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Irony of History

It must have been rather humiliating for Richard Nixon, speaking as Vice President of the United States to tell an audience in Tokyo that his country made a "mistake"—even though he called it an "honest" mistake—when it urged disarmament for Japan when its new constitution was drawn up. At General MacArthur's insistence a provision was inserted banning rearmament in the new Japan. Now Nixon urges that Japan rearm to defend itself against the encroachment of Communism. The reverse advice certainly must shake the faith of the Japanese in the omniscience of America if not in its omnipotence.

The Japanese will recall, not without some bitterness, that in 1941 and before they argued their case as the protectors of Asia from the advance of Russian Communism. Then the United States was so concerned over the Japanese invasion of China that it gave no heed to the Japanese contention. And when war came the United States bargained with Russia to enter the war against Japan, promising the Soviet Union it could have the Kuriles and the South half of Sakhalin island from the Japanese and special favors in Manchurian ports from the Chinese.

Well, then, was the Japanese war a mistake? It was, from Japan's standpoint; and the U. S. position in the Orient is gravely compromised in spite of our sweeping victories on land and sea. The war was forced on the United States at Pearl Harbor, so then there was no stopping short of victory for our side. But the consequences have been far different from what was envisioned in 1941. Now we are in the position of asking the Japanese to rearm for self-protection; and not for self-protection alone but also to stand as an outpost in the Far East in support of U. S. policy.

History is full of ironies. The spectacle of a Vice President of the United States urging the Japanese to rearm, is one of the grimmer ironies of our time.

The local notables of Los Angeles blushed when they heard the Hollywood talent program furnished for the dinner honoring King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece. Mayor Poulson said he was "shocked." Society leaders made the telephones buzz on the morning after with their acid comments on the performance. But Eartha Kitt who sang some of the offending numbers professed surprise, saying: "I can't understand it. I'm just an innocent girl. I didn't think it was possible to shock politicians." How very wrong she was. Politicians are exceedingly sensitive, particularly when the telephones start ringing. The show evidently was of the earth Eartha.

Senator Morse told an Oregon City audience we need to restore "checks and balances" in our government. As we see it the prime need is to lock up the checks and the balances will soon be restored . . . to the treasury.

Flurry Over White Said to Have Wrecked U. S. Claim to Responsible Leadership

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — In plain, hard, practical political terms, who has won the grisly battle over the defunct Harry Dexter White? This is the question which the politicians of both parties are asking themselves most anxiously. As of the moment at least, the best answer appears to be "nobody."

Not even the most ardent partisans of the former President argue that Truman, his administration or his party have emerged unscathed. Indeed, if Attorney General Brownell's charge against Truman is limited to simple "laxity," most Democrats will admit in private that he has proved it down to the ground.

If Truman actually had no notion of the evidence against White until it was too late to stop his confirmation, the staff work in the White House at the time must, indeed, have been "incredible," to use a favorite Brownell adjective. Moreover, it is clear at least by hindsight that Truman chose the worst of the three alternative methods of dealing with White which were proposed to him by his subordinates.

It is also clear that when this alternative—allowing White to take his job in the Monetary Fund but keeping a close watch on him—was chosen, there was no effective follow-up at all. Truman's off-the-cuff statements on the matter have been shown to be dead wrong; no explanation at all has been offered for the warm Truman letter to White when White resigned, and Truman's carefully prepared Monday night defense was woefully weak at several points.

Finally, the whole episode has served to remind the voters of Truman's penchant for second raters and his habit of making such inexcusable appointments as that of Tom Clark to the Supreme Court. All this would seem to add up to a brilliant political victory for Brownell, the Eisenhower administration, and the Republican party.

Some Republicans claim that it is just that. But others are not so sure. As one observer has remarked, "Brownell made the wrong charge at the wrong place at the wrong time." The victory might indeed have been brilliant if Brownell had chosen to prove, at an appropriate place and for a serious national purpose, that the Truman administration, particularly in the first years, was demonstrably and dangerously woolly-headed about Communist espionage.

Instead, Brownell made his accusation against Truman on a political occasion, just after the New Jersey Republican defeat and just before the California election. He thus threw himself wide open to a counter-charge of playing an unsavory brand of politics.

Moreover, Brownell did not content himself with charging simple "laxity." What really created the tremendous stir was Brownell's assertion that "Truman promoted a Russian spy and knew it," as the "New York Times" headline put it.

This failure is underscored by Brownell's reported omission of a key statement—to the effect the FBI could not "prove or disprove" the charges against White—from the FBI report

Voting Machines at Dallas

Polk County is the first to take advantage of the new law, and order some voting machines. They will be tried out in Dallas. If they prove successful other counties will follow Polk's lead. What will be needed is some preliminary education to acquaint voters with how to use them. Otherwise resentment might flare up to force their abandonment.

That happened in Multnomah County a quarter-century ago. The public became so irate the machines were boxed up and never used again and the county clerk who had ordered them was retired at the next election. This experience has made Oregon counties gun-shy of voting machines.

One problem faced by machine builders in Oregon is the length of the ballot, especially with many measures to be voted on. The new machines are designed with ample capacity, so the vendors say. Anyhow, we commend the Polk officials for having the courage to give machines a trial run.

Path of Moral Deterioration

You have in the Greenlease kidnaping case an example of two persons who underwent complete moral deterioration. Carl Austin Hall was the son of a successful Kansas lawyer, who had good advantages in his youth. Yet he chose a life of financial and moral waste which led easily into crime. His paramour dropped from middle class respectability into drunkenness and debauchery, a ready accomplice in the despicable crimes of kidnaping and murder. Now they face death in the gas chamber. They show scant signs of remorse—perhaps their chief regret is that they failed in the crime and lost the loot with which they had hoped to live in shameless squandering.

They deserve no shred of sympathy. The sooner their lives are snuffed out and their crime forgotten, the better, save as they may warn others of the dangers of the primrose path of self-indulgence.

It took only a few days to obtain signatures from owners of 27,000 acres of land in Tualatin valley on petitions requesting the formation of a water district. The total area to be embraced is about 50,000 acres, and endorsements covering only 8,000 acres were all that were needed to initiate action looking toward the setting up of a district. The necessity for community action is fully realized among residents of the Tualatin valley in Washington County; and the plan presented recently by the corps of engineers has met with wide approval, the exception being some residents in Clackamas County near the mouth of the river. The valley has unique problems and it will be interesting to watch progress in the attempts to solve them.

Doctors down at Houston, Texas, have contrived a medical machine that can record a heart beat as it checks the amount of oxygen in one's lungs and body cells. At the same time as it checks nine body functions it can detect brain complications and tell whether a patient needs artificial respiration. Maybe old Doc Abrams at San Francisco was just a few years too soon.

A Linn County woman recalling the good treatment she received in a Lebanon hospital bequeathed virtually all her estate of an estimated value of \$60,000 to the hospital there. Her good works will live after her.

Mother Nature who often provides some pretty uncanny senses for its lesser creatures apparently hasn't been able to provide seals with the equivalent of ILS (instrument landing service). Airplanes took off and landed almost without hitch during the east-coast's thicker-than-fog smog while hapless seals remained on the ground.

which he summarized in such detail. Truman did not "know" that White was a "Russian spy," and unproved charges cannot legitimately be equated with knowledge of guilt.

The Democrats claim to believe that Brownell's over-statement of his case will boomerang, not only because of the fact the Presidency of the United States is involved, but also because it is simply impossible to imagine Harry S. Truman in the role of condoner of treason. They also believe that Rep. Harold Velde's idiotic attempt to subpoena the former President has left a particularly bad taste in the voters' mouths.

Preliminary soundings do indicate that most voters are writing off the whole business as "just politics." If so, Brownell and the Republicans do not appear to be the real winners of the White battle, any more than Truman and the Democrats.

The country is certainly not the winner. The antics of Sen. Joseph McCarthy and others have caused such a precipitous collapse of American prestige abroad that the National Security Council some time ago undertook a serious study of this matter. The wild accusations and counter-accusations which followed Brownell's first wild charge should just about complete the wreckage of this country's claim to responsible leadership. Most Europeans, including those friendly to the United States, are about ready to conclude that Americans have gone crazy.

One sometimes wonders if they are not partly right. Fear begets madness, and President Eisenhower, as he remarked sadly at his press conference, does not "believe that we can live in fear of each other forever." This remark is worth pondering, even as the practical politicians total up the political profit and loss in the White case.

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'ON THE HOOF



Wild ducks are finding civilization almost as rough as life in the great shell-shocked outdoors—at least in Salem. A State street resident reports seeing a man trap those tame-wild ducks along Mill Creek there and haul them away in a pickup. And nobody sticks up for the ducks. The state and federal game men say their regulations don't protect city ducks. And Salem has no ordinance big brotthering molested mallards . . . Regulations for loud bells but not for wildfowl wild fowls . . .



Speaking of city regulations . . . Other day a store had a clearance sale. Since 1939 there's been an ordinance requiring City Council approval for such a sale . . . So the store operator had to circulate a petition among the councilmen, who signed alright . . . But one alderman said this was the first time he'd dealt with such a petition and wondered what had happened to the regulation all these years . . .

Well, that smoke fire in the Capitol kitchen fired up a lot of state employes, if it did nothing else. First of all it set off the elaborate Capitol fire alarm system. But the building has been non-flammable for so long now, that few of the worried workers had ever heard the fire gongs go gong. In fact 'tis said Bill Healy thought the ringing heralded in the first round of the coming political wars—and he didn't think otherwise until he looked out the window and saw the red wagons roll up . . . One woman employe, when told there was a fire in the building, cried: "Oh heavens! What will we do now? We can't go outside because it's raining!"

Two kids came into the Bush Museum the other day. They stood around for awhile, hands in pockets, looking over some of the antiques, etc. . . . Finally one walked over to a big, fancy, round globe-map of the world. He gave it a thwack. "Boy," he said, watching the spinning sphere, "is this thing ever out of date."

Oldsters well remember Charles Farrell, exasperated and exasperating father in My Little Margie (KPTV Wednesday nights) but later arrivals may think he's a new star . . . tain't so . . . Farrell, 52, was graduated from Boston College in the mid 20s, came directly to the West Coast and movies, starred with Janet Gaynor in "Seventh Heaven" and other hits, "retired" when talkies arrived to open Raquet Club at Palm Springs and thus acquire plenty more dough . . . Was talked into TV for summer shows by Hal Roach and is now on 52-week basis . . . Says he's a "ham from way back and I love this pie-throwing kind of acting . . . guess I'll stay put awhile" . . . Married to Virginia Valli, beautiful star of 1930s, flies his own plane, and served as operations officer aboard the Navy carrier Hornet . . . Quite a career.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Never saw a season with so many college football upsets... even the amateurs are winning games...

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago
Nov. 21, 1943

William Baillie, member of the Salem Chapter Club, was responsible for the organization of Scouts in Liberty and the cub pack in Salem Heights with Arthur Voigt as scoutmaster.

The powerful house ways and means committee (Wash., D. C.) in bi-partisan chorus, declared the public could stand no more taxes and told the administration to cut down spending if it wanted to block inflation.

"Wintertime" starring Sonja Henie and featuring Jack Oakie, Carole Landis, Cesar Romero and Woody Herman and his orchestra was held over in Salem by popular demand.

25 Years Ago
Nov. 21, 1928

Assessed property valuation in Oregon for 1928, including utilities, was \$112,332,180, as against \$112,416,457 in 1927 according to Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

John Barrymore, 41, film and stage star, and Dolores Costello, 22, herself a luminary of the screen, were married at Los Angeles.

Salem's Community Christmas tree, a Sitka Spruce on the Court House square, was judged the finest living Christmas tree in America. It was planted about 45 years ago by Judge Shaw and first illuminated in 1913 by the Cherrians.

40 Years Ago
Nov. 21, 1913

Samuel Lewis Shink resigned as mayor of Indianapolis as the result of labor troubles and a threat of impeachment proceedings due to so many strikes.

The highest tide in 20 years along the Tillamook beaches this week washed through the gate outlet at Rockaway and over the railroad track at Elmore park.

A ladies booster club to work under the name of "The St. Paul's Ladies' Improvement Club" was organized at the home of Mrs. E. C. Davidson in St. Paul, Oregon.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We had ought to get these privileges free gratis."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "finale"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Mistrust, millennium, miniature, miscellaneous.
4. What does the word "gratuitous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with or that means "correct spelling"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We should get these privileges gratis (omit 'free')." 2. Pronounce fe-na-la, e as in fee unstressed, first a as in ah, second a as in lay unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Millennium. 4. Given without recompense or pay; free. "We should be more appreciative of the gratuitous blessings of God." 5. Orthography.

Census taking in ancient times often was followed by conscription or high taxes and the process often was bitterly resisted.

Weapons of Juvenile Gangs Displayed for Senate Probers

By ED CREAGH
WASHINGTON (AP) — A young Negro who grew up in the violent world of New York's street gangs dug into a brown paper bag Friday and produced for Senate investigators a small arsenal of weapons used in juvenile gang fights.

Kenneth Marshall, 23, smilingly laid on the table a homemade "zip gun" that shoots .22 cartridges, a real automatic pistol, a dagger, an ice pick and a switchblade knife. He also brought along a 24-foot sword.

Marshall, who is now associated with the New York City Youth Board, said such weapons as these are used regularly in "rumble" or no-holds-barred fights between rival gangs—fights he said his agency is having success in curbing.

Speakers gaped at the deadly little collection of weapons and Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.), presiding, wondered aloud where on earth the witness got them.

Some mystery developed on that point. Herbert J. Hanoach, counsel to the judiciary subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency, finally said one of the group's own investigators "just picked them up around Washington without any difficulty whatsoever."

Earlier the subcommittee, headed by Sen. Hendrickson (R-N.J.), was told California gets so many runaway children from other states that it sends them home in special trains every few months.

These "displaced children" special trains were described for a special judiciary subcommittee by Karl Holton, Los Angeles County's chief probation officer, who said they cost the state around \$90,000 a year.

Holton said some 2,000 runaway boys and girls turn up in California each year and get into trouble of some sort which brings them to the attention of authorities. Holton took the stand after a

husband and wife team from Harvard University described in detail what they learned from a 10-year study of 500 delinquent boys matched with an equal number who did not get into trouble. Drs. Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck were the witnesses. Their findings added up to a conclusion that the seeds of delinquency are sown in early childhood and stem not only from poverty, in many cases, but also from a lack of affectionate parents who would give them a kind but firm discipline.

Clam Diggers Exonerated

WOODS HOLE, Mass. (AP) — Shooting all clam diggers to save the clam "won't do the job in Massachusetts waters," two experts report.

Biologists Harry Turner and J. Arthur Nosgay, who are working to save the clams off Cape Cod agree that the horseshoe crab and the boring snail are more deadly than the clam digger.

They say the crab and the snail eat 10 times their weight in clams a year—and both move so fast they can't be eliminated. But Turner and Nosgay are trying to find a way.

Four Airmen Die In Bomber Crash

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Four airmen died Friday in the crash of a B29 bomber at Biggs Air Force Base. Three other men aboard the plane were critically injured and two escaped with minor injuries. The big craft broke in two on landing. Flames swept the wreckage, sending a cloud of smoke thousands of feet into the air. The dead men were trapped inside the plane.

Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sundesen

With the popular acceptance of commercial air travel, and the rapid growth of jet air transportation, an overlooked complication may at times arise for the air-minded individual in the ear disease known as aerotitis.

Aerotitis is caused by a relative decrease of pressure in the middle ear as compared with pressure in the surrounding atmosphere. When the atmospheric pressure is greatly increased suddenly, this disease is very common. It most often

occurs on the descent of an airplane.

It seems that when the airplane ascends, the air in the middle ear expands. However, when the airplane descends, the air in the middle ear must be ventilated in order to equalize the pressure. This process may be helped by swallowing or yawning. Sometimes thrusting the jaw forward or holding the mouth and nose closed and puffing out the cheeks will help.

Aerotitis more frequently occurs in persons having colds or upper respiratory infections. A person having aerotitis usually complains of loss of hearing followed by pain, which may last for a week or more. There is a ringing in the ear and dizziness. In severe cases, the ear drum may even be ruptured. In order to prevent aerotitis from occurring, it is best not to fly when you have a cold, or if allergic nose symptoms are very prevalent at the time of the flight.

A doctor or ear specialist can usually equalize the pressure in the ears very easily. In those that have recurrent attacks, X-ray treatment of the opening of the ears into the throat may be of help. Of course, the attack should be cleared before the person is allowed to fly again. Sometimes the use of drugs that constrict the blood vessels and membranes of the nose, and thus aid the equalizing of pressure in the middle ear, is of help in preventing attacks of this unpleasant disease when the plane descends. But, of course, these should be used only under the direction of a physician.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Y.B.: Do the lungs do anything beside provide oxygen for the body?

Answer: The lungs have many functions beside the providing of oxygen. The lungs help regulate the body heat by warming the air that is breathed in and out, and thus eliminate excessive heat from the body. An excessive amount of water in the tissues is many times excreted by the lungs in the form of moisture. The movement of the lungs also promotes circulation.

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