuo, the rising man after his father on this island, to ally himself with the old bad lots instead of with the able and more forward looking Chinese who are pro-American.

These political complications have a great bearing on the value of our Formosan investment. One requirement of American policy here should certainly be to build a bridge between Chiang Ching-kuo and such men as Chen Cheng and Sun Li-jen. But even this will not be good enough.

The truth is that the Generalissimo's tendency to prefer the pliant bad lots to the independent minded good men stems from desire, a perhaps natural desire, to have something or someone he can absolutely rely on. He has never felt at home with the more modern minded and forward looking Chinese. Even now, he does not feel confident of continuing American support. But let the United States adopt a clearly defined, Formosa policy—a policy Chiang can rely on more confidently than on the favorites he dominates. Let one condition be the solution of the problems outlined above. The generalissimo will then "cheerfully" take the needed action to make Formosa the lean, hard muscular show, ready for anything, that Formosa ought to be.

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Only Himself to Blame

Here is a "believe it or not" item for students of juvenile delinquency. San Francisco has a model Youth Center for detention of youth who get into trouble; but the home-like surroundings do not root out malicious instincts in many of the ones committed to the Center. Recently a dozen boys broke out of the Center. One 16-year-old escapee roamed the city with a high-powered rifle, stole three cars and a truck, also some money and a \$300 ring. With a police net spread for him he decided to surrender. Under questioning he said there was no one to blame but himself. He added:

"It's not the fault of my parents. They treated me fine. It's not the fault of my environment. It was all right. Everything is my own fault."

That deserves to be printed in the sociology textbooks and studies on the causes of delinquency.

Headline in Corvallis Gazette-Times: "Public Health Unit to Move to College to Study Pollution." What? Have conditions got that bad at OSC? We have noted the struggle in Corvallis to keep out liquor-by-the-drink for the protection of students and townsfolk (though it's a short drive to decadent Philomath); but were not aware of campus "pollution." Getting beneath the headline however we read that what is happening is that the U. S. Public Health Service is moving a unit from Cincinnati to OSC to study pollution in fisheries, being attracted there by the high quality of the college work in the field of fish and game management. It is comforting to know that purity still prevails at OSC.

An obscenity heard over the air during the Fulton Lewis program shocked listeners and led to the firing of a radio technician who had inadvertently spoken into a live mike. We don't know what the naughty word was, but doubt if it did as much harm as the cataract of bilge-water that Junior (F. Lewis Jr., that is) puts out over the air nightly.

President Eisenhower thinks cattle prices have touched bottom and will turn upward. Uh-huh; "just around the corner."

Editorial Comment

HIGHWAY BY-PASS

Under the title "Do By-Passes Hurt Business?" the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has published a booklet presenting a cross-section of opinion from all parts of the country. In reporting on results obtained in 30 by-passed cities, the chamber deals with the attitude of businessmen themselves and states:

"When the idea is first suggested, many oppose it. However after the by-pass has been in operation for a while, all or most of the established merchants and businessmen usually praise it."

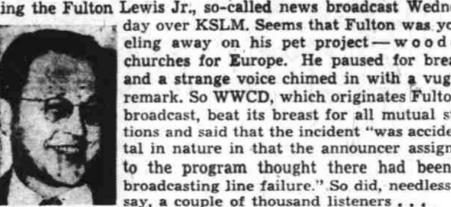
For what it is worth, the survey showed that in eight cities (all under 100,000 population) business was described as improved after opening of by-passes. Thirteen cities (ranging from 2,000 to 800,000 population) reported no noticeable effect on business. Businessmen in two cities (under 50,000 population) felt they had suffered as a result of by-passes.—(The Dallas Chronicle.)

MOSCOW: 'ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL'



Comes the Dawn

Radio Station WWDC in Washington, D. C., is falling all over itself these days apologizing for the blooper pulled during the Fulton Lewis Jr., so-called news broadcast Wednesday over KSLM. Seems that Fulton was yodeling away on his pet project—wooden churches for Europe. He paused for breath and a strange voice chimed in with a vulgar remark. So WWDC, which originates Fulton's broadcast, beat its breast for all mutual stations and said that the incident "was accidental in nature in that the announcer assigned to the program thought there had been a broadcasting line failure." So did, needless to say, a couple of thousand listeners...



Anyway, the announcer has been fired and the engineer on duty suspended... Right after the goof-off Wednesday a listener called KSLM's switchboard and cried, "Congratulations! That's what I think of Fulton Lewis too!"

Wonder if Sen. Wayne Morse knows that when he speaks in Salem Nov. 13, he will be competing verbally with the Oregon Young Republicans who will be in convention here on that day... Ernest Lundeen, CO of the Purple Heart Order here, sent invitations to come to Salem to a lot of big-wigs... One of the biggest wigs, Interior Secy. Douglas McKay said he wasn't sure when he could make it... Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said she intended to spend a couple of her days in Oregon in January and so would talk in Salem... Lundeen tried to arrange a debate between Morse and Rep. Walter Norblad—but Norblad said what for? He wasn't mad at Wayne... Sens. Kefauver and Knowland said they'd be in these parts next spring, but not sure just when...

A Los Angeles portrait fofog blew into town Thursday to take cut-rate pictures... All the local fofogs nearly flipped their shutters when they heard about it... So they got together, printed a dandy come-on offer of their own and one of them stationed himself in the same hotel where the traveling bulb-popper was planted for a one-day stand... The local man met all potential customers in the hotel lobby and managed to siphon off a good share of them... The visiting cameraman was fit to be tied with his own tripod... He complained to the hotel management, police, the law, etc... But no soap... And here we thought photographers were such easy-going, non-belligerent souls...

Applying appliances dept... A Salem mother reports she used to have trouble getting her kids to stay at the table long enough to down a good breakfast... Then the family purchased a shiny new electric toaster... Now, she said, the kids stay at the table, alright, but they spend most of their time making faces in the mirror-like finish of the toaster... On 99E outside north Salem is a sign which says half-way to equator and half-way to the north pole. Well, Albert Ziegler, New Zealand and exchange speaker at Parrish Jr. Hi, notes that near his home town of Nelson, N.Z., there is a road-sign reading, "Half-way to the equator and half-way to the SOUTH pole."... Small world...

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"You boys go ahead and tear down the goal posts... Adults and I want to sit awhile and chat..."

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

October 31, 1943

Germany suffered 2,700,000 casualties, nearly 1,000,000 of them killed and captured, during four months of a rolling Red army offensive.

The new and widely publicized disease killer, penicillin "was used in a number of cases" at the second largest U. S. naval training station at Farragut, Idaho, with excellent results, reported Commander John R. Weisser, executive officer of the station hospital.

James F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor, graduated as a bombardier from Big Spring bombardier school in Texas, with a second lieutenant's commission.

25 Years Ago

October 31, 1928

The Oregon coast was raked by gales with hurricane storm warnings up at Astoria. All shipping hurried to protected bays.

The federal government transferred to the State of Oregon what was known as Saddle Mountain in Clatsop County, for park purposes. The land was originally owned by the North Pacific Railroad Company.

Clarence Terhune, 19, of St. Louis, a golf addict, secreted himself on the Graf Zeppelin before the dirigible left on its return flight to Germany. He was discovered after the Zepp sailed and became the first air stowaway.

40 Years Ago

October 31, 1913

Nearly \$100,000 was disbursed to heroes or their relatives by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The commission distributed \$91,000 in awards of \$2000 and \$1000.

Professor Ralph Harr presented several of his students in a recital at the home of Mrs. J. A. Maplethorpe. Among them were Leonore Koon, Lucille Maplethorpe and Alice Putnam.

Willamette University defeated the University of Oregon on the Willamette field by the score of 6 to 3 in a great game of football. Two players well known in Salem were Brazier Small and Raymond Rowland.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Directly she appeared on the stage, the audience applauded."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "abdomen"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Indefatigable, navigable, manageable, incorrigible.
 4. What does the word "reparation" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with fi that means "unduly dainty"?
- ANSWERS
1. Say, "As soon as she appeared." 2. Preferred pronunciation is with accent on second syllable. 3. Manageable. 4. The act of making amends. 5. He made reparation for the wrong he had done." 5. Finical.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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but the Willamette was here first, and was the principal avenue for movement of persons and freight in this valley before the coming of the rails. Steamer transportation was maintained regularly between Portland and Salem (except in times of low water) until about 20 years ago. Tug-pushed barges are the modern successors of the old stern and side-wheelers that plowed the Willamette for many decades.

One can appreciate the attitude of the rails and truck lines where competition is already so keen that loss of any substantial volume of business to barges would hurt. But it is hardly possible for the federal government which has spent large sums for river improvement and justified it as aid to navigation now to withhold a certificate to a barge operator who wants to use the river. In many respects the competition would appear to be limited to movement of bulk commodities or barge loads. The haul is short, and extra handling is involved which adds to operating costs. But where water movement is economical it should be allowed.

The question of granting a certificate to Albany Barge Lines was argued before an ICC examiner in Portland Thursday, and in due time his recommendation will be made and later the decision of the Commission announced. Intrastate operation is now being carried on, so river navigation has returned to the Willamette. How far it develops will depend on how satisfactorily it can provide transportation service.

The Safety Valve

SCULPTURE SOCIETY APPROVES REJECTION OF 'VENUS'

To the Editor: The Council of the National Sculpture Society wishes to express its approval of the action taken by Salem's Citizens Committee in refusing to accept "Venus Victorieuse," a sculpture by the French painter Renoir, as a suitable monument to Oregon pioneers.

However much merit this work may have, it obviously would have no significance whatsoever as a memorial to said pioneers, and its purchase for this purpose would be a gross misuse of funds left with specific intent.

If the Museum director and his conferees feel that this figure should be acquired by the Museum for the people of Portland, they should seek other funds for its purchase.

Needless to say, there are a host of outstanding American sculptors who have devoted their lives to equipping themselves for executing sculpture equally worthy artistically and, perhaps even more important, more forceful in the cause of perpetuating the memory of, and reminding us of our obligation to, our forebears.

Frank Eliscu, Secretary

SURVEY STUDIES EFFECTS OF BOY SCOUTING ON ADULT LIFE

To the Editor: I invite your cooperation in an initial survey to locate all former scouts and scouters of the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley, California Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of this survey is to measure, through a subsequent questionnaire, the benefits a boy receives in his earlier scouting years as measured by advantages gained in adult life—because of his Scouting experiences.

This is the "follow-through" on everything the Boy Scout Program was intended to accomplish and the findings compiled will be turned over to the National Council.

Over 75,000 boys have been processed through the Scouting Program in this one Council during the past 30 years.

All former scouts and scouters effected by this initial survey are requested to send their name, present address and former troop affiliation at once to: Matt Grandon, Survey Chairman, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 3033A, Pasadena 3, California.

Red Industry Said in Slump

HONG KONG (AP)—Big conservatism projects such as land reclamation — jobs that can be done by manual labor — seem to be coming along fine in Red China. But the industrial building — new factories, better tooling — which require great technical skill, are slumping. The latter projects are getting emphasis in Red propaganda now because this is the first year of the five-year plan. The Reds describe industrial management as chaotic. Production plans are out of gear. Many monthly and semi-annual targets have been missed, some by quite a lot.

'Confessors' Present U. S. Big Problem

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

While the United States is hammering at world public opinion with the story of Communist torture and persecution of Allied prisoners in Korea, the government is faced with the problem of what to do about men who broke down and signed "confessions" or cooperated with their captors to obtain special benefits.

It is a very serious problem, one which contains the possibilities of deep injustice to some men as well as a continuing danger to American security. The story of Russian-sponsored methods of getting the confessions of germ warfare and other things for propaganda purposes, and of the Communist methods of "indocination," are enough to make one wonder why more imprisoned men did not succumb.

The top ranker among the returned prisoners, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, says his experiences would cause him to be very lenient with the men.

Some officers take the traditional view there are some men who connive at their own capture in the first place, that others are captured because they are poor soldiers, and that for even the best it is a part of war that must be endured like a soldier. This school has established rules about the limits of cooperation with the enemy, with court martial prescribed for those who go too far.

Secretary of Defense Wilson has laid down a policy of very careful consideration of individual cases before decisions regarding discharge, court martial or reassignment.

Nobody wants to discourage a man who deserves punishment through court martial. Nobody wants to court martial a man hurriedly, because his discharge is imminent, unless there are strong circumstances against him. And nobody wants to reassign to duty men, especially officers, who could be security risks.

This latter point is especially complicated by the difficulty of determining a man's motives and by the fact that the Communists have had for years a very definite program of infiltrating the armed forces in search of disruptive and treasonable opportunities.

This latter point may also be the easiest of determination. Once a man has affiliated himself with the Communist belief in any means to accomplish their ends, it is never thereafter possible to certainly establish his intent.

Also, since most of the prisoners were able to resist both blandishment and mistreatment by their captors, it will always be feared that the others could be subject to failure again under pressures of one sort or another, and that therefore they are not good security risks.

Such a broad attitude toward men who were so sorely tried, toward many who had or thought they had no choice except between life and death, could not be justified on any other grounds than the utmost safety for a whole nation.

Government Extends Aid to Samoan Lepers

PAGO PAGO (AP)—The lepers of American Samoa no longer will be confined to Little Makogai Island in the Fijis. A leprosarium has been built seven miles west of here where patients will get medical care and land to farm.

The government hopes that knowing they will be no longer doomed to exile on Makogai, lepers on Samoa who may be concealing the disease will come in for treatment.

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