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Davidson An Oregonian?

The Oregon Democrat, published by Monroe Sweetland, publisher of the Newport News, now democratic committeeman for Oregon, formerly executive secretary of the Oregon Commonwealth Federation (1937-41) and a kingpin in that left-wing organization, contains the following comment on Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davidson, now campaigning the northwest in behalf of the Columbia Valley Administration:

"Oregon's C. Girard 'Jebby' Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, is billed for five important appearances in the west this month to present different phases of interior department policy to meetings and convention. On September 17 he meets with the Izaak Walton League at Bend; on the 22nd with the lumber and sawmill workers in Portland on timber policy; on the 23rd at Idaho Falls with a reclamation group; on September 26th before the educational conference of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Portland and that same evening at Spokane for the Western Mining Conference. He is also listed among the distinguished guests at the Western States Democratic Conference at San Francisco."

The article is a transparent attempt to make an Oregonian out of "Jebby" who came from Louisiana to take a job at Bonneville, evidently grooming him as a democratic candidate for high office, or at least for Oregon's member of the CVA, for which he has been frequently mentioned. Calling Davidson an Oregonian has bobbed up in several inspired news articles in the press in recent months.

As a matter of fact, "Jebby" answers the definition of what Governor Tom Dewey in his last year's presidential campaign in Oregon called bureaucratic "carpet baggers" dominating federal service in the northwest, whom he promised to get rid of if he was elected to the presidency.

Dewey said at Bend, May 19, 1948: "There must be an end to carpetbaggers who live elsewhere administering projects of the west. Such administration should be in hands of competent people who live in the region where the projects are being built."

Mr. Davidson has been in federal service since his graduation from college. His first job was as attorney for the TVA in 1934, and was switched to the Bonneville Power Administration as attorney in Portland in 1940-42, and later was general counsel for BPA at Washington. His biography, as compiled by himself in Who's Who in America, follows:

Attorney for TVA, headquarters Knoxville, Tenn., 1934-37; attorney with U.S. Housing Authority, Lafayette, La., September, 1939-September, 1940; consulting attorney with Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Ore., 1940-42; consultant with Office of Production Management, Washington, D.C., 1940-42; general counsel Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Ore., January, 1943-June, 1946; assistant general counsel War Production board, Washington, D.C. (loan) during part of 1944-45.

Assistant secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C., since June, 1946; state legislative chairman, La. Parent Teachers' association, 1938-40; member governor's advisory committee, state of Louisiana, to study school systems, 1940; member American Bar association, Louisiana; State Bar association, Oregon; Urban League (Portland, Ore.); democrat, Methodist, club, Portland City Center. Home (temporary) 3407 O street N.W., Washington.

The CVA is a Washington bureaucratic inspiration and its chief advocates are federal office holders seeking to expand their power over the northwest—and Mr. Davidson, like the others, all making their chief occupation a political campaign issue for 1950 instead of attending to their work, their expenses as well as salaries paid for by the taxpayers.

Russia Has the Atomic Bomb

President Truman's surprise announcement that the Russians have exploded an atomic bomb in the USSR and therefore has solved the problem of its production earlier than expected, has emphasized the necessity for an effective international atomic control, which the Russians have consistently resisted thus far. How the blast was ascertained remains a secret.

The United States still holds a vast lead over Russia in the field of atomic weapons, and top American officials say that in all probability will never lose it. Bombs produced today are many times more destructive than those used against Japan four years ago. Still, Russia's improved air bombers could deliver its bombs on targets 2000 miles or more from her most advanced bases by sacrificing bomber crews, which could bring them to the Pacific Northwest.

Professor Otto Hann, German scientist, regarded as the discoverer of nuclear fission and a Nobel award winner, declared that "the news that Russia has the atomic bomb is good news," and means that there will be no war, as neither nation will dare to use it, the same as with poison gas. It is to be hoped he is right, but no one can solve Russian psychology.

Immediately following Mr. Truman's announcement, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky in the United Nations assembly after the usual vitriolic outburst damning the western powers, called on the big five powers for a ban on atomic weapons and the conclusion of a peace pact among themselves. Since the organization of the UN the western powers have continually attempted such efforts, only to be blocked at every turn by Russian vetoes and the cold war being waged by the Soviet for territorial aggrandizement.

But the United States in retaliation could drop atomic bombs—which she has—on targets anywhere in Russia, from high-flying planes based in North America. These are estimates of military men who believe the Soviet's best bomber is comparable in performance with the obsolescent American B-29.

One certain result of the president's disclosure will be the speeding up of the atomic defense program, its interceptors, its radar detection screen, its ground-to-air intercepter missiles, its launching bases and other vital essentials. Only adequate preparedness will preserve peace for Russian pledges are mere scraps of paper to be violated as expediency dictates.

Cat Lives, Executioner Dies

Alencon, France (AP)—Henri Villette, 67, set out to drown a kitten.

He threw the kitten into the water, then lost his balance and fell in himself.

The kitten crawled out. Villette drowned.

BY BECK

A Perfect Day



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

'He Did No Wrong' Is Epitaph Not Covering Enough for Man

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

An ancient tomb bears tribute to its occupant in these words: "He did no wrong." This simple epitaph reads like it might have been intended for a eulogy in four words.

I am quite sure the hearts of the descendants of this ancient person were filled with pride when they read the inscription.

They should not have been pleased with such an epitaph.

When Saint Paul finished his work, he did not claim to have done no wrong, but he did claim to have "fought a good fight, to have finished his course, and to have kept the faith."

While others were busy keeping away from temptation and out of trouble, and trying to save their own souls, Saint Paul was out doing so much constructive work for the Master, that "doing no wrong" was just a by-product. In other words, Saint Paul's great purpose in life was not merely to do no wrong, but to do something constructive, to give his life to the extending of the Kingdom of God.

He became a saint doing something rather than doing nothing, doing something good rather than simply keeping out of trouble.

Siphons are tubes which are important and useful, but they deliver only that which is given them to carry. They create nothing. Many people are like siphons, completely happy and satisfied with themselves if they succeed in passing on to society only that which has been handed to them.

Having absorbed all the influence of the home, the school, the community, and the church, they think they are doing a whole of a job if they get by without becoming a charge on the community.

"He did no wrong" is a good enough epitaph for them. A dynamo is a machine that takes energy from falling water, transforms it into electrical energy, and makes it available for the benefit of multitudes of people. The siphon may deliver the water to the power plant, but the dynamo makes possible a world of blessings.

If you are determined to give to the world more than the world has given to you, even at the risk of making some mistakes, you may have the characteristics of a dynamo. But a dynamo would fly to pieces without control.

Religion is the element which stabilizes, balances, and controls human energy. With this control, one has the good possibility of being able to deserve the Pauline epitaph, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Magistrate Morris Rothenberg decided that a prospective father is justified in stepping on the gas. He dismissed the charge.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

Not Shown

By DON UPJOHN

It's a unique and interesting experiment tried by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel in sending three alleged juvenile delinquents on a guide-escorted tour through the state penitentiary where they can see with their own eyes to where and what the trail of crime leads and possibly hear with their own ears some advice from the boys who have followed the trail to its inevitable end. The judge arranged with Warden George Alexander to have the boys shown around to all the spots at the prison and let them absorb the scenery and the atmosphere. It may be this is just the sort of dose needed to yank the juveniles up short and cause them to change their minds about their course of conduct. But we doubt if the tour was all extensive including some of the soft escape spots. That's a lesson the boys will have to learn for themselves, if they ever get there.

Blessed Rain (Gladys Shields in Jefferson Review)

The first fall rains mean many things to many people. To the farmer, they mean that moisture has loosened the soil in his fields and he can get to his fall plowing. To the gardener, they mean his fall-sown turnips will start plumping out ready for winter stews. They prompt the deer hunters to get out their rifle and polish it up for the hunt in distant hills. The housewife starts to itemizing her many fall house cleaning tasks, hoping to

get all her windows washed before the soft steady rains of winter begin in earnest. BUT to the fisherman, the first fall rains have another meaning. It's time for salmon fishing.

Note from our old friend Earl Pearce: "I would like to suggest that, in the interest of honest advertising, that the name Baldy's Dairy be changed to Baldy's Dairy. Twenty years will tell, even on a good dairyman." But, Earl, curly is just as proud of that tiny little scalp lock which curls from the top of his dome as he was of the shock of hair he had when he used to navigate the town for the Schindlers.

As to the subject of hair, in a case in district court yesterday a man appeared as witness who said he was a special investigator for Sheriff Denver Young and gave his name as "B. Pate."

"What does the B stand for, Bald?" asked Brazier Young, attorney for the defendant. Which was quite a pertinent question coming from Brazier, as anyone who is cognizant of the state of Brazier's scalp well knows.

Undangerous Weapons Portland, Ore. (AP)—Edward M. Yerkees, 25, was jailed today on a charge of being drunk on a public highway. Deputy Sheriff Donald W. Wright said Yerkees switched him in the face with a handful of pussy willows.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Lewis Called Coal Strike Despite Fund Payments

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—When John L. Lewis sent the strike call down the line—"no welfare payments, no work"—it was one of the biggest hoaxes he has ever pulled on both his miners and the American public.

For, actually, the welfare payments were being made. Not a single northern operator had suspended payments. They were living up to the spirit of the contract even when no contract existed.

And in the south only three or four operators, including the Island Creek and the Pond Creek companies of West Virginia, had stopped the payments.

In other words, Lewis penalized all the operators who were cooperating—which was 99 percent of them—on the false pretext that the southern operators were not contributing to the welfare fund.

Real fact, however, is that Lewis wanted an excuse for a general walkout without leaving himself open to possible court action by personally calling a strike. Thus, he made it appear that a great many operators were withholding the royalty payments on coal tonnage.

The real reasons for Lewis' tactics in fomenting the strike at this particular time were:

1. He has always wanted to bargain in the fall as the cold season sets in rather than in the spring when demand for coal diminishes.

2. Lewis has spent the welfare portion of his welfare-pension plan so extravagantly that he has to have more money. It has not been the fault of the operators that this fund has been dissipated.

3. Lewis wanted to humiliate and embarrass his old friend and now enemy, CIO Chief Phil Murray.

The president's fact-finding board in the steel dispute has already recommended 10 cents an hour in welfare-pension benefits for steel-workers. This is relatively the same amount as Lewis gets from the coal operators.

Therefore, if Lewis, by striking now, is able to wrangle even two or three cents more royalty out of the coal operators he will be able to preen his feathers at Murray and boast that he is a much better friend of labor.

Meanwhile and to satisfy Lewis' vanity, the entire nation will soon be short of coal despite the fact that all but three or four of the coal operators were continuing to make payments into the miners welfare-pension fund even though they had signed no contracts.

TRUMAN'S LEGION DAYS

When dynamic Clyde Lewis called at the White House the other day, President Truman warmly congratulated him on being the first World War II vet to be elected national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"But," added Truman, with a twinkle in his eye, "you fellows don't have the pep of us World I boys."

Then he recalled that during an American Legion convention in Kansas City some years back he and a few cronies led a bull into the lobby of the Muehlbach hotel.

"And do you know what the critter did?" continued the president in mock horror. "He had an accident right on the floor. The spot's still on the hotel rug."

NOTE—Lewis, whose politics differ from Truman's, remarked afterward to friends: "I'm a rock-ribbed republican, but you can't help liking Mr. Truman."

Ladies On Merry-Go-Round

In private conversation, President Truman refers to the first lady as "The Madam."

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson of Red Wing, Minn., is slated for an ambassadorial post soon.

Dynamic India Edwards, who heads the women's division of the democratic party, spends much of her spare time concocting new dishes over the family stove. She continued her hobby throughout her recent reducing diet in which she lost 34 pounds.

Only pause in the 3-percent explosion was when General Vaughan and Senator McCarthy both took time out to laud able Ruth Shipley, long-time head of the state department's passport division.

Blonde, vivacious federal communications commissioner Frieda Henneck is taking elocution lessons in her spare time.

Charming Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me) not only knows the economics of Maine's famous spuds, but is a real authority on how they should be cooked.

First dollar bills with the signature of the new U.S. treasurer, Georgia Neese Clark, will be in general circulation in about one month.

Prodigal Senator Returns

Idaho's repentant Sen. Glen Taylor, who broke with the democrats to run for vice president on the Henry Wallace ticket, came face to face the other almost one-half of the circula-

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

All That Ordinary Citizen Can Do About Bomb Is Pray

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Naturally everyone today is wondering what he should do about the atom bomb. The best possible advice to follow is—don't buy one now on a rising market.

Why have one around the house at all? You can't tune in a baseball program on it like you can on a television set. It is too heavy to throw at a cat and too big to fire at a burglar. And the resale or trade-in value of a used atom bomb is practically zero.

Nope, you might as well turn the whole matter over to the international diplomats of the United Nations, whose theme song is: "You show me your stockpile, and I'll show you mine."

Have the Russians solved the secret of the atom bomb? Well, there is good reason now to believe yes. But what if they have? People weary of fear, and mankind is running out of goose pimples.

Abraham Lincoln is reported once to have been challenged to a duel. Given the choice of weapons, he immediately suggested "shotguns at five paces." His opponent wisely dropped the matter.

Today a duel with atom bombs could be as mutually deadly to nations as shotguns at five paces would be to two individuals.

Atom bombs can be delivered by plane, ship, submarine, or rocket—every way except by parcel post. All nations that took part in any such merry warfare would suffer, and the casualties would be measured by entire cities rather than platoons.

Imagine the communiques: "A joint force of allied bombers today attacked and wiped out Minsk, according to plan. Our interceptor fighters engaged an enemy flight over the eastern seaboard and shot down 50 planes. Boston is missing."

Four years ago I toured stricken Nagasaki, a black scar in the hills. Room by room I explored a shattered concrete and steel modern hospital in which every patient had been killed. But the dead had been carted away by then, stacked, doused with gasoline and burned. What impressed me most were the windows—the glass had melted and run like dribbles of candle wax.

There is much wise talk about how to protect yourself in the event of atom warfare.

The experts agree that dispersal is fine. But they don't explain how a man who owns a delicatessen store off Broadway can move it to a cow pasture in Wisconsin and still sell enough sandwiches to make his living.

Actually about all the ordinary citizen in any country can do about the atom bomb is to dislike it—and pray that nobody blows a bugle.

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Now the big question arises: Who speaks with the tongue of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen—the nationalists or the communists?

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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Madame Sun Yat-Sen Honored by Communists

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

One of the most sensational political developments of the whole Chinese civil war is the appearance of Madame Sun Yat-Sen as an honored figure at the creation of the communist "people's republic of China" in the old capital of Peiping.

Madame Sun is widow of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, father of the republic.

She also is sister-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek who is leading the nationalist forces in the life and death struggle against the communists.

General Mao Tze-Tung, chief of the Red revolution, obviously has achieved a grand coup, for in the minds of millions of Chinese the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Sun speaks through Madame Sun.

The influence of DeWitt MacKenzie her example is likely to be vast.

One of the strangest aspects of this situation is that both the communists and the nationalists claim to be building their governments on the principles of Dr. Sun.

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tion, and people below voting age, about 60 per cent of the circulation.

"The better educated use the public library more than the lesser educated, and women a little more than men."

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These Kittens Are Too Kittenish

Detroit (AP)—They can't turn on the heat at the Oak Park Christian chapel because two kittens refuse to come out of the heating duct.

The Rev. James B. Shallow reported he has tried all tricks to entice the kittens from their cozy nest. They've been offered catnip, horse meat and bits of bacon.

"They ate the bacon and ducked back in their nest," he said. He pointed out extreme measures such as smoke or tear gas might kill the kittens. And they would still be in the heating duct.

Two hundred of the pastor's flock gathered for an evangelistic service the other night.

"We like to froze," the pastor said.