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Vagrant Jet Air Stream

Meteorologists are always better at reporting than forecasting the weather. That is not to their discredit, for man still lacks the means for scientific determination of just what the weather will be.

Now explanations are coming in for the brand of weather the West Coast received the past week. J. A. Brown, head of the Oceanic Forecasts division of the Weather Bureau at San Francisco, attributes the storms and torrential rains (which were worst in Northern California and Southern Oregon) to a shift in the jet air stream which flows high over the Pacific.

The jet air stream is moving back to its normal groove, and the storms on the surface have been abating.

Evidently, if we are to provide complete flood relief, we shall have to devise a way to hold this jet air stream in its trough.

More Scientists Needed

Increasing alarm is being raised over the lack of scientists, particularly physicists, chemists, engineers, in the United States. At a recent meeting in Cleveland of the Nuclear Engineering and Scientific Congress Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the AEC, expressed his great concern over the shortage of manpower in the fields of science.

To get a nuclear physicist, for instance, you just do not pick up any college graduate. The start should be made away back in high school, with student attraction to such tough courses as mathematics, physics, chemistry.

How are we going to get our future scientists? By putting more emphasis on the meaty courses away down in high school. The rewards really are not very promising.

himself in books and laboratories, and spend thousands of dollars on his education when the wage he gets on completion of his course will not be greatly in excess of that of the craftsman? There must be a stronger incentive than initial salary, that is true.

We doubt if the threat of possible Russian superiority in the sciences will breed more American scientists. The start must be made by supplying incentives to those in secondary schools.

Dr. John Held for Treason

Dr. Otto John, the two-faced turncoat, who turned up in West Germany 17 months after defecting to the Reds in East Germany, faces a charge of suspected treason.

Dr. John may testify that he was abducted into East Germany, but his subsequent news conference and radio broadcasts gave no indication he was under compulsion, or had been brainwashed. He may simply be an unstable personality.

The role of "double agent" is by no means unfamiliar in intelligence circles. Sometimes these individuals sell out both ways; sometimes they really serve only one country though professing to serve another.

Roads as Dikes

In discussing the recent floods which caused a great deal of trouble in Lane county, the Eugene Register Guard points a finger at the county government. It says that many county roads have been constructed on a higher grade and so act as dikes and hold back the surface water from draining away.

If the R-G would reflect, it might conclude that this is a gain rather than a detriment. "Draining away"—to where? Why down below, thus swelling the flood waters there. Isn't it better to retard the runoff and spread the water over the flat lands than to sluice it down fast in the watercourses?

The Springfield city council has employed an outside engineer to study and report on consolidation of electric services in that city. A few years ago the voters authorized a municipal electric distribution system.

Voters on the fringe of Lebanon rejected a proposal for annexation to the city. Similar results have occurred at Eugene, Springfield and Roseburg. The suburbanites think they will be better off to stay as they are, sans urban services but also sans urban taxes.

'Hold the Line' Budget Policy Said Resulting In Reduction of America's Fighting Force

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — The real story of next year's budget is very different indeed from the story suggested by the recent barrage of headlines about defense increases, foreign aid increases and the like.

It is first of all the story of a hat trick that did not quite work. The authors of the hat trick were Stewart Alsop and Joseph Alsop.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Budget Director Roland Hughes. Both Hughes and Humphrey are long-headed men. With some help from the Congressional economists, they prepared their coup no less than twelve months ago.

The preparations were simple indeed. Extensive one-shot economies were made in the last defense budget, and these "savings" kept the defense spending level down to \$34,500,000,000.

In the same fashion, both the military and economic foreign aid programs were largely financed by running down unexpended balances, and these "savings" kept last year's foreign aid appropriations down to \$2,700,000,000.

making "savings" somewhere else. Thus the real effect of the Humphrey-Hughes directive was to require a sharp permanent cut in American fighting power and an even more drastic permanent reduction in foreign aid.

Moreover—and here was the real beauty of it—this weakening of our defenses and slackening of our cold war effort would hardly be noticeable. The Congress would be asked to vote the same sums as were voted last year. The country could therefore be told that we were carrying on as before.

There is every reason to believe that the Humphrey-Hughes hat trick would have worked to perfection, if the Kremlin had not meanwhile extended and intensified its cold war offensive. But the Soviet intrusion into the Middle East spread the deepest alarm through all the staff levels of the Administration. And it also mobilized the group of higher policy-makers led by Vice-President Nixon and Nelson A. Rockefeller, who came to be called "the young Turks."

While Messrs. Humphrey and Hughes were indirectly demanding the weakening of our defenses and the slackening of our cold war effort, Nixon and Rockefeller passively advocated exactly the opposite policy. They warned that the whole world balance of power was rapidly tilting in favor of the Soviets. They asked, with natural anxiety, how any American administration could permit this to happen. They urged a "bold new program" to reverse the trend.

In the ensuing struggle, a great deal more had been generated than has yet been admitted in public. The intra-Administration struggle reached its climax in the all-day meeting of the National Security Council at Camp David. The outcome, as so often in this

Administration, was a compromise between the two conflicting viewpoints.

Our defenses were not to be weakened. Thus the requested defense appropriation had to be raised to \$35,500,000,000. The cold war effort was not to be slackened either. Thus large sums had to be asked to build up the depleted foreign aid balances, so that spending could continue at the old rate. In short, the real meaning of all the recent commotion about "increases" in these budget items is simply that we really are carrying on as before, instead of just pretending to.

But there is another meaning, too, in this decision taken at the Camp David N.S.C. meeting which was the real cause of the President's temporary fatigue.

The recent extension and intensification of the Kremlin's cold war offensive constitute one great challenge. The massive recent progress of the Kremlin's armament programs constitutes another great challenge. These challenges almost certainly mean that the world power balance is now moving in the Soviet's favor, just as Messrs. Nixon and Rockefeller maintained. Yet the decision at Camp David was to ignore these challenges, and to let the world power balance tilt against us.

This is a national choice of the most far-reaching importance. It has been carefully shrouded, as the custom now is, from the vulgar gaze of the American public. Yet events will tear aside the veil sooner or later, when the Joint Chiefs of Staff have to tell the Congress the real state of our defenses, or when some development abroad causes more searching inquiries than are now being made.

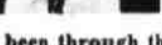
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'CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS'



Comes the Dawn

With a grinding of sleigh runners and a beat of soggy little hooves Santa and reindeer blew into town early today on the last lap of his annual Yuletide Safari.



"Well," said the reporter, who had been through this before, "I suppose you ran into your usual bag of troubles, eh?"

"Yes, yes," said the reporter impatiently, "but didn't you run into anything new?"

"I suppose," said the reporter, "you had your usual hilarious time in Washington, D. C.?"

"I noticed you were limping a little there," said the reporter. "Is that where you...?"

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

The Oregon Statesman across its front page had the huge "Merry Christmas" greetings printed in blue. Christmas was made festive with many family gatherings.

Harry E. Brown leaves the position as Salem representative of the Railway Express Agency which he has held for five years to accept an appointment as special agent for the company, with headquarters in Salem.

Timberline Lodge, reported ski tows will operate this Christmas Day. The snow is now 120 inches deep. Nearly 2,000 skiers flocked to Mount Hood recently.

25 Years Ago

Hon. W. H. Hobson and Mrs. Hobson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Nearly all of their married life has been spent in Stayton, Mr. Hobson having been a pioneer merchant there.

The Salvation Army building looked more like a wholesale grocery store than like a meeting place, as about twenty workers toiling to fill the large baskets which were to be delivered today to the worthy poor of this community.

40 Years Ago

Editorially - Mrs. Frances Ellen Jane Hare died at Astoria at the age of 104 years. She was born in 1811 and was probably the oldest Oregon citizen.

Only three of the city office holders are to be retained by the new council. They are Fire Chief Harry Hutton, City Engineer Walter B. Skelton and Police Matron Myra Shank.

Christmas Day 60 Years of Age

LONDON — Christmas Day will be 60 years old Sunday. He is an optical goods salesman whose parents were overjoyed at getting him for a Christmas gift in 1895 and so.

Although the maximum age of golden eagles is unknown, there is evidence that they can live as long as 30 years.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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the occasion for today's holiday. But of equal importance in the tidings of the angel are the words "which shall be to all people." The mission of Christ was not tribal but universal, and this explains the missionary zeal of his followers.

While the Christian theology has not triumphed over all the other religions of mankind and become the faith of all peoples, the Christian message has permeated mankind round the globe: the message of love of God and love of man. Expressed in terms of work for the betterment of mankind it is the moving philosophy in the world today. Communism derives its appeal from its promise of relief for the toiling masses, a promise whose fulfillment is better observed under the American economic system.

Out of this Christian message has developed the concept of the dignity of man, the essential integrity of the individual. Remember, the angel said the good tidings "shall be to all people," not just to the Jews, but to "all people." This has been a hard lesson to learn. Even those in the Christian community have been slow to overcome prejudice against those of a different race or creed or color.

60,000 MORE JOBS BERLIN — West Berlin created 60,000 new jobs this year and may reach full employment in 1958. The prediction is by Dr. Bernhard Skrodzki, chamber of commerce official. He said jobs would be found for the remaining 128,000 unemployed if the upward trend continues.

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