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Was West 'Tricked' At Conferences?

The Grants Pass Courier used the televised interview of Edward R. Murrow with Harry S. Truman as occasion for a review of "the story" of Harry Truman. It predicts that Mr. Truman will not go down in history "as one of America's great Presidents, but neither will he be ranked as a particularly inept one."

"The record shows that 14 major agreements resulted from the high level Potsdam conference—and that Russia violated every one of them."

We are not sure whether the editor is quoting Truman at this point or expressing his own opinion. In either event it isn't correct. One of the agreements at Potsdam (confirming those made at previous high level conferences) was for Russian participation in the war with Japan, and that agreement was fulfilled, though its help wasn't needed and contributed little to the victory over Japan.

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New Soviet Defense System to Mean End to SAC's Usefulness

By JOSEPH ALOP
PARIS, Feb. 6.—The Soviet Union is now building a new air defense system that is expected to neutralize the present American nuclear deterrent, the Strategic Air Command.

When the new system is completed, effective defense against attack by SAC aircraft will be a novel combination of importantly improved radar and anti-aircraft missiles with nuclear warheads.

The American government is the ultimate source of this news, which is an ironic commentary on official Washington's boastful exultation over the American Sputnik

According to an American intelligence estimate presented to NATO, the new Soviet air defense system will be fully installed within five years, which means that five years is the life term of SAC as now constituted.

In this connection, it is worth noting that there is no case on record of any American joint intelligence estimate of any form of Soviet weapons development which was not decidedly over optimistic.

ceive a lease for Port Arthur as naval base, the Manchurian railroad to be put under a Chinese-Soviet commission. Now to quote Dr. Feis:
"The President had the choice of opposing these and the other Soviet demands, or of leaving them to the Chinese to grant or deny, or of agreeing to support them. He chose the third course. By doing so he probably did not agree to anything with which Chiang Kai-shek would not have been forced to grant anyhow, perhaps less. But he made the United States responsible for what the Soviet government exacted. And when later it turned out that Soviet participation in the Pacific War was not needed at all, his compliance came to seem foolish. To echo Churchill, those who have never tried to serve several good causes at the same time, each beset with risks, will be most harsh in condemning the error."

Among the subjects discussed at the conferences, Poland proved the most controversial. There the dispute was chiefly over which group to recognize as the "government" of Poland. Churchill and Stalin agreed to accept the Curzon line as the eastern boundary of Poland and the former was willing to compensate Poland with lands in Eastern Germany. At Teheran Roosevelt begged off from commitments respecting Poland.

President Roosevelt at these conferences pressed his idea of a postwar organization. He was very anxious to get Russia to join, and suggested that the United States, Britain, the USSR and China could act as the Four Policemen of the world. Stalin, with some perspicacity, "wondered if the world would rest easy under the four policemen." But Russia agreed to join, and FDR assented to its getting three votes.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Drink your coffee and get down to the office, Smedley! ... I'll tell you when it isn't worth it!"

Comes the Dawn

A conference planned in Portland Wednesday by the State Planning and Development Dept. almost got sidetracked because of (that's right) planning trouble.

Then it turned out the reason the hotel was to be full on the conference date was because a Portland Chamber official had gone ahead and reserved it for the conference. So then the state planning agency had to do some fancy last-minute planning to get the program in shape.

When Woodburn policemen corner a rat, they don't fool around. They blast him—just like on TV. According to the Woodburn Independent, two cops caught up with a rat in Woodburn's Pix theater the other night and filled him full of lead.

A fashion note from France says that French women, are using a raw potato mixture as a facial to combat swollen eyelids. American women should please note. After they use the potatoes for french-sties they can make dresses out of the sacks.

That Statesman story about the little boy with leukemia brought a call from a Salem woman who reminds that the disease is still practically 100 per cent fatal, but that intensified research is continuing.

Finally I want to cite one more illustration. Some months ago we drove to Banff to attend a convention of city managers.

National international: you see the two are all mixed up. You who may be here from Seattle, let me ask you this. How large a share of your prosperity is due to Boeing Aircraft's military work—Bomarc and bombers—and to Bremerton Navy Yard?

W. T. Jenks of H. S. Gile & Co., was appointed representative of the federal government in the Northwest to secure dried fruits for the army and navy.

Delegates representing more than 30 organizations with a total membership of 30,000 Russians in the United States, arose and vigorously applauded the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" at the opening of the first all-Russian civic convention of America.

The steamboat Colorado was driven aground at Otter Rock in Coos Bay harbor by gale winds. Heavy seas claimed the lives of five seamen off the Pacific Northwest coast.

Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago Feb. 7, 1948
Thirteen persons were rescued from the Columbia River near Umatilla, Ore., after a blizzard smothered the Columbia Gorge in snow, sent lumber flying through the air at McNary damsite and wrecked three river boats.

25 Years Ago Feb. 7, 1933
The final lecture on the study of "Combat Orders," under the direction of Col. Carl Abrams, infantry, will be afforded members of the Officers Reserve Association, Lt. Kenneth W. Dalton is president of the group.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS
1. What is wrong with this sentence: "He was excused on account of his youth."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "placable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hierarchy, hilarious, hinderance, hysterical.

4. What does the word "inadmissible" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with inc that means "beginning"?

ANSWERS
1. It is better to say, "BECAUSE of his youth," not "placable play-lah-b-7," not plac-a-b-l. 2. Hinderance. 4. Not worthy to be admitted. "The discussion of this subject is inadmissible." 5. Incipience.

Atom Work Reported TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (U)—Francis Bernard, former French minister for economic affairs, has disclosed that France is supplying Israel with uranium for atomic research. Bernard, a member of a visiting parliamentary delegation, said Israeli scientists have made important discoveries in atomic research for peace and have made them available to French scientists.

Cold Curtains Ike's Work WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (U)—President Eisenhower curtailed his engagements and quit work early today because of his cold. But an aide reported him looking "amazingly well."

Association press secretary Anne Wheaton gave newsmen that report at the end of the day after the President had returned to his office briefly for a ceremony making him an honorary fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Official for Small Business Says Bank Loans Denied

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Small Business Administration has advised Congressman Charles O. Porter that the First National Bank of Oregon is not participating in SBA's loan program to small businessmen.

Porter looked into the matter after receiving complaints from "a number of small business men" who charged that "banks in Oregon are not doing their part and they point to states which do show that Oregon banks participate far less than do banks in Washington or in the national as a whole, as an average."

Barnes reported that Oregon banks had participated with SBA in 38.6 per cent of all loans arranged through the agency for the state's small business applicants from 1953 through Sept. 30, 1957. By comparison, banks in Washington state participated in 57.3 per cent of loans in that state. Nationally, banks participated in 69.3 per cent of SBA loans, Barnes reported.

Mrs. Wiesbusch and Black had dated before her marriage. She met him in the same bar, and that's where she found him last night after leaving home following a spat with her husband.

C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank participation in SBA loans is not necessarily meaningful. It could well be—and I think it is quite likely—that many loans are made by banks in Oregon with their own funds that other states are sharing on a participating basis with the SBA.

SBA compiled figures for the period 1953 through Oct. 31, 1957, which showed that 112 loans were made to Oregon applicants through SBA—76 direct government loans, 36 with some local bank participation. The total amount of the direct government loans was \$4,494,500. Of the loans in which banks participated with SBA, the government put up \$1,350,913 and local banks put up \$416,837.

Barnes said it is SBA's "desire to encourage maximum bank participation in every case in order to establish a sound credit relationship between the bank and the borrower as well as to make our loan funds available to as many small businesses as possible."

"It is possible," the SBA went on, "that the low rate of participation in our loans in Oregon and Washington is because of the generally higher prevailing rate of interest charged on business loans in the Northwestern part of the United States. A bank might prefer to make the entire loan at a prevailing rate of seven or eight per cent, for example, rather than to participate with the SBA at our maximum rate of six per cent."

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Municipal Ownership
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While it is true that tiny dividends have been paid on the common stock from time to time, these were paid from items other than profits from the bus lines. Actually, the bus lines have been slowly committing suicide by living on depreciation allowances on equipment. It is my understanding that not a single bus in 1957 has been purchased since 1951.

This slow suicide is more clearly evident when one sees the hair-raising prices for new buses and equipment set off against the pitifully small sums, comparatively accumulated through depreciation allowances on old equipment in these days of inflation.

In conclusion, it appears that there is but one solution that will stand the test of time. That solution is city ownership, in which the voters and riders can have all the transportation they are willing to pay for by fares and taxes. In addition, the city will excuse itself from heavy taxes now paid by the private company. Salem's problem will, sooner or later, be similar to that now coming to a head in Portland.

V. M. Sackett, 1510 So. Winter St.

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This issue points right to local chambers of commerce. Are you going to hammer at the doors of Congress for new or added funds for local projects whose benefit-cost ratio offers very dubious justification, whose need is by no means urgent? We must maintain our economic strength to undergird our whole business and government and military structure. If untimely or imprudent local demands impair that strength then we weaken our nation for the international competition into which it is now thrust.

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Race Incidents Mar Little Rock School Scene

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 6 (U)—A series of racial incidents was reported from integrated Central High School today. And there was another anonymous report of a bomb in the school.

Supt. Virgil Blossom confirmed that he was investigating a report that a girl student struck another girl with a purse. He said one girl was white and the second Negro, but declined to say which one did the striking.

Blossom refused to identify the students, but unofficial sources said the Negro girl was Minnie Jean Brown, who has been involved in some previous incidents. These sources gave the white girl's name as Frankie Gregg.

Reports from the school said that a white boy later spilled soup on Minnie Jean in the school cafeteria and a stick of uncapped, unused dynamite in a locker.

There was no immediate official confirmation. A woman telephoned Little Rock television station KTHV and said "There's a bomb in Central High and it's ready to go off." Then the caller hung up.

This was the latest in a series of such calls, which have proved groundless except for the finding once of a stick of uncapped, unused dynamite in a locker.

Congressional Study
In another development related to the controversy over court-ordered integration at Central High, Rep. Hays (D-Ark.) conferred with Gov. Orval Faubus for 90 minutes on a bill Hays says he will introduce for a congressional study of school desegregation.

Afterward, Faubus said he thought that such a study would be a good thing. "It might convince the government of the impropriety of entering the field of education," he said. He declined further comment.

Hays had said previously he had such a measure in mind. He has declined to disclose details. He said he would not make the proposed bill public until it is in final form.

Airline Fare Jump Sunday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (U)—A four per cent increase in airline passenger fares, plus a \$1 service charge on each ticket, will take effect at midnight Sunday on 25 major airlines, the Civil Aeronautics Board said today.

The interim fare schedules were filed with CAB yesterday by the airlines, which have applied for much larger permanent increases.

A CAB spokesman said the agency, as it had indicated previously, "has no intention" of suspending or blocking the temporary boost.

The board has in progress a general investigation of passenger fares. Some carriers have declared they need increases ranging from 12 to 30 per cent to meet rising costs and heavy outlays for modern new passenger transports.

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