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Future of Polio Foundation

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis can take great credit for the Salk vaccine now acclaimed as the reliable preventive of polio. The Foundation for many years has financed out of the gifts of the American people research to discover just such a safeguard. In addition it has expended large sums to aid in treatment of those afflicted with the disease.

Assuming the continued success of the Salk vaccine and the swift erasure of the polio menace the Foundation could very well wind up its affairs and dissolve. A United Press reporter, Delos Smith, quotes Basil O'Connor, president of the Foundation as telling him that the trustees had decided the Foundation could not be dissolved "because an organization of such efficiency and scale was too big a force for public good."

What the trustees wanted to do was to switch to some other cause—"say mental health." However, already there are other organizations working in special fields of disease, including mental health. They may have been envious of the success of the NFIP in raising funds, for their own resources have been comparatively meagre. They may not want to be superseded by the polio organization. The Foundation will have a function in the polio field for some time to come, helping care for those already afflicted and aiding in providing vaccine for inoculation. If a switch is made to some other field we hope that the Foundation will not carry along the ultra-aggressive methods it has employed in raising funds. True, the cause was worthy, and good results are definitely visible. But the pressure system used to extract dimes and dollars gave offense to many people. The refusal of the Foundation to join in consolidated money-raising campaigns cost it friends if not dollars. If the organization decides to continue we hope it will be more of a conformist body than it has been the past 20 years.

"Unfair to Business"

Because of its own blooper the Treasury Department has been pressing Congress to bail it out on some tax losses it has experienced under the 1954 act. Provision was made in the law, with full knowledge and assent of the Treasury that business could set up reserves against certain expenses for which it would be liable in subsequent years. Finding that this was costing the Treasury some tax receipts this year that department urged Congress to pass an act which would levy a tax retroactively on such reserves. This just isn't cricket. With all the experts the Treasury and Congress have, they should have known exactly what the provision would do. Besides the tax is not lost, merely deferred. It is grossly unfair to business, however, which has computed its taxes under the law, closed its books, published its reports if a public corporation,

Correspondent Suggests June as Probable Month of China Red Attack on Coastal Isles

By JOSEPH ALSOP
TAIPEI, Formosa—The signs suggest that the Eisenhower administration will have plenty of time to conduct its curious, semi-public debate with itself about the right response to a Communist attack on Formosa's offshore islands.

But the signs do not as yet suggest that the decision on this vital matter can be put off indefinitely. If the Chinese Communists are not just wasting their time and money on fruitless preparations, President Eisenhower is going to have to make up his mind whether to defend Quemoy and the Matsus some time this spring, probably between late May and late June.

Nothing is more purely speculative of course than speculation about enemy timetables and intentions. In the present cast, moreover, the evidence seems to point two ways. But on this very conflict of evidence, the experts here and in Hong Kong have built a rather persuasive theory of the probable Chinese Communist plan of action.

Considering first the evidence itself, on one side there is the fact the Peiping "liberate Taiwan" drums have now been rather completely muffled. The play down was gradual. But by about three weeks ago, the theme that once was screened from every Chinese Communist radio had almost ceased to be heard any longer. "Liberate Taiwan" gave place to prolonged and venomous denunciations of American "colonial intervention" in Indochina and Asia generally.

On the other hand, the physical preparations for an attack on the offshore islands have continued to go forward apace. The troop concentrations in the neighborhood of the Matsus have been measurably strengthened. The enemy artillery ringing Quemoy has been strengthened too, and there are ominous reports that it may now include sixteen inch naval guns which can destroy any fortification on Matsus Island.

Above all, the air pattern has grown more menacing. By extraordinary efforts, Liuchao airfield, just across the straits from the Tachen islands, has been rushed to completion a month ahead of the earliest Sino-American estimate. And Liuchao is several precious miles closer to the Matsus islands than any other airfield in the big Cheekiang-Kalangsai air complex. And as soon as it was finished, Liuchao was occupied by a couple of squadrons of Mig 15s.

Intensive work has also begun on Fochow airfield, only 30 miles from the Matsus. The existing concrete runway is 6,000 feet long and only needs an addition of a mere 1,000 to 1,500 feet. Hence it seems possible that this extension and the basic repairs of the old runway will be completed by the end of May.

The combination of Liuchao and Fochow airfields, in turn, will give the Communists a wholly new air capability over the Matsus. Before Liuchao airfield was finished, their relatively short range Migs could just reach the Matsus flying high cover. Liuchao, in itself, gives the Migs much more time over target.

But when Fochow is also available Migs that get in a fight over the Matsus can continue the combat almost at will. Fochow will always be there, to provide them with the minimum fuel for the trip back to their main bases further North.

Thus the Communist fighters will actually achieve a longer time over target, when they really need it, than the Chinese and American Formosa-based F-86s. And since Fochow will only be used for emergencies, a minimum strain will be placed on its extremely limited supply lines.

Maybe these preparations are meaningless, although their potential meaning is exceedingly ugly. It seems more likely, however, that the seeming conflict between what the Communists are doing and saying is to be explained by two external facts, the Bandung conference and the visible indecision in Washington.

What Peiping wants out of Bandung is almost certainly a set of resolutions demanding recognition of Communist China as

paid its commissions or bonuses where they were based on earnings. It's a raw deal to make them do the chore all over again, because the Treasury experts did a bum job of figuring.

Speed . . . and Time

The Eugene Register Guard has installed the AP Photofax which transmits pictures at high speed—the print is reproduced within eight minutes after transmission of the picture begins. (The Statesman-Journal installation is due in September.)

The R-G editor, commenting on this invention, says:

Let your imagination run wild. Think of what a process like this can mean. Think of how it may change the ways we learn of things that happen in what used to be called "far away places."

Yes, pictures now may ride along with the news. That may permit scaling down the copy; according to the old ratio "a picture is worth a thousand words." Maybe the pictures will be better than the news; that one by Joe Rosenthal of the marines raising the American flag on Mt. Surabachi was. In this age of high speed the virtually instantaneous transmission of pictures will be of great value in the business of communication. But speed offers no measure of value. The greatest values, as in art, are those that stand the test of time.

Hells Canyon Plebiscite

Rep. Maurice Neuberger has proposed a plebiscite in Oregon on whether the people prefer federal to private development of power on Snake River (Hells Canyon). Mrs. Neuberger knows of course that such a resolution would have no binding force. The next election is not scheduled until November, 1956 and by that time the irrevocable decision will have been made by Congress or the FPC. Moreover, Oregon is not the only state at interest in the matter. Idaho seems to claim a priority to use of waters of Snake River, and Washington has shown great concern over its power development. Then it is the people of the whole USA who would have to put up the money for financing a federal project. Perhaps Maurice can influence her husband, Sen. Richard Neuberger to propose a plebiscite in which all the people of the country would vote on the question. In that event federal power would be sure to fail judging by the grumblings over national financing of regional development.

The Oregon City Enterprise-Courier says the Hells Canyon hearing in Portland "was not grass roots, it was vote rooting;" and the Bend Bulletin heads its comment, "Hell's Bells."

Editorial Comment

THIS IS AMERICA
The decision of the State Department to release 76 Chinese students and speed them on their way back to Red China can be no more welcome to them than to a great majority of the American people.
So long as they were detained against their will, they prompted feelings of guilt in the American conscience, a sense of shame that this Nation should stoop, even in reprisal, to the outrageous practice of Communist China.
The holding of hostages is a relic of the Dark Ages, a vestige of barbarism, and has no place in the diplomacy of a free and enlightened world. It is hoped that the belated release of the Chinese students will inspire the Chinese government to restore some 56 U.S. citizens to freedom; even if it does not, it was a step that needed taking.
—(San Francisco Chronicle)

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Do you have anything for a gift that doesn't look like it was bought in a railroad station?"



A state Legislature committee has endorsed a bill which would provide driving education courses for Oregon schools—with state financial aid. This comes on the heels of final legislation which kicked out state-required physical education courses in schools. This means (doesn't it?) that an enterprising school could drop the physical education and substitute the driver training course. And kids could still get plenty of physical exercise in the driver training course—i.e., wrestling in the back seat, sprinting from traffic light to traffic light, running from cops, trying for a four-second mile, etc. . . .

Hmmmmmmmm dept. . . . The other day the state motor vehicle dept. received a letter—good writing and good spelling—addressed to Earl T. Newbury, "Secondary of State." . . . And here we always thought that, next to the governor, Sen. Mark Hatfield was second in command . . .

Seems that the big, impressive looking Powell house on Mission near S. 12th street is often confused these days with the old Bush house down the street on Mission. Visitors looking for the Bush house (now turned into a museum) often wander up to the Powell residence. Matter of fact, things got to the point where a sign was placed in the window of the Powell house informing people that it was NOT the Bush house. And a local woman told one of her friends the other day that not long ago she inadvertently went up to the Powell house. She knocked on the door and, receiving no answer and thinking she was in the Bush home, just walked in and browsed around a bit . . .

Information to be glued onto your TV set . . . Repeat programs of old "I Love Lucy" shows will begin a weekly series next Sunday over KOIN-TV . . . And because the Disney studios were nearly flooded with juvenile letters when they killed off Davy Crockett at the Alamo, a new series based on the Crockett legend will appear on Disneyland next fall . . . Florence Halop, who plays Mama on the "Meet Millie" show isn't really 48 and flighty. She's in her late 20's and knows what she's doing. Oldtimers who remember radio will recall her as Miss Duffy on Duffy's Tavern and Hotbreath Halloran on the Jimmy Durante shows . . .

Late afternoons a lineup of cars reaches down Chemeketa street from the 1st Natl. Bank parking lot and crosses in front of the downtown central fire station. Fireman can hardly wait to see what'll happen some night when the trucks have to roll . . . City Briefs section of our favorite paper carried a small squib the other day about some clothes being stolen. Right underneath was an ad for a rummage sale. We hope it all works out okay . . .

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

April 14, 1945

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his will filled bequeathed to his widow, Agnes Eleanor Roosevelt, all the income from a trust fund to be set up from his residuary estate.

President Truman's first message to congress was broadcast throughout England by the BBC. The speech came in clearly and was generally received enthusiastically by Britons.

Salem High School debaters won top honors in the annual Oregon High School speech league tournament at Oregon State college. Twenty-six schools were represented at the campus by 147 students.

25 Years Ago

April 14, 1930

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Cherry avenue

Better English

By D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "My son-in-laws claim that your assertions are contrary with reason."
 - 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "medieval"?
 - 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Frieze, fricasse, frustration, fragmentary.
 - 4. What does the word "abject" mean?
 - 5. What is a word beginning with ap that means "an opening"?
- ANSWERS
1. Say, "My sons-in-law maintain that your assertions are contrary to reason." 2. Pronounce me-di-e-val, both e's as in me, four syllables, with accent on the third. 3. Frieze. 4. Sunk to a low condition; down in spirit or hope. "Try to banish all abject and lowly thoughts." 5. Aperture.

By Lichty

Formosan Issue Quiet in United Nations

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

Despite suggestions—not pressed by the Eisenhower administration—there is no indication at the United Nations that the Formosa situation will again come up for discussion there any time soon.

Two months ago the Security Council took up the matter. It received two proposals.

New Zealand, representing the opinion of the Western Allies, proposed negotiations looking toward a formal cease fire arrangement in the Formosa Strait, and Communist China was invited to send a delegation to discuss it.

At the same time Russia sought priority for discussion of withdrawal of all foreign troops from Formosa. Since this would have included, in the Russian view, even the Chinese Nationalist troops, amounting to surrender of the island, the suggestion got short shrift in the council.

Peiping made a bitter reply to the invitation made under the New Zealand proposal. The Reds said they would come only if the Russian proposal was given priority, and only if the Chinese Nationalists, who hold a permanent Security Council seat under the postwar "Big Five" arrangement, were ousted from the negotiations.

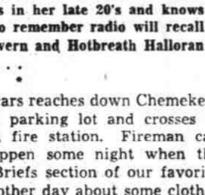
The council threw up its hands and relegated the subject to the tender mercies of private negotiations, which have produced nothing.

Apparently the State Department discussed with New Zealand the possibility of introducing an anti-force resolution in the U. N. and then dropped the idea before Adlai Stevenson brought it up publicly Monday night. Britain was reported to have advised against further U. N. discussion until after the Bandung conference of Asian and African states next week.

The idea could be revived later for presentation either to the Security Council or to the General Assembly. One argument for using the Security Council is that Russia might possibly feel called upon to veto it, although it would be couched in general terms. That would make Russia look bad.

Another idea would be to go direct to the General Assembly, where more than 50 nations could be counted upon to vote for such an expression of public opinion against war.

Since such a declaration would have no value except propaganda, that would seem to be the likely procedure if the idea is pursued, which is doubtful. Observers are inclined to think Red China has gone too far with its threats to retake Formosa, has ballooned too high on the successes of the past few years, to back down before a mere expression of public opinion as Russia did about removing her troops from Iran soon after the war.



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From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

with a family dinner. They were married in Grand Island, Neb., and came to Salem in 1917. Mr. Anderson was 80 years old and Mrs. Anderson 78.

Duplicating their feat of last year, the Lincoln and McKinley schools again took first and second places, respectively, in the 1929-30 health honor for Salem schools, reports showed.

President Hoover pointed to the London naval conference, Kellogg peace treaty and the worm court as markers along the great road to peace which lies in the prevention of war.

40 Years Ago

April 14, 1915

A monster electric sign was erected by the Commercial club on 12th street adjoining the Southern Pacific depot to inform the traveling public that they were in Salem and to tell them something of the city. To provide funds for the sign the club conducted a benefit performance at the Oregon theater.

Within a week 2700 chicks of the famous Dryden strain were hatched at the State Hospital chicken ranch. There were approximately 5000 chickens on the ranch and Supt. Steiner said he expected to increase the number to 10,000, making the ranch the largest in the country.

A United States Army biplane, flying over Fort Brown, Texas, was fired upon by Carranza soldiers in Matamoros. The plane landed safely.

SIXTH-GRADE SPANISH CHADRON, Neb. (AP)—Fifth and sixth graders in the Campus Laboratory School of Chadron State Teachers College start the day with a pledge of allegiance to the flag in Spanish, then sing America in Spanish. They carry on simple conversations too in the foreign tongue. The program, now in its second semester, is directed by Mrs. Carmen Garcia of Scottsbluff, Neb., who instructs 27 children in Spanish reading and conversation every afternoon.

Plans Laid for Conservation Week in Area

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Conservation isn't something you can put on or take off at a moment's notice, Chester Loe, told his Marion County Conservation Committee members at a meeting at First National Bank Wednesday afternoon.

In favor of Conservation Week, May 1 to 7, only as a special time to call attention on the work being done in conservation, year in and year out," Loe continued.

Gov. Paul Patterson named Loe as chairman for the Marion County Committee for Conservation Week. Serving with him on the committee are Frank Gurgulich, soil conservation; Robert D. Hostetter and C. F. Krueger of the Bureau of Land Management; Ben A. Newell, Marion County extension agent; Gordon Gilmore, Scouts; Ralph A. Grenfell, state game commissioner; Mike Hunt and C. A. Sprague, public citizens; Orval Greer, Marion Forks Fisheries; Rudy Kallander and William Hughes, state forestry department and Floyd L. Siegmund, state engineers.

Activities Planned
Various activities for the "week" were planned as means of publicizing conservation. Schools, already working on conservation programs, will be asked to display some of their work during this time.

Boy Scouts and soil conservation districts, whose regular programs also include conservation, will be asked to feature conservation displays and make reports of their work. The conservation districts have also promised to contact Marion County Ministerial associations and ask the membership to cooperate by some special mention of Soil Stewardship Sunday which is combined with Rural Life Sunday, May 15.

The committee recognized Isaac Walton's Huck Finn Day set for May 7 as complimentary to the state conservation program.

Special Attention
Loe asked that special attention during the week also be given to decrease the number of man-caused forest fires; support programs to keep the state waters clean; follow only approved timber harvesting and reforestation practices; increase game and bird habitats; study soil conservation methods; become familiar with the water resources of the state and practice good range management.

"We might get people to read and study a little about these practices. A lot of folk don't have a very good idea of how much conservation is being done in the state," Loe concluded.

Teenage Job Opportunities Topic of Meet

Job opportunities for high school students this summer were discussed Wednesday night by Marion County teachers and members of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association.

The meeting was part of the association's program to provide services to public schools with members answering questions asked by teachers.

Future plans call for sponsoring a course in public administration through the general extension division next fall.

Edgar Ferguson Wins Promotion

Edgar O. Ferguson, 1645 Bonnie Way Drive, Salem, is being promoted from transitman to resident engineer here this week, according to R. H. Ballock, state highway engineer.

The position will involve responsibility for location and construction on various projects in the Salem area.

Ferguson began with the highway department in 1941 and has previously held the positions of head chainman and inspector. He has served at various locations in the state including Fossil and Tillamook. He served three years in the Army during World War II.

Outdoor Club to Show Color Slides

Salem Chemeketas will present their annual public showing of the membership's "best" color slides at Leslie Junior High School auditorium Friday at 8 p. m.

The slides, all of Oregon scenic spots, will be shown together with a commentary.

The outdoor group also plans a tree planting trip Sunday to Santiam Canyon area, providing snow conditions improve.

\$11,000 Judgment Won by Plaintiff in Alienation Suit

A Marion County Circuit Court jury Wednesday awarded \$11,000 judgment to Steve Laam, plaintiff in an alienations of affection suit.

The defendant, Floyd Michael, Valsez, was not in court and was not represented by an attorney. The verdict, which was signed by 10 of 12 jurors, gave Laam \$3,500 general damages and \$7,500 punitive damages.

The case, which was heard before Judge George R. Duncan, was filed by Laam last fall. It dealt with Michael's associations with Laam's ex-wife.

70% of U.S. Families Own Automobiles

Seventy per cent of American families own at least one automobile and last year's car registration reached a record \$8 billion, Russell Bonesteel, president of the Salem Automobile Dealers Association, said Wednesday in connection with the "Spotlight on Automobiles Week" now underway.

Twelve Salem dealers are to hold open house from 6 to 9 p. m., Friday. There is to be no selling then, Bonesteel said. Cars of various hues and designs will be on display. Refreshments are to be served at the dealers' showrooms.

Bonesteel, in commenting on the industry generally, quoted from recent statistics provided by the National Automobile Dealers' Association:

"Eighty-seven per cent of all car-owning families rely on their vehicles for essential transportation. Forty-seven per cent of gas usage is for work or business; 23 per cent for shopping, 8 per cent church, 5 per cent for school and 4 per cent for health."

"Drivers in the U. S. number almost 70 million, with two-thirds being male. These drivers roll up over half a trillion miles annually. "American farmers own almost seven million cars and trucks. The horse and mule, once the chief power sources on farms, now run a poor second to motorized farm vehicles, being outnumbered two to one."

"The automobile and its allied industries employ 9.7 million persons—one out of every seven workers in the nation. And 700,000 people are directly dependent on franchised dealerships for their livelihood."

"More than half a million school pupils are known to use private automobiles regularly to reach classes. "Automobiles are essential to public safety. The squad car gives police added mobility and the ambulance is an indispensable weapon of mercy."

Liquor Sale Fund Being Distributed

Three and one half million dollars from liquor sales during the past three months and \$258,494 from privilege tax collections on beer and wine are being distributed during April to cities, counties and the general fund of the state. The Oregon liquor control commission reports that the general fund will receive \$3,750,250 and cities and counties \$382,244.43—a total of \$3,750,494.43.

Distribution of liquor and privilege tax monies available over and above amounts required for working capital is made every three months by the commission.

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