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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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G-Gas for Retaliation

It isn't even a great deal of comfort to us, and it must be a lot less comfort to Russia, to learn that the army arsenal in Colorado is manufacturing what reportedly is the deadliest gas ever produced.

Purpose of the manufacturer is unknown, of course, or rather, it is not known in what form or circumstances it would be used. That it is for defense or use in case of war is obvious. And there must be military minds in high places who deem it vital or it wouldn't be made. But it may come as somewhat of a surprise to many who have considered gas practically obsolete as a weapon of war.

Gas was used to a considerable degree in World War I, and was regarded as quite effective despite the hazards attendant upon veering winds. But world opinion shuddered at its horror and except perhaps for a brief flurry in the Japanese war against China, there seemed to be little substantiation of charges that gas was used in World War II.

When the A-bomb first sent the world into a veritable new age, there were many who likened the development to poison gas — it was regarded as so horrible neither side would dare invoke its use in event of another war. But neither side dares ignore the existence of such weapons, either. It was not an idle whim which compelled both civilians and servicemen in the Pacific to carry gas masks in many circumstances in World War II. And it can be assumed that besides the protective gas masks the United States also had plenty of poison gas for prompt retaliation in event the enemy chose to invoke it.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the United States is stockpiling potential weapons it hopes will never be used. The only surprising part of it is that so much about the G-gas has been made public.

Unsticking a Horse

One thing always leads to another and this time a horse falling into a well reminds us of a word of seasonal advice about how to get a car unstuck from a sandy beach.

For reasons unexplainable but real, this time of year a lot of us take off for the coast for a few hours on any old excuse. And as usual a lot of us probably will drive on the beach and then fret because the tide's coming in and the family jalopy is having trouble getting under way.

It's a trade secret, known to any oldtimer who has been in these climes more than a year or two, that the simplest way to get a car unstuck from the sand is to let the air out of the tires. If you get in a jam, try it. You'll have to pump up the tires again, perhaps, unless there's a service station right handy, but that's better than seeing waves washing over the top.

The horse? Oh yes, he got into this picture

when someone thought to fill the well with water so he'd float to the top and climb out. And now we'd better save this squib for use next year at this time.

President Eisenhower is a two-minute man. Discussing the question of waiting for Congress to declare war or "instant retaliation" in event of attack on the U. S. or its allies he said the president would have to act "in two minutes" without waiting for Congress. In brief, Korea over again. In these days of jet planes and H-bombs the executive can't wait to get Congress out of bed to resist an attack or launch a counter-attack. We may as well recognize this as a fact—and hope it never comes to pass.

Funny how troubles run in sequence. Few persons ever heard of the deadly poison spray TEPP until a Hood River boy spilled some on his pants and became desperately ill. Next two children in Cortez, Cal., used some of the liquid in making mud pies, became very ill, and one of them died enroute to the hospital. A sad way of educating the people as to the menace of this powerful-poison. Lock the stuff up to keep it away from children.

We are getting fed up on these reports of "documents missing" such as are put out by alarm-spreaders in Congress. Latest fiasco is a report of top secret documents missing at the Hanford project. The boss of the works rushed back to Washington to emphasize his denial of the report and now Chairman Cole of the atomic energy committee says that none is missing. These popoffs show how jumpy people's nerves are now.

Two students of Canby high school made a study and report on Juvenile delinquency which concluded with pointing out the need for a recreational center there. The punch line was: "Other cities have done it; so can Canby." It can if it lives up to its name.

The Newberg Graphic runs a picture of a neat new, one-story building built it says, entirely by volunteer labor. It's the hall of the Carpenters' Union — but who did the plumbing and wiring?

A full-dress investigation is promised in the McCarthy-Army row. What the country hopes for is not the dress but to get down to bare facts.

Editorial Comment

Since 1945 the American Cancer Society has spent nearly \$30,000,000 in the battle against cancer. Meeting in San Francisco this week, the board of directors of the society noted that a new pattern of research is beginning to emerge; a trend toward applying to the patient what has been discovered in the laboratory.

More funds are being made available to give patients the benefits of knowledge that has been found by basic research workers. For those suffering from cancer, and for the great unknown portion of the population which, statistically, will in time fall prey to it, this shift from fundamental studies to clinical applications is heartening. An example of it in the current news is 6,000,000-volt "cancer gun" for radiation treatment, now being completed at the Stanford School of Medicine under the sponsorship, in part, of the American Cancer Society.

Although the disease kills 225,000 Americans a year, methods of treatment now being emphasized and financially supported by the society save about 73,000 lives a year. This is not victory, but it is progress in the cause which the directors of the society are meeting here to advocate.

(San Francisco Chronicle.)

Democratic Strategists Nearing Success In Sabotaging Major Items on Ike Program

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — "The Republicans," one experienced Democratic Senator has remarked, "are in about as nasty a bind as I've seen since I've been here." The statement may seem extreme. Yet a good many unhappy Republicans would privately agree that it is not exaggerated out of all reason, at least as regards the legislative situation in Congress. Consider the following facts:

ITEM. President Eisenhower has heavily staked his prestige on forestalling the Democratic attempt to increase personal income tax exemptions. Despite the prior vote in the House, Senate sentiment on this issue is so clear that the Senate is likely to provide the decisive arena.

And Republican leaders privately admit that there is virtually no hope of beating the amendment calling for a \$200 increase, sponsored in the Senate by the respected, impeccably conservative Sen. George of Georgia.

Sens. Langer and Young of North Dakota, Bennett of Utah, and McCarthy of Wisconsin are mentioned as likely or possible Republican deserters on this issue. Sen. Morse of Oregon is expected to vote with the Democrats. And the Democratic leadership conceded the loss of only one vote — Byrd of Virginia.

Thus the current betting, on both sides of the aisle, is that a compromise increase will eventually emerge from the Senate-House conference. The President could veto any increase in exemptions, of course, but only at the cost of reducing the

whole legislative situation to near-total chaos.

ITEM. The Eisenhower administration's prestige is also heavily involved in the Administration-sponsored farm program, calling for flexible price supports. On this issue the Democrats are not quite as united as on taxes, but the vast majority will vote for rigid supports. They will be joined by a large number of Republicans, led by Young and McCarthy, and a majority vote for rigid supports is regarded as inevitable.

Again, the President can veto. If he does, he will get flexible farm supports under the 1949 Anderson Act, since rigid supports have been regularly tacked on to this act. But getting flexible supports under an old Democratic act is hardly the same thing as getting the Administration's own farm program.

ITEM. The Democrats mean to keep the McCarthy-Army pot boiling for weeks on end, with the hearings continuing for most of this session. The country will thus be treated to the spectacle of Republicans endlessly shouting "liar" at each other, while the Democrats on the side lines adopt suitable attitudes of horror, disapproval and pious dismay.

ITEM. A sword of Damocles, in the shape of the George substitute for the Bricker amendment, will hang over the Administration's head throughout this session. For parliamentary reasons, this amendment can be called up for consideration by a simple majority vote, although it still needs two-thirds to pass. On the last go-round, the amendment missed the necessary two-thirds by just one vote — and Majority Leader William Knowlton himself deserted the Administration on this issue. Let a few anti-Bricker Senators be sick or absent and the sword will fall. On this issue, too, the Administration's prestige is deeply committed.

And so it goes — almost everywhere the Administration program is bogged down or threatened with defeat. Only five

weeks ago, as reported in this space, the legislative prospects for the President's program were excellent, thanks to the heavy political aspects of the President's "long-impressive drum-fire of major messages." What has happened in such a short time to make such a difference?

In the first place, the Democratic strategy has been brilliant — if somewhat cynical. The Democrats, united as rarely before, have succeeded in starting a straight party fight on the two most sensitive pocketbook issues — taxes and farm prices. Some Democrats certainly harbor private doubts about the wisdom of rigid farm supports, and heavy tax reductions piled on an unbalanced budget. But they almost giggle with glee when they talk of the spot the Republicans are in — opposing farm parity and tax reductions in an election year.

Second, the President's own party has obviously let him down. The endless haggling over the Bricker amendment started the process of decay. Republican charges of "treason" helped achieve the unprecedented unity among the Democrats. And then, of course, the McCarthy row changed the whole political pattern as suddenly as in a child's kaleidoscope. McCarthy moved front and center, while the President who had been so dominating a figure in the first month of the session, moved half into the shadows.

Finally, the President and his staff most successfully seized the initiative in the first days, when the Eisenhower program was being presented to Congress. But it is not enough to seize the initiative, and then let it go. If the President is to get what he wants from a stubborn, always suspicious Congress, it is necessary to prod and push and fight, day after day, week after week, using every available means of pressure and persuasion. This the President and those around him have conspicuously failed to do.

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SINGING COMMERCIAL



Early yesterday morning we heard a terrific commotion over by the hill. It was Miss Spring and Old Man Winter having their annual argument. It went something like this:

Winter — Alright, alright. Stop shoving. I'm going.

Spring — Listen, Buster, You're gone. As of 7:54 last night I took over. So you can pack up your sleet and snow, slip into a pair of nice cold ice-skates and take off.

Winter — Not so fast, Drippy. You come tippytoeing around here with those nasty little showers, flowers and bowers and you're liable to get your equinox caught in a blizzard!

Spring — Don't try to bluster me, Bluster-Head. Your time is up. Your snow is melted. Your storming has a weak, hollow sound. Scram!

Winter — Alright, I'm going. But before I go, can't I have just one more last, little-bitty fling? Like, say, whomping up a late-season flood?

Spring — Are you out of what is laughingly referred to as your mind? Have you got a snowball loose, someplace? Whomp up a late flood, indeed! Only over my dead daffodils will you dig such a crazy stunt as that.

Winter — Well, don't get excited Breezy. I just thought...

Spring — There you go thinking again. Don't you know by now, Blow-Hard, people are fed up with your line of weather? They're tired dodging the drafts, paying fuel bills and having the kids indoors all the time. They know I'll bring them sunshine, gentle breezes, balmy...

Winter — Balmy is right. And talk about being long-winded...

Spring — Stop arguing, Fog-Bound, and start making muddy tracks out of here. As of now you're in the wrong equinox. And I wouldn't be surprised if you had your vernals twisted, too.

Winter — My what? Now listen, Zephyr-Head...

Spring — Everybody but you knows the year's at the spring. And we're all waiting for you to spring out of here. I have this trouble with you every year. If it keeps on you're liable to find a Congressional investigating committee peering under your wind gauge.

Winter — Look who's squawking. You give me a bad time every year, too, Springy. You're always getting here too early with those confounded nice days in February and pushing up the crocuses and all that other foolishness. If I step on your toes, you're always barefooting it all over my tail. So we're even.

Spring — Well, anyway, take off. We'll see you again next year.

Winter — Okay, Sister. So long... I still gotta good notion to fling out one more good storm before I go...

Spring — You haven't got the gusts...!

IT SEEMS TO ME

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insist that "all must be rational, logical, functional," and make use of all appropriate modern materials, methods and devices. This works all right, says Bridge, for commercial and industrial buildings but for churches and government buildings design calls for art as well as utility. He points out the failure of modern design in church architecture as follows:

"Having stripped architecture of those traditional forms which, by long association, convey a meaning, stimulate an emotion, create a mood, it resorts to strange shapes, odd forms without beauty, flat surfaces without the enrichment of art, and ingenious devices, sometimes admired for their novelty, but constituting, in total, an environment which defeats its high, changeless purpose by distracting and deflecting the searching spirit."

"It forgets that here is to be created an environment where the spirit of man takes refuge from the chaos and turmoil of life—a place of calm, quiet beauty where the trivial is lost and the personality becomes whole again."

Each has a message for our time. Perhaps it may be summarized in the old saying "to be not the first by which the new is tried, nor yet the last to cast the old aside." Church architecture of the past with its traditions is invested with symbolism which should not be discarded for the radical just because it is an innovation. On the other hand to cling to dead forms simply because they are aged robs the design of the freshness and vitality which it needs for the inspiration of those who view it. The genius is the one who can embody in the materials of the builder a conception of dignity and grace which will long outlast the designer and give joy to many generations.

Hit-Run Driver Kills Portland Pedestrian

PORTLAND (AP) — The city's traffic death toll for the year stood at 10 Saturday after the body of Obal E. Wilson, 50, was found on a sidewalk. Police said he was hit by a car whose driver did not report the accident.

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

March 21, 1944

Casualties of the U.S. armed forces since the outbreak of the war totaled 165,061, the office of war information reported.

The Y.M.C.A. purchased property of Rollin K. Page, for expansion purposes. The debt-free Y.M.C.A. also recently received \$15,000 from an anonymous donor for development purposes.

Torpedo plane pilot Ensign Clyde J. Lee, of Sandy, completed a record breaking-tour of duty in Pacific combat area. He is a member of a famous carrier's air squadron and took part in the blasting of Rabaul.

25 Years Ago

March 21, 1919

The Honorable M. L. Jones of Brooks will be 80 years old soon and a large celebration is being planned by friends and family. Mr. Jones is an alumnus of Willamette University and the father of the celery industry of the Lake Labish section.

Danny Williams, outfielder of the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League, was killed and five other members of the club were injured in an automobile accident near San Clemente, Calif.

Jack Dempsey, the big mystery man of pugilism for the past year, revealed that his future in boxing will be coupled for the next two years with the promotional ventures of Humbert J. Fugazy.

40 Years Ago

March 21, 1914

"Muy Simpatico," or literally "very sympathetic," is the name by which Col. Theodore Roosevelt has become known in the regions of South America, where he has traversed recently.

William Rinehart and Daryl Proctor, students and athletes of Salem High School, spent several days in Eugene visiting the Sigma Chi fraternity.

John W. Frohmader, pioneer of 1849, died at his farm home. He came to Oregon from Germany and took up a donation land claim south of Salem.

Seamsters Buy Nu-Way Cleaners

The Nu-Way Cleaners, 396 S. Church St., formerly owned by C. F. Nordstrom, is now property of Floyd and Gladys Seamster of Seamster's Cleaners, according to records filed with the Marion County clerk's office Saturday. No announcement of cost in the transaction was made. Seamster said that the cleaning plant at 225 N. High St. will remain as will his interests in the pick-up station at Seamster's East-side, 1725 Center St. Seamster's Capital DeLuxe Cleaners, 649 Center St., is to be changed to a pick-up station and the cleaning equipment moved to the Nu-Way building, he said.

Woman Killed

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Alice Parker Chocktoot, 48, Chiloquin, was injured fatally just before Friday midnight when a car skidded out of control and overturned at Modoc Point.

Cub Scouts Earn Awards

Cub Scouts earned several awards during the regular meeting of St. Joseph Pack 6 Friday night.

Terry Leek and Dennis Foster were presented wolf awards and Howard Clarke and Michael Page received wolf silver arrows.

Recipients of bear awards were Ronald Stoner, Robert Thrush and Robert Foster. Bear gold arrows went to Ronald Stoner, Robert Foster, Pat Kolb and Herbert Harris. Ronald Stoner and Pat Kolb also earned bear silver arrows. Mike Kolb received a lion award, lion gold arrow and lion silver arrow. Pete Schlotthauer received a lion silver arrow and Pat Kolb a or year pin.

Bats with 5-foot wing spreads live in the Old World tropics and are popularly called flying foxes.

17 Boys Sign For YM Camp

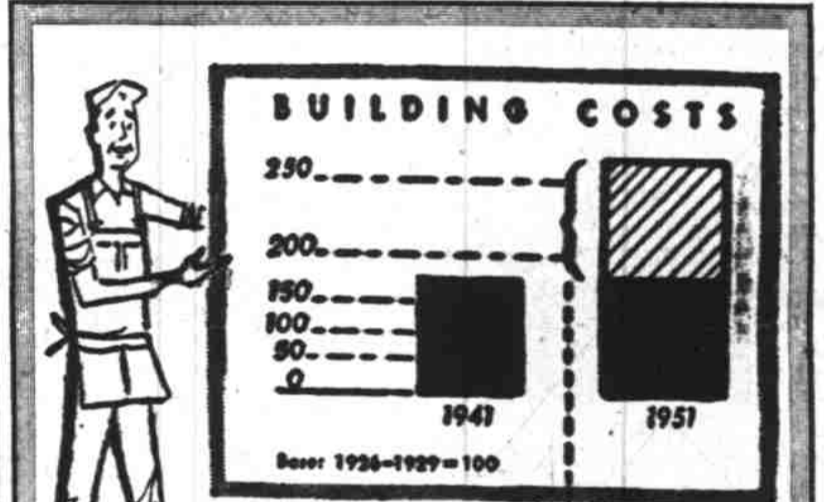
The opening day for registration at YMCA Camp Silver Creek concluded Saturday with 17 boys lined up for a summer vacation at the camp located 20 miles east of Salem.

Camp is divided into three two-week periods and one one-week period lasting from July 4 through Aug. 21. Registration at the Salem YMCA is scheduled to continue until the first day of camp except for those periods which are filled by early applicants.

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