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Leopold an Obscurantist

King Leopold III, 48, of Belgium, coerced by the threat of civil war, has offered a slow motion abdication of his royal powers in favor of his son, 19-year-old Prince Baudouin, which opens again Belgium's explosive political situation. It throws the issue back into the stormy lap of parliament. The king's implied promise of abdication reads:

"This attribution of royal powers to Prince Baudouin seems to me a necessary step towards the solution which ought to clear the way for accession of the crown prince to the throne when he reaches his civil majority (at 21, September 7, 1951) if, as I hope and desire, the reconciliation promised about my son takes place."

Leopold's latest offer was the same he made April 15 when Belgium's opposing political parties were negotiating for a solution of the royal crisis. It was rejected then by socialists and liberals because the king refused to promise to leave the country while Baudouin held the royal authority. The new offer made no mention of what the king planned in this respect and strikes continue throughout the country.

King Leopold does not seem to realize that the days of absolute monarchy have passed away and clings to the delusions that wrecked the Stuart dynasty in England three centuries ago. Kings today are only tolerated as beloved public servants obedient to the expressed wishes of a majority of their subjects as in the Scandinavian countries and in Britain.

Leopold lost the respect and love of the Belgians by his conduct during World War II when, instead of fleeing after ignominious defeat and maintaining a government in exile or like his father fighting the invader, he accepted the hospitality of Hitler, lived in luxury as a playboy in palaces while Nazi tyranny ruled Belgium. Finally, against public protest, he flouted royal traditions and married a commoner without following the example of King Edward in abdicating the throne for the "woman I love."

'Jebbie' Can't Forget Politics

"Jebbie" Davidson, salesman for a Columbia Valley administration but who gets paid as assistant secretary of the interior, now figures that a CVA is needed to win the war. He said so over in Pendleton the other evening.

The weakness and pity of Davidson's position is one of politics. Davidson and his cohorts who are trying to put across a regional control board for the Pacific Northwest have consistently shown themselves more interested in their pet scheme than in development of the region itself.

The Pacific Northwest power resources must be developed, despite the war which Washington won't admit is a war. Davidson says the first part is true, but he says the valley administration set-up, as blue-printed in Washington, must be accepted before development can come.

There lies the difference between those who demand that the region be developed with the help of existing agencies and those who say development must wait acceptance first of the political plan as conceived by the master-minds in Washington.

The discouraging aspect to Oregon is that an assistant secretary of the interior will spend his time and the taxpayers' money to go around the country now when he should be spending his efforts getting money in Washington for the dam projects in the region. His CVA missionary spree is as out of place with the Korean war going on as would be another "non-political" tour of the country by President Truman.

Davidson in his dream-world of a CVA ought to know what chance his scheme would have in a congress trying to put the nation on a footing to fight war wherever it might break out in the world. But that's the unreal nature of the CVA backer and his scheme.

There's no time now to be talking of a Columbia Valley administration. There's time only for projects to build the region to handle its share of the war program.

Dissension in Their Camp

Much dissension is developing in the ranks of the democratic state and congressional candidates. Most all have hoped for organized labor's endorsement, but not all have been so favored. The CIO has spoken—putting the "bee" on all republican candidates except Morse and Angel. The AFL will, undoubtedly, follow suit.

The favored democratic candidates are: Flegel, Hewett, Bull and Shaw. Latourette and Donough, therefore, can expect no labor support. Furthermore, Latourette is looked upon as a total liability and is being cold shouldered by his fellow democratic candidates; and in spite of lip service to the contrary, none will vote for him. Neither National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, National Committeewoman Nancy Robinson nor State Senator Richard Neuberger intend to vote for Latourette.

Congressman Angel has played ball with organized labor from the day he first entered public life and labor is not unkind of that fact. As for young Phil Dreyer, who was defeated by Carl Donough for the democratic congressional nomination, he had in mind opposing Angel and, to gain labor's support, voted 100 percent right at the last session of the legislature. Had he gained the congressional nomination—thus becoming a candidate against Angel—it would have proved rather embarrassing for labor this coming fall. So, it appears, many labor democrats voted for Donough in order to get Dreyer off their necks; and this fall they expect to get rid of Donough by voting for Angel.

Likes to Work and Likes Pay

Washington, Aug. 1 (AP)—Interstate Commerce Commissioner William J. Patterson likes his work. So when he turned 70 in June he just ignored the rule that says a man his age must stop working for the government.

But Patterson also likes his pay. Yesterday, when the other commission members got their monthly checks, he drew a blank. Legally, he was retired.

Now President Truman may have to decide whether Patterson will be allowed to stay on the job.

"In the meantime," Patterson told a reporter, "I'm going right ahead with my work."

Patterson was named to the commission in 1939. His present term was timed to run until the end of 1952.

By H. T. WEBSTER

Life's Darkest Moment



Gypsy Rose Lee in Gervais? Signs Advertise 'G St.'

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Signs along main drag in town of Gervais say "G St." . . . is that the name of the street, or are they advertising a Gypsy Rose Lee show? . . . have you noticed the new 24-minute meters, painted red, on southeast corner of Liberty and Chemeketa streets? . . . looks like someone started to paint the town red, then went home.

... tourist walking down 400 block State street couldn't believe that he was in downtown Salem . . . "This must be just a suburban business district," he said . . . "Salem is surely larger than this." . . . he must have been a Manhattan.

Not only tires and nylons . . . sugar, coffee, shortening, etc., are also favorite hoarder items . . . are used car prices rising? . . . some car dealers say yes . . . others say no.

Why don't states pass a law wherein a guy can be arrested on a "book" charge . . . that would save throwing the book at him . . . and save officers from a lot of writers' cramps . . . there must have been some cramped fingers at the Wenatchee, Wash., police station recently . . . one man was charged with (1) being drunk in a public place, (2) creating a public nuisance, (3) resisting arrest, (4) aiding and abetting drunken driving, (5) disposing of evidence, (6) throwing debris on city streets, and (7) drunken and reckless driving.

Several Salem merchants report that shoppers are hoarding more and more every day . . . And to think people here squawk over a parking ticket.

Cats Run Out of Rats

Buckfastleigh, Eng., Aug. 1 (AP)—This village's four official cats have made rats so scarce in the sewers they can't find enough to eat.

The village council last night authorized an appropriation for cat food to keep its raters healthy.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

It's Up to the Foot Soldier To Decide the Issue in Korea

By HAL BOYLE

With U. S. Troops in Korea, Aug. 1 (AP)—It's up to the doughboy again. This fellow with the bent walk and a timeless weariness in his eyes is going to have to decide the issue in Korea. The crucial fighting is still the ground fighting.

They wrote the doughfoot off after the first world war and said his role in battle was over. But they had to call him back by the millions in the second world war. And today it is American infantry that is most needed here—infantry equipped with modern infantry weapons in real quantity.

The flyboys of the air force have done a tremendous job of rear-area bombing and frontline support. But this is not basically an air war.

Guerrilla troops such as the North Koreans make poor targets from above. Trying to bomb them into submission is like trying to wipe out all the ants in a pasture by peppering it at night with a scatter shotgun.

But many men with rifles can go through these mountains, ridge by ridge, and flush out the reds, who lie hidden in the gullies and valleys.

The invaders do have more tanks—better tanks—but it isn't lack of ground army that has chiefly hampered the Americans and South Koreans. The United Nations forces simply have lacked the manpower to form a solid continuous line that can sift out the infiltrating guerrillas and sweep the reds back north like a rolled-up carpet.

And someone will have to blow a bugle will bring scores of thousands more doughboys into action—or the present retreats will go on until the line goes down to the water.

More modern tanks would be welcome. Especially the new powerful thick-plated, hard-hitting General Patton tanks. For tanks always bolster infantry morale. But tankmen themselves

And wars are usually won more by men than metal. Somehow, too, they always have to depend on the guy on foot when the going is tough. He wears better in the mud, the rain and the hills than any machine.

That's the way it is now in Korea. Victory waits on the slogging feet of the doughboy—more and more doughboys—turning the green hills to khaki.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Wire-Tapping Features Fight Over Airline Monopoly Bill

By DREW PEARSON

It is interesting that Russia's return to the United Nations, announced July 27, was forecast by Drew Pearson on July 16. Pearson's diagnosis of the Russian situation which led him to make that forecast is significant.

"Under the monthly rotation system," Pearson wrote, "the presidency of the security council will fall to Russia on Aug. 1. When that session convenes Soviet delegate Jacob Malik will be in the chair. The Russians are sticklers for protocol, take very seriously the duties of office. The man who has been actually counting the votes in recent meetings of the security council on Korea is the Russian assistant secretary—General Constantin Zinchenko.

"The Russians now realize their absence prevented them from using the veto in the Korean controversy; so if they could get back without loss of face, they would like to grab that veto again. "That's why the Soviets may seize the presidency of the council on August 1 as an excuse to return to the U.N."

Washington—The amazing fact has now developed that the Washington police tapped the wires of a U.S. senator while they were working for private individuals on government time.

The senator in question is the late Josiah Bailey of North Carolina, and his wires were tapped in the basement of the apartment house in which he lived on Q street, by the same police lieutenant, Joseph Shimon, who spied on the Argentine ambassador and tapped the wires of Howard Hughes.

Lt. Shimon sat, with a pad of paper, in the basement of Senator Bailey's apartment house every evening for about two weeks while the Pan American Airways controversy over the "chosen instrument" was hot, and scribbled notes on the senator's conversation. He had run a wire from the apartment house switchboard down to the little room in the basement.

Sometimes, when Bailey was not in a talkative mood and wasn't using his phone, the police lieutenant had his girl friend come and visit him in the apartment-house basement.

Who paid Lt. Shimon for this private-eye job is not known. It was not part of his regular police work, and Maj. Robert Barrett, chief of police, has emphatically opposed wire-tapping. He also transferred Shimon to an obscure precinct when he caught him wire-tapping, but, thanks to intervention from higher-ups, Shimon is now back at one of the most important precincts in the city.

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS BATTLE

Some light on who paid Shimon to tap the wires of Senator Bailey may be shed, however, by recalling the fact that Shimon also tapped Howard Hughes' wires at the height of the controversy between Pan American Airways and Hughes' Trans World Airlines. At that time, Senator Brewster of Maine, great friend of Pan American, was chairman of the senate committee investigating Hughes. Furthermore, the police officers who helped Shimon tap Hughes' wire have mentioned Pan American Airways in one of their supplemental reports to the justice department.

It also disclosed that Lt. Shimon instructed the three policemen working for him especially to listen for any conversation regarding Trans World Airlines and aviation.

In other words, the District of Columbia police were tapping the wires of a private citizen, Hughes, at the behest of Pan Am's friend Senator Brewster, in order to pick up secrets about TWA which might be helpful to TWA's rival, Pan American.

Meanwhile, Brewster was publicly grilling TWA's Hughes in a senate investigation during which it developed that Brewster had previously urged Hughes to consolidate with Pan American. Hughes had vetoed the consolidation, and it looked as if the senate probe was his punishment for refusal to agree.

SPYING ON BAILEY

Sensor Bailey's tapped wire fits right into this picture. The late senator from North Carolina was chairman of the interstate and domestic commerce committee which passed on aviation policy. Brewster was a member of this committee, and had pushed the "chosen instrument" bill, a policy devised and urged on congress by Pan American.

This bill would have eliminated competition between U.S.

Airlines overseas; would have picked one "chosen" line instead to handle all U.S. air traffic abroad. It was when this bill was under consideration that Senator Bailey's wires were tapped by the D.C. police.

Partly because of Bailey's opposition, Brewster's "chosen instrument" bill was defeated. But during the debate, it now develops that Senator Bailey was subject to police-state eavesdropping by the police of a city which is supposed to be the exact opposite of Moscow.

And the police lieutenant who tapped Bailey's telephone now continues to hold one of the most important jobs on the police force, while the justice department has let the wire-tapping report gather dust for nine months.

Meanwhile, Senator Neely of West Virginia, democratic chairman of the District of Columbia committee, shies away from a probe of police wire-tapping.

Note—Pan American Airways now appears headed toward the attainment of its "chosen instrument" goal, despite its defeat by congress. Thanks to maneuvering by Secretary of Defense Johnson and White House Secretary Matt Connelly, President Truman has just reversed the civil aeronautics board and ruled that Pan American can swallow up American overseas airlines. Truman also gave Pan Am the choice routes to Paris and Rome—a long step toward eliminating competition and giving Pan Am the monopoly it has long coveted.

Every agency of the government opposed the Pan American overseas merger, but Truman ignored their advice.

CONSUMER COMMITTEES

President Truman got some good advice on how to stop hoarding recently when Congressman Harry Davenport of Pennsylvania suggested a grassroots drive against chiseling, by "volunteer" committees.

The Pennsylvania democrat favors a congressional probe of higher living costs and black markets. He also told Truman: "A crackdown from the top isn't enough, however. We've got to put our campaign against price boosting, hoarding, and black markets on the consumer level—that is, by greater buying resistance."

"Housewives in my district already are forming neighborhood committees to combat unwarranted price increases and hoarding. They stand in front of stores, for instance, to check on the guilty parties. They're getting results, too. Hoarders don't like to be caught in the act."

Truman agreed.

"Panic buying and hoarding are good ways to give comfort to the enemy," he declared.

Note—Truman also agreed with Davenport, a strong champion of FEPC legislation, that we've got to practice "more democracy at home" by interracial understanding if we are to expect the continued support of Asiatic peoples in fighting communism.

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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Korean Upheaval May Prove To Be Blessing in Disguise

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

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One recoils from examining war as a possible agent of good. Still, the trend of events does suggest that the Korean upheaval may in some ways prove to have been a blessing in disguise. For the very crudeness of this assault is drawing right-minded nations together in the interests of peace and justice.

The outstanding demonstration of this trend, of course, has been the action of the United Nations in applying military sanctions against the invaders of southern Korea. That was an unprecedented move—one which was evaded by the League of Nations, with fatal consequences to that organization.

This strong-arm move by the U.N. probably has done more to strengthen the U.N. than any other event. It means that the non-communist members of the League of Nations, with fatal consequences to that organization.

Turkey has offered 4,500 fully armed troops for the Korean fighting whenever the U.N. asks for them. Now that was a mighty courageous decision for the government to make—a historic gesture.

Why? Well, because Turkey sits right under the big guns of a very critical (to use a euphemistic expression) Russia. The two countries have bitter differences over control of the Dardanelles waterway. And the sending of Turkish troops to Korea to fight Moscow's North Korean protege might easily draw from Moscow the charge that it was an action unfriendly to the Soviet union, though it wasn't intended that way.

So Turkey, the lone wolf, is drawn closer to the western world by the Korean imbroglio.

Then take the case of the Atlantic pact partners. These twelve nations, spurred by the dangers displayed through the attack on Korea are working feverishly to construct a unified army out of the individual armed forces of the western European states. They are putting the finishing touches on a far closer collaboration than they had envisaged at the outset of their venture. And that collaboration not only is military but includes other fields.

The Korean assault not only is spurring the unity of peace-minded nations but is reaching down to the rank and file of their citizens. An example of this is seen in the meeting of the AFL-CIO unity committee at Washington.

Spokesmen for the committee have announced that a merger of America's rival labor factions has become a "virtual must" because of the world march of communism. In another statement the committee said:

"Labor in America is completely against communist aggression."

Thus it would seem that good can result from the Korean war. It may have the effect in the long run of drawing us closer to the ideal of world unity.

Binahanta Figures Indian Can Run His Own Business

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Aug. 1 (AP)—The way Binahanta looks at it the Indian is bright enough to run his own business, and on occasion has done a good job of running other people's affairs. Binahanta is the Indian name for Ben Dwight, an Indian with an executive job on Capitol Hill.

Ben, a pleasant little fellow with graying pompadour, is executive assistant to Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D., Okla.) and is three-quarters Choctaw.

"Some say the Indian can't govern himself," Ben said as he sat in Kerr's plush office in the senate office building. "I cite the case of the five civilized tribes in eastern Oklahoma. The Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokees, Seminoles, and Creeks. In 1830 they set up separate governments. And they succeeded in their mission, which was to bring the Indian on a par with his white neighbors."

Little Ben's remark about the red man giving the white man an assist in running "other people's affairs" was easy for him to prove.

He merely pulled a bunch of documents from his big desk. He thumbed down the list of officials of Oklahoma, now and past.

Two members of the state supreme court are Indians. In the present state legislature, 20 percent of the membership is made up of Indians or persons intermarried with Indians. Two former governors had Indian wives. The little fellow is a man of keen intellect.

After finishing high school he attended the University of Michigan for two years and then was graduated by Columbia university in New York in 1912. Later he studied law for a year at the University of Oklahoma and finally got a doctor's degree at Stanford in 1915.

Like his boss, the senator, he was born in a log cabin in Oklahoma.

Marines Mean Business

Longview, Aug. 1 (AP)—Thomas B. Meyers, T/Sgt., U. S. Marine corps reserves, knows the Marines mean business. Notified to report for active duty by 8 a.m., August 5, Meyers wired for an extension of time in order to train a replacement for his present position with Peter Klewitz and sons, construction company.

Meyers received the extension. He is to report at 9 a.m., August 5.

OPEN FORUM

Benes' Comments Hold Up Year Later

To the Editor: Those who have not heard Dr. Bohus Benes speak should set aside this coming Wednesday night to hear him at Willamette university.

As was recently pointed out in an editorial in your paper, he is one of the few experts whose opinions make good sense a year later. His comments on the real meaning of the Korean situation are especially pertinent at this time.

His suggestions as to how America can meet the communist threat are entitled to very serious consideration.

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Collie Pup Hit on Road

To the Editor: I wish when a car hits something they would stop and see what it was they hit.

It may be a child.

This time it was no child, but my seven-year-old son's collie pup that was hit in the 3200 block on Silverton road Sunday evening.

They could have stopped to see if it was dead or alive. When my husband got to it, it was alive but had to be put out of its misery.

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