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Troubles Boil around Mediterranean

At the moment affairs in Asia are quiescent, with negotiators representing the United States and Red China continuing, without report of progress, their talks in Geneva. India gives assurance that the remaining U. S. captives in China will be released within the week. If that is done the Geneva talks may go on to consider other phases of the dispute in the Far East.

At the moment, too, affairs in Europe are quiescent, in the aftermath of the summit conference at Geneva. In New York the U.N. subcommittee on disarmament is pondering proposals on reducing the armament burden; and in the capitals of the Big Four, diplomats are doing homework in anticipation of the talks at foreign minister level now set for some time in October.

The present boiling and bubbling of the global caldron is in the Mediterranean area. Sharp clashes along the Gaza line between Israel and Egypt brought these two countries to the point of renewing hostilities, but the United Nations supervisory team constrained the two to accept its order for cease-fire. (This would be merely a local supplement to the general truce agreement obtained by the first U.N. commission in 1949, which has been breached many times in sporadic raids and attacks.) Secretary Dulles offered a U. S. guarantee to Israel and the Arab states, protecting each against the aggression of the other, if the disputants would come to a settlement of their long and bitter controversy; but neither side has indicated its readiness to accept the terms.

A very grave situation exists also in North Africa where France is beleaguered by the forces of nationalism in Morocco and now also in Algeria. Premier Faure has obtained cabinet approval of his plan to switch again the resident general of Morocco. Gilbert Grandval, who was named to succeed M. La Coste, just a few months ago, is being ousted. His successor will be Gen. Pierre Boyer de la Tour du Moulin who as resident general in Tunis helped to work out a program for the transfer of a great deal of power to the Tunisians. Grandval got into difficulty with the French colons (colonists) in Morocco because he tried to placate the nationalists and bring peace to the troubled country. A vicious tangle of strife has prevailed in Morocco between the nationalist Arabs and the French colons and the French government, also between the Arabs and the Berbers. Next step in the French plan to bring a semblance of peace to Morocco will be the shelving of the sultan, who was shoved in at Berber insistence to replace the former sultan now in exile in Madagascar. Such is the bitterness that has been engendered there it is doubtful if these changes will satisfy the nationalists. The atrocities, on both sides, have been frightful, and on such a scale that it will be hard to get the antagonists to forsake violence. France has thousands of soldiers distributed over North Africa, trying to keep the peace. They may be somewhat milder and less ruthless than the French police serving there who have been under control of the colons, but it is only in degree. Naked force is what the French are relying on chiefly to preserve their grip on North Africa, though now they are supplementing force with policy

measures which they hope will succeed so the military may be reduced. A sideshow to the Mediterranean troubles has been the flareup in Sudan where the natives want both the British and the Egyptians to leave them alone. The upshot there probably will be some measure of control by Egypt, but with the Sudanese managing their own affairs pretty much as they want to. As Father Divine used to say, "Peace, it's wonderful." But people seem to be shooting the doves of peace somewhere most of the time.

High Bids for Portland State

The appropriation of \$850,000 for a new building at Portland State fell \$89,000 short of covering the cost according to the bids of contractors received by the State Board of Higher Education. The board is asking the State Emergency Board to supplement the appropriation by the necessary sum. Otherwise it will be necessary to cut down the building, dropping it one floor to four.

It seems the part of wisdom to complete the building as planned. In view of the high cost of the ground four stories is not enough for an urban type college. Moreover, the prospect of steady increase in Portland State's enrollment makes the additional space imperative. In fact the next legislature probably will have to provide for another building there. Now that Portland State is a legitimate member of the family of higher institutions of learning it is entitled to equal treatment with the older "children."

The first report from the big new flattop, USS Forrester launched Monday was that the ship "handles beautifully." Wednesday came the flash that the bearings on two of the four propeller shafts had burned out and the ship was limping back to Newport News. A bat flew aboard the first night out, and the superstitious may blame the bat for the mishap. The ship has been on a trial run to test out its machinery, and while the burning out of bearings gave it a poor start, after a repair job and further trials the Forrester will be ready to join the fleet, as the largest aircraft carrier afloat.

Piggyback is spreading to ocean shipping. For years barges have shifted railroad freight cars across water. Now American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. is building ships for the inter-coastal trade which will be designed to move truck trailers loaded with freight, just as railroad flat cars now are carrying them on land. The old rule holds, if you can't lick 'em, join them.

After two blasts on his horn, Harry Truman has been advised by his doctor to quit his stump speaking, so he had cancelled two speaking dates in California. That will be hard on HST, who sniffs a political battle like an old fire-horse. His give 'em hell brand of talking still claims a following, too. He won reelection with it single-handed in 1948.

The Grants Pass Courier sees in the reference of cases involving three former highway department employees to district attorneys an opportunity for Attorney General Thornton to call for a look-see on highway affairs. The AG probably figures that one scrap at a time is enough, especially when that one is going badly.

Smog got so thick in Los Angeles this week that Gov. Goodwin Knight stood by, ready to order a "state of disaster" for the area. For a city that grew by advertising its climate, one would think the Los Angelans could blow the smoke away.

Coquille school pupils are up "some six per cent," reports the Coos Bay Times. That's fine, fits right into the six per cent tax limitation.

"County GOP Hears Morse at Champog," said a Statesman headline Monday. That's a blopper bad enough to give the GOP a heart attack and to make Morse blow a fuse.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's dumb out-of-State drivers like him that cause these accidents... they obey all traffic signs..."



Most pampered characters at the State Fair this year, including humans, are those Aberdeen-Angus cattle, which are on the grounds now. These 150 cattle represent the tops in their breed from the 10 Western states. Daily they are sprayed, brushed, petted and air-cooled with fans. Owners even ask visitors to walk behind, instead of in front of the A-A's so they (the cattle, that is) won't get up from their deep beds of straw...

Word is that a couple representatives of Walt Disney will be at the Fair next week to scout the Bailey Bros.-Cristiani circus. Seems that Walt has his eye on the circus, and may install it as a permanent fixture over all the others and this is the one he wants... The Fair's most recent blooming innovation, the flower show, will be expanded again this year. A backdrop wall of rocks, complete with a waterfall (300 gals. of water a minute) has been constructed...

Even the new East Salem By-Pass Highway figures into Fair plans this year. In former years nearly all Fair-bound traffic from the north came down Portland Road and reached the fairgrounds via Lana Ave. Which caused some dandy traffic jams. Now, however, if that approach becomes bottlenecked traffic can be turned onto the By-Pass north of Salem and can reach the fairgrounds via Market street and South 17th or 18th streets. A new gate has been placed at S. 17th St., to provide additional parking space for nearly 1,000 cars. Fairground parking space now holds 18,000 cars, and on peak days is none too much room. Which brings up another future headache which Sentrol won't solve for Fair officials—namely what to do with cars as Fairs get bigger and parking space doesn't...

A paragraph in our favorite paper the other day went like this: "The 51 prisoners was the largest jail (Salem city) population since the time when the city castle was temporarily used for county prisoners, officers said."... Big question is: Did police and prisoners work themselves into a lather over this one? Or did they soft-soap the reporter?...

Homer Plunkett, State Industrial Accident Commission employe, caught a scorpion on his dad's farm near Corvallis and hauled it in to his office in a bottle the other day. No sooner had he labeled it Mr. Scorpion than the bottle was swarming with a couple of dozen little multi-legged monsters. So now Plunkett knows that, although scorpions will bite almost anything, they are pretty close-mouthed about some things...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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of combating communism while upholding the traditions of western society. Columnist David Lawrence also has tied off against the Ford report, asserting that Ford money is being used to weaken the defenders of America. Dr. Hutchins will feel that his labors are ill-appreciated by the pundits of the press.

The report itself is indeed pale. The Fund directors seem content with objective studies rather than formulating constructive programs to protect civil liberties both from subversives and from fearful patriots. However, one report made possible by a grant of the Fund to the Bar of the City of New York for a study of the security program as applied to government employes, recently made public, has served to open the eyes of the public to the shortcomings of this program. Research was done by Adam Yarominsky of the District of Columbia bar. He made a case study of some 300 employes who had been under scrutiny by loyalty boards or personnel, which showed how lacking the program has been in protecting the ordinary rights and privileges of American citizens.

Whether the Fund for the Republic will remain satisfied with given spade-work to uncover facts, I do not know. Dr. Hutchins, and the "treatment accorded suspected persons in congressional investigations has not always been that contemplated by the Sixth amendment." Then the report adds: "The Fund for the Republic takes no position on these matters beyond affirming its faith in the principles upon which our government was founded." The Fund, according to Dr.

Hutchins believes the American people must take a position on them, and the "object of the Fund is to help supply the requisite information." Columnist Dorothy Thompson is quick to criticize the Hutchins report. The Fund, she says has brought forth "a timid, rather pinkish mouse." She says: "The squeamish document exhibits a lack both of intellectual clarity and civil courage." Admitting her own doubts as to the effectiveness of congressional investigating committees as means to combat communism, she confesses her disappointment that the Fund for the Republic has not suggested a more effective means Council. Subjects to be studied have been Communists in America, the loyalty-security program, freedom of expression in educational institutions, racial discrimination, etc.

On the general subject of civil liberties Dr. Hutchins says it has been thrown into "unusual disorder" by the Cold War. "A political party has been identified with the 'enemy,' and those associated with it have 'come under suspicion as an imminent danger to the state.'" Through use of guilt by association the range of suspects has been ins, as guest speaker for the American Society of Newspaper Editors last spring certainly pulled no punches in telling editors how crummy a job they are doing. Perhaps Miss Thompson's criticism will stir him and the Fund directors into more positive and aggressive action in defense of civil liberties wherever and however they are assailed. With independence and \$14 million they should be able to accomplish something.

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The army cancelled orders banning individuals of Japanese descent from the west coast. About 50,000 of Japanese ancestry in eight relocation centers are free to return to California, Arizona, Washington and Oregon.

Iva Toguri, who as "Tokyo Rose" of the Japanese radio attempted to woo American troops into giving up the fight, was graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1939 after majoring in zoology.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 1, 1930
Death rode with the dawn at Turner and snuffed out the lives of five Turner residents who were riding in a touring car struck by Southern Pacific passenger train. The group was bound for Salem for a day's work at a cannery.

The Oregon association of the deaf concluded its fifth biennial convention at Portland with the election of J. O. Reichle of Portland, as president for the next two years. The next convention to be held in Salem.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 1, 1915
The Misses Dorothy and Helen Pearce, daughters of Mrs. George Pearce, left for Boston, Mass., via California, where Dorothy will enter the Boston Conservatory of Music and Helen Pearce will take post graduate work at Radcliffe college.

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Moroccan Nationalist Leader Tells 'Bathtub Method' of Torture Used by French Police

By STEWART ALSOP
RABAT, Morocco—What is the Moroccan Nationalist movement all about? What manner of men are its leaders and what do they really want?
Such questions are hard to answer, because there are several Moroccan Nationalist movements and each movement has several leaders. But this reporter at least had a chance to catch something of the flavor of Moroccan nationalism at a luncheon meeting with the leaders of the illegal "Istiqal," much the most powerful of the Moroccan independence parties.
In the Moslem fashion, we sat on divans around a low table, mutton from a big plate in the center. Of the six men present, the three most impressive were Bouabid, Ben-Barka and Majoub Seddik.
Bouabid, a lawyer, is generally regarded as the No. 1 man in the Nationalist movement here. He is very thin, with an intense face, mocking eyes and an air of authority. Ben-Barka is the party's theoretician, or idea man. He is a mathematics professor, intelligent and likeable—he looks a little like a smaller edition of Vice-President Nixon.
Sedik looks, by contrast, like a professional revolutionary, which is what he is. Unlike Bouabid and Ben-Barka, who are products of the small Moroccan middle class, Majoub Seddik was an illiterate railway worker who climbed to the top of the illegal Moroccan labor movement by sheer force and passion. He has a violent manner and strange, angry eyes—the whites show all around the pupil. As they talked, the contrast between Bouabid and Ben-Barka on the one hand, and Majoub Seddik on the other, became more and more striking.

They had, of course, much in common. All three were ready to risk everything for the movement. All three had already spent months and years in jail. And the experience had left its mark on all three men, but especially on Majoub Seddik.
He showed scars on the tops of his hands, administered, he said, by the beatings—the "methode baignoire," bathtub method.
The bathtub method, as Majoub Seddik described it, is very simple. The police tied him on a plank, with his head hanging down over one end, and then put the plank on a sawhorse. There was a bathtub filled with dirty water under his head. Whenever he gave the wrong answer to a question, or no answer at all, the plank was tipped so that his head immersed in the bathtub. A policeman with a stopwatch gave the signal to tip him back again just short of the drowning point.
When Majoub Seddik had finished his description of the bathtub method, there was a short silence around the table. Then Bouabid and Ben-Barka began talking about the attitude of the Moroccan Nationalists to the French.
The Nationalist leaders knew, they said, that Morocco had to have French technical help. French capital, French political support. There was no question at all of pushing the French out of Morocco, or destroying French interests. Moroccans wanted only the right to run the affairs of their own country.
When Bouabid and Ben-Barka said these things, they sounded sincere. Majoub Seddik said nothing. Then conversation shifted again to the economic exploitation of the country by the French, and Majoub Seddik became passionately eloquent, and the whites of his eyes showed.

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