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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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Child Labor Law Anniversary

Legislation to prevent exploitation of child labor is so well established now that it is hard to realize that victory for this social reform has come only within recent years. As a matter of fact the states never did get around to ratifying the amendment to prohibit child labor. It was state action which finally brought the cure, and that was slow to come in many states.

It was just 80 years ago that New York state enacted the first law dealing with child labor. That simply required that children under 14 could not be employed during school hours unless they had attended school for 14 weeks of the year preceding, which certainly was only a start toward the comprehensive legislation which New York has now for protection of children.

Robbing children of their birthright came with the factory system and with coal mining. Mere children were hired to cull slate out of coal and to work in mills and stores. As far back as 1830 agitation for reform began, to insure for children both education and recreation and opportunity for proper maturing. Progress came slowly however. Reports and pictures of children working under adverse conditions drew public attention to the abuses of child labor. Defenders of the system were stung by things like this verse by Sarah Cleghorn:

The golf links lie so near the mill
That almost every day
The laboring children can look out
And see the men at play.

Even after good legislation was passed a long fight for enforcement was needed before the law was respected. There still are occasions when the law is violated but the cases are intermittent and isolated for the most part.

What society has failed to do is to provide adequate substitutes for the free time of growing youth. The devil still finds work for idle hands, and some of the youth delinquency of our day is attributed to lack of worthwhile occupation. Hence the great need for the various youth organizations and for facilities in which their trained staffs can work with boys and girls.

The job is only half done with barring children from most types of gainful employment. Provision must also be made for their use of time in ways beneficial to themselves.

Archaeologists in Egypt found a boat of sycamore wood in the pyramid of King Cheops. The perfumed bark was to transport the soul of the dead king across the river Styx. Looks as though they were scabing on the ferryman who handled that traffic.

McCarthy says the pending hearings over the Schine business should be called smearings. He took the word right out of the mouths of the victims of his previous hearings.

Ugly Phrase 'Preventive Showdown' Now Heard in Inner Circle of High Officialdom

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—The gravity of the present turning point in world affairs can be measured.

Apologetic yet quite serious talk about a "preventive showdown" with the Soviet bloc is beginning to be heard in high quarters.

Thus far, those who venture to use the ugly word, "preventive," are only a small minority. Furthermore, they do not positively advocate a preventive policy, with its grim, inherent risk of major war. They just say that this policy can no longer be ruled out.

The fact remains that the word that was tabu and the idea that was tabu are not quite tabu now. This change is the clearest symptom of the deep uneasiness that reigns among those who know the true posture of affairs. There are two interacting causes of this uneasiness.

The first cause, obviously, is Indochina. What is really at stake in Indochina, if you get right down to rockbottom, is the strategic balance between the free world and the Soviet empire. This strategic balance has been precariously maintained for eight years. Maintaining the balance was the real purpose of the decision to go into the Korean war.

But what was saved in Korea is now in even greater danger in Indochina. If Indochina is allowed to fall, the breakdown in the strategic balance will be total and disastrous.

The second cause of the present uneasiness, which the Administration has sedulously concealed, is also a basic change in the relative situations of the Soviet and Western halves of the world. It is the new trend of the weapons balance, described in three recent reports in this space.

Hitherto, the dominant feature of the weapons balance has been the supremacy of American atomic striking power. The Soviet Union might be stronger in every other arm of war. But the really decisive arm was held by the United States. So long as that was the situation, there was a kind of crude balance of weapons as between the contestants in the world struggle.

But the Soviets have now upset all the Pentagon's calculations by bringing out long range jet-bombers two years earlier than was estimated. This means that within 18 months to two years, the Kremlin will have decisive air-atomic striking power of its own, plus the freedom our government does not have, to use that power at will and by surprise.

Simultaneously, the hydrogen bomb has changed all the estimates of long range guided missile development. The Soviets, who are ahead in this field, may well come out with an intercontinental missile with hydrogen warhead before this ultimate weapon can be produced in America.

The weapons balance must therefore be regarded as turning against us, at just the same moment when the strategic balance is also turning against us. Each tendency makes the other immeasurably more dangerous and alarming.

This is because the weapons balance and the strategic balance interact in a way that has been wittily and astutely described by George F. Kennan, who still possesses one of the most penetrating minds in America, even if the Administration does not choose to use it.

The Catapult on the Bennington

On a big aircraft carrier you go from the flight deck (which gives the name of flat-top to the vessel) down to the hangar deck where planes are stored and serviced. And at the bow of the ship you go on down to another deck and that's where the catapult is. This catapult is just what its name implies, a power machine to thrust planes into the air from the flight deck. Propeller planes can take off by making the run of the long flight deck, but jets have to be thrown into the air, the impetus from the catapult being needed to augment the thrust of the jet engine.

The catapult is electro-hydraulic, giving a tremendous but brief upsurge of power to hurl the plane out, and then its propelling mechanism must be quickly slowed down and halted, which is done by pistons driving into oil-filled cylinders. Down in the bowels of the ship an alert non-com operates the catapult. He gets his signals via electric flashlights, in series as the plane is got ready. At the appropriate signal the man at the controls pulls a lever, the powerful machinery draws the cables which work over pulleys and are hooked to the plane. With a great roar the plane flies off the ship's bow and is airborne, the hook connecting the plane to the cable snapping off as a release.

Eyes are now fixed on the catapult section of the U. S. carrier Bennington on which an explosion snuffed out the lives of 98 men and caused injuries to more than 200. Last year the carrier Leyte had an explosion which brought death to 37, and the blast was traced to the ignition of oil in the catapult cylinder. Since the explosion on the Bennington occurred below the third deck there is a strong suspicion that the cause may have been the same as on the Leyte. A Naval board of inquiry will make a thorough investigation for this, one of the worst peacetime disasters in the Navy.

The source of the explosion may be located elsewhere. A war vessel is a storehouse of explosives: aviation gasoline, fuses, bombs, shells. Risk rides with any vessel with such a cargo. Whatever the cause we may be sure the Navy will seek to root it out and apply such correctives as may seem practical. Meantime the nation extends its sympathies to relatives of the victims of this catastrophe.

The McCarthy-Cohn-Stevens-Army controversy boils down to a test of veracity. Deciding it on the basis of charges and denials however is not easy. The conflicts are so numerous that a lie-detecting machine would get fouled up.

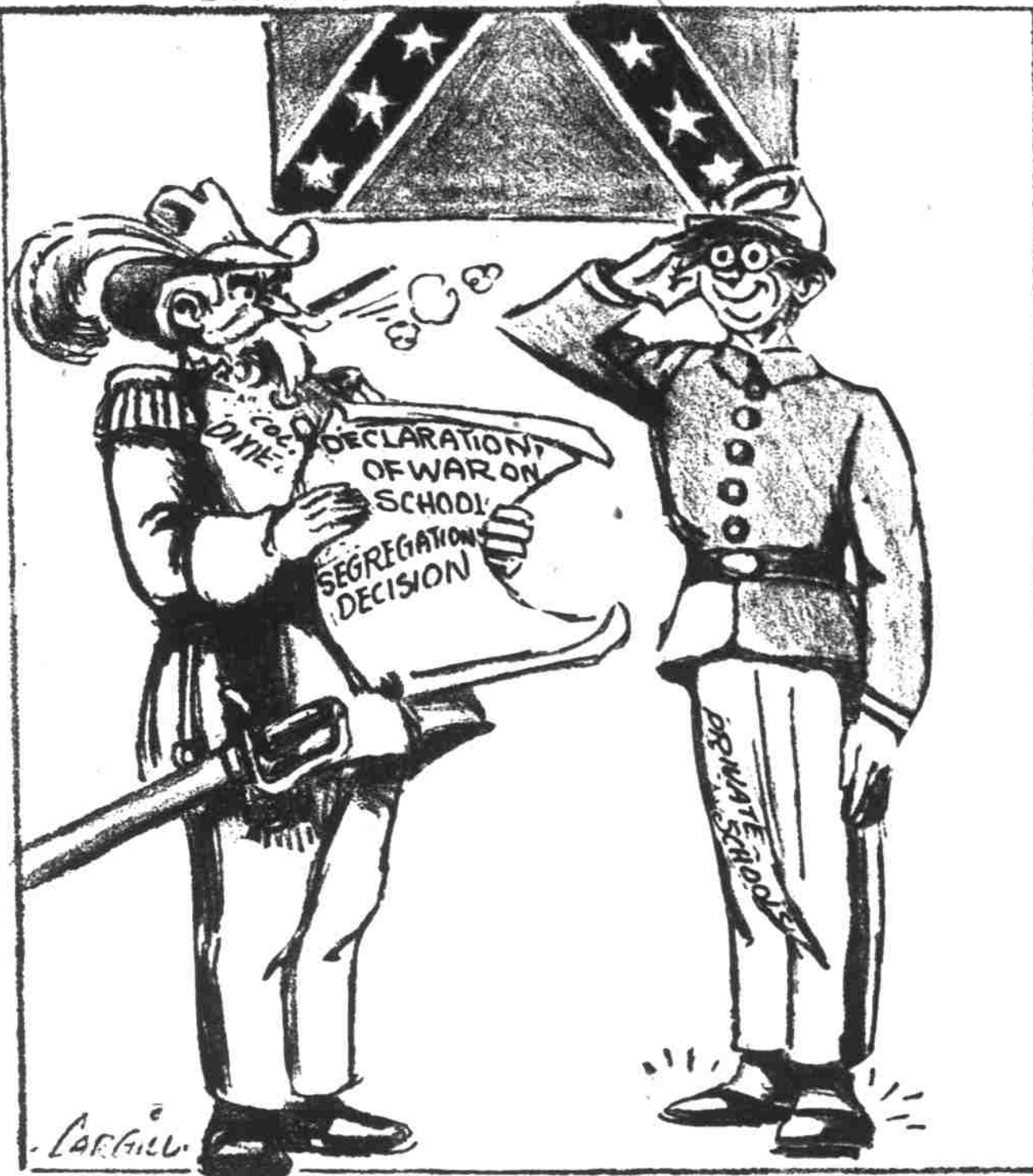
The House military appropriations bill contains an item of \$4,133,000 for a jet interceptor base at Klamath Falls. And Burns is to get a radar base. Thus our wide open spaces are found to have special values, and Oregon gets a thin slice of defense spending.

The government will stockpile more lead and zinc and copper partly in an effort to buoy the price of these metals. The stuff will not turn rancid, but what will happen to prices when the government gets enough metals for another war or two?

Probably the reason Marion County voters turned down a zoning proposal was the disputing which city zoning has prompted. Most people favor zoning—on the other fellow.

When stockholders vote to turn out old boards of directors it means they are "striking" for higher dividends.

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Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

May 29, 1944

Directors of the Oregon State Employees association voted to employ as executive secretary Forrest Stewart, formerly area director for the American Red Cross.

College football coaches voted unanimous approval of the intentional out-of-bounds kickoff and sent a recommendation to Lt. Col. William Bingham of Harvard, chairman of the NCAA rules committee, to consider changes in the playing code.

State Senators Coe A. McKenna, Portland, and Rex Ellis, Pendleton, are campaigning for the presidency of the state senate. John H. Hall, Portland, and Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville, are principal candidates for speaker of the house of representatives.

25 Years Ago

May 29, 1929

Election day is a landmark in the political history of Britain. For the first time the women of the United Kingdom will go to the polls to make what Premier Baldwin describes as "the greatest experiment in democracy."

Russell Brooks, United States consul in Belfast, Ireland, told the Salem Rotary club that practically all of the flax used in the manufacturing of linen at Belfast is imported, even though it is recognized as the outstanding city of the world in this industry.

The grading work has been completed on Cascade Drive and other streets leading to the drive have been cut through Adams acreage from the Glenn Creek Road. This is the loop road around and through West Salem.

40 Years Ago

May 29, 1914

Mount Lassen, the southern terminus of the Cascade range in California, is quiet after throwing out smoke, steam, rocks and volcanic ash for 18 hours.

Frank W. Waters and associated

over the holdings of the Kingwood Park company, comprising much valuable real estate in and near West Salem.

Merrill Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Richmond, Salem high school graduate in the class of 1914, was the only one of Senator Lane's candidates to pass the final examinations for Annapolis naval academy.

The Safety Valve

Tribute to A. H. Sears

To the Editor: Again a loss comes to the community of Keizer in the passing of Alden Harry Sears. A resident here from the early thirties where he and his wife farmed and raised their family.

Harry, as he was commonly known to all his friends, and he had many, loved the out-of-doors life and was constantly busy until he was forced to do very little. But even then he had time for his family and grandchildren and his many friends to pass away his time visiting and helping when needed in a kind and jovial manner. Complaints and dissatisfaction were far from his way of living. And to his many friends and associates Harry Sears, as a friend and neighbor will certainly be missed in our community.

And to his wife and family, who must bear the loss, I wish to convey my sincere gratitude and also my appreciation to have known Mr. Sears as a friend and neighbor.

K. L. WILLIAMS, 4725 Elizabeth St.

A White Rose for Ethel Hall To the Editor: A life spent in good works!

A marvelous housekeeper! An unexcelled nurse! A notable seamstress! A noble friend and neighbor! God be with you!

Lovingly, FLORENCE MATTHEWS Lake Labish

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It won't be long now, Lem... See the first squint this morning!"

Annual FHA Trophy Goes To Noteboom

Kenneth Noteboom has won the annual trophy as outstanding agriculture student in Salem Chapter, Future Farmers of America.

Joe Hay was runner-up when awards were announced and awarded at parents and awards night Thursday.

The trophy winner is new vice president of the chapter, which elected Wright Noel president for next year. Noel received three prizes—a public speaking award, an 'S' letter and a Hampshire sheep.

Other new officers are Ron Christofferson, secretary; Roland Schirman, treasurer; Duane Epperly, reporter; Wayne Wendland, sentinel; Burns Christofferson and John Hay are honorary members for the coming year.

Other awards: Vernon Vogt, dairy development; Chester White, soil and water management; David Girod, farm electricity and best project development; Ron Christofferson, farm safety and letter; Don Stettler, best swine; Wayne McMorris, best poultry and letter; Jack Berger, best project record and development and letter.

Joe Hay, best project record; Bill Rickmann, best project development; Jim Coates, Holstein heifer and letter; Don Phillips, Spotted Poland China and letter; Robert Schafer and Darrell Taylor, Durocs; other letters to Clifford Wacken, Roland Schirman, Harold Randal, Frank Williams.

Jefferson Area Man Victim of Canyon Mishap

Statesman News Service

JEFFERSON—Marion Towery, 22, bean grower living on the old Charles Hart place, was seriously injured Wednesday night by a falling tree in the Detroit Dam.

He was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital where an emergency operation was performed and his chances for recovery are excellent, according to the three surgeons in charge. Several blood vessels in his abdomen were severed and the intestinal lining punctured.

Towery was driving his father's caterpillar tractor, trying to push over a green tree that had been sawed through. The tree struck against the machine, hitting him in the stomach and pushing him against the back of the seat, then bouncing him out on the ground.

Partnership Bill Rapped By Neuberger

OSWEGO — Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic nominee for U.S. senator, Thursday night criticized a bill introduced by his Republican opponent, Sen. Guy Cordon, providing for "partnership" construction of John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

Neuberger, making it clear in a talk to Clackamas County Democrats that the John Day bill will be a major issue in the fall campaign, said the proposal would be disastrous for Oregon's industrial future.

If built as proposed by Cordon, he said, the dam would produce high-cost, rather than low-cost, power.

Neuberger contended that the partnership program, under which private companies would finance the power portion of the dam, contradicted Interior Secretary Douglas McKay's recent statement that power rates could be kept low.

He quoted the secretary as saying power from high-cost new dams could be pooled with that from low-cost old dams to keep down rates. But Neuberger said that because the Cordon bill would earmark John Day power for Oregon, there could be no pooling and rates on energy from the dam would have to be higher.

"What industrialist," Neuberger asked, "will pay 50 per cent more for John Day partnership power than for Bonneville-Couleé kilowatts elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest?"

OPERATION FAILS

HAMBURG, Germany — Siamese twins Margot and Maria Dolores de Rozas, born March 30, died Thursday after an unsuccessful operation to separate them.

A home recently opened as a museum by the Denison Society, Inc., in Mystic, Conn., has been occupied since 1717 by 11 generations of the Denison family.

Funeral Set Today at 2 For Mrs. Rue

Services for Mrs. Anne Rue, who died Thursday at the age of 84 years, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards Chapel with the Rev. T. W. Erikson officiating.

Interment will be at City View Cemetery.

Mrs. Rue was born in Norway, March 27, 1870, settling in Minnesota. She married Gilbert O. Rue Sept. 8, 1894. They moved to Silverton in June, 1912, where they lived until June, 1952. Her husband preceded her in death in September, 1952, and her son, Clifford Rue, a former employe of the First National Bank of Portland, Salem branch, died last December.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Homer Plasket, and a son, Leonard Rue, both of Salem; a sister, Mrs. Olaf Skyberg, Luverne, Minn.; a brother, Carl Broderud, in Norway, and one grandchild.

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