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BEHIND THE BALKAN VEIL
The situation that is developing in Yugoslavia is of much greater significance even than the military importance of that strategically located, potentially useful little Balkan nation.

Our handling of internal Italian discords is described by some as a supreme test of our real attitude toward democracy. But the Yugoslavian muddle provides at least as significant a challenge, which also can have enormous military ramifications.

Much that we should know has been kept from us by wartime secretiveness. Certain things we do know, and they are worth recapitulating.

The Yugoslavian government, under Paul, was capitulating to Hitler. President Roosevelt sent Colonel William J. Donovan down there. Certain representations were made. As a result, there was a revolt. Paul was ousted. King Peter was installed. Yugoslavia resisted Hitler. She took a terrible beating, which we could do nothing to soften. She was beaten. Peter and his government fled to British protection. General Mikhailovitch, minister of war, remained to conduct guerrilla warfare against the axis.

We—the British and the Americans—asked General Mikhailovitch not to waste his men, his material and his energy in foredoomed skirmishes against the nazis.

Meanwhile Russia, pressing for a second front on the continent, sponsored organization of the so-called Partisans under Marshal (Tito) Josip Broz, who did what Stalin demanded, which was the exact opposite of what London and Washington had asked from Mikhailovitch.

The Partisans began at once to fight the axis for all they were worth. In a nation as independent, as warlike, as iconoclastic as Yugoslavia, the Partisans appealed to the popular fancy, and their bold activity drew to them the recruits upon whom Mikhailovitch had depended.

Therefore, the Partisans became not only the interesting, spectacular faction, but also the powerful one.

Now the allies, on the ground that they will help anybody who is fighting Hitler, and will help most those who are fighting hardest, are sending the bulk of their assistance to Tito—and there is very strong evidence that they are not discouraging Tito's claim that he is now the government of Yugoslavia, that Peter is out for good.

To laymen it seems questionable whether Anglo-American advice to Peter and Mikhailovitch was good. But we did inspire the revolt which led to Peter's troubles, and we did hold back Mikhailovitch when he would have done what, under better Russian advice, Tito actually did.

For the fix that Peter and Mikhailovitch are now in, we Americans and British are responsible. Therefore, it seems to some of us, we have no moral or ethical right now to turn on Peter and Mikhailovitch in favor of Tito.

This is not to say that we should try to force Peter onto his people. It is not to argue against giving the Partisans the utmost possible military assistance. It is merely to suggest that, having got Peter into a mess, we should stand by him and see that his position remains in status quo until a liberated Yugoslavia is in position to choose its own government, both in form and in personnel.

SERVICEMEN CANDIDATES

Comment on the Knox-Stimson rulings, that service officers can legally accept drafts to run for office, are reminiscent of reactions to amateur attempts to be artistic. Ordinarily, after looking over the results first inquisitively and then skeptically, friends remark: "It's lovely, but I'm not much up on modern art. You'll have to tell me what it means."

Everybody seems to be reading something into the rulings. They apply only to officers, for example: enlisted men can't run for office, apparently.

Officers can respond only to the draft of major parties, presumably the Democratic and the Republican. Naval officers can run for any office, but Army officers only for president or vice president, it appears.

If an officer should be nominated and elected to the presidency next November, he could resign to take office only with permission of President Roosevelt. But Mr. Roosevelt ceases to be President—and commander-in-chief—with the New Year.

The newly elected President, though he be a lieutenant-commander in the Navy or, let's imagine, a major in the Army, would thereupon be commander-in-chief of all the armed forces.

But would he have to wait until a lame duck President released him before he could

assume his cosmic task, or could he issue an order from the field, as commander-in-chief-elect, releasing himself to return to Washington to be inaugurated as President and commander-in-chief?

One New York county has as district attorney an Army officer who, while on active duty, was nominated by both major political parties and re-elected overwhelmingly, to put it conservatively. Presumably he was "drafted" for an office rated lower than the vice presidency, without protest from the War Department.

The whole thing is getting involved, isn't it? Couldn't we dismiss it by assuming that both Stimson and Knox read the newspapers, know that Senator Vandenberg is boosting General MacArthur for the G. O. P. nomination, ignored the subterfuge behind his hypothetical questions, and confined their answers to what he really wanted to know?

If that is the case, most of the mysteries disappear.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

TRUCK PURCHASE UNDER STUDY

Fortcoming disclosures by the senate Truman committee investigating the war effort will raise again the question of whether or not a war—particularly this present war—can be run efficiently at home, behind the lines.

In preparation now are reports on transportation and the building up of army inventories which will go into the whole matter of War Department policies in these two fields.

Particularly, there will be studies in the procurement of motor trucks, industrial tractors and lift trucks, as well as spare parts for all mechanized equipment. The purpose is to determine whether the army procurement services over-ordered, not only getting more equipment than they could possibly use, without regard to requirements for maintaining the civilian economy which must support and continue to supply the armed services.

War has always been considered a wasteful "business." A prevalent idea has been that the side with the greatest resources, the side which could put the most men and materials in the field, the side which could withstand the greatest losses, the side which could afford to waste the most, was bound to win the war.

Theory Questioned
In a short war, maybe that theory of logistics holds good. But in a war that stretches out as this one seems to be stretching, the idea is open to question. In its place is the theory that the side which can manage its resources of men and materials most economically is the side that can best withstand the drain of a long war and is the side that in the end will win.

Getting down to present cases, take the matter of trucks. In its forthcoming report on transportation, the Truman committee will take a strong position with respect to the purchasing of trucks by the army. The War Department has asked for the production of hundreds of thousands of trucks in 1944.

Meeting these military truck requirements has meant depriving civilian truck operators of new equipment. The stockpile of new trucks that has been rationed out gradually in the last two years is now all gone, and only 100 new trucks were made for civilian use in these two years.

Civilian truck transport, hauling an estimated 70 per cent of all the freight in and out of war production plants, may run the risk of a breakdown as a result, though there is a further question of what additional civilian trucks might use for tires, if they had been built. That is even a problem for the 123,000 civilian trucks which it is planned to build in 1944. But when civilian supply on essential items like trucks runs as close as this, then you see the need for extreme care in the placing of military orders.

Too Many Tractors?
Another phase of this problem comes in the ordering of industrial tractors and lift trucks. Army warehouse space is said to be three times the total of all commercial space, and to move war supplies in and out of storage, requirements have been put in for large numbers of industrial tractors, used in hauling strings of small warehouse trailers from freight car to storage space or ship side, as well as for fork lift trucks to raise and lower supplies in storage piles. Investigations of the Truman committee explore the apparently careless methods of preparing specifications and over-procurement of models for which there is questionable use.

The War Department is generally given credit for having done a tremendously efficient and effective job in handling the renegotiation of its contracts. Savings to the government of \$1,500,000,000 net have been reported by Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson as a result of renegotiation and price adjustment. This is simply good business practice. What the investigating senators would like to see is similar good business practice in letting the original contracts. Such efficiency in the first instance would do away with the unpleasantness of renegotiation later on.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

ABOUT CATS

For many years, no cat legally could claim Hill-side as its place of residence. This indisputable attitude on our part has not been due to any deep seated antipathy toward cats but rather a matter of choosing between them and birds. For birds are a gastronomic temptation a cat can't resist so we just "led them not into temptation."

But three years ago an invasion of rats took place. Poison and traps failed to stop it. In desperation, we got a cat, a cat which, time proved, believed in live and let live; touch a rat it would not. A second cat belonged to the same school of thought. But a third one had no such philosophy of life. A small nondescript creature, she at once set about the business of rodent extermination.

Having completed the rat purge in the house, we wished her to continue the good work on the outside. This she refused to do, not realizing that we like her as a rather but not as a household pet. For she is not the type nor is hers the character which makes one desire her for a pet. Only one feline mesalliance after another could have produced such a cat. So far, no diet has been found capable of rounding out her angular frame. The color of a mildewed dish rag, she doesn't try to make up in character what she lacks in beauty.

From the very first she has haughtily spurned all our gestures of friendliness. She likes the milk we give her and the warmth of our fire, but has no use for us personally. We didn't put her out many nights until she found a way to get in again. Waiting until we were asleep, she sneaked in through the window and morning invariably found her ensconced on the foot of the bed. But she finally miscalculated and came before I was asleep.

Discovered, she proceeded to put on such an act of loving affection as made me want to slap the hussy, knowing as I did the complete insincerity of her blandishments. Her feet set up a violent pumping of imaginary organ pedal. Pulling out all the stops, her legato purr crescendoed to a roar. An artist at duplicity, that cat.

If she only knew it, her days with us are numbered. For the time is not far distant when we'll no longer wind the clock and put out the cat; we'll just wind the clock.

Club Events Slated at Early Week

By MARIAN LOWRY

AMONG groups meeting Tuesday is the Credit Women's Breakfast club, the members to gather at the Osburn hotel at seven-thirty o'clock in the morning. This is a regular lesson meeting under the direction of Miss Winifred Marshall.

Several other group meetings are on the calendar for Monday evening and through Tuesday. Sorority groups meeting Monday evening include Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae, at the home of Mrs. Martha Baker; Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae, at the home of Mrs. Charles D. Thompson; Alpha Delta Pi alumnae, with Mrs. V. C. May.

Other groups meeting Monday evening include Hospitality club, Osburn hotel; Past Matrons' club, Evangeline chapter, O. E. S., at the home of Mrs. L. O. Meisel.

Tuesday afternoon, Phi Beta alumnae and associates hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert D. Horn. In the evening, Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae hold their meeting, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Byrnes.

DAUGHTER BORN

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter, January 1, to Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert Currin of Gulfport Field, Gulfport, Minn. The baby, who is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Gassman, Eugene, has been named Ann Karen. Mrs. Currin is the former Marie Gassman of Eugene.

WESTWAY CLUB

Meeting of the Westway club, set for Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Harry Wheeler, has been postponed indefinitely because of the hostess' illness.

SERVICE GROUP

Social Service group of the Women's League of the First Congregational church will meet Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, at the home of Miss Agnes Graham.

Music Students Appear Tuesday

Four music students will appear in a program of piano concertos Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the University of Oregon school of music auditorium, according to Mrs. Aurora Underwood, associate professor of music. They are Virgine Lindley, Betty Jones, Emily Rhodes, and Elizabeth Schaefer, all of Eugene.

Miss Lindley will play Mozart's Concerto in D Major; Miss Jones, Mendelssohn's "Capriccio Brillante," Opus 22; Miss Rhodes, Liszt's "Fantasia on Hungarian Folk Melodies," and Miss Schaefer, Grieg's Concerto in A Minor. Orchestral accompaniments will be played on a second piano by Mrs. Underwood.

Extension of Alaska Fishing Limit Sought

SEATTLE, Jan. 3.—Early passage of a bill extending the territorial fishing limits in Alaska waters from 3 to 12 miles will be sought by Sen. Mon C. Wallgren (D., Wash.) when he returns to Washington, D. C., he announced today.

Wallgren said hearings were scheduled to open on the bill Jan. 20. Extension of the limits would have the effect of eliminating the possibility of Japanese fishing again near the Alaska shore, he said.

He said Canadian authorities were understood to favor the legislation.



SLEEVES are shorter for spring, as you'll notice in this advanced New York creation of tea-cup blue crepe, designed for informal evenings. All the interest in this slim-lined model is centered in the slashed sleeves and belt tabs which tie at the center-front to form a tiny apron effect.

Recipes

(By NEA Service)
A whole boiled beef tongue is a good buy. Serve it hot as the big feature of dinner. Slice it cold, for sandwiches. Saute slices for combining with vegetables, creamed mixtures. Cube it for casseroles. Slice it for salads. Chop it for hash.

TONGUE AND SPINACH ROLLS (Serves 4)

One and one-half cups cooked spinach, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted, salt and pepper, 12 thin slices cooked tongue, 3-4 cup top milk or cream, 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard.
Chop spinach; add butter or margarine. Season with salt and pepper. Place spoonful spinach on each tongue slice; roll up tongue slice and fasten with toothpick. Place in greased casserole. Combine top milk or cream, horseradish and mustard; pour over tongue rolls. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 20 minutes.

SCALLOPED TONGUE AND NOODLES (Serves 8)

Two cups cubed cooked tongue, 1 package noodles, 2 cups canned or cooked tomatoes, salt and pepper, 1/4 cup fine crumbs, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine.
Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Arrange layers of noodles and tongue in alternate layers in greased casserole, sprinkling with salt and pepper. Top with tomatoes; sprinkle with crumbs. Dot with butter or margarine. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 1 1/2 hour.

TONGUE SLAW (Serves 6)

Two cups cooked tongue, cut in strips, 1/4 cup finely chopped onion, 4 cups shredded cabbage, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chopped mustard pickle.
Combine tongue, onion and cabbage. Combine mayonnaise and mustard pickle. Mix tongue and mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce or other salad greens garnished with additional mustard pickle.

A modern battleship requires 76 tons of tin.

30 Girls Pledge at University

THIRTY co-eds pledged campus sororities at the close of rush week, Saturday, eleven of the sororities taking in new members. Three Eugene girls were among those pledging.

Chi Omega pledged five women while Alpha Chi Omega pledged four to top the list, while several sororities pledged three each. Informal rushing will be permitted throughout the term, it is learned.

Following is the list of pledges: Alpha Chi Omega—Pat Radabaugh, Pat Hildreth, and Barbara Tomlinson, all of Portland; Betty Wilson, Whittier, Cal.

Alpha Omicron Pi—Grace Ellen Simpson, Dillard; Wyona Borgen, Roseburg; and Debbie Belknap, Nampa, Idaho.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Molly Connell, Eugene.
Alpha Phi—Mary Landry, Klamath Falls; Coleen Keating, Los Gatos, Cal.; Janice Noonan, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Alpha Xi Delta—Mary Kinney, Boise, Idaho.

Chi Omega—Joene Johnson, Portland; Marian Neuenfeldt, Eugene; Sue Hamilton, Dallas; Charlotte Johnston, Nampa; Anna Graves, San Francisco, Cal.

Delta Gamma—Yvonna Prather, Portland; and Barbara Fuller, Seattle.

Gamma Phi Beta—Flora Furrow, Portland; Alyce Davis, Berkeley, Cal.; and Patricia Fuller, Sacramento, Cal.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Becky Jane Fish, and Rosemary Jones, both of Portland.

Pi Beta Phi—Helene Wohler, Portland; Dorothy Davis, Klamath Falls; and Selby Frame, Sacramento, Cal.

Sigma Kappa—Mary Jo Geiser, Salem; Charis Bratt, San Diego, Cal.; and Patty Gentry, Tulake, Cal.

Sigma Xi Chapter To Discuss Volcanoes

The eruption in 1883 of the Kra Ka Toa volcano in the East Indies, and the volcanic field at Paulina Mountain, Ore., will be discussed Monday evening at a regular meeting of the Oregon Sigma Xi chapter, a bulletin from the science honorary said. Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert L. Nichols, U. S. Geological Survey, and a faculty member at Tufts college, Boston. The lecture is scheduled for 8:15 p. m. in room 108 Condon hall on the campus.

Installation of Lodges Thursday

COBURG—Diamond Rebekah lodge and West Point lodge of I. O. O. F. will hold joint installation of officers on Thursday evening, following the regular session for the Rebekahs. All Rebekahs are asked to be on hand at eight o'clock for their meeting preceding the installation.

On the refreshments committee are Mrs. Stuart Hurd, Mrs. John Hurd, Mrs. Hal Harrington, Mrs. S. B. Hurler, Mrs. A. B. Johns, Mrs. John Knott, Mrs. Claude McKibben, Mrs. Robert O'Neil.

Springfield

ANEA'S MEETING POSTPONED
SPRINGFIELD — The meeting of the Anean club which was scheduled for Tuesday of this week has been postponed. Notices regarding a future meeting will be given later.

FEST NOBLE GRANDS

SPRINGFIELD — A meeting of the Fest Noble Grand club of the Juanita Rebekah lodge will be

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