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Guarantees to Russia?

Prime Minister Churchill on his return from the Bermuda conference told his colleagues in government that he thought he had made headway in convincing Dulles and the French that the three countries should give a guaranty to Russia of protection in event of armed aggression against the USSR. Previously when the idea had been broached Dulles avoided a direct response by saying that that was what the United Nations did, give assurance of collective action to resist aggression.

Now the subject is being explored in the several foreign offices, with interchange of ideas among Britain, France and the United States. Churchill's purpose was to allay Russia's fears of a revival of German militarism with its old motif of "drang nach osten," drive to the East. This is said to be the basis of Russia's violent opposition to the rearming of Germany. Present negotiations through channels are designed to work out an agreement on a common policy before the meeting of foreign ministers of the Big Four in Berlin late next month.

The United States hesitates to enter into such a blanket engagement, and properly so. The present border between Germany and Poland has not been agreed to by the western powers. Conceivably that might become the question of a grave dispute in which Russia naturally would be involved. While Dulles foresees any purpose for armed liberation of the satellites he surely would not want to sign an agreement by which we might be bound to come to Russia's aid in event of armed rebellion against Russia.

We stand committed to the principle of collective security through United Nations and have proven our response to this obligation in the case of Korea. If Russia will only offer the same proof and cooperate with United Nations this ought to be enough of a guarantee. Eager as we are to reduce the tensions of war we are not disposed to give a blanket underwriting for Russia's protection.

Apparently William Way of the Portland Central Labor Council wants to get into the act along with public power people in criticism of the appointment of Dr. William A. Pearl to the BPA job. Way sounds off that Pearl "is not a friend of labor" though as far as we are informed Pearl's work has been chiefly in teaching and engineering with little association with labor problems. Perhaps we may find the explanation of his gripe in the fact that he was until recently chairman of the Multnomah Democratic county central committee. He may be just mixing his party politics with his labor politics.

Ralph Calk of Portland has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the government-owned Panama Canal Company. We presume this is a board which meets a few times a year to review the work and recommendations of the administrator of the canal. The duties should include a trip to Panama in the winter time.

Decision of Sen. Ben Day not to run again for the office of Senator from Jackson County will deprive the next session of the services of a thoughtful, hard-working legislator. Perhaps Bob Root, who served very ably in the House, may be induced to run for the office to succeed Day.

Futile Efforts Forecast by West Germany Officials Toward Easing of World Tension

By BRACK CURRY

BONN, Germany (U) - West German officials predict the proposed Big Four foreign ministers conference in Berlin will last at least six weeks - and produce no results toward easing East-West tension.

Some Allied authorities have indicated they would like to end the Berlin conference quickly, but responsible German officials said the discussion of the German problems alone could require several weeks.

The Big Three powers in consultation with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government have prepared a complete, detailed program for German unification. The Soviets, it is believed here, will present a counter program for ending the division of Germany.

German officials expect Moscow to press in Berlin for acceptance of the old Soviet plan for reunifying Germany. The Big Three powers and the Bonn government have repeatedly rejected this plan. It calls for the two rival German governments to create a provisional regime for all Germany before free, nationwide elections are held.

The Big Three powers and the Bonn government insist on free elections before the new national government is formed.

German officials believe, too, that the conference will be unable to agree on the other problems contributing to world tension. Significantly, the Russians appear to be taking a bleak outlook toward the conference, officials here say. Soviet bloc newspapers already are blaming the United States for "failure" of the conference.

The main result of the meeting, in the German view, will be to clarify how far apart on major

Suburban Transportation Difficulties

Tualatin Stages is quitting business, which leaves the communities adjacent to Portland on the West without public transit. Rising costs of operation and decreasing patronage have spelled the doom of this utility whose services are regarded as very necessary both for the suburban residents and for city business.

We note also that Pacific Greyhound is taking over the operations of Oregon Motor Stages which became badly involved financially. The long-haul stage business remains profitable, but the short haul and urban operations yield little or no profit. Too much competition from private automobiles.

The lack of suburban transportation can crimp the boom of suburban development which has been pronounced since the war. Without public transportation the suburban dweller must have two cars or else his family is landlocked during the day when the breadwinner uses the family car to get to work.

Municipal ownership is costly to taxpayers; and even that solution does not help on suburban transportation problems. No one has the answer.

How Red the Rose . . . How Black the Eye

Barbara Hutton picks up for a fifth husband the man that Zsa Zsa Gabor rejected and whom Doris Duke divorced. But then she has run through with a prince, a count, and a movie star herself, so she is rather shopworn. Just what the much-married groom has that other eligible males lack other than a mellifluous name is difficult for those dwelling in the lower ranks of society to figure out. He is Porfirio Rubirosa (Red Rose), formerly in the diplomatic service of the Dominican Republic, and one-time husband of the daughter of its dictator, Trujillo. He is an international playboy, like the Princess Mdivani, one of whom was Barbara's first husband. As for Zsa Zsa, herself a career girl in sex, she proudly displays a black eye, the final going away smacker of Rubirosa, given and received at Las Vegas where she and her two sisters are packing them in at a spot on the Strip.

It should be kept clearly in mind that the fine imposed on Elmer Deetz, the embattled Canby dairyman, was not for violating the milk price control law, but for failing to qualify his dairy for selling to the bottle-and-can trade under the law setting up sanitary requirements. No matter what the feeling may be with reference to him as an individual bucking the price system, he is not entitled to sympathy for failing to comply with the state laws covering producing and selling milk for consumption as milk. We can't run the risk of infectious disease which accompanied milk from uninspected dairies in the old days.

One lighting company predicts that in five years fluorescent lighting will be used in 80 per cent of American homes. It says the change will effect a saving of as much as 50 per cent in household lighting bills. Instead of making two blades of grass grow where one grew before, the lighting companies will make one kilowatt do the work of two. Well, that will stretch our electric supply, which is good news.

Quite an anti-climax in the careers of the policemen who arrested the kidnaper-slayer of Bobby Greenleaf. Now two are indicted for perjury on charges they gave false testimony as to the suitcases filled with ransom money, one of which is missing. Too bad their achievement is marred by this event. One thing sure, the money surely is "hot."

Homer Angell is a hardy perennial in Congress. His present age of 79 years doesn't daunt him from seeking a ninth term in Congress from the Third District.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

warned the West that German reunification is "not possible" unless the European army treaty and the Allied-West German peace contract are scrapped.

These pacts are the cornerstones of the effort to unify West Europe and to utilize West Germany's man power and resources to help strengthening the West.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Each and every one of you are entitled to special attention."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "automaton"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Necessitate, neccetarine, negligible, nomenclature.
4. What does the word "scintilla" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with inf that means "not capable of erring"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Each one of you (or, every one of you) is entitled to special attention." 2. Pronounce o-tom-a-ton, all o's as in o, a unstressed, accent second syllable.
3. Necessitate. 4. A spark, or barely perceptible manifestation; the slightest trace. (Pronounce sin-ti-la, both i's as in sin, accent second syllable.) "The light formed just a scintillation." 5. Infallible.

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
PEACE AND PROSPERITY!

I AM old and worn, as my face appears,
For I've walked on time o'er the passing years;
Many have fallen since I begun,
Many will fall ere my race is run,
But I have cheered the world with its hopes and fears
In my long, lone march down the long gone years.

Author Unknown

Cargill

IT SEEMS TO ME

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have mixed trends, but will average out about the same as in '53. Durable consumer goods will work lower in price, services and items with high wage factors a little higher.

International affairs will go along with continued controversy between East and West. We are learning to live with crisis but dare not lower our guard. France probably will not ratify the EDC agreements but some alignment may be made directly with Germany.

The Willamette Valley should have a fairly stable year in 1954. The lumber industry will continue quite active. Further price declines in farm products may be offset by greater government grants or lower costs of operating. Retail business will continue active, and competitive.

The Eisenhower administration faces rough days ahead, and both parties will jockey for position in the coming elections. The budget will remain out of balance. Tax cuts will become effective though some may be moderated. The reciprocal trade agreements act is due to expire this year, but it is doubtful if new legislation will be enacted during the coming session of Congress. McCarthyism will taper off as Senator Joe finds less fuel for feeding his fires.

In the elections Republicans probably will lose control of the House. Oregon will remain Republican, reelecting Sen. Cordon if he runs, and Gov. Patterson. Democrats will fan issues over power, etc. looking toward 1956 elections. And now a Happy New Year to all!

ANCIENT POLITICS BANED
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The showing of the film "Les Miserables" based on the Victor Hugo book was stopped by government order in a Baghdad theater after the audience cheered loudly when the picture showed a Parisian on a street barricade shouting "Long live the republic."

The Safety Valve

By Lichty



Would Take Muffler From Town Clock To the Editor:

It seems peculiar that there should be any objection to the tolling of the hours by the city clock. To us, and no doubt to many other residents of Salem and vicinity, the tolling of that clock is music in our ears. We understand that the objection to the tolling of that clock, in full force of tone, comes primarily from the guests of hotels.

None of us harbor any desire to mar the pleasantness of anyone's stay in Salem, by the tolling of the sentinel in the tower of our city hall or otherwise; but to silence, or to muffle the tolling of that clock, which thousands of Salem residents have longed to hear again, would seem like an unreasonable expectation. It would be just as reasonable to expect the Southern Pacific trains to operate through Salem noiselessly

Comes the Dawn

By Conrad Prange

To lots of people the new year brings new things. But to newsmen the new year will bring the same old round of events, only wrapped in new tinsel. Any reporter worth his weight in copy paper knows in the 1954 the words will be different but the music will be the same. He can look into his crystal ball and easily forecast that these events will take place in 1954:

Soon, maybe in January, a department store in Boston will get a scrawled note reading: "In 1903 I stole a bicycle clip from your store. This has been on my conscience ever since. Please find \$2.34 enclosed to pay for this theft and I can now sleep nights." . . .

Along about in March Don Harger (Salem's answer to Izak Walton), will predict good fishing for 1954 . . . Then the wire will carry a story of the honest police chief in Chicago who arrested himself for speeding, fined himself \$10 and then threw himself bodily in jail . . . Somewhere in this country a little boy will become stricken with a hopeless ailment and his folks will give him Christmas in April . . .

France will change premiers at least three times next year . . . Winston Churchill will make a speech declaring there'll always be an America . . . The Salem Senators will get rained out in their first 10 home games . . . Somewhere in New York an animal (dog, horse, cat, buffalo, deer, mule) will fall into a well or pit, and it'll take the combined efforts of police, firemen, photographers and the AP to get it out . . . Then all the papers will run a picture of the stubborn cat stranded in a tree in Kansas City—despite the efforts of firefighters to bring it down . . . At least twice during the summer months news readers will see a picture of a big strapping cop leading a little boy, with nothing on but his birthday suit, into the police station after (the caption reads) "Little Tim decided to fight the heat wave in his own way." . . .

Sen. McCarthy will let slip in an interview that he thinks Harry S. Truman is really a Soviet agent. Harry will demand equal space in the papers, on TV, radio, Hi-Fi and the newsreels to answer . . . At least 350 kids will get lost at various vacation resorts over the nation during the summer . . . In Miami a seven-year-old boy will dynamite an entire neighborhood because his parents wouldn't let him go to a movie . . . A Los Angeles restaurant waitress will receive \$500,000 from the will of a customer she used to serve every morning. "Gee," she'll say, "why, I didn't even know the old geezer. I just smiled at him." . . .

Next fall Frank Leahy will sob that his boys won't have a chance—again . . . During the election hubbub we'll find out that in a small town in Pennsylvania a husband and wife ran against each other for mayor; but their daughter, a write-in candidate, won . . . Along about August Russia will say she only wants peace . . . Bobo Note, a new singer will sweep the bobby sox world with his new style of crooning . . . he laughs while he sings . . . Sen. Morse will say he is now looking around for a fourth party to join—he's tired of being an Independent . . . On Nov. 21 the weatherman will predict rain—and it will . . . Hollywood will come out with a new movie called The Douglas McKay Story . . . And at the end of the year there'll be plenty of characters sitting around making predictions for the New Year . . .

Patterson May Voice Political Plans Soon

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
Associated Press Writer

A gubernatorial campaign lacking in controversy is shaping up as Gov. Paul L. Patterson prepares to tell whether he will seek the Republican nomination to succeed himself.

Patterson, who inherited the office a year ago when ex-Gov. Douglas McKay was elevated to President Eisenhower's cabinet, probably will make his announcement either Saturday or a week from Saturday.

Coon Tours World, Slaps Much Waste

WASHINGTON (U) - Rep. Sam Coon, Baker Republican, made public Thursday a report to his constituents on his recent overseas trip.

He said because he and two colleagues on a House Appropriations subcommittee turned up some irregularities the taxpayers will be saved more than 10 million dollars in the next year or so.

The subcommittee made a 2 1/2-month inspection tour of State Department buildings and Voice of America installations aboard, Coon said it found such things as:

Living quarters in Bonn, Germany, "as flush as a country club" . . . half-empty warehouses in Paris . . . a gardener at an unoccupied house in Nice, France, being paid \$2,400 a year.

Coon and his colleagues didn't think the State Department should have bought in 1950 a lot in the heart of the Marseilles red light district as a site for a new consular office building. They will recommend that the lot be sold and another one found. The State Department said it will do this.

Coon, a cattleman, told the home folks the trip was "the farthest this Eastern Oregon cowboy ever strayed off his range, a trip of great interest and a real education."

Mama Heard Story Before

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) - Anthony William (Kimmy) Graham, 7, doesn't like people anticipating his stories. Kimmy came home from school so excited with a new story he wouldn't take off his overcoat. Mrs. William L. Graham let her son go ahead with the narrative.

"Once upon a time when God was making the stars and the moon, he built a beautiful garden. He put in a lot of trees and everything."

"Then he put two people in the garden and . . ."

Mama interposed: "Oh, you mean Adam and Eve."

"Aw, shucks, Mama, you must have heard the story before."

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1944

The new year was ushered in quietly with church services and dancing parties. Twelve months ago the Salem's new year rode in on the crest of a Willamette River flood, which sent the old Mellow Moon rink crashing against the Marion-Polk County bridge.

Adolph Hitler, in a grim New Year's message to the German people, offered them only dogged resistance for their very lives.

Ben A. Newell, recently given a medical discharge from the Army, was named horticultural inspector for Marion County.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1929

The election of Roy L. Cannon, superintendent of Multnomah County schools, as president of the Oregon County School Superintendent Association was the concluding feature of the annual convention in Salem.

A new world's endurance flight mark for feminine fliers was set by Miss Bobbie Trout, 19, Los Angeles girl, when she landed her Golden Eagle plane, setting a new continuous record of 12 hours and 11 minutes.

A test of drinking water available at Eola Springs picnic grounds was made by State Highway Department. It was found to be of good quality.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1914

The original "slit skirt" and the very latest thing in the fashion pose, the "debutante slouch," attracted many women viewers to Mrs. Junk's window at the Capitol Drug Store. These pictures are being sent about the country.

At the Heilig Theater, in Portland, Edward Knoblauch's drama "Kismet," with Otis Skinner in the principal role, is playing a one-week run.

Fleeing from the heaviest firing of the five days' battle between the federalists at Ojima and Gen. Oriangas' rebel army, refugees flocked to the border and crossed the river in such numbers that the U.S. border patrol faced a serious problem in feeding them.

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