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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. Winds are the chief determiners of weather, and it is difficult to chart their course or fix their direction. The real wonder is the progress that weather forecasting has made in recent

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. This is the air stream the eastbound planes latch onto for a quick crossing of the continent. The air stream normally reaches the mainland at high altitudes above Northern California, but shifted a thousand miles south the first of last week. As the jet flow moved southward, it set up winds from the Southwest which moved toward Northern California. These winds brought moist, warm sub-tropical air from the Hawaiian area, and when they struck the cooler continent, they dumped their cargo of moisture.

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. He warned that falling behind in the development of atomic energy could endanger all our blessings, even our freedom. Attention has been directed toward the USSR and figures have been cited as to the number of scientists being trained in their educational institutions as compared with our own.

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. These courses should be expanded in college, and specialized courses studied with intensity. Beyond this, beyond even a Ph. D., you genius, with sufficient imagination to do intellectual probing beyond the laws and theories and equations worked out by their

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. A person with a high school diploma can earn an excellent living if he learns a trade.

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. But surely a higher wage for those trained in engineering and the sciences would help, would attract and hold more students to these courses.

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 second-

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 was head of the intelligence service of West Germany, and his flight to the East caused great consternation not only in West Germany but also in the United States. Only a little while before he had visited this country and conferred with Allen Dulles, head of our own Central Intelligence Agency.

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. Always aware of the possibility that their trust may be misplaced, intelligence agencies try to double and triple check on the reports of their agents. In this shadow world of espionage, however, the factor of doubt will always loom large.

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? To the degree this is true, the road dikes reduce rather than augment flood damage.

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, When efforts to buy out the private company's lines failed an independent system was installed. Now the city council is worried over the excessive cost of duplicate lines. Presumably the private company will not sell, and the city will be reluctant to condemn. Whether the voters would approve a sale to the private company is a question. It would be a blow to their pride to yield the field.

Voters on the fringe of Lebanon rejected a proposal for annexation to the city. Simifield and Roseburg. The suburbanites think they will be better off to stay as they are, sans urban services but also sans urban taxes. This attitude can prove very shortsighted, however, for it prevents comprehensive community development in which burdens as well as benefits are shared. The Salem area has done much better; and we believe the districts which have joined the city feel very well satisfied with their

Why should he strain his grey matter, bury '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 au-

thors of the hat thors of the hat trick were Sec retary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Budget Di-rector Roland Hughes. Both Hughes and Humphrey are

long - headed men. With men. With Congresmizers, they prepared their coup no less than twelve months ago.

The preparations were sim-ple indeed. Exmade in the last defense made in the last defense bud-get, and these "savings" kept the defense spending level down to \$34,500,000,000. In the same fashion, both the mili-tary and economic foreign aid programs were largely financed 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. Thus the hat trick was prepared. The trick consisted of a simple policy directive to hold the defense and foreign aid items in this year's budget down to the level of last year's appropriations.

Last year's "savings" could not be repeated. Hence last year's appropriations level could not be attained without

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making "savings" somewhere 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 were carrying on as before.

There is every reason to be-lieve 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 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 oposite policy. They warned that the whole world balance of power was rapidly tilting in favor of the Soviets. They asked, with natural anxiety. asked, with natural anxiety,

nsked, 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 bad feeling was generated than has vet been admitted in public. The intra-Administration struggle reached its climax in the all-day meeting of the National Security Council at Camp David. curity 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 appropria-tion 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.

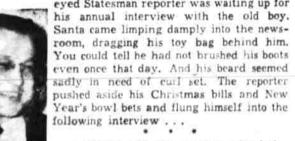
But there is another meaning, too, in this decision taken and so. cause of the President's tem- Charlie,

porary 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

This is a national choice of the most far-reaching impor-tance. 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.



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. As usual a redeyed Statesman reporter was waiting up for



"Well," said the reporter, who had been through this before, "I suppose you ran into your usual

"You said it, son," said Santa, slipping wearily into a chair. "We had trouble getting over the iron curtain. And when we did finally make it, somebody took a shot at us. We ran into smog over Los Angeles, and Rudolph wheezed all the way to England. Nearly got lost in that London fog trying to deliver a doll named Margaret to a guy named Pete. Never did locate the address . . ."

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

"Well, yes," said Santa. "Ran into.a real puzzler in, I think, Chicago. I delivered a pair of roller skates to a small He nicked them up and heaved them back at me velling something like, 'Take 'em back, Mac? I can do better on the Big Question!' Sounded like he'd flipped his tree lights. And the kids in Europe don't ask me for stuff like food and clothing much anymore. They say they can do better by

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

"Did I!" grinned Santa. "At least THIS year nobody cooled me off for wearing this red suit. I left a present for the Republicans-a new-type Geiger counter. It gurgles when it gets near high-grade candidate material. And for the Democrats, I left a stack of woolen longies-to wear while they wait out in the cold. I dropped off a compass for the next Congress-so it'll know where it's going. But I ran into a little trouble at the White House, I was sneaking around when I stepped on a golf ball, fell on my toy bag and nearly fractured the chemistry sets . . ."

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

"Well, I got spiked by a few TV antennas and I took a tumble on a slick metal roof in Akron. The reindeer were a little jittery tonight. They've been reading those newsstories about jet planes and they were afraid they'd fall apart if they tried to crack the sound barrier. I couldn't get 'em warmed up until a duck hunter took a shot at us over Alderman Farms . . . Mrs. Claus wants me to get a helicopter . . . Anyway, Merry Christmas, son!"

Christmas Day 60 Years of Age

LONDON OF - Christmas Day His only son is named George, will be 60 years old Sunday. He but, as Christmas Day points out, is an optical goods salesman whose George Day wasn't born Christmas parents were overjoyed at getting Day. him for a Christmas gift in 1895

Although the maximum age of at the Camp David N.S.C. When he was an army sergeant golden eagles is unknown, there meeting which was the real he encouraged his men to call him is evidence that they can live as When he was an army sergeant golden eagles is unknown, there long as 30 years.



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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, 60,000 MORE JOBS 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 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. Antagonisms persist between those of different social class or economic grouping or industrial relationship. But steadily the idea penetrates that men shall be rated at their worth, and that fundamental liberties may be claimed by all men. It has come to pass that many non-Christians are today eloquent apostles of its message though they acknowledge no allegiance to Christ as a personal savior. The Christian message of brotherly love has outraced its theology.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Dec. 25, 1945

The Oregon Statesman across

its front page had the huge "Merry Christmas" greetings

printed in blue. Christmas was

made festive with many family

Harry E Brown leaves the

the Railway Express Agency

position as Salem representative

which he has held for five years

to accept an appointment as

special agent for the company,

Timberline Lodge, reported ski

tows will operate this Christmas

Day. The snow is now 120 inches

deep. Nearly 2,000 skiers flocked

25 Years Ago

Dec. 25, 1930

Hobson quietly celebrated their

60th wedding anniversary. Nearly

all of their married life has been

spent in Stayton. Mr. Hobson hav

ing been a pioneer merchant

looked more like a wholesale

grocery store than like a meet-

ing place, as about twenty work ers toiling to fill the large baskets

which were to be delivered today

to the worthy poor of this com

40 Years Ago

Dec. 25, 1915

Jane Hare died at Astoria at the

age of 104 years. She was born

in 1811 and was probably the old-

holders are to be retained by the

new council. They are Fire Chief

Harry Hutton, City Engineer Wal-

ter B. Skelton and Police Matron

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est Oregon citizen.

Editorially - Mrs. Frances Ellen

The Salvation Army building

Hon. W. H. Hobson and Mrs.

with headquarters in Salem.

to Mount Hood recently.

gatherings

Today Christmas is celebrated as a religous holiday and as a day of family festivity. It is well to remember, however, that the good "tidings" brought of old are not restricted and that as we manifest our fraternity with all mankind so do we carry the Christian message to all people.

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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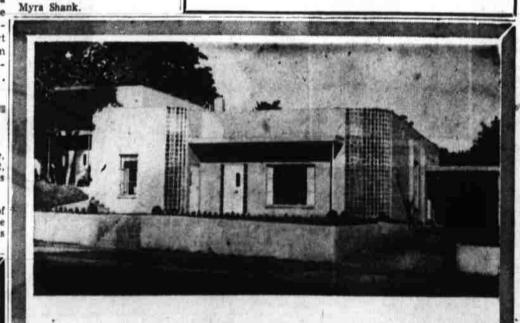


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