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'New Look' at Indochina

Thursday President Eisenhower told his press conference that the United States is not going to get into war in Indochina unless Congress declares it. 'Nixon's war' is evidently out. And even the vice president is talking a somewhat different language than he did when in reply to an editor's question he indicated a readiness to dispatch U. S. ground troops to Indochina if the French pulled out. Talking to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Wednesday he declared that the administration's policy is to avoid becoming involved in war in Indochina or elsewhere. True there is no real inconsistency between the two statements, but certainly the emphasis is different. It seems as though there is a "new look" with relation to Indochina. First Secretary Dulles seemed ready to deliver a virtual ultimatum to Red China and rushed off to London and Paris to get the warning approved. The European statesmen succeeded in diverting Dulles to some post-Geneva NATO, and since then the talk of international or U. S. intervention has died down. The "new look" appears also to involve a "second look" at Indochina and a realization of the risk of being bogged down in the jungles of Southeast Asia in a cause which the enemy would believe as a defense of European colonialism. The Statesman rejoices that the administration is taking this second look.

The possibility of involvement in Indochina is by no means ended. If President Eisenhower should go to Congress and recommend a declaration of war or ask for authority to use military force or resist Red aggression it is probable that Congress would follow his recommendation. But that is postponed for the present at least while the statesmen deliberate at the Geneva conference. There France and Britain are working for peace by negotiation; Dulles for peace without appeasement of the Reds; Russia and Red China for peace with as much of gain as possible. Thus Geneva may be the hinge on which the future of Asia, and of the West with respect to Asia, turns.

'To Chaos'

Marshall Dana gave an excellent review of the history of milk price control in Oregon in a talk to Salem Rotary club Wednesday. Dana is a member of the board of agriculture which now determines policies in milk administration. Defending the act he made this significant statement: "It is a desperate and dangerous thing to reduce order to chaos." Those of us who recall the "milk war" of 1931 know just what he meant by those words; and that is why we have been reluctant to see milk control go.

Secretary Newbery has called on Secretary McKay to "clarify" his power policy for the Northwest. It is in order to ask Candidate Newbery to clarify his own program on: (1) power, (2) sales tax, (3) homestead exemption. So far he seems just to have thrown these colored balls in the air.

Skull in the Woods

The sight of a human skull hanging upside down from the limb of a tree must have given quite a shock to the trio of hunters who were ranging in woods near Crabtree, over in Linn County. The skull was suspended by a belt and below it on the ground was a pile of human bones, the rest of the skeleton. The authorities could not tell whether it was a case of suicide or murder; and there was no ready means of identification. No one could look at the skull and say as did the gravedigger in "Hamlet," "Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him well."

One may speculate, however, and the easy assumption is that the young man, for such the bones indicated it was, sought out the place and took his own life. Probably he climbed out on the limb, looped the belt around his neck, attached one end around the branch and then leaped off into space—and into eternity. But what went on inside that skull to prompt him to such a desperate deed is an even deeper mystery than his identity. He extinguished his life and by his choice of a site denied his body the decency of proper interment. He made himself one with the animals of the woods.

The real shock is not the upside down skull, but the mental distortion which prompted self-destruction.

Cordon's Record

The Oregon Teamster, a labor union publication which is edited like a Democratic house organ, in going after Senator Cordon for his voting record, says: "Senator Cordon for years has worked quietly at Washington for his own special interests." We challenge the truth of that statement. Cordon has been ultra-conservative in his voting, but we are not aware of any votes to serve "his own special interests." On the contrary from our observation Cordon has labored most diligently to promote what he thought were the best interests of Oregon. His votes on important issues may be criticized, and some of them have disappointed The Statesman, but Cordon is not serving his own special interests.

The finding of the special court of inquiry studying the case of Marine Colonel Schwable who under pressure "confessed" to taking part in germ warfare in Korea seems quite sensible. No disciplinary action is recommended but the report declares that his false confession has "seriously impaired" his military career, as in truth it has. That is the consequence of his action even if the court had not held its hearings. The judgment is tempered with mercy, but the fact of yielding to Red mental torture cannot be erased.

The Travel Information division of the state highway department has gotten out an illustrated "Oregon Outdoor Guide" for the benefit of those seeking recreation in Oregon's great outdoors. A map is keyed for identification of state parks, forest service camps, roadside picnic spots and historical markers on main highways. Not only is the folder useful for out-state tourists, long-time residents will learn a lot from it, especially if they put it to the test in looking up likely recreation points.

When Washington reporters noted that the "good Republican cloth coat" of Mrs. Nixon which figured in her husband's 1952 television speech had become a white ermine stole naturally they asked questions. Mrs. Nixon explained that she bought it while on a trip to the Far East last fall. So it wasn't a gift from a five percentist. Americans want to see the vice president's wife well dressed, and the ermine wrap will become the youthful Mrs. Nixon.

Your Health

An Aid to Spinal Anesthesia

In times and conditions not so long past, the best anesthetic known was a stunning blow, or a large dose of whiskey. Not so today, for there are many types of anesthesia that a person can have when going through an operation or the delivery of a baby. One of the types most frequently used for difficult operations is spinal anesthesia. Spinal anesthesia is very advantageous to use in many cases because it causes great relaxation of the muscles, thereby giving the physician an easier field in which to work.

The dangers of vomiting that occur with inhalation anesthetic agents are greatly decreased with spinal anesthesia, and there is no irritation to the lungs. This method is also used many times for persons who have colds or upper respiratory infections. In inhalation anesthesia with either ether, cyclopropane or some other drug, greater care must be taken to prevent the development of a lung complication than with spinal anesthesia.

Loss of feeling is achieved by introducing a needle into the spinal canal and, through this needle, withdrawing spinal fluid and replacing it with an anesthetic agent which deadens the nerves in the spine. It thus gives relief of pain over the area where the nerves are paralyzed. One of the serious problems connected with this procedure is

the severe headache which follows the operation in many cases, due to the spinal anesthetic. Up to the present, little satisfactory treatment has been found, although it is believed that the headache is due to the leakage of the spinal fluid from the site where the puncture was made. It has been theorized that if a sufficient amount of extra spinal fluid could be produced to replace the amount, lost due to leakage, there wouldn't be a headache problem.

It has been shown that giving alcohol mixed with a sugar solution into a vein following the use of spinal anesthesia and after the operation has been completed, causes the centers of the brain that produce the spinal fluid to give off more fluid. Thus, the loss is replaced and the headache eliminated. This alcohol solution is given slowly. Recently, it was tried on a group of patients and results were excellent in almost all of them. Not only does the preparation serve to eliminate the headache, but it also acts to relieve the pain and liven up the spirits of the patient following surgery.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
J.P.S. Does eating eggs cause hardening of the arteries?
Answer: There is no evidence that eating eggs causes hardening of the arteries.
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Inside TV ...

School of Comedy May Train Talent

HOLLYWOOD—Pinky Lee or his press agents have been toying with a good idea for some little while. How serious he is about it we don't know. But it's in harmony with a tune we've been humming for years. It boils down to the question of just where will the next crop of entertainers come from. It had better start sprouting somewhere pretty soon or we'll wake up some year to find our TV screens as blank as Jackie Gleason's stare.

While our own personal alarm covers the entire field of entertainment, including the drama, Pinky is more concerned with comedy alone. We'll stay on his side of the fence for today and see just how bad things are over there. He says there just ain't no new crop of comedians growing and something should be done about it. He's as correct as Ed Sullivan's manners. As far as we know such a crop hasn't even been planted. Pinky suggests a school of comedy, to replace the old, now dried up source which was comprised of vaudeville, now dead, and burlesque, now dying. Few networks or sponsors will take a chance on a new and untried comic and it's getting tougher and tougher for one to find a place in which to prove himself.

No Comics College could simply take on most any reasonably talented fellow, give him the full treatment and turn him out bubbling over with laughs. A real comedian is born with a funny bone of some sort and the school could take over from there. Pinky feels that our present established comedy stars would be glad to teach at such a school and even gratis. Our feelings along that line are a little numb. We doubt whether such notables would have the time for classes or the necessary coming and go, or, even if they were so generously disposed. But the teaching itself presents no real problems once the school got a start. Films of those notables in action, along with less known but seasoned instructors would do the trick.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Naturally, I'm surprised and delighted to meet Junior's parents... he's been telling me that he's the product of a broken home."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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bombing pilot armed with a map. Also lights were blazing full blast at the shipyards as workmen labored round the clock to produce ships. The people complied faithfully however, —and unnecessarily, because the only airplane bombing came in Curry county in daytime when a midjet plane from a Japanese submarine dropped a few bombs and started a few fires in the woods. (On my desk is a fragment of one of these bombs, mounted on a wood block, sent me by Lt. Gen. Dewitt, then commanding the sixth army district).

Now the style for civil defense has changed. Instead of the blackout there is the walk-out. Even the bomb cellar has been made obsolete by the detonation of the H-bomb which blew a hole in the ocean floor 175 feet deep. And the destructive power of the bomb blast is so great that the radius of danger is greatly lengthened. The shift of attention now is to evacuation, and the hope is that enough time will be allowed between the warning and the bomb-drop for citizens to reach safety zones. That security of course is indefinite because no one knows where the exact target will be, or where a near-miss may land.

Evacuation however is merely the expedient first response to the threat of the H-bomb. And evacuation for major cities like New York, San Francisco is not as easy a solution as for Spokane. If nations are going to continue waging wars every quarter century or so then the whole plan of city structure will have to be altered. Already the motor car has spread out the urban concentration; the atomic age may fragment the present-day metropolis. The sensible solution of course is to avoid atomic warfare, and the very degree of the destructive-

Libby Dam Hinges On U.S. Concession

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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WASHINGTON—Success in the latest effort to gain U. S.-Canadian agreement that would permit construction of Libby Dam in the upper Columbia River system appears now to hinge on whether the U. S. will be willing to make an unprecedented concession—to pay substantial dollar benefits to Canada out of the added power production attributable to Libby.

Reports are current here that Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission, will insist on payment to Canada for power benefits not only at Libby Dam but at all the downstream dams whose power output would be boosted by Libby's vast storage reservoir. The IJC must approve the project before it can be built by the Corps of Engineers. The project was placed before the IJC initially on Jan. 15, 1951, and after more than two years wrangling within the IJC it was withdrawn last spring by the U. S. This week Army Secretary Robert Stevens asked the State Department to resubmit the project for another round of examination.

Had Been Controversial
The project had been controversial previously because the site chosen would cause Great Northern Railroad tracks to be flooded out and vast stands of timber of the J. Neils Lumber Co. to be inundated. Now the engineers have picked a new site four miles upstream, which will be less disagreeable to these parties. The new site, however, extends the length of the reservoir 42 miles into Canada from the international boundary, thereby strengthening Canada's claim to certain power benefits. The reservoir would extend 53 miles from the dam up to the border in the U. S. A demand for power benefits from all downstream projects by Canada would be unprecedented, so far as officials here know. Libby itself would have an initial power output of some 600,000 KW, while it would increase the energy-producing capacity of Grand Coulee by 300,000 KW, Chief Joseph by 190,000 KW, McNary by 94,000 KW, The Dalles by 114,000 KW and Bonneville dam by 54,000 KW.

Contention Continues
The contention that continues to exist over Libby appears certain to require the IJC to conduct another series of public hearings. It held hearings once before for the old site in 1951 at Spokane, Helena, and at Nelson and Cranbrook, B. C. Not noted in government circles for expeditious handling of its problems, the IJC is expected to sit on the project for some time, keeping it "under consideration." Considerable pressure is mounting from Capitol Hill and within the administration to get something in the way of a new dam for the Pacific Northwest where people can look at it—and Libby is the chosen exhibit. But none of this pressure can have the hoped for result until Canada is agreeable to a plan for division of the benefits to which the region looks forward with the building of this vital project.

Time Flies:

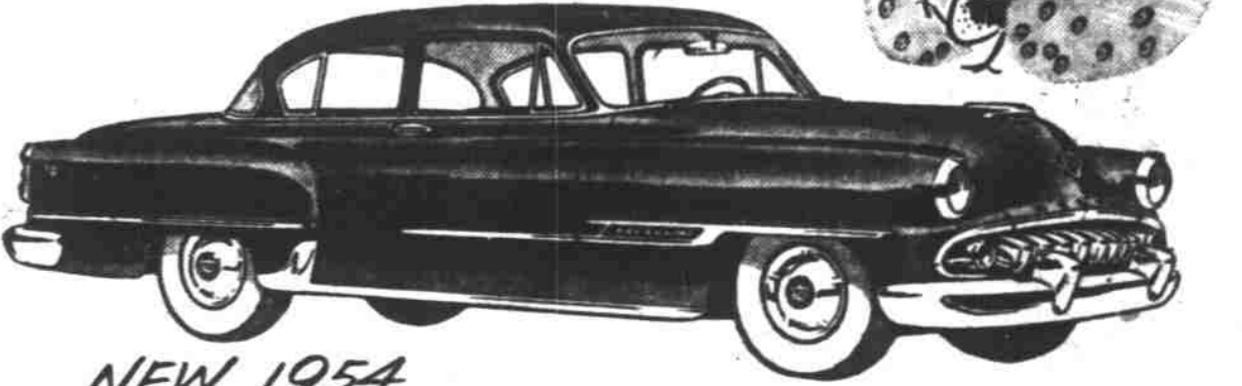
- 10 Years Ago
April 30, 1944
Robert A. Booth, 85, pioneer lumberman, educator and banker, died in Eugene. He was the donor of the statue of the circuit rider on the capitol grounds.
40 Years Ago
April 30, 1914
Sam Hill, widely known road booster of Mary Hill, Wash., invited Gov. West, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay and members of the highway commission to inspect the road at Spanish Hollow in Sherman county.
Editorially — The people of Vera Cruz like the Americans, and their money, and are enjoying more prosperity and greater security than ever. They would like to have the American occupation made permanent.
Hon. Rufus Mallory, one of the ablest lawyers of Oregon, died in Portland, lacking a few weeks of being 83 years old. Mallory came to Oregon in 1853 by way of Panama.

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