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Honor Awarded Where Honor Long Due

From time to time, for many years, we have named Marian Lowry Fischer as one of the two or three very great reporters we have known in a long newspaper experience. Marian made her start with The Guard in 1922-23 while she was working her way through the University of Oregon and she was with this paper continuously until 1945 when her husband's business made it necessary to move to Salem, where she soon joined the staff of The Salem Capital-Journal. That gives our friend, George Putnam, a claim but here we still think of Marian as "our gal."

Therefore we are elated to learn that Marian Lowry Fischer has been awarded the national first prize of the National Federation of Press Women, at last week's convention in Omaha, for the best Women's Pages in the United States. It is an honor placed where it has long been due but she wears it with characteristic modesty. She and "Brick" came to Eugene last night for the RG's Old Timer's dinner, and speaking of the award she said:

"It has been my privilege to work for two newspapers which give a reporter the opportunity to do his work without any hampering restrictions. The only orders are to do a faithful and thorough job of telling the news."

That is very kind. But it isn't every reporter who can make the most of such opportunity. Marian's specialty over many years has been women's pages, but in her time with us she covered every "beat" and every kind of news story (and even held down a desk

job during some emergencies). Sometimes we have teased Mr. Putnam:

"Why keep Marian tied to Women's Page? She could take your statehouse run or any other and rip things wide open."

Marian herself would dispute this theory. Indeed, in a little piece she wrote for the Capital Journal she deplored editors who regarded their women's pages as "a sort of necessary evil." As she says, there's much more to Women's Pages than the recording of seeming trivia—the engagements and weddings and parties and receptions and "activities" of women. These doings are the LIFE of people, and Marian suggests that schools of journalism should devote more attention to training Women's Page editors.

The answer is that Marian has something that simply can't be taught in any school—she has a deep and abiding interest in people and everything that pertains to their lives, from the first birthday to the presidential election. That is the quality which has made her a memorable reporter. She is not a clever writer, but to her everything that concerns people is IMPORTANT.

That is why she has always been able to find vivid news which others, including editors, pass by without seeing. We could sit from dawn to dark relating some of her news exploits. Her woman's page has been rated best. Good pictures, excellent type dress and printing have helped, but the quality of the page has come from Marian herself, a fine, sincere woman whose interest, night or day, in the community she serves is genuine.

Planning Takes Status As A Necessity

Planning for cities and urban areas is no longer regarded as a concession to "do-gooders and beautifiers." It has become recognized as a necessity—just plain hard-headed business sense—under the impact of traffic congestion and wholesale "decentralization" moves which have made the "practical people" look at their hole cards. Public Administration Clearing House finds the proof in the expanded budgets for planning in cities from one end of the United States to the other:

In 1941 New York and Chicago were the only two cities budgeting more than \$100,000 for this work; now the number is 11.

In 1941 only 22 cities were spending more than \$10,000 a year for planning; in 1951 the number was 127 with more than half of these appropriating in excess of \$25,000 a year.

Per capita expenditures for planning have jumped from 2 to 4 cents in most cities to upwards of 20 cents per capita in 27 California cities. El Paso, Texas, is spending \$1.10 per capita.

In this area, the cities of Eugene and Springfield, the county, the Eugene and Springfield school districts and the Eugene Water and Electric Board have been jointly financing our Central Lane Planning Council, of which Howard Burford is director. He really serves the entire county and his budgets have been about \$14,000 a year—about 12 cents per capita for a county population of 125,000.

Our setup is more economical than most because of this pooling of funds and avoidance of duplication and Burford's office has paid for itself many times over with its excellent and accurate map work and its assistance in locating schools, arterial highways, streets and other facilities.

The big problem here as elsewhere

Realism As to Chiang Kai-shek's Strength

Now on her own, Japan has been negotiating her own peace treaty with the Republic of China, and our attention has been directed to Article 10 of the treaty draft, which defines quite accurately what the Republic of China is today:

For the purposes of the present treaty, nationals of the Republic of China shall be deemed to include all the inhabitants and former inhabitants of Taiwan (Formosa) and Penghu (the Pescadores) and their descendants who are of the Chinese nationality in accordance with the laws and regulations which have been or may hereafter be enforced by the Republic of China in Taiwan (Formosa) and Penghu (the Pescadores).

The island of Formosa (Taiwan) contains less than 14,000 square miles—about the size of Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson and Coos counties—and it has possibly 10,000,000 inhabitants, including refugees. The Pescadores add very little in area or population.

There has been a great deal of loose

has been to make the big jump in our thinking—from mere administration of zoning regulations to actual PLANNING for the future, and we still have a long way to go if we are to solve such problems as off-street parking, traffic management and the preservation of property and business values.

It has been said repeatedly that most of our American cities will have to be rebuilt to meet modern needs—a shuddering thought. Actually they have been in a process of being rebuilt ever since they were started. The only thing that is new is that people are beginning to realize that GOOD PLANS SAVE MONEY. So there is a nation-wide scramble to hire trained planners.

Planners are usually trained in engineering, but their work requires deep and detailed understanding of the economics and sociology of the community, because if planning is to be functional it must be related to all the functions of community life.

The planner is more concerned with the FUTURE of the city than with its past. He can't tear down and start all over but he must tie the future with the past.

You can't go into any major city in the United States without seeing evidence of this rebuilding process.

The most important change is in ATTITUDE. You hear very little of the old complaint about "visionaries." The businessman is demanding city planning as a prudent cost-of-doing-business expense.

talk—including some by General MacArthur—on the possibilities of using Chiang's "600,000 fighting men" to recapture China from the Reds. Reliable military reports indicate Chiang actually has not more than 50,000 with shoes and fighting equipment.

Apart from any question of recognizing Red China, there is a problem of acknowledging the practical limitations of Chiang. We have kept up the pretense that the Chinese Nationalists are still the government of all China. The Japanese are at least realists.

Given time and a convincing record of honest and efficient administration in Formosa, the Chiang government might regain respect, but reports indicate that the Formosans regard them as unwelcome and predatory "guests." It can be agreed that Formosa should be kept out of Red hands at all costs, but in reorganizing our approach to Asia we should begin by accepting the facts.

Marouis Childs

Ike Easily Spans A 'Great Divide'

ABILENE, Kans.—General Eisenhower has taken the first step across the great divide. This typical small town offers a measure of how wide that gulf is.

The Eisenhower home on Fourth Street is now preserved as a museum, just as it was lived in by the Eisenhower family. It is a typical white frame house with big trees around it and irregular beds of old-fashioned flowers of the kind the General's mother raised. You could hardly imagine a greater contrast between that simple white house and the handsome chateau outside Paris in which the Eisenhowers were living until a few days ago. It is the difference between Europe, the Europe of manicured elegance, and this backbone of America which is Abilene and a thousand other towns across the length and breadth of the land.

TO SPAN THAT difference almost literally between dawn and dusk is no easy thing. Since he is a sensitive and more complicated individual than he appears on the surface, Eisenhower understands what a difficult bridge he must throw up between the world of the military statesman and the down-to-earth politics of a fierce campaign.

Just now, at the beginning, he is a little tentative. You can see that in the way that eager groups of people with broad smiles and hands outstretched surprise him. In that other life of a few days ago everything was carefully regulated and labeled. The members of a reception committee to greet you as you stepped off a plane were efficiently identified and arranged by rank, each one knowing his precise place in the ceremony.

Now they come crowding forward, all wanting a word, a handshake. One of the photographers yells, "hey, Ike, put your arm around Governor Arn's shoulder." You put your hat back a little bit. "We can't see your face." He grins a good-natured response while the milling crowd tries to push in.

EISENHOWER IS a very adaptable man. He has shown that in various phases of his career. He reacts so quickly that this will become familiar and easy.

As to the speech, it was a cautious and even timid step over the political side of the gulf. Intended as a non-political speech, it came close to qualifying as that. In it were the simple principles in which Eisenhower believes. And if they tended to sound like platitudes, then Ike would undoubtedly say that we have become too cynical and are too far removed from the meaning of those principles. He is against inflation, against overcentralization of government, against taxes that are so high as to be nearly confiscatory.

Yet, at several points he drew in at least a broad outline of the ground that will separate him from his opposition in the Republican party and also from the Truman administration. General Douglas MacArthur and, to a much lesser extent, Senator Robert A. Taft belittle the external threat of Communist aggression and stress the internal threat from inflation and Communist infiltration. But Eisenhower, defining the obligations of the "higher citizenship," said that "alert recognition of external as well as internal dangers" is essential.

HE THREW IN—in all probability at the prompting of his zealous political advisers—a reference to the evil of secret diplomacy and how Americans dread "the kind of secrecy that surrounded Yalta." The political emphasis of the speech was strongest on the dangers of the incompetence and corruption—that result when a party is too long in power.

But this was a trial flight. Large areas remain to be defined with greater clarity and force. And the pressure is building up to do that definition in political speeches made in the right political setting.

By almost everyone with access to him Ike is being told that he must make a speech to the South in the South. Where and when are matters on which agreement has not been reached. Paul Hoffman, who is certainly the most energetic and perhaps also the most clear-thinking of the men around Eisenhower, is arguing for Texas and a speech addressed to the youth of the nation on the theme of the great opportunities ahead. Others are urging, as a non-political forum, the Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Virginia which takes place at the end of June, on the eve of the convention.

Here in Abilene the atmosphere was friendly and warm, with little or none of the fierce antagonism that has come into the remarkably close Republican race. The crowds were in a holiday mood in spite of a lowering sky and spatters of rain. This was their boy, their hero. The next step onto political terrain is likely to be rougher and tougher.

So They Say—

We will do everything to strengthen the German Democratic Republic as a basis for a great national fight for a peace-loving, independent Germany.—Communist Erich Honecker, leader of the "Free German Youth."

There is nothing serious between us. I think it is better that way because love affairs very quickly become tiring.—Greek actress Irene Papa who has been linked romantically with Aly Khan.

We (British) just don't jump into things. That's why we don't need what you call (automobile) "bumpers"—British Travel Agent Alistair McClean.

The Shepherd

D-DAY (JUNE 6, 1944)
"He doth bless the sacrifice."
I Sam. 9:12
Eight years ago they hit the beach... This was the day they were to reach... Their rendezvous with death and see... The dawn of Allied Victory... They died that day for Right and Law... At Utah Beach and Omaha... Do you feel that their sacrifice... Was bought at far too dear a price? Or cherish that for which they fought... The freedom that their blood has bought?
JULIEN C. HYER

Opening Again Under New Management



Starr Attends OSC Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Starr of Eugene will go to Corvallis Friday evening to attend the Saturday luncheon for alumni of Oregon State College. Mr. Starr is the sole surviving member of the Class of 1891, with which he received from the then-Oregon Agriculture College his Bachelor of Science degree.

The Eugene octogenarian was under 21 when he got this degree, having gone straight from the Corvallis city schools. On completion of the eight grades of public school, he was able to pass college admission tests. There were at that time no public high schools, although several private academies, such as one at Drain, were in operation. He attended country school at Monroe before going to Corvallis.

At the time of Mr. Starr's graduation, the OAC was in the process of being taken over by the state. Previously, although it had received federal funds for support of its agricultural program, he said, the school was operated by Southern Methodists. Due to the change, there was revision of college curricula, and Mr. Starr and his three associates in an ad interim class were found to have credits for graduation. The college then was lodged in a single large wooden structure down town.

Congressmen Differ On Ike's Stand

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Two Pacific Northwest congressmen have commented on Gen. Eisenhower's campaign news conference at Abilene, Kas., Thursday.

Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) said the general "failed to make any direct answers. He's talking in generalities." He's talking in generalities.

Rep. Tollefson (R-Wash.) said: "His support of the Republicans' 1950 statement attacking President Truman should eliminate any doubt that he is a Republican at heart."

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Idle Workers List Increases

SALEM—(AP)—Oregon unemployment is heavier than last year at this time, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported Thursday.

Some 5,644 found jobs last month, but there still were 17,078 looking for work June 1, the commission said. This was 4,472 more than were looking for jobs at the same time last year.

Three areas, Oregon City, Albany and Pendleton, reported more job seekers than a month before, mainly because of additions to the labor force by students, housewives and migrants.

Some sections, such as Corvallis, Coos Bay, Lakeview, Medford and Baker, said the number looking for work was two to four times as great as last year.

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CG Adds Young Officer Force

COTTAGE GROVE—The got twelve new additions to the "Grove's finest" Tuesday night. Twelve boys met with Chief Ed and Assistant Chief Charles to form a junior police detachment.

Jones hopes to add eight "officers" to bring the force to 20. The boys will post signs on parade routes and help out around the city. Jones will put them to work at the rodeo on June 14.

The boys, 10 to 14 years old, were met at the Town meeting. They are: Dale Smith, chief; David Thun, captain; Faulkner, Sergeant and Mac Coy, secretary.

Jones says he hopes to see uniforms for the boys; caps, belt and Sam Browne belt. While, Chief Smetzer says he made no long-range plans for force but feels confident he can maintain a disciplined and efficient group.

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