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Judge Harry H. Belt

"Four things belong to a judge; to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially," said Socrates, foremost philosopher of Ancient Greece some 2350 years ago. All these qualifications, plus many others, including judicial temperament, independence of character, an innate regard for justice, of broad human sympathy, love of the primeval wilderness, and a true sense of sportsmanship were characteristics of the late Harry H. Belt.

For 25 years Judge Belt had been a beloved and popular member of the Oregon supreme court, for two of them chief justice. Before that he had served 10 years as circuit judge for the twelfth judicial district comprising Polk and Yamhill counties. Before that he had taught school in Polk county for 3 years and was county superintendent of schools 3 years before becoming a member of the bar in 1911. So most of life was passed in public service.

As supreme court justice, he had written 768 opinions many of them most vital in the interpretation of the law. Among them was the decision in September, 1927, in the case of A. K. Peck vs. Coos Bay Times Publishing Co. et al which for the first time clearly defined the law of libel and slander in Oregon, and firmly established the freedom of the press in the state. It has made fearless journalism possible. It will be found in Oregon Reports 122, page 408, and is required reading for all journalists. The decision was concurred in by Justices Henry Bean and I. A. McBride. It is only one of many Belt decisions that have attracted national attention.

Though crippled by loss of his left arm in a hunting expedition while a youth, the accident did not prevent his active interest and participation in all kinds of athletic sports. He seemed to have the strength of both arms in his remaining arm. He was a pitcher in the old valley baseball team for Dallas and his ninth inning home run won a crucial game. He was better than the average as a golf player, as a rifle and shotgun marksman and as a fly fisherman, a good auto driver and a motorboat pilot.

There are few streams or lakes in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and even in Alaska that he had not angled in his summer vacations on trips that included a boat trip from Lake Summit, down the Parsnip river to the Peace River country in British Columbia. He had for many years a vacation cottage at Pacific City utilized for fishing on the Nestucca and was an annual angler on the McKenzie and Rogue rivers. He had several narrow escapes from drowning in various trips which only added to his fishing ardor.

Throughout his life, Judge Belt was a stickler for constitutional government and was a liberal and non-partisan in politics though he could not stand some of the antics of either New or Fair Deals, in conflict with American ideals. And his opinions were brief and readable to the layman, for he had the rare faculty of expressing himself clearly and briefly on essential points.

With it all Judge Belt was a good citizen, active in community, lodge, church and civic affairs. The sympathy of the legion of the admirers of his staunch and rugged character as well as those of his personal friends throughout the state goes to his bereaved family for one who always upheld the right as it was given him to see it and whose passing therefore is widely mourned as a loss not only to Salem, the Oregon bar, but to the entire state.

Federal Tax Collections in Oregon

The current issue of the Oregon Voter has dug up some federal taxpaying records for the state which show that the people of Oregon paid \$262,191,113 in U. S. internal revenue collections during fiscal year ending June 30, 1950. This large sum however is a decline of 12.3 percent from the preceding year.

The Voter gives the total federal collections in Oregon for the past ten years as follows: 1941, \$22,837,684; 1942, \$58,863,171; 1943, \$130,529,710; 1944, \$315,855,800; 1945, \$318,918,695; 1946, \$273,907,694; 1947, \$284,193,102; 1948, \$316,843,556; 1949, \$298,269,485; 1950, \$262,191,113.

The Oregon federal payroll taxes show a gain for Oregon of 7.1 percent in the following compilation: 1941, \$5,672,049; 1942, \$7,983,285; 1944, \$15,105,272; 1945, \$15,228,579; 1946, \$13,404,471; 1947, \$15,142,257; 1948, \$17,621,511; 1949, \$18,519,373; 1950, \$19,842,336.

The individual federal income tax collections dropped 11.8 percent in Oregon for the past year, the totals being: 1941, \$5,934,822; 1942, \$21,866,288; 1943, \$57,667,734; 1944, \$134,262,303; 1945, \$205,250,883; 1946, \$178,719,559; 1947, \$191,749,914; 1948, \$210,465,688; 1949, \$181,021,447; 1950, \$159,652,798.

The Voter says corporation income tax collections continued to decline from excess profits tax levels. Oregon yield was \$61,760,616, 19 percent under previous fiscal year.

Brothers to Fight Together

Fort Worth, Aug. 8 (AP)—The three Oxford brothers plan to fight the war side by side.

They are Pvt. H. C. Oxford, Pfc. John L. Oxford, and Tech. Sgt. Thomas R. Oxford, all marine air reservists, called to active duty yesterday.

At the time of their enlistment in the reserves, the trio requested and got permission from the navy to serve together. Yesterday, the mother of the three Fort Worth Marines, Mrs. H. V. Oxford, said she wanted her boys together. "No matter what."

The 'Rough' Gets Rough

Saugus, Mass., Aug. 8 (AP)—Francis Rinfret was driving along the Newburyport turnpike yesterday when his windshield broke with a crash and a golf ball settled neatly in his lap.

He turned into the old Newbury Country club, he told state police, located the responsible golfer and started discussing damages.

Another golf ball smacked into the rear of his car, denting the trunk.

So he added the other golfer to the conference.

Sign of the Times?

Detroit, Aug. 8 (AP)—Sign of the times? Burglars at Roy W. Mel's home weren't satisfied in taking \$50. They also made off with 50 pounds of steak, a pound of coffee, a quart of whiskey, and five packages of cigarettes.

BY BECK

Recollections



KRISS-KROSS

Where Is Respect Due to The Flag of United States?

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Reports have come to us regarding treatment of the United States flag at Oregon capitol building... complainants claim that flag is not being handled properly... that it is not being given due respect as the flag of our country.

Being a strong believer in the slogan, "Believe nothing what you hear," I decided to take a look-see for ourselves... sure enough... at about 7 a.m., flag is carried out of east end of capitol building... flag is wadded up... crumpled... instead of being folded as it should.

While still crumpled, it is fastened to ropes on flag pole... custodian lets go of wadded flag... sometimes a corner of it hits the ground... then, quite unceremoniously, flag is run to top of pole.

In the evening, flag comes down with equal recklessness... utter disregard of flag etiquette and respect... It seems that the flag of our

country at least deserves to be folded... Instead of just wadded up... and by all means it should never be allowed to touch the ground.

Otto Roller, proprietor and chef of The Grill restaurant, is saving up burned-out light globes... "In case we have a blackout," explains Otto.

Women have their place in the sports world... but when five female drivers signed for a stock car race at Ruppert stadium in Newark, N. J., it was too much for the male throtters to take... men refused to compete with the girls in the same race... "Keep them off the track. They're no different there than on the roads," said the men... Result: Five women will have the track to themselves.

Words of Praise Faded
Camp Cooke, Calif., Aug. 8 (AP)—Veterans of the reserve 13th armored division settled down in their old Camp Cooke barracks today and found the walls still adorned with wartime government posters praising Soviet Russia.

One of the United Nations, one poster proclaimed. The GI's, here for two weeks' training, tore the posters down and cleaned up the premises. The barracks haven't been used since 1946.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER Old Age Plus Battle Fatigue Retires Moe, Air Force Mascot

By HAL BOYLE

A Fifth Air Force Base in Korea (AP)—Leaves from a war reporter's notebook:

Moe, America's most veteran combat dog, has been retired from the air wars by old age and battle fatigue.

The peppery little black and white mongrel has spent six years with the Air Force. He was first picked up in Australia by Lt. Jack Coghan of Longview, Texas, and later flew 25 combat missions in the Second World War standing in the catwalk of a Douglas Havoc bomber.

In the years since then Moe has lived on practically every air base in the Pacific and had a half a dozen or more owners. He is known by name to hundreds of airmen in the Far East. Since coming to Korea his duties have been strictly limited to ground observations and security patrols.

"He won't make any more missions," said his present owner, Sgt. Daniel Kinney? (68 Concord Street) San Francisco. "He's really got combat fatigue—he shakes all over now every time he goes up in a plane."

But Moe doesn't like war on the ground much better. The soldiers sometimes tease him by pointing their carbines at him. Each time Moe barks worriedly until the gun is put away.

Moe wears Sgt. Kinney's dog tags and there is a deep and real attachment between them. At the sergeant's command Moe will sit up, roll over, shake hands, speak or retrieve anything from a rock to a baseball bat.

His greatest enemy is a tattered stuffed monkey that hangs from a wall and bears the sign "Specialists on Gorilla Warfare." For some reason Moe developed a frantic hate for the silent monkey leering down at him. Several times a day he comes into the office just to bark at it.

"I am supposed to get discharged next week. And this darn war has got us so busy I can't even get a three-day pass to go to Japan and reenlist."

A mustang pilot dived so low at an enemy tank the other day that a huge fragment of a rocket hit the tank with rebounded and lodged in his own gas tank.

The slender dark-haired flyer, down to his last drop of fuel, made a perfect emergency landing here. Climbing out he took one look at the damaged tank and said coolly, "that's all for this ship" then he stroled away to hitchhike a ride back to his own base.

Staff Sgt. Michael Sparks of 2331 South Third Street, St. Louis, whistled in surprise as he inspected the plane.

"It's a real miracle," he said, "six inches one way and we would have lost a wheel. Six inches the other way and he would have had it in his lap."

Capt. Hal Wilson Lanark, a public information officer, dislodged the rocket fragment. It weighed 25 pounds.

"They aren't supposed to dive below 500 feet," he said. "But that pilot must have been down to fifty when he caught that one."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

A-Bomb Plans Are Readied by Air Force Chiefs—Just in Case

By DREW PEARSON

Almost two months ago on June 14, the Washington Merry-Go-Round carried what many considered a sensational story to the effect that Senator Brewster of Maine was implicated in tapping the wire of Howard Hughes, the west coast aviation executive. Since then, Drew Pearson has unfolded various details of wire-tapping in the District of Columbia, some of them almost unbelievable. The aftermath has been a probe by a federal grand jury and a senate investigation.

Washington—There's been no change in the president's ban against A-bombing in the Korean war, but in order not to get caught unprepared, air force chiefs are working out all details for future use—just in case. They want to be able to retaliate 24 hours after Moscow makes the first aggressive move. This means that lists of main bombing targets and atomic bases for launching B-36's must be all set... Chief reason for the navy's quiet current efficiency is the teamwork of Admiral Forrest Sherman and homespun Secretary Matthews.

Matthews picked Sherman as the latest admiral in the navy by reading the Army-Navy unification hearings. His judgment has been fully justified... They pull together perfectly... Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine bowed out of the senate wire-tapping probe because she would have to sit in judgment on her fellow-senator from Maine, Owen Brewster. Since Brewster has been making noises about defeating her, Mrs. Smith decided she would be a prejudiced judge and excused herself.

Holdback On Hoarders—It was significant that when Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas of California proposed an amendment reinstating rent controls in cities where rents increased drastically, not one republican voted for it. Her amendment was defeated. (Looks like the real estate lobby is still strong)... Credit Florida's Dwight Rogers with the crackdown amendment on hoarders which would send them to jail. The vote on this crossed party lines... Not crossing party lines, however, was the proposal for an immediate excess profits tax proposed by alert Congressman Walter Huber of Akron, O., democrat. Pushed by democratic Congressman Dan Flood of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Mrs. Douglas, the amendment at first was adopted, then thrown out of the control bill. Most republicans were opposed.

Texas Politics—Young Maury Maverick (his father was the able congressman from Texas and ex-mayor of San Antonio) is now running for the Texas legislature in a race which gets a record for gall. Maverick Jr., is opposed by Frates S. Seeligson, aged 24, scion of one of the wealthiest oil families in Texas. The other day Seeligson Sr., came to Maverick Sr., and urged that young Maverick withdraw from the race. "My boy is wealthy and therefore will be an honest legislator," said the elder Seeligson. "Furthermore your boy will be drafted, and my boy won't... Young Maverick refused to budge. He has already served four years in the Marines in the South Pacific and will serve again if needed... Meanwhile the Seeligson family is spending an estimated \$25,000 to elect its scion, though a lot of veterans are chipping in voluntarily to help young Maverick.

Asiatic U.N. President—General MacArthur has sent Philippine General Carlos Romulo, now president of the United Nations assembly, a cable addressed "Dear Carlos" which states: "We all watched with so much pride and enthusiasm your great efforts of the past two years in the fields of diplomacy and statesmanship. But now the guns have begun to speak. While I know it cannot be, I would feel a sense of comfort to have you at my right hand again..." This should further clinch the idea of having Gen. Romulo go to Korea as part of the U.N. command in ours is not a white man's imperialistic invasion. Unfortunately this Moscow line is believed in much of the Orient.

Under The Dome—Mystery? Who put the pressure on Congressman Celler of New York to induce him to call off his long-proposed investigation of Pan American Airways?... Out in Illinois, so many republicans are fed up with the Chicago Tribune's harpooning of the war effort that they are forming republican clubs to re-elect Senator Scott Lucas, democrat... If Washington really wanted to show an all-out war effort it would curtail the fancy, plush planes reserved for cabinet officers, the top brass and other vip's. Most people have forgotten that in War II, Harry Hopkins, Averell Harriman and other dignitaries hopped the Atlantic in bucket seats or in the bomb bays of bombers. FDR himself had no special plane until near the war's end... Now not only does Truman have a

plane sitting idle, with crew doing nothing, but Secretary Johnson has first lien on the swank "Dew Drop" made for "President" Dewey. There are also ten plush planes on hand to carry bigwigs around the globe. Their joint carrying capacity could rush a thousand badly needed troops across the Pacific instead of having the taxpayers hire special commercial planes—as at present.

Servants of Brotherhood—Credit the Greenville, S.C., Lions club with doing a fine job of campaigning against hoarding—and getting results... One of the great police chiefs of the U.S.A.—General William Horton of the U.S. Marines, retired—is quitting as head of the Los Angeles police. Old-fashioned civil service rules are the reason. (He didn't work from the bottom up.) And the city could only appoint him temporarily... While penny-pinching senators recently lopped off the state department's propaganda budget, many patriotic Americans organized as the "Common Council for American Unity" are doing a bang-up job of telling Europe the truth about the U.S.A. They are working chiefly through naturalized Americans with relatives in Europe through letter-writing campaigns. This proved most effective in Italy... Efficient, overworked Peyton Ford will resign as assistant to the attorney general this fall, to practice law. Replacing him will be Gus Vanech, one of the best men in the justice department. He worked his way up.

Politics and Prima Donnas—Good old Joe Martin, the ex-speaker, apparently doesn't believe in the republican platform. When the Young Republicans of the District of Columbia put the bite on Joe to help out home rule for Washington, D.C., he refused to sign the discharge petition—despite the fact that home rule is in the G.O.P. platform. Furthermore the D.C. Home Rule bill now before congress is exactly the same bill which the republicans backed in the 80th congress when Joe was speaker... Prima Donna Senator Guy Gillette, who now opposes Carroll Switzer for a federal judgeship, once backed Switzer for what he called an "assistant judgeship." (Actually there is no such position)... No Prima Donna, Senator Matt Nealey of West Virginia is doing a conscientious job in the wire-tap probe. He hung back at first for the understandable reason that he didn't want to go off half-cocked on a Joe McCarthy witch hunt.

'Gooks' Not New Word to GIs
U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea, Aug. 8 (AP)—To the U. S. soldiers in Korea, all North Korean communists are "Gooks."

It isn't a new word to the soldier. Some one among them coined it in the South Pacific fighting of World War II. It was applied to the natives of Guadalcanal and New Guinea and to the Japanese enemy. It is the soldier's word for anyone racially different from himself.

Men of the 24th division revived "gook" when they were rushed to Korea to face the communist invader.

Army Denies Pearson Story
True Casualties Withheld

Washington, Aug. 8 (AP)—A high army spokesman denied today that the army is withholding the true casualty list in Korea. He said official lists maintained as close as possible to actual field reports show 2616 killed, wounded and missing in action.

The denial was in answer to charges by Washington columnist Drew Pearson, who contended he saw a secret list showing casualties about three times as heavy as announced by the defense department.

The army spokesman said the figure of 2,616 was the number of casualties whose families had received official notification. He admitted that the actual casualty figure is now higher, but he said the difference is due to the natural lag between the time reports originate in the field and the time they are announced here.

"There certainly is no desire on the army to hide any facts commensurate with genuine military security—and I mean genuine military security," he told newsmen at a Pentagon briefing session.

He contended that the army's motives have been "impugned" and added:

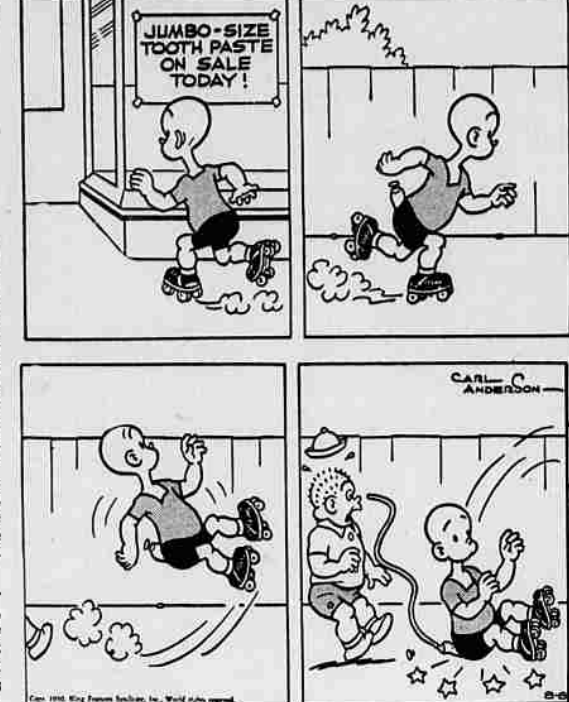
"I feel strongly about it, as you know this matter is as close to the hearts of the American people as anything can be."

He said the casualty reporting method does not vary in the slightest from that developed during World War II.

The army has been meticulous in checking and rechecking cas-

BY CARL ANDERSON

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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Red China's Ambitions Bring Worries; Harriman to Report

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Should Washington decide to reverse the policy of no arms aid to the Chinese nationalists on Formosa, that would fit a widespread western belief that a red China must be restrained from aggressive adventures.

We may hear more relative to that point when W. Averell Harriman, President Truman's new special assistant on foreign affairs, returns from consultation with General MacArthur in Tokyo.

Harriman has instructions to discuss the whole Far Eastern political situation with the general.

Communist China, despite her huge size and population of half a billion has given plenty of evidence that she has ambitions for extending her dominion and influence. Moreover, as a hand and glove partner of Russia she is the fulcrum which Moscow may well attempt to use to pry loose other Asiatic countries, one at a time.

Apromos of such possibilities John Osborne, senior correspondent for Life magazine in the Far East, makes pertinent comment. After visiting Manila, Hong Kong, Formosa and Tokyo, he reports that the most interesting point of general agreement there is this:

"The Chinese communists are committed to the conquest, by any necessary means, of all Asia. They are so dedicated, of course, in behalf of and by the will of the Soviet Union. But they also are committed in their own interest."

Morever, Malaya not only is a great prize economically but militarily. The British point out that if the Reds could gain control of Malaya they would neutralize Singapore, Britain's great naval and air base at the tip of the peninsula.

A salient fact in this situation is that out of some 6,000,000 people in Malaya, 2,615,000 are Chinese. A large proportion of them were born in Malaya, but naturally the danger of their being oriented to outside loyalties has increased with the communization of neighboring China.

The Chino-Russian partnership is taking full advantage of this situation and is working overtime to pull Malaya into the Red fold. This is being done partly by the usual fifth-column methods, but the British say Chinese terrorists are playing a big role, many of them coming from outside Malaya. The threat of communism in that country, it is added, is one of coercion rather than conviction.

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