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Clark and the CIA

The appointment by Herbert Hoover of General Mark W. Clark as head of a "task force" to study the "structure and administration" of the Central Intelligence Agency is one which the American people can welcome with confidence.

CIA Director Allen W. Dulles — in whom McCarthy has little confidence, it seems — has expressed his readiness to cooperate with General Clark's inquiry.

That is all to the good. McCarthy probably will hold his fire until Clark's report is made, and if Clark reports that all is clean and above-board with the CIA McCarthy would press his own investigation at the risk of discrediting Clark and Hoover.

There has been some criticism of the CIA since it was organized in 1947 as a central clearing house for intelligence. Until McCarthy came out with his charges of possible Red infiltration into CIA, other criticism has mostly been on the question of the agency's efficiency.

Clark's task force of investigators undoubtedly will look into the efficiency question as well as into the infiltration problem, and will suggest improvements where needed.

It would be easier for the public, then, to continue to have confidence in the CIA if there were periodic checkups on its efficiency by the suggested committee of elected representatives rather than by some group appointed by the President.

A California dentist has been crowned king of a nudist colony at San Bernardino. Heck, we've had dentists make us jump clear out of our skins, not just our clothes.

The Kinsey Report Again

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, who has written some books about the sex lives of men, women and wasps, has been called a lot of unsavory things but none of them compare with what the Russians have said about him.

In a recent Soviet magazine, "Problems of Philosophy," Kinsey's report on female sex behavior is reviewed and panned like few books have ever been panned before.

Kinsey, the Soviet reviewer declared, is a "learned lackey of the imperialists" and his work is "the most cheap kind of pornographic hash, clumsily disguised as science."

This dim view of the Kinsey report is consistent with a new Soviet campaign to instill some of the Victorian concepts of social behavior into the Russians. Evidently, the Reds found out that free love didn't work out as well as they once thought.

Just how "the poverty of the workers" fits into the picture is a little hard to see, unless the Russian critic has some knowledge of the price the average young American would a-woogie go has to pay for candy, flowers and tickets to the ballgame.

Latest reports indicate that, despite unusually blustery weather for Oregon, the tourist travel is just about as great as expected. That, of course, does not make up for the chargin of coast communities who found the July 4 business from valley folk below normal because of unfavorable weather forecasts.

There's a deer wandering loose on a Portland golf course and it probably will be surprising how many extra strokes will be blamed on his disturbing presence at all holes at the same time.

Editorial Comment

FUN IN THE HEADLINES... The Asbland Tidings took itself as the victim of one of its own quips the other day in noting a headline it had published. When Mr. Jack Balding of Talent was elected president of the Southern Oregon History club the Tidings had carried the item with the headline "Balding Heads History Group."

Report on Oppenheimer Declared to Have Disclosed Vital Information to Russians

By Joseph & Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON—The end is not yet, in the tragic case of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. Now that Washington officialdom has digested the massive transcript released by the Atomic Energy Commission there is grave and widespread worry about the many breaches of security that the transcript contains.

Among those reliably reported to be acutely disturbed is the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission's own General Advisory Committee, the brilliant Dr. I. I. Rabi. In the Pentagon, too, and especially in the Air Force (which is most intimately affected) the release of the Oppenheimer transcript is regarded as the most wholesale disclosure of secret matter in a very long time.

It is true, of course, that the transcript was edited for security as it accumulated during the hearings. Yet the editing was obviously hasty, and in some cases actually contradictory. Moreover, the security officers plainly expected that the document they were editing would have only the most limited circulation. Hence they used a ridiculously transparent system of substituting rows of dots for questionable words and phrases. This system produces a series of puzzles about as hard to unravel as "Mary had a... lamb." As a result, the release of the transcript has done the following things:

- (1) Revealed the existence of the hitherto top secret air force project... AFOAT-1, for long range detection of Soviet atomic and thermonuclear explosions. This pinpoints the operational setup of our long range detection system. (2) Revealed that our scientific analysts have found the air sample the most reliable of the several available methods of long range detection, and disclosed that our analysts know the precise character of the Soviet bombs listed thus far. (3) Revealed a multitude of never published facts allowing detailed reconstruction of the basic recommendations of the VISTA Report, also hitherto top secret, including VISTA's controversial Chapter Five. And this is especially interesting. For Chapter Five of the VISTA Report led the then General Eisenhower to make important modifications in his strategy of West European defense, and these modifications still guide the thinking of SHAPE. (4) Revealed many vital details, also hitherto secret, about the famous LINCOLN study of continental air defense, together with some supplementary data on LINCOLN's predecessor, Project CHARLES. (5) Revealed the exact timing of the vital discovery by Dr. Edwin Teller, which revolutionized the whole hydrogen bomb project. This lets the Soviet intelligence pinpoint the moment when our H-bomb project really got going, and so gives Soviet analysts the perfect base on which to calculate our H-bomb stockpile. (6) Revealed certain other data that the Soviet intelligence officers can quite probably put together with their own air samples, and so infer the exact nature of this discovery of Dr. Teller's, which is the main theme of our H-bomb technology. By any standard, these are massive revelations. What is much worse, however, is what the intelligence analysts call the "totality" of the picture that

the Oppenheimer transcript paints. In this document, for the first time, you find the exact course of the most secret arguments, the precise climate of the highest official opinion, all the complex shadings of viewpoint and approach, as to several of America's most vital strategic problems. This totality of disclosure really must be beyond pride for the Kremlin. For it permits the most difficult of all intelligence feats—an accurate assessment of enemy intention. In the opinion of these reporters, security should never conceal from the nation the basic facts of the national situation, yet there have been security investigations when facts were published that were well known to the enemy but not to Americans. And now the Oppenheimer transcript has told the enemy volumes he could never otherwise have learned with certainty. And who, one asks, was responsible for this Operation-Spill-the-Beans? The answer is simple. The man principally responsible was the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Adm. Lewis Strauss, the passionate guardian of security, who fought and bled to prevent the country being told the truth about its situation by Operation Candor. The history of Operation Spill the-Beans is long, complex and unappetizing. But the motive shines clearly through. The motive was to gain advance support for Adm. Strauss's finding against Dr. Oppenheimer, by making public such stuff as the William Liscum Borden poison pen letter, with its ugly charges that were unanimously repudiated by both the Gordon Gray board and the AEC itself. In these circumstances, it is interesting to recall that Dr. Oppenheimer was held perfectly guiltless of any disclosure of secret matter. (Copyright, 1954, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

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Time Flies:

10 Years Ago July 13, 1944... Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., 56, the soldier son of a soldier father, died of a heart attack as he rested in a captured German truck. Gen. Roosevelt had been using the truck for his office and bedroom.

40 Years Ago July 13, 1914... Out of a total of 81 applicants for admission to the bar at the recent examination, 77 were granted licenses to practice law in Oregon.

25 Years Ago July 13, 1929... The first national convention to be held west of the Rockies by the Catholic Central Verein of America and the National Catholic Women's Union started officially in Salem this week.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS... 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He was obligated to remain overnight because of the bad weather."

Marie McDonald In Honolulu HONOLULU (U) — Actress Marie McDonald arrived here by air Monday with her two children. She was not available to reporters.

From The Statesman Files

A flame-colored roadster, the first Graham-Paige to be displayed in Salem, was the proud possession of Loder Bros., local dealers. The upholstery is brown Spanish leather and the car has yellow wire wheels.

General Victoriano Huerta resigned from the provisional presidency of the Mexican Republic.

Charles K. Dennison, Salem motorboat fan, constructed a hydro-aeroplane equipped with a four-cylinder 35-horsepower motor with one gliding plane and an aerial rudder. This was the first glider plane for water travel ever constructed in Salem.

Makers of photographic materials estimate that Americans are taking pictures with their cameras at the rate of more than five million a day.

British to Keep Chinese Reds Out of U. N.

By TOM WHITNEY (AP Foreign Staff) (For J. M. ROBERTS, JR.)

Prime Minister Churchill's announcement that Britain will refrain from pressing now for seating of Red China in the U.N. means the United States will be able this fall to repel efforts to seat Peiping.

Communist China's supporters need at least a simple majority in the General Assembly and more probably a two-thirds vote to get them in that body. To get them in the 11-member Security Council a majority of at least seven is needed and that is adequate only in case none of the big powers uses its veto.

Even if Britain had given active support this year to the anti-Peiping movement, it seems dubious whether Communist China could have gotten enough votes to get into the General Assembly this fall. The United States had announced it would if necessary use its veto — for the first time — to keep Peiping out of the Security Council.

Churchill made clear that Britain's willingness to refrain from pushing for China's admission is not necessarily very long-lived. He believes the Chinese Communist government should be in the United Nations when it has proven that it has given up aggression and is willing to live up to international agreements.

In other words the issue is merely postponed a while longer — presumably for another year. Then it will rise again.

There is no way to prevent it from rising, in fact, so long as the Communist government controls the Chinese mainland.

The world now pretty well knows the attitudes of Western governments toward admission of Communist China to the U.N. Nobody knows, however, what the Russians really think about this question.

Western observers of Communist affairs are divided among themselves over the question of whether the Russians are not perhaps the most happy party — in secret of course — to see the Chinese Communists kept out of the United Nations. In private it's quite possible, some people think that they have different feelings indeed than those they express in public.

It's pointed out that in Geneva where the Chinese Communists emerged for the first time on the stage of a big international conference, Chou En-Lai showed a tendency which must have been a bit alarming to Mr. Molotov — to run away with the Communist side of the show. It would seem essential for its prestige that the Kremlin have a monopoly on Communist wisdom and important pronouncements.

Those experts who take the view that the Russians instead genuinely want to get the Chinese Communists in the United Nations also have arguments to support their conclusion. They point out that once the Chinese Reds were in the

Toastmistress Contest Won by California Woman

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U) — Mrs. Jean Thomson, Laguna Beach, Calif., won first place in the International Toastmistress Clubs' speech contest Monday night.

Second place went to Mrs. Ruth Birdsall, Louisville, and Mrs. Nadine Keyes, Cleveland, won third place.

Other contestants in the finals included Louise Fullhart, Perry, Iowa; Nancy Stuart, Salem, Ore.; Jean Parker, Fort Collins, Colo.; Alice Jones, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mary Alice Ladd, St. Louis.

RED LOW

FORT MADISON, Ia., (INS) — America's families are out of the red — ink, that is. That's the report from a writing fluid producer which tabs red as the least popular for home use. Red accounted for only three per cent of ink sales in family size (two ounce) bottles by one firm during 1953. Most popular color was blue, 41 per cent of the company's ink sales.

Security Council the Russians might never have to use the unpopular one-vote veto. The Communists would always have a two-vote veto.

The Chinese Communists also would be useful in lining up votes for the Communist side of issues from among the Asiatic nations. One thing at any rate is certain: The Chinese Communists themselves want to get into the U.N.

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Hood River Tallies Cherry Crop Damage

HOOD RIVER (U) — Field checkers Monday reported damage ranging from 9 to 35 per cent in Hood River area cherry orchards in this area from the spring freeze and recent rains.

The May 1 freeze seriously affected blossoming, and rain Friday and Saturday almost on the eve of picking raised fears that a considerable part of the crop might be lost.

Cherry growers here have harvested only two normal crops—in 1949 and 1950—since 1946. In a normal year, the cherry crop is valued around \$750,000.

The local crop still is not ripe for picking. The labor supply is believed adequate, and additional help is available from The Dalles area, where picking is virtually complete.

Growers here said the fresh cherry market in the East is poor, and that Washington cherries did not bring good prices. Much of the Hood River crop is expected to go to canneries and briners. Briner prices were declared fairly good, 12 to 13 cents, compared with 10 cents a pound to growers on the Eastern auction market.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"She says it's an emergency, doctor! ... says her little boy is growing up to be just like his father."