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The Futility of Pacifism

Communist front petitions to outlaw the atom bomb
has been signed, it is claimed, by millions of war weary
Europeans and are regarded as major propaganda success
in Russia's cold war. It is used to strengthen opposition
to rearming the Atlantic Pact nations, which has culminated
in Red riots in France, Italy and other countries. The
petitions are prepared for presentation to national parliaments,
and has dangerous potentialities.

The petitions are circulated by the pro-communist "Parti-
sans of Peace," tools of Russia and the cominform, and
originated at their Stockholm meeting by a resolution
urging world wide support for "absolute interdiction"
of atomic weapons, "use of which would be committing a
crime against humanity and should be treated as a war
crime."

One would think that Europeans as well as Americans
would all have learned the lesson taught by Hitler, of the
futility of appeasement of aggressive totalitarians. The
threat of the atomic bomb is the only reason why Russia
has not already Sovietized them along with the Baltics and
Balkans.

The ideal of peace has a tremendous hold on all people,
but experience has shown that Stalin, no more than Hitler,
regards peace treaties and disarmament pacts as anything
more than scraps of paper to be violated as expediency de-
mands. People should remember that free society cannot
endure on good will alone and must prepare to face up to
military requirements of survival—a fact pacifists of all
ations ignore to their sorrow.

The wave of pacifism that engulfed the world after
World War I brought about disarmament of democratic
powers, but the aggressors took full advantage of it and
World War II followed the futility of the Kellogg pact
that was to end all war.

Young men took the Oxford oath swearing not to take up
arms for their country and even Hitler's atrocities failed
to dent peace fantasies. When Hitler was in full power
and his world conquest aims apparent, our house of repre-
sentatives passed the draft defense law by only one ma-
jority.

The outlawing of the atomic bomb would only deprive
the democratic nations of their best defense, for Russia
would then have a monopoly and lose no time in taking full
advantage of it.

Mission for 15 Men

Six years and two hours after they landed on Omaha
beach in the famous Normandy invasion, 15 yanks revisited
the D-day scene. The story of their return visit is on
one of the inside pages of today's Capital Journal.

The invasion veterans were the only ones remaining in
their outfit, the 16th Infantry, now stationed in Germany.
They wanted to have another look at the bloody beach
which had figured in the landing of the greatest amphibious
force in history.

Something brought those 15 men back. It must have
been more than just another "look-see" at a scene changed
by the passing years. The men had all kinds of trouble
even getting to the beach that time and tide had changed.

To many veterans of the war, another look at the scenes
of battle would be the last thing they would want. Vet-
erans so often seek to forget what happened. But these
15 men couldn't forget. They must have wanted to find
something back there on the beach that could help them.

Their search was typical of the groping that is going
on today. Those 15 men must have felt obligated to their
paddies they left behind in the cemetery on the bluff
overlooking the beach. The obligation? To try to find
the path to peace and freedom.

Perhaps the 15 figured they could find new inspiration
back on that beach. The going since those June days in
1944 had been discouraging. The world was not much
closer to the goal of peace and freedom despite the pass-
ing of six years. The hot war had ended in Europe, but
the cold war had taken its place, and a hot war was con-
tinuing in Southeast Asia.

The mission of the 15 men is one that more people could
mark on: What has happened to those aspirations and
pals left on the Omaha Beaches of yesterday?

Tidelands Federally Owned

The United States supreme court has decided that the
federal government has ownership of the oil rich offshore
tidelands off Texas and Louisiana, long claimed by the
two states, which have permitted some development.

Associate Justice Douglas wrote both decisions. The
Louisiana case court vote was 7-0, and followed the pre-
cedent of the California case. Justices Jackson and Clark
took no part in either. In the case of Texas, the decision
was 4-3, the majority being Douglas, Vinson, Black and
Minton. Reed wrote a dissenting opinion in which Minton
joined. Frankfurter a separate dissent.

The government sued for the multimillion-dollar Gulf
oil prize after winning a similar suit in 1947 for "full
domination and power" over California tidelands. Douglas
in his opinion wrote:

"We have carefully considered the extended and able argu-
ment of Louisiana in all its aspects, and have found no reason
why Louisiana stands on a better footing than California so
far as the three-mile (Seward) belt is concerned."

The Texas claim differed from that of California and
Louisiana in that Texas claimed that it was an independ-
ent nation instead of a territory when admitted to the
union and had reserved its national rights to the three
miles of shoreline tidelands under the sea.

This Nightmare Happened

Detroit, June 7 (AP)—Henry J. Bedell, 27, appeared in court
in a reckless driving charge yesterday.

Bedell said he tried to slow his nine-year-old car but the
accelerator got stuck.

Bedell tried to stop but the brake snapped off.

He tried to steer away from a row of parked cars but the
steering wheel went haywire.

The judge fined Bedell \$10 for crashing into two cars. He
also ordered him not to drive for six months.

"Your honor, that is a personal favor to me," said Bedell.
After that nightmare I'm fed up with driving.

BY BECK
Animal Life



KRISS-KROSS

Strange Cargo Carried
On Interstate Flight

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Odd cargo: United Air Lines recently flew a dead cat from
California to Oregon.

The deceased feline was sent via air express from its owner
in California to a friend or relative in Oregon . . . so that the
beloved cat could be "buried in the green valley of the Wil-
lamette."

When the package was taken aboard in California, members of the
UAL crew were not aware of its contents . . . after they had
been in the warm airways for a couple of hours, they no-
ticed an obnoxious odor coming from the baggage compartment.
Investigation revealed that a dead cat was aboard . . . then
the story of the cat lover who wanted his prize buried in
Oregon came to light.

Recent news article regarding
candy sale by group of Amity
high school girls reads, "A con-
vertible carrying a load of
sweater girls descended on the
business district and sold 54 of
the small bags."

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were in a school program . . .
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Clive (Scotty) Scott, Salem
police radioman, broadcasts doz-
ens of police calls every day . . .
he ends each message with
"KOA 388," call numbers of the
local police FM station.

The other day we went for a
ride with Scotty in his new air-
plane . . . after the plane was
warmed up, Scotty grabbed the
microphone and said "Cessna,
76768 calling Salem tower . . .
awaiting takeoff instructions."

When tower had given him
same, Scotty, by force of habit,
picked up the mike and said,
"OK . . . KOA 388."

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Solons, Including Rep. Angell
Accused of Evading Taxes

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Frank McCall of the National Broadcasting com-
pany doesn't know it, but when he went to Washington the other
day to talk about the armed forces television show, his entire
conversation was secretly recorded.

NBC has been putting on a television show for the army, navy
and air forces as a public service. No charge is made. How-
ever, the quality of the show has not been up to par, and NBC
has been worried. That was why McCall went to Wash-
ington.

Me a n while, the national defense department
got from congress a nice fistfull
of the taxpayers' money to build
a special radio studio in the Pen-
tagon building with new wire
recording apparatus, etc.

This apparatus is supposed to
be used to promote armed forces
morale, not to spy on private
citizens who are trying to help
their country—with no charge
to the taxpayers.

But before NBC executive
McCall arrived, Charles Dillon,
in charge of the armed forces
television show, arranged to
have McCall's conversation re-
corded. Thus McCall, who didn't
know his words were being
taken down on tape, could be
put in the position of being to
blame for the poor quality of
the armed forces program. Natu-
rally Dillon, who knew his
words were being recorded,
could take pains to see that
what he said was right.

That's how some of the tax-
payers' money is being spent.

CONGRESSIONAL
"ECONOMY"

While congress preaches eco-
nomy and prepares to slash an-
other billion dollars from the
civilian functions of the gov-
ernment, congressmen have in-
dulged in a certain brand of eco-
nomy that benefits themselves,
but not Uncle Sam.

They are evading the 15 per-
cent transportation tax which
every other citizen of the U. S.
has to pay. The way they do
this is by claiming their trips are
on government business, when
actually they are private.

Worst offenders are Senator
William Langer, North Dakota
republican; Congressman Homer
Angell, Oregon republican, and
Congressman Abraham Multer,
New York democrat.

Legally, they cannot escape
the travel tax unless the gov-
ernment actually pays their fare.
And if they are traveling on con-
gressional committee business,
that committee must initiate the
exemption request.

However, Langer, Angell and
Multer have been signing their
own exemption certificates, us-
ing a form that the bureau of
internal revenue had ruled not
legal for members of congress.
Ticket offices have been advised
not to accept this form from
U. S. senators and congressmen,
but Langer, Angell and Multer
have disregarded the warnings
of ticket girls.

In fact, Congressman Angell
even started to write out an ex-
emption certificate for his wife
when he bought airplane tickets
to Oregon for Easter vaca-
tion. The ticket girl protested
that neither he nor his wife
were entitled to the tax deduc-
tion, but Angell brushed aside
the girl's objections.

"How much would I save on
my wife's ticket?" he demanded.
The ticket girl quoted \$22.

"Well, never mind," Angell
decided, and finally paid his
wife's tax.

Afterward, when this column
asked Congressman Angell why
he did not pay the transporta-
tion tax on his own ticket, he
protested that he was violating
no law, though he admitted
that the girl at the transportation
desk had warned him. When re-
minded that on the tax-exem-

tion certificate there was printed
in bold-face type: "Penalty for
fraudulent use, \$10,000 or im-
prisonment or both," he protest-
ed that he would refund the
money to the government if he
was wrong. Later he did.

Other senators and congress-
men have been buying tickets in
their home states and also using
the illegal form to evade the
transportation tax. They have
found that the ticket offices out-
side of Washington are less
familiar with the law.

The violators have been re-
ported to the bureau of internal
revenue, but no action has been
taken. The bureau will prose-
cute private citizens for tax
violation, but just doesn't like
to tangle with members of con-
gress. For instance, ex-con-
gressman Parnell Thomas, now
in jail, was just as guilty of in-
come-tax evasion as of kick-
backs. But the U. S. treasury has
failed to prosecute. Nor has it
prosecuted General Vaughan's
friend John Maragon, who per-
petrated a glaring and clear-cut
income-tax fraud.

GENERAL DONOVAN'S
INTERVIEW

Senator McCarthy and Roy
Howard of the Scripps-Howard
newspapers don't know it yet,
but General "Wild Bill" Don-
ovan, famed wartime chief of
OSS, let them down on the
Amerasia stolen document case.

General Donovan, a fellow re-
publican, was ballyhooed as
backing up the McCarthy-Scrips-
s-Howard charges. When inter-
viewed by a senate committee
shortly before leaving for Eu-
rope, however, he talked much
more like Senator Margaret
Chase Smith of Maine, who de-
cries McCarthy extremism.

In fact, Gen. Donovan in-
finitely criticized his own OSS
investigator, Frank Bielaski for
illegally raiding the Amerasia of-
fice, and the FBI for illegally
raiding Emmanuel Larsen's
apartment. As a result of these
illegal raids, the justice depart-
ment could not prosecute.

Here is exactly what the sen-
ate investigators reported to
the committee after their inter-
view with Donovan at his New
York apartment, 4 Sutton Place:

"General Donovan asked if
we had talked with Archibald
Van Buren (his wartime de-
puty), and when we replied in
the affirmative, he indicated
that his information was no
more than that which Van Buren
probably gave us . . .

"General Donovan discussed
his belief at the time that 'John
Doe' warrants should have been
obtained and statements under
oath gotten from the principals."
The investigators' report contin-
ues. "He indicated that he felt
that the matter was incorrectly
handled, because when any
agency conducts an investiga-
tion, the matter does not remain
confidential and opportunity to
cover up arises.

"General Donovan mentioned
that in discussing the matter
with Fred Lyons (of the state
department), he asked if the
state department had any idea
who might have been responsi-
ble for this material (secret docu-
ments) emanating from the
state department. When he
pressed Mr. Lyons for some sug-
gestions or suspicions, Mr. Lyons
suggested that it might have
been John Carter Vincent. Gen-
eral Donovan then queried us as
to whether Vincent did not have
a wife who was a communist."

Throughout the interview,
Donovan made it clear he had
no new evidence but that his
attitude was that of a Margaret
Chase Smith republican who
didn't relish unfair accusations.
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OPEN FORUM

'Other Side' of Gas Station Case

To the Editor: I think it is a small thing you are doing—this
constant criticizing of the city council and the two owners of the
proposed service station lot on N. Capitol . . .

Not one word has been printed concerning the viewpoints of
men on the other side of this case. Why not contact some of
these men and get their opinion.

Surely you are a democratic
newspaper.

How about all the people who
live in the controversial area? They
are in agreement with the city
council or they would not have
signed a petition to this effect.
The Chamber of Commerce is
also civic minded. They

MRS. WILLIAM MILLER

Against Service Station

To the Editor: (Letter to Salem city council) As a group of
interested Salem citizens, we wish to go on record as vigorously
protesting the zone change permitted in the capitol area for
the erection of a service station.

We feel that this is a serious mistake, as it betrays the
trust placed in the city of Salem
by the citizens of the entire state.

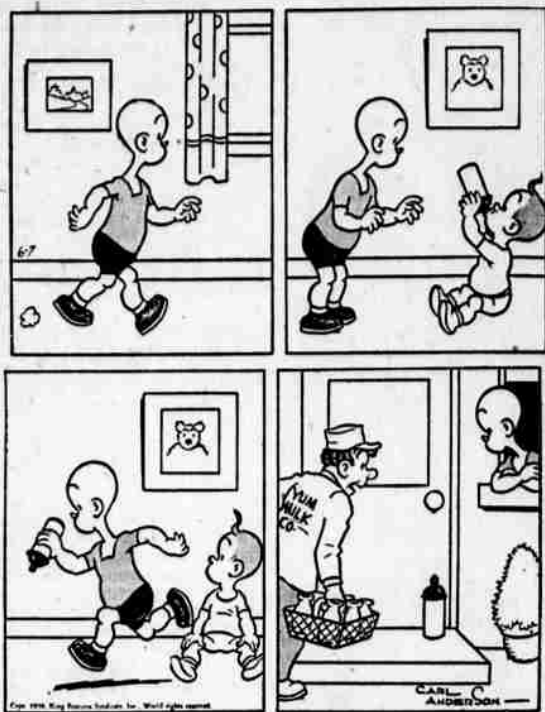
When the actions of the coun-
cil are no longer for the good of
the whole people, it is time to
raise a unified voice against
them. Therefore, we are invit-

ing other groups and individuals
to join us in a determined effort
to prevent this desperation.

SALEM ALUMNAE ASSN.
Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Are Russians Gambling on
Superior Tanks as Chief Ace

By HAL BOYLE