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"Little Hurricane"

With committees of Congress probing into military affairs with the special purpose of finding out how well advanced our defense technology is, the occasion was offered for partisans of the several services to play their and. Apparently they overdid it, for Defense Secretary Wilson called a hurried press conference at the Pentagon where he, the secretaries of the several military departments and chiefs of staff submitted to questioning. Apparently Wilson did most of the talking and spoke quite as directly to the several services as to the public through the press. They all promised, however, a thorough investigation to trace the bickering which was attributed to lower echelons in the several

This rivalry is old, and as Wilson said, to a certain degree it is a good thing, the competition putting each branch of the service on its mettle. The methods of the infighting are old, too: information is made to "leak" from official sources to journalists who are favorable to the site supplying it, as was admitted by a Navy captain a few years ago. Publicity then flows, Congress gets stirred up, committees start probing, further strife breaks out within the defense establishment,

There was a fierce controversy over unification, with General Bradley referring contemptuously to the "fancy dans" (Navy) who were in opposition. Another feud was that between the Navy and the Air Force over putting reliance on long-range bombers and cuttling the super-carrier America, which was done, though later big carriers were authorized and built. Now the contention is sided missiles and the agencies which may develop and use them, and the role of the Navy in offensive aerial warfare.

This "little hurricane" blew to such proportions that the Commander-in-Chief bene concerned. Secretary Wilson reported, after a visit with the President that Eisenhower was "a bit unhappy" over the revival of inter-service rivalry. He intimated, too. that disciplinary action may fall on officers "stick their heads up" in violation of orders to avoid provoking controversy.

None of this daunts Congress, however. Senator Symington's committee is going to proceed with its inquiry into missile production and other military procurement, also on the Navy's role in modern warfare. After all, Congress has the final say because it appropriates the money for the department of

It is all quite bewildering to most Amerns. They know they are being taxed heavfor national defense and feel they should getting the very best that brains can de. They are disturbed over reports of irgy in development and of conflicts ng the services. They must depend on igress to lay out the program through its priations and on the President and secry of defense to maintain discipline for proper carrying out of our defense poli-They are the only ones who can see the ems as a whole. The separate services are unable to see the forest for the trees in their own back yards.

Provincial Texas Papers

"Is it true what they say about Texas?" Well, what are they saying? A historian, Hugh Russell Fraser, now domiciled in Texas, thinks Texans are "on the whole" just about "most provincial people in America." get that way "because their newspapers on't tell them."

Fraser has done some computing and reds it in the May Harper's. He found that the Dallas Morning News averaged only five and one-half columns of world and national news out of a total of 28 columns of news (excluding features, sports, editorials, society); and the Dallas Times-Her / only six out of 291/2 columns. The Fort ' \ th Star-Telegram did a little better averaging six and one-half columns out of a total of 31. The Houston papers were just about as bad. However, Fraser did find one "notable oasis" in this "journalistic Sahara" - the Beaumont Enterprise the only one "with the possible exception of the Corpus Christi Caller, which gives intelligent and balanced coverage of national and international news."

The result is ingrown local patriotism and confirmed hostility to anything "foreign", that is, outside of Texas. Considering the size of Texas there may be some excuse for this, but hardly to the point of justifying such

journalistic provincialism. Measured by bulk, by volume of advertising and size of circulation, Texas has some "great" papers, but evidently their greatness doesn't extend to keeping their readers informed on world and national events - not like the Denver Post with 14 columns of "outside" news and the St.Louis Post-Dispatch with thirteen and one-

Texans who are interested in what goes on across their state borders would fare better, says Fraser, if they subscribed to the Toronto Star: "It carries more news about the United States than either the Dallas News or the Houston Chronicle."

French Farmers Block Roads

Farmers in France have their troubles, too. To advertise their complaints thousands of them rolled their farm machinery across the roads blocking Sunday motorists on their jaunts into the country and keeping police busy opening lanes of traffic. During the blockade the farmers passed out tracts explaining their plight which was made more serious by crop damage in the disastrous freeze of last February. The demonstration did accomplish that result. It may also acquaint the public in France with the basic problem of French agriculture which is simply that it is overmanned under modern conditions of farming.

French farmers report that 200,000 small farms have disappeared in the past ten years, but the fact remains that still some 80 per cent of the "active" population is engaged in agricultural pursuits, as against 22 per cent in Denmark and 19 per cent in Holland. According to a report to the Christian Science Monitor, from Paris by Joan Thiriet, farmers in Northern France, using modern methods and equipment, do very well, especially at farm prices fixed to sustain marginal farmers on poor farms in the South.

It will be interesting to see what the m French government does for relief of French farmers-their chief demand now is for credit to get them over the current crisis. Beleaguered as it is with its troubles in Algeria. the government surely does not welcome any outbreak of discontent on the home scene. It does seem clear, however, that there should be an occupational shift in France from agriculture to industry-but both employers and worker organizations will have to alter their restrictive philosophy if industry is to expand to absorb those who transfer from farming.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co. reports it has made contracts covering sale of 511 million cubic feet of natural gas a day to customers in the Pacific Northwest. Its pipeline has reached Umatilla, Ore., save for one 30-mile stretch and work is in progress on the Washington side of the Columbia River. Portland Gas & Coke will start its changeover of burners in August to be ready for turning the valves to deliver natural instead of manufactured gas. The advent of natural gas gives a big supplement to our fuel supplies in this region.

The president of the University of Iowa says that half of its law school graduates this year will leave the state, attracted by better opportunities elsewhere. Iowaris will debate whether this is boon or bane for their state.

Editorial Comment

WANTS IRON CURTAIN AROUND U. S.

Representative Francis Walter (Dem., Penn.) has introduced and is holding hearings on a bill designed to knock out recent court decisions requiring full and fair hearings in passport cases. The measure also would give the State Department broad statutory authority to deny passports for travel abroad

A U. S. court of appeals ruled last year that all citizens had a "natural right" to travel and that this right couldn't be denied without a hearing in accordance with due process of law. A federal district court declared several months "The right to a quasi-judicial hearing must mean more than the right to permit an applicant to testify and present evidence. It must include the right to know that the decision will be reached upon evidence of which he is aware and can refute

directly."
The Walter bill would make it impossible for applicants for passports to know the evidence against them. It prohibits applicants from hearing "all information affecting the national security safety and public interest or tending to compromise investigative sources." The language covers Department a blank check to withhold any information it wants.

whose travel abroad would advance the cause of the Communist movement." The department prethe basis of secret witnesses and evidence that the store were found wrapped in sumably could make this vague determination on would be unavailable for cross-examination and a blanket also from the store, refutation

ment's bureau of security and consular affairs, has testified the department generally favors the provisions of the bill. We trust congress will take a more jaundiced view of the powers it entrusts to the department. The right to travel ought not to be subverted by Representative Walter's Iron Curtain approach to passports

-Des Moines Register.

Writer Finds Bickering Over Planes, Ships, Men, Weapons in Capital Just Same Old Stuff

By J. M. ROBERTS

ain—this bickering about ships they believe affect the success of one service, but for all. inated with "unification" of this type of thing. of the services. Joint planning picture. They were expected to es to military problems. each their tasks on a thorughly objective basis.

for their special interests instead even the specialized committees AP News Analyst of accepting plans coordinated, or of Congress are the proper court in the process of being coordinat- of last resort.

ed at the top. defense program with each other in important posts because of single military service, whose sucand with those of other countries. special abilities, see things being cess would depend upon thorough We've heard it over and over done, or not being done, which integration, and in which the plan-

boards were expected to reach exboards were expected to reach exboards

They are matters on which the sition. public does not and cannot have But if the services keep bick Perhaps it was too much to ex- sound opinions. Appeals to the the idea that, if somebody is right, public can only produce feelings, somebody is also wrong in a field Now there has been an obvious and feelings do not provide a propthempt by some experts to go over the heads of their superiors, matters.

There is a question whether unification.

When Congress is studying appropriations for defense, stories when new weapons are creating "unification," that the only way to begin to come out of Washingnew concepts of military tactics approach these decisions properly ton comparing various parts of the and strategy. Highly trained men, was through establishment of a

The country thought right after Gen. Billy Mitchell's crusade for In an operational way, this haporld War II that some of it would air power is the classical example pens to a large extent when there pose of units of the various forces It is also a difficult political prop

eign aid program have been inchild's behavior, we must not lose sight of the fact that it's troduced by Reps. Harrison (Dthe parent, who pays our fees! . . .

REFRESHER COURSE



omes the Dawny

Student body at the State School for the Blind recently bought three azalea plants as a memorial to a student who died at the school last February-a victim of diphtheria. She

was Christine Ortiano, 7. Turned out the plants were imported from the Rothschild estate in England. The same estate where the girl's father, Adriano Ortiano, had worked before bringing his family to America. The azaleas are planted and in full bloom just south of the new school building on Mission St. . . .

Election leftovers . . . Theme song of successful primary candidates now is, "Will You Love Me in November as You Did in May?" . . . and for unsuccessful candidates, "You Tell Me

Your Dreams and I'll Tell You Mine." . . . And voters who balloted at Hoover School Friday received quite a jar when they noticed election slogans posted along the school halls. Signs like, "Vote for Scott; He's Hot!" Turned out though, they were campaign signs for the school's student body elec-

Voting machines would have helped a lot of counting boards out from under a snowstorm of ballots. The long list of county, state and city measures and candidates kept some boards up to their ballot boxes in uncounted votes for hours after the polls closed. Even at that, The Statesman's elaborate network of drivers and correspondents gathered about 60 per cent of the total Marion County vote within four hours. And they travelled nearly 1,000 miles to do it . . .

Marion County clerk's office received more than its usual number of election day telephone calls from confused voters and board clerks. Voters were having their usual problems of not knowing where to vote, wondering if they were registered, etc. And calls came from a lot of persons whose addresses had been changed recently by the postoffice, but not reported to the clerk's office. Some boards were letting these people vote, and others were not. But the predicted uproar over signing the pollbooks failed to materialize . . .

When, and if, Hattie Bratzel wins the district attorney Forest Fires Again title in November she will be the first woman in the history of Oregon to do so. There have been several women deputy DA's in Oregon and several women candidates for the job. But none, even though they probably were qualified, have ever made the grade. Several other states, however, have distaff DA's . . .

mise investigative sources." The language covers such a broad area it just about gives the State Loot Missed By Burglar

frightened off, police said,

A burglar who broke into the rear door. Nothing else was re-Coupled with this is an equally broad provision Army & Navy Store, 223 N. Comported missing and apparently no that would require denial of passports to persons mercial St., left without his loot, attempt had been made to break into the safe or cash register, po-Several articles of clothing from lice said.

into the safe or cash register, po-

Brown mud, a waste product in outside the door Monday morning. the process of extracting aluminum Scott McLeod, administrator of the State Depart. apparently by a burglar who was from bauxite, is a good source of agricultural lime, says the U. Entry was made by forcing a Department of Agriculture.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



And while it's customary to blame the parent for the

IT SEEMS TO ME

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acre. In the early years of tree for the Bureau of Land Managegrowth considerable stock is lost om deer browsing.

Of interest are the comparative figures on prices realized on C & C sales. In 1939 the timber was sold at an average price of \$1.96 per MBF. The latest sales show an average price of \$38.62. This reflects not only the sharp increase in price of stumpage but also the demand for O & C timber because of the cutting of timber on privately owned lands which were more readily accessible. With substantial sums available for road construction the O & C administration is building roads irto its timber holdings. The biggest project of the kind is the Smith River road system back of Gardiner and Reedsport in the Umpqua drainage. A contract has just been let for surfacing this road system and over it will come millions of board feet of timber. It is designed and built for permanence both for harvesting and for future timber management. (No decision has been announced by the director of the Bureau of Land Management on whether the marketing area restrictions in this district will be lifted on salvage sales. This is urged by mills in the Eugene area and strongly opposed by mills in the coastal area from Gardiner to Coos Bay.)

Staff members reported that a start is being made on an inven-tory of the hardwood species or rather the deciduous trees in the O & C holdings. Previously attention was concentrated on conifers -fir, hemlock, pine, cedar. There is an indication of growing interest in other species such as alder and maple, so the bureau wants to find out what its holdings of these may be.

When Congress passed in 1954 the law settling the question of the O & C controverted lands (which left them in forest service hands but with receipts distributed under the O & C formula! it also authorized a land exchange between the forest service and the Bureau of Land Management where their lands were intermingled. This job has virtually been completed and each agency will benefit through the blocking process. It affects however only relatively small area.

Protests Memorial Selection

When I saw the superimposed

picture of the pioneer statue for

the long-discussed Moore Mem-

orial, I was shocked, but I did

not know at that time that the

Art Association had made other

recommendations after three or

four years of study. Now that I

seems to me Salem should have

taken the advice of people edu-

cated in art for so important a

family in a new medium. We have

pioneers in murals, pioneers in

frescoes, one gold-leaf job on top

how many paintings around town.

The figures are handsome and

sculpture is quite competent, in this new addition to the lot; but

three Sale .. citizens, could have

taken a picture of them and put

just as much meaning. Besides,

there would have been the ad-

vantage of easily destroying it

Oregon does not have to

an intellectual and artistic life

even though the vote on the lib-

rary and park bonds might make

one doubtful there, too! Surely

we could have relied on the Art

Association in this case, as the

group best qualified to choose a

Margaret B. Ringnalda,

165 West Washington.

The clouds have barely cleared

away with the arrival of spring.

when we again read of forest fires burning and out of control.

More than 50,000 fires caused by

man's carelessness every year are ravaging millions of acres

Earlier this month a large fire

swept over a two thousand feet

timber clad mountain north of

feet of felled timber and an un

estimated amount of mature fir

This summer we will be again

reading in the news about one

hundred men fighting fires here

five hundred men fighting fires there. Yes, in this atomic age of

space ships and guided missiles

men still fight forest fires by the

horse and buggy method of yes-

terdays. Instead of talking se

much about our space ships land-

ing on the moon, where we may

not be welcome, one would think

that some of our men of brains

would try to develop a more prac

Why can't a large capsule filled with chemicals under pressure be

developed and dropped from

planes flying in relays put the

fire out immediately? Why can't

Remember that it takes from seventy-five to a hundred years

to grow a tree of timber size but

years since the Tillamook area

fire that area still has a terrible look of desolation, and so has our

Oregon is one of the most

beautiful places in the whole

world so let us keep it so. Let us

be more careful with our matches

our trash and our empty bottles

side. Let us all try to keep Oregon

not only green but also clean. Our

future generations are entitled to something too. Are you listening? Yours for better camping. George Strozut

a joint congressional committee

to review the government's for-

Va) and Church (R-III).

4640 Portland Road

Detroit area burn

tical method of fire control

and hemlock was destroyed

present-day embodiment of Ore

gon's spirit

To the Editor

when everyone got weary of

on its pioneers any more. I.

clean and characterless:

All we have is another pioneer

do know, I am indignant.

choice as this one.

To the Editor:

As I heard reports at this advisory board meeting the impres sion grew on me that for the first time the bureau is gelting on top of its O & C management prob lem. The problem has been one great magnitude - over two million acres scattered in checkerboard pattern across the state with mounting pressure for sales of timber, with the handicap of inadequate appropriations and of the capital one bronze rider in staff—it has been an uphill task the park —and goodness knows

ment to make much headway on overall, long - term management. Access roads and reciprocal rightof-way regulations and agreements have absorbed countless hours of time and much of the energy of the staff. But progress has been made, and these lands are now rich in promise for the

indefinite future.

Altogether too much attention has been given to these lands as a source of revenue for the counties fortunate enough to have in their borders substantial areas of O & C lands. The nost important value from these assets is the raw material they furnish, which after processing meets a wide variety of human needs, and in the processing sustains the economic life of the state. That is why it is important to develop long-term management policies and apply them as rapidly as possible, keep ing them flexible, however, to al low for changes in the light of experience.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He might of done like I did in this case. 2. What is the correct pro-

nunciation of "nicety" 3. Which one of these words ancy, belligerent, bellicose.

ANSWERS 1. Say, "He might HAVE done AS I did in this case." 2. Pronounce nie-see-ti, three syllables, and not nice-ti. 3. Beneficial.

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10 Years Ago

May 23, 1946 Felicitations go to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Ebert (Margaret Hauser) on the birth of a daughter, Julia Ann. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Hauser Sr., Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Ebert Sr., of Echo.

25 Years Ago May 23, 1931

Five thousand persons, including delegations from British Columbia, Washington, California and many points in Oregon, gathered at Grants Pass for dedication of the \$125,000 Rogue River bridge, Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, United States Marine Corps, was guest of honor

40 Years Ago

May 23, 1916

A Salem chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, the second chapter in Oregon, was organized at a meeting in the Commercial Club with fifteen members signing application for a charter. Winthrop Hammond was elected pres-

RICE GIVEN AWAY

NEW DELHI A - India has is misspelled? Benificial, benign- made a gift of 5,000 tons of rice to relieve distress in East Pakistan, the foreign ministry announced.



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