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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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"Shasta Daylights"

The description of the coming "Shasta Daylights" on the Southern Pacific is enough to start a rash of travel itch. Think of it—get on a smartly-appointed train here in the morning and land in San Francisco in the evening. Planes of course make better time, but there are many thousands of people who are earth-minded and prefer travel on the ground. The trains, now anticipated for early 1947, will be a most welcome addition to the travel facilities on this coast.

The Cascade train was very popular when it was launched during the 1930s. It gave service to and from San Francisco on a schedule under 20 hours each way. The war burden on railroads forced a slowdown, so its service is not what it used to be, though it is still a fine, conventional train. The new "Shasta Daylights," however, are picked right out of the advertising pages for the famous postwar world. Streamlined equipment, bright colors on the exterior, soft tones to harmonize with the Oregon scenery on the inside. A three-car arrangement of kitchen-diner and lounge. More expansive windows to make the scenery broadly visible.

This, we may take it, is the Southern Pacific's move to meet postwar competition. It will offer, in competition with airplanes, faster speed than at present (though much less than that of planes), greater comfort, greater constancy of service. In competition with stages and private automobiles it will offer greater ease in travel, greater safety, and better speed. With equipment and schedules such as are promised, the "Shasta Daylights" will undoubtedly attract and hold heavy custom from the traveling public.

What ought to be added on this coast is streamline service between Portland and Seattle. The present service is deplorable. The three roads pool their passenger traffic. The situation would seem to be ideal for a streamline train to make two round trips a day between the two cities, but nothing has been done to provide it and nothing is promised. If the Portland-Seattle link could be closed, then streamline trains would operate along nearly the whole coast, for now the SP runs Daylighter trains between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Oregon is particularly pleased over the announcement of the new trains, made by President Mercer in Portland, because the service is of particular value to residents of this state. It accommodates Oregonians going to and coming from the bay region. It accommodates also Californians and others who want to make a quick run into Oregon. The "Shasta Daylights" set a fast pace for the postwar period. They should serve to accelerate general reconversion and modernization on this coast.

He's Got Something

General Eisenhower has never posed as anything except a military man, but his weathering of that avalanche of irate wives just about puts him on the top rung in diplomacy, too. The usually sedate Associated Press, which shies away from much personal comment even under writers' by-lines, went so far as to say he was "obviously embarrassed but in charge of the situation." There couldn't have been a finer tribute.

The general apparently was walking down a hall, all unsuspecting, when a score of women—with their understandably one-track minds focused on the theme, "when do we get our husbands back?"—descended on him. He was backed up into the office of Representative May, and probably threatened with a route. But shock troops in the form of poise, level-headedness and affability rushed to his rescue.

So well did he deploy his mental troops that not only did he escape giving any definite commitment but he even was asked for autographs when the interview ended. He yielded on that point only.

About 700,000 fathers still are in uniform, but 500,000 should be out by July 1. To turn them all loose now would be impossible—"there will be no army if that happens," the general told the group.

These facts stand out that (1) the general didn't run, (2) he didn't pass the buck to someone else, (3) he didn't get slapped, (4) he didn't get kissed, (5) he didn't promise anything. Whatever General Eisenhower has, this country could use lots of it.

House Dentistry

The house committee considering the president's fact-finding bill took its dentist's forceps in hand Tuesday and set to work as extractionists. First it took away from the contemplated fact-finding boards the power of subpoenas. Lacking that authority, of course, the boards could not require the corporation bookkeeper to trudge into a hearing with his company's ledgers and bank books. That, they figured, ought to please the employers.

Then the committee extracted the 30-day cooling-off requirement, which the president proposed to put a brake on striking. The unions object to this, insisting on the free right to call a strike without any cooling off or warning up period.

This toothless measure goes to the floor of the house. The house or the senate may change it or it may be defeated. At best it was a very weak attack on the problem of industrial relations. Better to defeat it than to put on the statute books a measure virtually meaningless. Conciliation may be the better approach on the part of government unless we want to go the whole way to compulsory judging of issues in dispute.

'Operation Elephant'

Winston Churchill, prime minister of Britain in what was once its darkest and its brightest hour, has come to America for a holiday. The old man (he's 72) is tired, not very well; seeks rest in the warmth of Florida. He comes without the panoply or the burden of office, though he remains in public life as the leader of the conservative minority in the house of commons.

During the war, when Churchill went any place, the military provided him with ample protection. This came to be called 'Operation Elephant.' If Churchill went to his home in the country for a weekend, a mobile anti-aircraft battery accompanied him. Churchill called it his personal flak and took delight in having one of the guns mounted outside his door so he could show it to his guests. According to the British information service, the personal defense plans did not work out very well. For Churchill, when an air raid alarm sounded, instead of racing to the shelter as he was supposed to do, grabbed his field glasses and raced to the roof. He wanted a plot of the raid and "was always extremely disappointed if his personal flak didn't start firing."

There's no 'operation elephant' today, though abundant care is taken for Churchill's physical wellbeing. The war is over. Britain is saved, thanks in large degree to Churchill's bulldog determination and his inspiring appeals to the people of Britain and his successful negotiations with the United States. The United States holds him in warm admiration, and welcomes him as a familiar guest.

Klamath Hospital

A day or two after announcement came that the marine barracks (a recuperation hospital for marines) at Klamath Falls would be closed after March 1 came the report from Washington that the veterans' administration would build a new hospital at Klamath Falls, the allotment being around \$3,000,000. Mr. Pungle, the ordinary guy who works for a living, will ask "how come?" He knows a huge investment was made at the barracks, and wonders why it cannot be used for a veterans' hospital.

We do not have the answer, though the explanation may be that the VA thinks in terms of permanent hospital buildings. Even so the barracks could be taken over, used for several years and be replaced with permanent construction as required. During the war we had to shut our eyes and accept a lot of waste and extravagance. Now that the war is over the native instinct for frugality reasserts itself and demands use of what we have unless it can't be adapted to present needs.

It had to happen sometime—the British are holding a girl who claims to be the daughter of Hitler. A couple of crack-pot claimants to the title of son will appear in the next act—they'd be crackpot to admit it even if true.

Inflation is just round the corner, say the economic experts. The same corner prosperity was around, 15 years ago?

After a hard fight J. Barleycorn established a beachhead in Normandy (Manor).

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. (AP)—One of the serious elements of the Chinese political puzzle is being gradually whittled away.

This is the large number of Japanese, including both troops and civilians, who haven't yet been repatriated.

To the extent that some of them still are armed, they represent today—five months after their country surrendered—an important military factor in China.

They influence the political situation, to an undetermined extent, either through their own actions or through being used by one Chinese political faction against another.

When Japan surrendered, the Chinese national government alone was not in a position to handle the question. Parts of north China were dominated by Chinese communists, and American marines were sent into key cities and along vital communications lines to maintain order when factional strife broke out between the communists and the central government.

Limited numbers of central government troops then were flown to advance points to take over, but they still have no ships or other means of getting the Japanese out. In many instances they left Japanese garrisons armed and charged with maintaining order—which meant holding their particular area against the communists. They still are doing this job in the interior of Shantung province, to name one case.

Associated Press correspondent Spencer Davis cabled from Peiping today the following figures on repatriation to date in two areas:

From the Peiping area, 55,048 troops and 16,086 civilians have been repatriated, but 9567 troops and 104,180 civilians remain.

From remote Shansi province, 2805 troops and 10,462 civilians have been sent home, but 45,015 troops and 14,084 civilians are waiting to go.

Davis says marine officials express the opinion that the Chinese estimate that the rest of the Japanese can be repatriated within two months is probably optimistic.

They point to the difficulties of getting the Japanese out of such isolated places as Shansi, over broken railways where coal is scarce, and through zones where communist domination still is affected only by the truce agreement and the arms the Japanese themselves may have left.



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Some Suggestions on Enlarging the White House

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

THE AIR-CONDITIONED NIGHTMARE, by Henry Miller (New Directions, \$3.50).

Miller, after a decade abroad during which his pen has won him a reputation as genius, returns to study his native land, and his conclusions about it and us and the American scene in general seem to him to be summarized most aptly by the title: "Air-Conditioned Nightmare."

As a prose writer, Miller is not at his best while complaining about our lacks and faults. He is at his best when he cuts loose, so to speak, forgetting his moral, and emphasizes his experiences; he can for instance get you merrily lost in words as he was lost along western roads, and you'll enjoy his misadventures with an auto.

As to his theme, I approach it with sympathy. A new year is here, it's time to take stock. Miller's eye is keen, he should be helpful. In fact he is.

You'll be glad especially to read his unstinted praise of composer Varese, painter Marin, photographer and philosopher Stieglitz, though to be sure you've heard them praised before. You'll agree that gadgets aren't all; you'll find it hard to deny that we are "amug and timid . . . not happy, not contented, not radiant, not fearless."

But I find too often that Miller exaggerates rather than persuades; he has a good case but he muffs it; he'd rather lay about him and prove he's angry than take the pains to sift arguments and prove he's right.

It's absurd to call New York the "most horrible place in the world," or "the most hideous." It isn't consistent to complain of outdoor toilets in Chicago but not of the same public inconveniences in Paris; to condemn our slums but not those in Europe; to like a French whore but scorn an American; to grouch about the lack of a conversational art without defining by example what he means; to exhortate Detroit and Pittsburgh yet never say a word against Marseille or Rouen; to like one man in the South, nothing in the North . . . Miller's publisher is indeed a Pittsburgh product, and his firm is in Connecticut.

Though I agree with all his

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Mr. Truman not only covered, but hid the state of the union in his mass of 25,000 words.

He got his floor leaders to delay presentation of his annual message for four days hoping the steel strike would be settled and the state of the union would thereby be made somewhat more presentable.

But the great strike in the key industry was called, lending gloomy auspices for his first major message, so he did the next best thing. He bundled his thick legislation message with his thicker budget, and hurled the whole mass at the congress.

Some polite comment has been offered that this was a wise departure from established custom, because the two subjects are related. Impolitely, it may also be said the move was wise politically, because no individual subject could be treated adequately by the congressional critics, the newspapers, commentators or public. Indeed, neither press nor radio generally had space to report the message in full. Sheer size discouraged reporting, analysis and criticism.

Huge Program Proposed
The essence of the Truman game can be discerned by digging into the budget. It is this:

Mr. Truman proposes to collect for his first full peacetime year five times more than Mr. Roosevelt ever collected in taxes. He proposes to spend nearly four times more than Mr. Roosevelt ever spent.

This is the project for the year beginning next July 1 and ending 18 months hence, and it could almost be called his second peacetime fiscal year, because this one includes less than two months of the war against Japan and none of the major war in Europe.

praise of France, I still think he should have used a map of the U.S. for travels among us, not the map of Paris that he carried with him.

The greatest peace-time sum Mr. Roosevelt ever taxed the people was \$6,200,000,000 in 1938; Mr. Truman's tax receipts for next year are estimated at \$31,500,000,000. The highest Roosevelt expenditure was \$9,200,000,000 in 1940; Mr. Truman proposes \$35,100,000,000 for 1947.

Keynes Plan in Reverse

Is this the Keynes spending theory of prosperity come to fruition at long last, as the new dealers (dissatisfied with Mr. R's refusal to spend more) have long wanted? It is not. The Keynesians advocated deficit spending. Mr. Truman proposes nearly to pay for his through taxation. The Truman theory simply contemplates maintenance of a considerable degree of war prosperity by keeping considerable war expenditures (\$16,000,000,000).

The secret of his prospect that the budget will be "nearly balanced" is that he will keep going a greater portion of war taxes than of war expenditures. But even this leaves him short, so he will tap the huge till of unnecessary stores of cash which the treasury built up during the war (\$26,000,000,000) to take care of any financial disaster in the war effort, and use this for debt retirement and making up deficits.

Dealing in Bigger Chips

Mr. Truman, then, is dealing in bigger chips than anyone ever thought of in this game before. We thought we were in cloudy financial heights in 1929. The government budget for 1929 was \$4,000,000,000, one ninth of the Truman expenditures for next year. Indeed the whole cost of government in 1929 was 20 per cent less than the interest on the public debt alone next year.

The proposed budget balancing has nothing to do with economy either. All expenditures for practically everything from the interstate commerce commission to the state department are to be increased (state by a colossal \$1,500,000,000 for yet undefined purposes of spreading culture, news and other things around the world.)

To all this congress paid little attention, and will pay less. Congress will make its own budget as it goes along. A tax reduction is likely, this being an election year. Appropriations will run much less than proposed expenditures, although the bulk spending is likely to approximate the Truman plan inasmuch as nearly half is for "defense" and 15 per cent more for interest on the debt.

I will look behind the whole Truman economic project tomorrow.

Police Investigate West Salem Theft

Theft of tools and other items valued at more than \$500 from the River Bend Sand and Gravel company in West Salem is being investigated by the state police.

The stolen articles included a tool box containing \$500 worth of tools, a small car radio and two auto fog lights. The tool box weighed 275 pounds.

A repair shop and a tool room were entered Monday night, one by prying off a window casing and the other by prying a hasp and lock from a door.

NEWSPAPER ADS GAIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (AP)—Newspaper advertising in 1945 increased 2.7 per cent over 1944 in spite of the newspaper shortage, according to a preliminary estimate of L. D. H. Weld, director of research for McCann-Erickson, Inc., appearing in Printers' Ink.

Over Oregon

By the Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Jan. 23.—The 25th annual short course for canners and frozen food packers at Oregon State college Feb. 4-16 will consider problems of the small canner and custom canner. Small packers are asked to bring samples of their products for judging.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—Nick Bourne, northwest business representative of United Press, will succeed John W. Dunlap here as northwest manager for the news service, it was announced today. Dunlap will become general manager and co-publisher of a new daily newspaper at Santa Ana, Calif. George E. Hart, since 1943 city editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, will be associated with him.

ST. HELENS, Jan. 23.—Sale of 2838 acres of Columbia county-owned land to the Fir-Tex Insulating Board company here for use as a tree farm was announced today by Judge Ray Tarbell. Price was \$10,780.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—A state game commission sale of 606 beaver pelts brought \$32,307 or an average of \$53.40, officials said today. Bidding was snappy and \$69 was the highest offer.

BAKER, Jan. 23.—A special election will be called here soon on a \$400,000 bond issue to finance construction of a new high school, football and softball stadium and purchase of a 43-acre campus. The school board declared that higher enrollment, caused by a population spurt, necessitated the project.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—Charles Dussler, Waldport American Legion commander, was credited today with discovering a man wanted by federal authorities for passing a fraudulent \$1800 check in Miami, Fla. Arthur Henry Anderson, 38, was arrested in Toledo by state police and the FBI after Dussler recognized him from an FBI circular's description.

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 23.—The chamber of commerce veterans affairs committee today considered a suggestion that the Klamath Falls marine barracks be used for a west coast veterans' training school. The marine corps will abandon the post this spring. The elaborate layout easily could be converted into a site to offer two years' college education and train ex-servicemen in specific trades, spokesmen said.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—J. B. Conley, manager for Westinghouse radio station KEX here, will leave for a position with the company in the east, it was announced today. Charles S. Young, former manager of the firm's Boston and Springfield, Mass., stations, will succeed him.

Most Oregon Roads Normal

Most Oregon highways were in normal condition Wednesday night, state highway commission officials reported here, despite the fact that it was still snowing in parts of eastern and central Oregon.

At Odell lake snow had reached a depth of 109 inches with snow removal equipment in operation. There is one-way traffic on the South Santiam highway between Oakridge and the summit.

Other road conditions:

Government camp — Snowing. Packed snow throughout district.

Santiam junction — Snowing with roads normal except in spots. Total snow at summit 95 inches.

Eugene—Light rain.

Pendleton—Overcast.

Bend—Snowing.

Woodburn Lodge To Entertain IOOF Groups on Feb. 27

Odd Fellows representing six lodges within Marion county met in joint visitation Saturday night, Jan. 19 with Gervais lodge No. 121 as host.

This was the first of a series of visitation meetings which will be held throughout the county under the auspices of the Marion county Odd Fellows district convention. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night, Feb. 27 with Woodburn lodge No. 102 as host to the subordinate members only. The meetings are being arranged by Gordon H. Luffman, president of the convention.

Silverton Man Dies at 92 Years

SILVERTON, Jan. 23.—(Special) John Bircher, age 92 years, died at his home, 800 Water st., in Silverton Wednesday, January 23. He was born in Berne, Switzerland, June 9, 1853, and had lived in Silverton over 20 years. He is survived by one granddaughter, Hazel Talbott Walker. Funeral services will be in charge of the Ekman Funeral home.

Most foods eaten by man are 60 to 95 per cent water.

21 Boy Scouts Given Badges At Ceremony

Eighteen awards and 50 merit badges were presented to 21 scouts and leaders at the monthly Boy Scout district court of honor in Albany city hall Thursday evening.

G. Glenn Holmes, advancement chairman for the Calapooya district presided at the court. Other district members included Dr. T. W. Sahlstrom and John Baines of Albany; Claude Graham, Brownsville; Harry Holmes, Sweet Home; Pat Beal, Jefferson, and John Eskelson, Lebanon. Harry Michel-sen, Salem assistant scout executive, was secretary and assisted in the presentations.

The evening's highest award, that of life rank, was presented to Scout Teddy McKee, troop 25, Jefferson, by Scoutmaster John Eskelson.

Approximately 130 scouts and friends attended, representing Albany troop 28, Brownsville troop 35, Jefferson troop 25 and Sweet Home troop 31. Troop 28, Albany, under leadership of Scoutmaster Joe Davey and assistant Cecil Hill had charge of the opening and closing ceremonies.

Permit Granted For Alterations To Apartments

The four-story Royal Court apartment building at 1100 Chalmers st. will undergo alterations estimated at \$2500, it is indicated by a building permit issued yesterday to Donald Young by the city building inspector.

Another major project indicated by the day's building permits is an estimated \$34,000 rebuilding of the interior of the old Hamilton furniture store at 340 Court st. for use by the R. L. Elstrom company. The permit was taken out by the building owner, Breyman Boise.

Other permits were issued to F. B. Rice for a \$250 garage at 430 N. 14th st., V. A. Johnson for \$25 alterations of a house at 2240 N. Commercial st., Karl G. Becke for \$250 alterations of a house at 730 N. Summer st., A. G. Gooch for construction of a \$6000 house at 2390 Lee st., and Frank Zumbach for building a \$5000 house at 2285 N. Liberty st.

U.O. Students To Fete Dads February 2, 3

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, January 23. (Special) University of Oregon students will entertain their dads at the first postwar Dad's day celebration on the campus February 2 and 3.

The two-day celebration has been planned for visiting dads by Dorothy Habel, West Linn, general chairman of the weekend, and her committee members.

Registration Saturday morning will open Dad's day activities, followed by the annual Dad's luncheon. Gene Vandensynde, Salem, president of the Oregon Dads, will preside at the luncheon, and Edward C. Sammons, Portland, will speak on "Where Do We Go from Here?"

The annual business session of the group and election of officers is slated for Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening, Dads will be special guests for dinner at campus living organizations, and will then be taken to see the Oregon-Washington basketball game in McArthur court. An all-campus open house will follow the game.

Crab spiders starve to death after laying eggs, because they're too busy watching their eggs to eat.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Come, come, Beasley—Control yourself!—do you want to cause a nationwide sympathy strike in the industry?"

Diamonds

Watches - Jewelry

Lovely 6-Diamond Duo, 2 Fine Diamonds Support the Solitaire. . . There are 3 in the Matching Band.

Budget Payments

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