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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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Water Program on Tualatin

Residents of the Tualatin Valley are scanning with great interest the report of the Corps of Engineers on a plan for solving water problems which beset them. In brief the Corps plan calls for a dam and reservoir near Gaston to provide storage for flood control and for water release for domestic use and irrigation. Channel improvements such as clearing and straightening later would be made out to the mouth of the river for flood protection. Future work would embrace increasing water storage at the Gaston dam and providing storage on tributaries of the Tualatin.

The Tualatin Valley offers a fine opportunity for a combination plan such as this. It suffers from flooding at certain periods and in dry weather the water supply is inadequate for domestic use and irrigation needs. Storage of runoff will reduce the flooding and provide additional supplies for summer-time use. The majority of the residents are eager for action and with government leadership a comprehensive program such as this may be carried out for the common benefit.

Editorial Comment

OLD DYNAMITER, R.I.P.

Harry Orchard was 83 years old when he died in bed the other day at the Idaho State Penitentiary. Until he was 40 nobody would have guessed that he'd ever die in so undramatic a manner, or that he would live so long. For Harry Orchard was a dynamite man, a thug, for hire. How many men he killed nobody knows for sure. But his biggest single job was 14 men in the bloody bombings at Cripple Creek, Colo. The job that made him a national figure was his last one—the blowing up of Frank Steunenberg, a former governor of Idaho. Orchard planted a bomb in the governor's gate. On the night of Dec. 30, 1905, Gov. Steunenberg walked through the snow to his home in Caldwell, put his hand on the gate, and—And, well, that was the end of Gov. Steunenberg.

Harry Orchard, whose real name was Albert E. Horsley, was arrested. He turned state's evidence, implicating three other men. The other three were cleared because Orchard was the only witness against them. Orchard was sentenced to hang. Then, possibly because he'd testified for the state, the sentence was changed to life imprisonment. For 48 years he lived at the penitentiary. "At" the penitentiary, but not always "in" it. For Harry Orchard turned out to be a mild man, not mad at anybody. He lived in a little house outside the walls, and expounded religion to visitors. He also inveighed against cigarettes which, he felt, led surely to crime. And last week the old dynamiter died: He had outlived the three young men who came to national attention with him at the time of the Steunenberg affair. Clarence Darrow, a relatively unknown young lawyer, got his first big headlines by defending Orchard and his accomplices. William E. Borah was on his way to the U. S. Senate after prosecuting them. And one of the accomplices was "Big Bill" Hayward, who was later to become a kingpin of the "Wobblies." Big Bill went off to Russia to live after the glorious revolution, and he died over there, somewhat bitter because the Russians wouldn't pay much attention to him. Only Harry Orchard lived on, raising chickens and bees, talking religion and hating cigarettes. —Eugene Register-Guard.

NOT A ONE-MAN DOG



Inside TV . . .

War on Networks Produces Dilemma

HOLLYWOOD — CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT ON THE NETWORK FRONT: The battle between NBC and CBS continues. It's developed into quite a war. We don't mind so long as innocent bystanders remain free of contusions and abrasions. Those bystanders are you and me.



Actually, this struggle should bring the viewing TV audience better entertainment. The only trouble is that it will bring it right smack up against some of the same already there. Then we must choose one and lose the other, because standard equipment is one pair of eyes per person, even though you might have two television sets.

Take the "I Love Lucy" spot. Just about everybody goes for this. But against it, on NBC, we've long had Dennis Day and his tremendously likeable skits. One has had to suffer. You either have to snap off Lucy and wonder what hilarious goings-on you're missed, or turn your back on Dennis and fret over which of his dandy impersonations he did this week.

We resent being forced to make such a choice. Far better to separate these two excellent shows to different hours or days, and permit the public to enjoy them both. But no, NBC arrayed its greatest strength to huck the popular Lucy and plans another powerful punch when Dennis goes off completely next fall. Highly touted, it's a new filmed series called "The Medic," bolstered every fourth Monday by a 90-minute thing they call a "Spectacular."

The two major networks should dovetail their outstanding shows in the interest of John Q. Public. But they won't. So the battle wages on, and it seems someone's sleeping at NBC when they should be sharpshooting at CBS.

For instance, NBC has had a good grip on Imogene Coca in their topnotch Show of Shows. But when she breaks loose into a show of her own, CBS is going to get her with a format already made to order while NBC is still wondering what to offer.

Variety's Abel Green, whose "Show Biz" recording is a disc jockey favorite and incidentally mine too, sent in a list of TV quips which he amusingly calls: Punny People, Phrases & Places: TALLULAH BANKHEAD—lanky daughter of the Trust Company prez. MILTON BERLE—at what berling point? BENNETT CERF—& Sun Club. DENNIS DAY—"you're the one." SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE—no softie, he. EVELYN KNIGHT—and Dennis Day. COLE PORTER—John L. Lewis' caddy. DINAH SHORE—not prehistoric. DORE SCHARY—share the lifeboats! ED WYNN—straight, place and show. (Copyright 1954, General Features Corp.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Says modern . . . FBI operations do not include investigating the loyalty of prospective non-land . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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the span of peace becomes short indeed. The present policy of our government is a continuation of the Truman-Marshall-Acheson policy; negotiate from strength; with the Dulles supplement of raising warning signals against further Communist aggression. It is the Dulles thesis that the warning backed with real evidence of military strength will be enough to halt the Red march of conquest. It may prove to be correct, for none of the Communist powers can well stand the strain of prolonged war. But if a spark leaps the narrow gap to the fuse then the issue passes strictly to a military decision. And in the case of Indochina that is a most undesirable area, from our standpoint, for a military test. I wonder though if our resources in negotiation are limited to the threat of voice of cannon. That is the language of desperation. If the world's battle is for men's minds should we not exhaust our brains utterly before resorting to the final weapon? Surely our own brains are not so impoverished or those of the Communists so frozen that the cannon's roar is the only thing that is needed.

More Arrive For Music, Sport Festival

Arrival of a student delegation from Spokane Friday, raised the total number of students to nearly 300 who are participating in the music festival and track meet which ends today at the Salem Academy. On the schedule this morning is a track meet comprised of teams from Salem Academy and seven Christian high schools from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. A highlight of the three-day session, sponsored by the Northwest Fellowship and Christian Schools, occurred Friday night when the massed choirs and bands of the eight participating schools joined in the Grand Festival program. John Eby, director of the Salem Academy choir, reported that nearly 300 voices were included in the massed choir with 70 in the band. Also on Friday night's program were seven soloists and ensembles chosen during rehearsals in the afternoon. The decision to make the festival an annual affair has not been announced, Eby said, but school officials feel certain that decision will be reached.

NG Riflemen Lead Contest

National Guard Company B of the 162nd Infantry this week defeated Battery D, 722 AAA Battalion to maintain its perfect record in the Salem Armed Forces Small Bore Rifle League.

In two other matches the Army Reserve team defeated National Guard Company D and the Marine Corps Reserve unit won over the Naval Reserve team. Individual high score was fired by Pvt. Glen W. Wagner of the Marine team. He scored 385 out of a possible 400.

FUNDS APPROVED WASHINGTON — A bill to up the lid on congressional appropriations for Columbia River basin flood control, power and navigation projects by 17 million dollars was approved Friday by the Senate Public Works Committee.

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "This is a distinctive feature of the play." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "chaotic"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Evaporate, eventually, exaggerate, ecstatic. 4. What does the word "revivify" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with av that means "greediness"?

ANSWER

- 1. Say, "This is a distinct feature." 2. Pronounce ka-ot-ik, as in cake, o as in on, accent second syllable. 3. Evaporate. 4. To cause to revive. "Renewed association revived friendship." 5. Avarice.

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'Expose' Hensel Threats Fail, So McCarthy Made Charges Public, Columnists Claim

By JOSEPH and STEWART

ALSOP

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy made public his charges against Assistant Secretary of Defense



H. Struve Hensel only after threats to "expose" Hensel had failed of their desired effect. The desired effect was to frighten Hensel and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson into making a deal with McCarthy.

McCarthy and his hangers-on began to make desperate attempts to head off the McCarthy-Army investigation as soon as the first Army report on the McCarthy side, for example, that both McCarthy counsels Roy Cohn and Army counsel John Adams should be fired, and the whole matter then dropped, with polite retractions from both sides. There have been other proposals for a deal, which was first made some weeks ago, at a carefully pre-arranged dinner party.

McCarthy, a leading supporter, the Hearst executive Richard Berlin, and Brig. Gen. A. J. Drexel Biddle were brought together at this dinner party, as previously reported in this space. Gen. Biddle, who is Army Chief of Staff Mathew Ridgway's aide, failed to respond to the numerous hints about a deal from Berlin and McCarthy. The hints

were then followed by much head-shaking about McCarthy's unfortunate duty to expose Struve Hensel.

Both the hints and the head-shaking came to nothing. Apparently Biddle did not even report back the substance of the conversation to Ridgway or Army Secretary Stevens, as he was of course meant to do. More direct methods were then decided upon.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield—the only man in the cabinet still close to McCarthy—was selected by the McCarthy forces for this more direct approach. In the last week in March, Summerfield was told—whether by McCarthy himself or one of his henchmen is not known—that McCarthy had a secret weapon in the form of explosive charges against Hensel.

McCarthy was reluctant to use this secret weapon, it was intimated—surely it would be far better, in the interests of party harmony, to have a private, friendly settlement of the McCarthy-Army mess. Summerfield, as he was meant to do, immediately reported what he had heard to his fellow cabinet member, Secretary Wilson.

Wilson, somewhat troubled, called in Hensel, then repeated Summerfield's warning to him. Hensel at length recalled the story of the ship supply partnership in which he had a small interest in wartime. This venture had been investigated by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in 1948.

Hensel repeated his story of the venture in great detail to Assistant Secretary Fred Seaton, who is in charge of legislative relationships for the Defense Department, and Wilson and Seaton both agreed that Hensel's record was above reproach. Accordingly, Wilson disregarded Summerfield's warning. But McCarthy was not through yet.

McCarthy's gumshoes continued an "investigation" of Hensel. This consisted of the most heavy-

handed and ominous inquiries, directed at Hensel's friends and acquaintances, and certain to be reported back to Hensel, as McCarthy well knew. But Hensel refused to take fright, and in the end, McCarthy had to use his "secret weapon" in a less effective way, as a simple smoke screen.

As for the charge itself, the whole story of Hensel's minor business venture is complicated, and there is not space to review it here. Suffice it to say that the very detailed investigation by the Bureau of Internal Revenue disclosed no serious irregularities whatsoever. The venture was not even very successful—after more than ten years, Hensel's profits after taxes are expected to be in the very low thousands.

Hensel has, of course, already called McCarthy a liar in round terms, the first Administration official with the courage to speak so bluntly. Hensel's statement, if untrue, is of course actionable. It will be interesting to see what excuses the McCarthy apologists dream up for McCarthy's failure to act on it, or to waive his own immunity, as Hensel has demanded. But what is more interesting is the fact that this has been a remarkably faithful example throughout of the way McCarthy operates.

For here are all the earmarks of a typical McCarthy operation. There is the charge which is false in the first place. There is the appeal for Republican party harmony, coupled with unsettled threats to damage the Republican administration beyond repair. There is the use of the false charge as a smoke screen. And finally, there is McCarthy loudly and indignantly accusing others of doing precisely what he has been doing himself.

What is also interesting about the Hensel story is the very clear indication that McCarthy has now come to a desperate pass, which he would have done almost anything to avoid. (Copyright, 1954, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)