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SIPS FOR SUPPER

The Great Day

By DON UPJOHN

Sunday is the big day that people up "the canyon" in the Detroit-Idanha area have been waiting for, the day when the new North Santiam highway dedication plans are to be carried out and cars and people from all over the valley will converge on that point. Ed Vickers, the major domo for the celebration up the canyon, writes us that from all indications there should be a bang-up crowd and that plans are going ahead apace, a couple of paces in fact, and a good time should be had by all. He says that highway 222 is now like the Sunset boulevard to the people who have been using the old road for the past two years. Unquestionably the North Santiam highway is one of the most important improvements in the history of this area, ranking along with the construction of the Detroit dam itself. If there's anything in the import of the occasion that should warrant a crowd, the canyon should be full of people come Sunday. And there's enough natural beauty up there to go around and plenty left over.



Don Upjohn

Our only certainty of survival in this atomic world is not to sit with a sword in hand—but to eliminate war and the causes of war. Far more important than the armed forces in keeping the peace is the intelligence and realism that the American people must apply to their new world role. We cannot ignore, however, the fact that all nations have not yet discarded force, that wars are not impossible—any more than they are inevitable. Bradley's reason for the forces under his new command could probably be found in this recent statement: "Together with their consuming passion for peace, together with their effort to seek settlement of world disputes through justice rather than force—the American people are compelled to cling to armed power as a deterrent to peace and a less plausible conviction in justice."

At another time, he gave this warning to his countrymen: "The American people can never take refuge behind their armed forces with the assurance that they have purchased peace with power. Peace is not for sale to the people who buy the heaviest guns."

Selection of General Bradley should be gratifying to all Americans. Truman's choice of him deserves the highest praise—at the same time that the president's keeping of Vaughan deserves the highest condemnation. If Truman wanted to put Vaughan in the worst possible light, he did it unintentionally by his naming of an officer of the caliber of Bradley to the top military job.

The Stratocruiser Craze

President Croll Hunter of the Northwest Airlines, declared at Portland as he embarked on the first of his company's Boeing stratocruisers, that the Northwest would like to move its maintenance shops and its general offices from Minneapolis to Portland, an industry employing more than 1000 persons, but there are many obstacles. The chief is that the CAA will not permit the stratocruiser to operate commercially from Portland until its 5400-foot runways are extended at least to 6100 feet.

This is the problem that every airport is confronted with. A runway may be constructed for the largest airplane then in existence, but by the time it is completed, bigger and faster airliners are likely to have been built that require still larger runways and all the other safety requirements that go with it.

The smaller cities that try to meet the new CAA requirements find that they are regarded as "whistle stops" by the mainliners, passed-up, and usually shunted-off for "feeder" service by shuttle flights for the big cities.

The Northwest's new stratocruiser, which cuts transcontinental flight time from 14 hours to 8 hours, will land at Seattle but not at Portland, and Portland passengers will have to intercept the fast Boeing at Seattle, just as Salem passengers must go to Portland to catch the UAL DC-4's and DC-5's for transcontinental or ocean flights, which pass up even big cities along the route.

Portland is working on an 8400-foot runway which may enable it to become the capital for all major airlines but by the time it is completed, there would probably be super-stratocruisers that cut flying time down much farther, carry a couple of hundred passengers instead of 73, weigh 200 tons, and travel at 500 miles or more an hour.

That is providing the craze for speed keeps up and there are enough travelers to pay the price. Meanwhile there are possibilities of reversal in the speed and size craze, and also signs of great improvement in relatively small planes, such as the new DC-3, which provide all the luxury and trimmings the traffic will probably justify.

Salem's 5500-foot airfield runway, that proved ample in the flood emergency last year for superplanes, may, for a while at least, take care of all the air traffic that will materialize, unless of course, the CAA forces the withdrawal of the UAL and makes the city a "whistle stop," a feeder line as well as for passengers for Poduck and way stations—and then it will be too big for the slumping air traffic.

Abolish the Republican Party? Lone GOP Senator Blocks Move

Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—Democratic Leader Scott Lucas observed, with glee, that the republican side of the senate was empty. He got up and pointed this out. He had an idea. The senate, he noted, is a body that by unanimous consent can do almost anything. So why shouldn't the democrats who were present abolish the republican party? It might have worked except for Sen. Homer E. Capehart, a republican from Indiana, who was presiding. Grinning, Capehart hastened to hand over the gavel to a democrat, and took his seat. Lucas abandoned the project.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Top Officials Annoyed By Anti-U. S. Visitors

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington—Philippine President Elpidio Quirino received the customary formal amenities during his Washington visit, but privately, top officials breathed a sigh of relief when he departed. Reason was a gingerly handled situation that astonished and embarrassed them.

Three leading members of Quirino's party were prominent Jap collaborators and violent U.S. denouncers. They are: Jose Yulo, chief justice of the Supreme Court in the Jap-created puppet government. Yulo was personally decorated by Emperor Hirohito for outstanding service to Japan. Yulo is now a member of Quirino's council of state.

Federico Mangahas, zealous supporter of the Japs and ghost writer of virulently anti-American speeches for top Filipino collaborators. Mangahas is now Quirino's private secretary.

Vicente Albano Pacis, leading collaborationist propagandist who poured out a steady stream of anti-American fulminations in the press and on the radio. He is press chief of Quirino's party.

President Quirino, personally, has an impeccable resistance record. His wife and other members of his family were killed by the Japs because of his steadfast refusal to collaborate.

Friends explain the presence of the three collaborators in his party as due to "political necessity." Quirino is seeking re-election this year in a very uncertain race.

His leading opponent is Jose P. Laurel, who was president of the Jap puppet government. Despite his extreme collaborationist record, including a declaration of war against the U.S., Laurel was freed from prison in an amnesty proclaimed by his close friend and fellow collaborationist, the late President Manuel Roxas.

Another strong candidate opposing Quirino is Jose Avelino, wily Tammany-type politician. Quirino's friends say his three collaborationist associates are giving important help in his re-election campaign.

This is particularly true of Yulo, credited with being one of the smartest business-men and best money-raisers in the Philippines. Yulo is an intimate of Ambassador Joaquin M. Elizalde, who has represented his country in Washington off and on for a number of years. Elizalde is rated as the wealthiest man in the Philippines.

In Filipino circles it is claimed one reason for Quirino's visit was to promote a U.S. loan to Elizalde's extensive business interests. Washington officials were particularly annoyed at the presence of the three collaborationists because of lack of enthusiasm about the whole idea of Quirino's visit.

The plan originated with his campaign managers. They conceived it as a smart campaign maneuver. The official invitation was extended reluctantly and only after much wire-pulling.

Washington state's Senators Warren G. Magnuson, D., and Harry Cain, R., are at bitter loggerheads over the Tacoma postmaster's office.

Tacoma is Cain's home town, and he is demanding the appointment for one of his adherents, William E. Patrick, former army colonel. Magnuson is just as insistently supporting John MacMonagle, disabled veteran who has been acting postmaster for four years.

Cain took the controversy directly to Magnuson, saying, "I thought a senator had the right to recommend the postmaster for his home town?"

"Perhaps so, in some cases," retorted Magnuson, "but in this case there are two strikes against you. One is that my man was originally recommended by the congressman of his district and he has strong support in Tacoma."

"The other strike is that you Republicans are not in control this year as you were last. That makes a big difference, and that is why my man will get the appointment."

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES Accuracy of the census bureau's last 4,100,000 unemployment report is sharply questioned by the public affairs institute. According to Dr. Dewey Anderson, P.A.I. director, the figure is low by at least 600,000. Anderson also sharply challenges Commerce Secretary Sawyer's contention that increase in unemployment is due largely to the influx of young new workers looking for jobs. Anderson says the statistics don't bear that out.

"A comparison of changes in the labor force during May-June," he declares, "show that 800,000 fewer young people became active job seekers this year than during the same period last year."

"The official unemployment figures are not realistic. Large numbers of jobless are not being taken into consideration for various technical reasons that don't hold water on examination."

FLASHES Senator Charles Tobey, R., N.H., wept openly during the labor committee hearing on the bill for federal aid in the fight against multiple sclerosis. One of the witnesses was Mrs. Lou Gehrig, widow of the baseball star who died of the disease.

Secretaries Dean Acheson and Louis Johnson warmly assured the foreign relations committee there is no ill feeling between them over military meddling in foreign policy.

Rhode Island democrats are trying to persuade Thomas G. Corcoran, onetime top New Deal brain-truster, to re-enter the political arena. He has given no indication that he is interested.

Something in the Stars? Seattle (AP)—Astrologists might find something here. Aug. 7, 1945, a daughter was born to Mrs. Howard M. Smith. Aug. 7, 1947, a son was born to Mrs. Howard M. Smith. Aug. 7, 1949, it happened again. Another son.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

As Others Want to See Us With Red-Eyed Vision

By JAMES D. WHITE

Some of the giddier ideas abroad about America are being hopped up by communist propagandists. Samples: A recent Moscow cartoon shows an American football game so violent that the referee operates in an armored car among players and fans armed with guns and clubs.

A recent article in "Rude Pravo," the official communist newspaper in Prague, Czechoslovakia, depicts America as a place where sitting on flagpoles is common. According to AP's Prague correspondent, Richard Kasichke, Rude Pravo's argument runs like this: America is so full of contradictions and frustrations that one out of 30 Americans blows his top and climbs a flagpole or does something equally odd to get away from it all.

"Apparently," says Rude Pravo, "it is really hard for an average American today to keep his mental balance. Some of them—they are called pole-sitters—sit on high poles and try to keep their perch there as long as possible. Pictures are made of them and newspapers write front page stories about them."

"Then, soap, soft-drink and soap manufacturers ask them to endorse their products. Hollywood companies offer them screen tests. Political correspondents ask their opinions on the international situation..."

Rude Pravo shows it's a blast of developments by reporting that Chicago "used to be" famous for its gangsters. But it says Chicago recently announced that during a single year more than 2,000 Bibles had been stolen.

We have our goofy element, and I once heard a very sober economist (a loyal republican, by the way) argue seriously that the freedom to make a fool of yourself if you don't hurt somebody else in the process. Maybe very few Americans can say honestly that they never swiped a towel. Very few of us even want to be supermen, much less think we are.

But the communists are working on a mean little quirk in people everywhere, including ourselves. That's their prejudice about others, their acceptance of everything that supports the prejudice, and their disinterest in anything that might upset the prejudice.

Any editor who ever filed news from this country abroad can tell you. The great demand abroad is for the freakish in American life.

War-Wife's Taxi-Born Baby Is Doing Nicely, Thank You

Seattle, Aug. 12 (AP)—A young British war wife relaxed beside her new-born son today in Doctor's hospital and smiled shyly when she thought of Wednesday's excitement. "I never thought we'd cause such a stir," said Mrs. William Eagles, who met her husband at a dance in England while he was serving in the air force.

Mrs. Eagles' baby, Garry John, was born in the hospital lobby 12 days before he was expected. In the race with the stork, the Eagles' car ran out of gas. "But just like in the movies, there happened to be a taxicab nearby which got us to the hospital in time—almost," she laughed.

DIFFERENT KIND OF SHOW What Goes on in Room For 5-Percenter's Hearing

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Aug. 12 (AP)—Today's headline story is being watched in a place about the size of a two-room apartment. It's room 357 of the senate office building. That's where a senate investigating committee is looking into the personal business of what Capitol Hill calls the "five percenters."

Commonly, you think of big-time stuff like this in a Hollywood setting. A place like the plushy senate caucus room which has seen such persons as: J. P. Morgan with a midget musing the crease in his pants. Bernard Baruch, the friend of presidents, telling the lawmakers a thing or two about how we ought to run the world. A dignified toilet seat magnet catching old wat-for in a hearing on surplus property deals.

All of this with sound effects from the radio. Klieg lights. A hundred or so newspapermen. Cameramen galore.

But this is a different kind of show even though Sen. Clyde Roark Hoy of North Carolina, the committee chairman, is one of the most colorful men in the country. He still (even in this hot weather) wears what passes for a stiff wing collar—except it is wingless. He wears a swallowtail coat, usually in powder blue, and he always has a red carnation in his buttonhole.

When he showed up, Wednesday the three picturemen in the room lined him up with Tighe E. Woods, the housing expediter, who was to be the chief

At length he rapped a gavel and adjourned the meeting. Everybody went out in the hall, took a deep breath, and felt a lot cooler.