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The Caller Who Stayed 15 Years

Back in 1931, just after the legislature had created the state police department and Gen. Smedley D. Butler—of marine and Philadelphia police fame—had been called in to help set up its organization, Oregon's then Governor Julius L. Meier had an unexpected and uninvited caller one morning. This unbidden guest rode down from Portland with a friend who had an appointment with the governor just "to keep him company." Although he planned to return to Portland that same day and actually did so, as he had planned, he figuratively remained here for 15 years to become one of the state's most popular and efficient officers.

That unbidden caller, who accompanied the man whom Governor Meier had offered the superintendency of the new police force and who had declined, was none other than Charles P. Pray, who himself was that day tendered the appointment and accepted on the condition that he be permitted to retire after perfecting the organization.

Last Saturday Governor Earl Snell, the fourth chief executive under whom Pray has served with distinction, announced the veteran's retirement as of May 31. In his letter of resignation Pray told the governor "I have no taste for public service despite the testimony of long tenure to the contrary. In this organization I was first intrigued by novelty and then challenged by emergency," he said in explanation. He has long sought to relinquish the job that called him out of his first retirement. But circumstances have heretofore always thwarted his intention to lay down the load he had reluctantly consented to carry. First during the labor disturbances of the middle 1930's he was prevailed upon by Charles H. Martin to stay on. Later the war created a demand for his experience which he could not deny.

Out of a background of years of experience with the United States secret service and as the organizer of industrial plant police forces in the east, Charlie Pray built the state police organizations of the country; an organization based upon merit and devoid of politics. Suspicion engendered by jealousy stirred up by members of the old state traffic police and the game wardens, which groups were absorbed into Pray's new setup, rapidly gave way to public confidence to such an extent that public protest compelled one governor to reconsider his decision to replace Superintendent Pray.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to Pray's success in building the state police is the fact that during its 15 years there has not been a single hint of scandal connected with the organization. Like, their chief, a graduate of the University of Kansas, an attorney and experienced police officer who placed duty and loyalty above all else, the members of the state police command respect and obedience wherever they are called. From the new superintendent down to the greenest recruit, the state police stand as a living monument to the man who has so ably trained and commanded them—the man who came for a day and stayed 15 years, Charles P. Pray.

Our Greatest Egotist

Drew Pearson, the Washington columnist and radio commentator, is frequently off in his political guesses and key-hole snooping but his characterization of John L. Lewis as the greatest personal egotist among those who dominate the scene today is probably correct. Lewis is an accomplished actor and poses and plans his every move for dramatic effect, whether it is in the washroom of a Pullman car brushing his hair, or entering a hotel dining room or attending a labor conference. Pearson says:

If you go through the headquarters of the United Mine Workers, formerly the dignified University club just a stone's throw from the White House, your suspicions are confirmed that John L. Lewis relishes the luxury of oak-paneled offices and ornate leather chairs just as much—perhaps more—than the tycoon of Wall Street. Or, when you visit the assembly room in the basement of the United Mine Workers' building, a hundred pictures stare at you—all framed cartoons of John L. Lewis. Unquestionably, if Lewis hadn't built up his own ego, he wouldn't be where he is today. Ego had done a lot for John. But sometimes ego has interfered with the things he was working for, certainly it has interfered with the interests of the country.

Lewis' balloon inflated egotism is similar to that of other dictators. It is the meat Caesar's have always fed upon to grow great. Gigantic pictures of Stalin, those who have toured Russia report, confront you everywhere, from railroad stations, from factory walls, in schoolhouses, at collective farms, even in Red army parades and in far-off Siberia. Similarly portraits of Hitler were everywhere in Nazi Germany as were those of the strutting Mussolini all over fascist Italy. Napoleon Bonaparte had a similar complex as did "Napoleon the Little."

There is little question that appears in the White House instead of leaders are largely responsible for the course Lewis has pursued—for their kid glove handling of labor racketeers only further inflates their ego. What we need is a Grover Cleveland or a Teddy Roosevelt to give them their come-uppance. Cleveland met a nationwide railroad strike by calling out the army and seizing the railroads, stopping the strike before it got under way. T. R. used the "big stick" not only against union leaders but against big business and Wall Street and forced both sides to obey the constitution, the first paragraph of which reads:

"We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States."

Our Inflated Bureaucracy

The Oregonian unintentionally gave a graphic illustration of the tremendous growth of our bureaucracy when it printed illustrations of seven and a half Yeon buildings as needed for future federal and state occupancy, that a survey shows will total 555,000 square feet of office space. The illustrations were to emphasize the need of a civic center, recently rejected by the citizens. Unless such a center is established, "a chaotic pattern of public buildings will prevail forever."

The federal department of agriculture has signed agreements to occupy 128,000 feet of space in a new \$3,500,000 building, which will be Portland's largest skyscraper but this is only a quarter of the office space needed for federal bureaucracy. The federal reserve bank is to erect a building nearly as large as the Yeon building. The Indian Service wants another big structure. The postal service needs another big skyscraper. Federal agencies now occupy some 360,000 square feet of office space scattered throughout the city.

Soviet Russia has between 10 and 11 million people in its bureaucracy regulating the details of individual life as against 1,500,000 in Czarist Russia and if our New Dealers have their way, the United States will soon have as many on the federal payroll as the Stalin regime. That's what the communists are working for anyway.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Repeat partakers at a local eatery were admiring the table cloth on their particular table and during such admiring examination one of them happened to turn over a corner of same. Stamped on the cloth were the words "For Double Bed." Evidently someone was sleeping between the blankets or a lightening change was made between sleeping and eating times.

You gardeners who happen to see robins standing around listlessly first on one foot and then another needn't be surprised. They are just waiting for the first strawberry to show red.

Hummingbird Nursery
 (Gladys Shields in Jefferson Review)

The neighbors on our street have enjoyed a rare treat this spring in watching two baby hummingbirds grow up. The

Novelties In the News

Nothing New

Portland, May 13 — Three policemen found missing three-year-old Penny Morehouse on a bridge.

She didn't want to go home with them so they tried to coax her by an offer to hold a cop's shiny badge and listen to the patrol car radio. Penny fell for neither one.

Finally by "force" they delivered Penny home and were met by her father—Patrolman E. S. Morehouse.

No Brass

Waukegan, Ill., May 13 — Army records list him as general Johnson but he receives only a private's pay. General Johnson, that's his name, enlisted recently for a three-year hitch, the Waukegan army recruiting station reported.

Time Tempest

Fairfield, Ill., May 13 — Citizens can find the score of the latest battle between city and county authorities on the courthouse clock.

The clock was advanced an hour when the Fairfield city council put the county seat on daylight savings time. But the hands were moved back when Wayne county commissioners decided county offices would observe standard time.



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MACKENZIE'S Column

Our bruised and battered world has come close to another calamity in the collapse of the round-table conference which has been searching in Simla—India's summer capital—for a method of making Indian independence effective, but disaster has been at least postponed by the dogged determination of the British and Indian representatives not to abandon the quest this time.

The previous conference in 1942, when the British mission under Sir Stafford Cripps went out to India, ended in stark tragedy. Failure of the parley was followed by widespread disorders and bloodshed. At that time the conference was brought to a precipitous end when the Indians—perhaps following the Oriental custom of opposing an offer for bargaining purposes—rejected the proposal somewhat brusquely.

Might Have Been Saved

I was in India shortly after that and found among impartial observers the view that perhaps the conference might have been saved if a further effort had been made. They felt that the Indians had been taken rather by surprise.

Be that as it may, the present British delegation says that the breakdown in Simla "does not in any way bring an end to the mission," and Jawa Harlal Nahru, president elect of the great All-India congress, comments succinctly that "the negotiations go on forever, but this particular conference is ended." Nahru's statement is particularly encouraging because next to Mahatma Gandhi he is the greatest political figure in India.

Left to Guess

The conferees now have departed to think things over and see what further moves can be made. We are left to guess the cause of the Simla breakdown, but it may be assumed that it came as the result of the demand of the Moslem league, headed by the brilliant Mahomed Ali Jinnah, for a wholly independent Moslem state (Zpakistan.) The Moslems want this because they fear the Hindus, who outnumber them three to one. On the other hand, the All-India congress, which is comprised largely of Hindus, has been equally insistent on the establishment of a federal government built along the lines of the United States. The British have supported the federal idea.

Long Chain of Failures

There has been a long chain of failures to reach agreement. In the past the Indians have charged that England had no real desire to grant independence and that she was pursuing a policy of "divide and rule" by keeping the Hindus and Moslems

New Hospital Site Dedicated

Dedicatory services on the ground that is to be the location of the new Salem Deaconess hospital, and open house in the present building, brought an attendance of several hundred persons Sunday afternoon as the hospital's observance of National Hospital day.

Dr. Charles Durden, in the main address, described the projected new hospital in its main details, and said it would be a fully-accredited institution. The nurses' home, which is to be part of the hospital plant, was described.

A feature of the program was the appearance of Sister Anna Hayward, last of the founders of Salem Deaconess hospital now living in this community. In the garb of a deaconess of the Menominee church she gave a reminiscent talk about the part she and her co-workers played in establishing the institution. She was introduced by Rev. Homer Leisy who spoke on the history of the hospital.

The ground for the new building was dedicated by Rev. C. W. Hamblin, Rev. Sam Neufeldt, hospital chaplain, presided. The remainder of the program was carried out as previously published.

Traffic was directed by Boy Scout Troop No. 64 of Four Corners.

C-45 Found; Still Hunt for Bodies

Bozeman, Mont., May 13 (AP)—A rescue unit today searched for the sixth and last victim in a crash of an army C-45 transport which plunged head-on into Lobe peak May 5 en route from Billings, Mont., to Seattle.

Three of five bodies recovered on the 9,500-foot mountain were identified but their names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The rescue unit, led by Capt. T. Fritz, Superior, Wis., was expected to start the 20-mile descent into Willsai, Mont., as soon as the last body is found. The bodies will be brought out aboard an amphibious weasel tractor.

at loggerheads. Whatever may have been the degree of truth in this charge that certainly has been no indication in the present instance that the British government isn't both willing and anxious to see a provisional government established forthwith. Independence for India has been one of the most important planks in the platform of the new socialist government under Prime Minister Attlee.

Claims Japs Don't Have To Obey All Mac's Orders

Tokyo, May 13 (AP)—Dr. Ichiro Kiyose, chief counsel for former Premier Hideki Tojo and 26 other suspected war criminals, asserted today that the Japanese people do not have to obey every order issued by Supreme Commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

His statement came during a general attack on the jurisdiction of the international military tribunal trying the defendants and drew an angry retort from Chief Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan.

"I suggest to the tribunal that we have heard discourse from this counsel that is very close to sedition," Keenan declared.

Shaking a pair of black-rimmed glasses and pounding on a table to emphasize his points, Kiyose based his argument on the point that Japan had signed a conditional surrender.

"Only the armed forces of Japan surrendered unconditionally," he argued. "The unconditional portion does not apply to the government or the people. The Japanese people have to obey the supreme commander only in matters covered by the Potsdam declaration."

Kiyose said that MacArthur could issue orders and that the emperor was obligated to carry out only specific items covered in the Potsdam declaration.

Kiyose claimed it would be for the good of civilization if the indictments against the defendants were dropped.

Keenan declared that the surrender of Japan was "without conditions." He turned a bright red as he faced the defendants' box and asked:

"Are the perpetrators of war, murder and plunder to go free?" he insisted that the court had the right to try them.

Sir William Webb, president of the tribunal, suggested that Keenan's "rhetorical language" was at the moment out of place. The American prosecutor replied that he felt strongly about the matter and that he was not going to let "a lot of false assertions" go unanswered.

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Music Winners Will Serenade Kiwanis

Salem winners at the northwest regional national high school music contest at Eugene will provide the program for the Kiwanis club luncheon Tuesday noon under the direction of Vernon Wiscarsen, director of music at the high school. A group will include Deryl Yocom, saxophone; Bob Emerson, tuba; Bob Bain, oboe, and Donna Jane Macklin, violin. The French horn quartet, composed of Dick Whitely, Shirley Sogge, Glen Garrett and Norman Lindburg will give several selections. All are high school students except Bain who is from Leslie junior high school.

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