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New Law on Military Reserves

It is somewhat paradoxical that the proponents of a universal military training program should finally get their way at a time when the hopes of peace, hinged on results of the Geneva conference, are the brightest since the victory days of 1945.

This week while the world sang in harmony the praises of diplomacy at the summit, Congress passed the military reserve bill designed to give the nation a trained reserve of nearly three million men. Even in its watered down version, far from the program asked by President Eisenhower, it may have had an important role in warming Russia's cold war shoulder.

Analysis have credited two methods of operations to the Communists in their blueprint for world conquest. One is to chip away at weak neighbors while potential champions of the weak are also weak. The other is to await, to aid and abet economic failure among their adversaries and absorb them from without and within.

Often the warning cry has been that the United States and the West faced inevitable economic crisis if it attempted to maintain a high-gear and high-cost military machine indefinitely. A strong reserve of actively trained men, maintained at a cost only fractional of that for a standing army, should answer both the U. S. economic critics and the Russian tenet.

And the powerful in the potential champion of the weak available to a tightly-kempt standing army and the well-trained massive reserve should answer the other. There is already substantial indication that the West, led by the U. S., may have won the cold war. But is it total victory? There are no clear indications that the Communist world surrendered.

Speculative affects of the reserve on world diplomacy are interesting, but so are the apparently simple efforts by which the bill slipped in the back door. Every Congress in the past 10 years has faced the reserve program in one form or another and each refused to try the hurdle of public opposition.

They feared, and the public apparently feared, that any such law could lead only to a police state with probable increased infringements on individual freedom. But in 10 years of cold war the United States became used to the idea of a peacetime draft, a feature they had also feared would strip Americans of their inalienable rights. Perhaps as much as anything it was this daily living with the prospect of military service that broke down the barriers.

Congress gave the law enough "teeth" to satisfy most reserve proponents without the danger of getting bitten back by public antagonism. Essentially the "teeth" are in provisions for 7 1/2 years of compulsory ready (active) reserve duty after a six-months orientation tour in the armed forces for pre-draft volunteers. Threat of 45 days a year active duty and court martial action for failure to serve satisfactorily is the compulsion. Draftees called up for two years active duty face a total commitment of six years.

The new law will not affect men already in the reserve or now on active duty unless they choose to take advantage of provisions to shorten their reserve commitments by active reserve duty. As an example an enlistment for three years would be followed by ready reserve duty of two more years. Actually the reserve bill will restore some

of the lost rights without perceptibly taking away any others. It will mean less time away from family, home and job for active duty training for thousands of young men annually. On the debit side will be the necessity of taking one night a week away from the TV set for training.

It seems a small sacrifice for continued victory in the small battles of the cold war. —T. W.

Finis to O & C Case

The theory of A. W. Lafferty which he got two of the Clackamas county courts to support in legal action, that the government holds the O & C revested land grant in trust for the counties in which they lie, was blown up quite effectively by a decision of the U. S. court of appeals in Washington. The rule held that this contention "confuses sovereign authority over lands within the borders of a sovereignty with the ownership of such lands, our problem deals with ownership. These lands are clearly property of the United States."

It adds that the provision for payments to the counties "was by way of meeting a moral or ethical obligation rather than a legal one."

This confirms the horseback opinion of The Statesman which has consistently urged that the counties had no legal claim to these lands. They are exceedingly fortunate in being allotted the share (75 per cent) of revenues from the lands. Last year Congress acted to settle the question of controverted lands, which was followed with a distribution from the accumulation derived from these lands. The courts have decided that sovereignty is lodged firmly in the federal government. This clears up vexing questions, and permits attention to be concentrated on the proper management of these lands.

It is a mistake to consider them solely as a source of income for the counties. Their resources will contribute greatly toward maintaining the economy of western Oregon if they are prudently administered.

Eugene Gets SP 'Hump'

The law of gravity is catching up with the Southern Pacific in Oregon. It has announced plans to install a "hump" switching yard at Eugene to handle the breakup and make-up of freight trains. In such a facility, cars in a train are pushed to the top of a grade and released. As they roll down the grade a man at a control tower punches a button which moves the switch so the car rolls onto the track where it should be placed for its next move. By electronics the speed of the car downhill is controlled so it doesn't crash into other cars on the track. The utility of the gravity-type facility is obvious. Instead of a host of switching engines pushing cars around in the marshalling yards, gravity does the work, with the aid of electronics.

Most of the roads are now installing these humps. The largest yard of the kind is the Proviso yard of the Chicago and Northwestern near Chicago. Not only do savings accrue in operation but much time is saved in the movement of freight.

The Eugene yard will handle most of the train make-up for Oregon, and Eugene is a suitable point for it because it's the nexus of SP lines in western Oregon.

We think of Coos Bay as a part of the state where it rains most of the year. It does rain there, a lot in a twelve-month. But the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend and Empire face water problems in the summer and fall of the year. There is a lack of storage to hold rainwater until it is needed in the dry season. Papermill expansion in the area has been retarded on that account. Recently a mill company filed for water rights on nearby coast lake, and now Coos Bay and North Bend have made a filing to withdraw 100 second feet of water from the North Umpqua at Winchester. This latter move strikes the Roseburg News-Review to sound the tocsin for "determined opposition." Douglas county needs the water, says Editor Stanton. Well, then, put it to use. If local interests do not use it, rank outsiders like the cities on Coos Bay may.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's disgraceful the way our national parks are neglected, Smedley!... They haven't even cleaned up the empty beer cans we left at this camp site last year..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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ambitions were blasted. I am not at all sure that will follow. Politics is funny, and name advertising goes a long way to win votes. Merrifield got lots of that in recent weeks, and since he was acquitted he can face front in his contests. Anyhow, he is wise to land on his feet running. In politics as in warfare, attack is the best defense. I wish that others who are hearing bees-buzz in their ears would step out and say so. The job is the highest in the gift of the voters of the state — pays well, too, now that the salary raise has been voted. It should not go begging. If Patterson wants it he should say so; and so should any others who are interested.

That would go for Democrats, too. Are all of them going to sit back and let a new convert like Morse come in as a "carpet bagger" and carry away the party nomination?

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

July 30, 1945

The Misses Barbara and Gloria McClintock celebrated their birthday anniversary, entertaining a group of friends including the Misses Suzanne Small, Jane Carson, Barbara Keene and Harriet Huston.

Building permits issued in Salem during July total \$172,105, of which \$139,360 was for new construction and \$32,745 for alterations.

Fires are spreading in all directions from the Tillamook forest fire as a stiff breeze sent flames eating into timber. One hot spot menaced a sawmill near Glenwood.

25 Years Ago

July 30, 1920

Crater Lake and the surrounding areas were visited by a butterfly hoard blown in by a west wind. The insects clogged automobile radiators and slowed up driving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sherill, Salem residents for the last three years, sailed from Seattle for Shanghai, China, where Sherill had received an appointment with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

President Hoover appointed Maj. Gen. Douglas MacArthur as chief of staff of the army and Brig. Gen. Ben H. Fuller as commandant of the marine corps. Gen. MacArthur was the senior officer of the army.

40 Years Ago

July 30, 1915

Receiving the first wheat of the 1915 season was to the Capital City Flouring mills, Salem, according to Geo. K. Brant, one of the proprietors. The wheat was brought from the Frank Hughes farm a few miles south of Salem.

Twenty-five lives were lost, million of dollars of property damage was caused and the city in total darkness, as the result of a cloudburst and flood that inundated a large section of Erie, Pa.

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, said the tourist travel to the San Francisco exposition is in full swing and that the Southern Pacific is operating six trains daily from Portland.

Magazine Drops Anti-Americanism

MOSCOW (AP) — Signs of the times: The current issue of the satire magazine Krokodil is almost devoid of anti-American propaganda.

Job Openings Released by State Agency

A review officer is being sought by the State Civil Service Commission, Director Charles Terry said Friday.

This position involves the handling of legal matters that come before the commission and the salary range is \$380 to \$480 a month. Minimum qualifications include graduation from a law school and one year of legal experience. Membership in the Oregon State Bar is not a necessary qualification.

The State Tax Commission has immediate vacancies for draftsman. Qualifications include two years of professional drafting, experience or two years of college drafting or engineering training, or an equivalent combination of experience and training. The salary is \$295 to \$380 a month.

Property appraisers also are in demand by the tax commission. A college degree in forestry, architecture, engineering, or a closely related field, and one year of related experience or an equivalent combination of experience and training is required. The salary range is \$342 to \$440 a month.

The penitentiary has an opening for a counselor. Applicants should be college graduates with course work in sociology or psychology, and have one year of related experience. The salary range is \$310 to \$400 a month.

State Agency Holds Picnic

More than 100 persons, headed by Director and Mrs. J. F. Short, attended the annual picnic for Salem personnel of the State Department of Agriculture, held Thursday night at the D street home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Taylor.

The affair was arranged by Agriculture Chapter No. 26, Oregon State Employees Association. Lloyd Griffiths, chapter president, presided at the picnic program which followed the short dinner served from the patio. Group singing was led by Al Fleming, with Warren Cyrus accompanying on the piano accordion.

General chairmen were Miss Gretchen Bartels and Virgil H. St. Mrs. Harry Miller headed the food committee.

Portland Area Employment, Pay Shows Increase

Employment and weekly pay checks in the Portland-Vancouver area are considerably higher than they were a year ago, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission said Friday.

In June, there were 242,600 persons working in non-farm jobs, a gain of 4,700 over June, 1954. The average weekly wage of production workers was \$81.77, compared with \$77.45 in June of last year.

The area includes Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon, and Clark County, Wash.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I only saw the picture once, and I would like to see it again."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "arithmetical"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Palatable, palpable, preferable, provable.
4. What does the word "perquisite" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with as that means "a narrative"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I saw the picture only once, and I should like to see it again."
2. Arithmetical.
3. Preferable.
4. Something gained in addition to regular salary or wages. "The best perquisites of work are the advantages it gives a man of doing for others."
5. Anecdote.

Thieves Take \$400 From Candy Firm

About \$400 was stolen Thursday night from the McDonald Candy Co., 1375 Howard St., by yeggs who cracked through the vault's ceiling and wheeled out the little money safe which they pried apart with heavy bars in the walk-in cooler, police reported Friday.

Earlier this month burglars got \$1,400 from the same company's office. Police said Thursday night's assault on the vault was first launched on its door, but shifted to the floor above where a big section of floor was torn up and the vault entered through the top.

The yeggs, in opening the vault door from the inside, set off the tear gas capsules housed in the lock, so moved the small safe inside the cooler where it was set upon by an ax, an iron bar and a boxcar spotting bar, all but the ax picked up on the premises, police said. Entry to the warehouse was through a hole in the floor.

Salem Group To Leave for TB Meeting

Five Salem residents will be in LaGrande Monday to begin a week-long "Family at Home" institute sponsored by the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association for executive secretaries and volunteer workers.

Mrs. Ruby Bunnell will describe organization of the TB association on a national, state and local level during the Monday program. A Salem man, Lynn Woods, will explain responsibilities and duties of association board of directors Tuesday.

Others from Salem at the institute, held on the Eastern Oregon College of Education campus, will be Mrs. Edwin Sawhney, Mrs. A. E. Ullman and Mrs. Ann Olson.

Pest Attacks Fir Seedlings

Attack by a slender, white centipede-like creature called a symphylid, has destroyed most of the noble and white fir seedlings at the Oregon Forest Nursery, forestry department officials reported Friday.

Lynn F. Cromemiller, assistant state forester, reported that the symphylids normally attack only hardwoods, and do only slight damage to conifer seedlings. The pests prefer moist soil and feed on the roots of the young seedlings. Cromemiller averred. The recent attack is the heaviest by symphylids on true fir species.

Christmas tree farmers throughout the state may be seriously affected by the losses, Cromemiller said, since many are dependent upon the state foresters nursery to supply their planting stock. About 350,000 seedlings true firs are distributed annually.

No satisfactory control of the pest has been developed, although fumigation has proved effective under experimental conditions, Cromemiller averred.

Symphylids, which are about one-half inch long, have been found six to eight feet in the ground.

New Business Names Filed

Assumed business names filed this week with the Marion County Clerk's office were:

Becker Tractor & Implement Company, Silverton, filed by John and Blythe Becker; Colonial Manor, Salem, by Roscoe C. Wilson; Sanbase Manufacturing Company, Woodburn, by James F. Horn; and Custom TV Rental Service, Salem, by Douglas A. Yeater and Kenneth Russell Jr.

Falls Injure Two Women

Two women are in Salem General Hospital after breaking their hips Friday afternoon in falls.

They are Mrs. Nellie Lundy, 74, 1940 E. Nob Hill St., and Mrs. Llewellyn Kneale, 86, a visitor on Salem Road 6 from Carlton.

The Willamette ambulance driver said Mrs. Kneale fell in the living room while playing with her

Ex-Senator Urges Economic Study of By-Pass Highway

Business at the University of Oregon. He said Dean Victor Moore of the school was willing to undertake the work at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Moore will be asked to appear before the interim committee at its next meeting.

Kehrli said that the state of California had conducted such a study and had issued a report showing that the economic effect upon cities with by-passes was better than when all highways were routed through the cities.

Polk County Safety Meet Plans Made

Plans were completed Friday for the Polk County Industrial Safety conference at Dallas Aug. 6, Ivan A. Fowler, safety supervisor of the Western Logging Company at Valsez and chairman of the conference announced in Salem.

The conference is the first of seven regional industrial safety meetings to be held throughout the state and will include the logging and sawmilling industries of Polk, Benton, Lincoln, Marion and Yamhill counties. The conference is sponsored by the local lumber management and labor groups in the area with the assistance of the State Accident Prevention Division.

Featured speaker will be Mel Murphy, director of the Mental Health Association who will discuss a relatively new field in safety work—the human side of the accident picture.

Accident Commissioner L. O. Arens is slated for a brief address.

State Grants Approval for Beach Mine

The State Land Board Friday granted to George J. Roe and Van May, both of Lebanon, the privilege to enter upon and remove minerals from parts of the Ocean Beach lying between high tide mark and extending westerly therefrom—one-half mile.

General location covered by the permit is approximately six miles north of Gold Beach, Curry County, near the mouth of the Rogue River.

The permit covers a period of five years and is revocable by the land board upon 30 days notice.

On or before the 20th day of each month a complete and verified report and statement of all precious minerals taken by the permittees must be filed with the land board.

The state would receive 10 percent of the market value of all precious minerals taken, with the permit fee of \$100 applying on the royalty.

Shoplifting Loss Topic at Meeting Of Credit Group

Salem Retail Credit Association members were told Friday noon that losses from shoplifting in the United States amount to about \$200 million a year.

Speaker was Dr. Harry Brown who outlined problems shoplifters present to merchants and noted that heavy losers were the self-service stores.

A round-table discussion on slow paying accounts also occupied part of the program. Next Friday, District Attorney Kenneth E. Brown will discuss bad check problems at the noon meeting.

State, 2 Cities Award Traffic, Police Honors

The State of Oregon, Eugene and Corvallis have won awards for traffic engineering and police performance in 1954. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury announced Friday.

The Institute of Traffic Engineers judged Oregon's traffic engineering program best in the western states.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police gave Eugene and Corvallis honorable mention awards for efficiency of their police departments.

Salem Children Demonstrate Ingenuity for Parade Day

Salem children demonstrated their decorating ingenuity Friday, decorating wagons, bicycles, tricycles, and doll buggies for the parade day at nine playgrounds.

First place winners in the five divisions at each playground were: Richmond — Karen Skelton, best float or wagon; Nora Lamb, best decorated bicycle; Tommy Threlk, best decorated tricycle; Kyra Mulbrook, best decorated doll buggy; Candy Cole, most unusual vehicle.

McKinley — Carol Strong, best float; Carol Hosanke, bicycle; David Dickson, tricycle; Margaret Helen Dickson, doll buggy; Lani Paulus, most unusual.

West Salem — John and Peter Williamson, best float; Rita Cummins, bicycle; Florence Elgin, tricycle; Ellen Sprague, doll buggy; Toni Scissons, most unusual.

Garfield — Ann Dirchick, best float; Linda Turney, bicycle; Lana Booker, tricycle; Ellen Williams, doll buggy; Dick Voves, most unusual.

Grant — Larry Graves, best float; Steve Suing, bicycle; Gail Graves, tricycle; Shannon Graves, doll buggy; Ted Henderson, most unusual. Highland — Sandra Bevans, best float; Jimmy Jones, bicycle; Roberta Standly, tricycle; Sherry Stilson, doll buggy; Bobby Bevins, most unusual.

Washington — Marilyn Madison, Christine Gagnot and Susan Englebritson, best float; Steven McNannay, bicycle; Jeraldine Downing, tricycle; Scott Taylor, most unusual.

Englewood — Karen Vanderhoof, best float; Candy Lalack, bicycle; Ronnie Frederickson, tricycle; Virginia Perdue, doll buggy; Steven Scott and Michael Waser, most unusual.

Olinger — Shirley Wright, best float; Eileen Wright, bicycle, and Billy Wherley, most unusual.

Red Farmers Echo National Queries About U.S. Motives But Still Prove Very Likeable

By STEWART ALSOP

KIEV—Political conversation with Russians is like a meaningless litany, repeated over and over again. Non-political conversation with Russians can be interesting or funny or sad or—and this is by far the most likely—just very Russian indeed.

Take, for example, the long talk I had last night with Mischa, the poet, and Ivan Ivanovic, the collective farmer. (Cross my heart, those were their real names.) The intelligent Intourist reporter Victor and I were having a meal in a restaurant overlooking the handsome harbor here, when Mischa and Ivan Ivanovic took the two empty places at our table, after politely asking permission.

The conversation started, of course, with an offer of a vodka carafe from one side of the table to the other. And then, inevitably, there came the litany.

"Why do you build air bases around our country?" "Why do you demand that our young editors should be fingerprinted before they can go to America? Fingerprinting is uncivilized and for criminals." "Have you read the famous book by Elliott Roosevelt, son of your great President?" "Why have you been so cruel to the great comedian Charlie Chaplin?" and so on.

If I had just arrived in Russia, I might have thought Mischa and Ivan Ivanovic were "plans," asking carefully prepared questions. But by this time I know that every Russian — quite literally every Russian — repeats the same litany almost in the same words whenever he has the chance to

talk face to face with that strange beast, an American.

The entire population of this country cannot possibly consist of intelligence agents, playing an elaborate con game on all foreigners. Alas, the plain fact is that this state needs no plans. On all matters, from American air bases to Elliott Roosevelt's nonsensical book, Russians think alike because they have no opportunity to learn to think otherwise. Any serious attempt to explain such matters as the air bases is met with an infuriating, smug obtuseness, and references to such events as the Berlin blockade or the Korean aggression are greeted with blank incredulity.

The ideological curtain between Mischa, Ivan and myself was thicker and more opaque than any mere Iron Curtain. So, as always in conversations with Russians, our talk reached a total impasse. Then suddenly, as also often happens in conversations with Russians, Mischa and Ivan Ivanovic forgot about political problems and stopped being phonograph records, and became Russians.

Mischa, the poet, had wild curly black hair and coal black eyes of burning intensity. Ivan Ivanovic had the very high cheek bones and the inflammable soul of the true Slav. Neither was of a reserved nature.

After the second carafe of vodka had simultaneously ended, Mischa fixed me with his burning eyes a implacably demanded every detail of my personal life, starting with my income. I seemed to pass this test.

"You have the open face of a simple man," Mischa announced, settling back comfortably with the third carafe. (At least that was the way Victor translated it. Would "simpleton" have been closer?) Then Ivan Ivanovic, the

collective farmer, took over. His Slavic soul was beginning by this time to warm up perceptibly, and from time to time he would beat his breast.

"I like you," he said, "because you wear the simple clothes of a worker." This rather distressed me, since I was wearing an expensive suit which I had always considered rather elegant. But I concealed the wound, as the evening took on a Slavic glow of undying amity, and Ivan Ivanovic began to beat his breast at even more frequent intervals.

As the evening wore on, poor Victor began to lose track, since both Mischa and Ivan Ivanovic talked very loudly and continually at the same time. But I remember that half-way through the evening Ivan offered to take me to his Kolkhoz, or collective farm, to live there as long as I liked with his beloved mother and three young orphan daughters. The offer interested me but the deal fell through when it turned out that his Kolkhoz was some incredible distance away, across the limitless steppes.

By the end of the evening, Ivan Ivanovic and I, at his suggestion, were making arrangements to affianc my three sons to his three daughters, while Mischa acted as Ivan's intermediary in the matter of terms. No doubt this deal will fall through too, as the one about the Kolkhoz did. No doubt we shall never meet again.

At the moment, this prospect saddens me considerably. (Is this a sudden outcropping of the Slavic soul, or only that fourth, unwise carafe?) At any rate, I liked Mischa and Ivan Ivanovic very much indeed and I think they at least found me interesting, as a sort of circus curiosity. It's too bad that there was that curtain between us.

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