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THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB

With dramatic suddenness President Truman reversed his customary policy of standing by his appointees and friends under congressional and partisan fire when he dropped Louis A. Johnson from his cabinet and selected General George C. Marshall as secretary of defense to succeed him—a bid for national unity in a period of crisis.

The appointment meets general approval both in congress and out, for the people have every confidence in the former World War II chief of staff. Congress must enact special legislation clearing the way for Marshall to take over the defense establishment for the 1947 unification law forbids appointment of a secretary who has been a commissioned officer on active duty within the past 10 years. But congress will probably rush through the required legislation.

The demands of the Korean war, the world-wide threat of communist aggression and the abiding respect of his countrymen assure Marshall's eventual confirmation by the time Johnson's resignation is effective next Tuesday.

Johnson in his letter of resignation spoke bitterly of knowing when he took office he would "make more enemies than friends," defended his unification record and recommended the selection of Marshall as a man who would be an inspiration to the people of the United States and to our allies. The president replied in a letter to Johnson:

"It is clear to me that in writing (the letter of resignation) you have been actuated by motives of the highest patriotism, and I salute you."

"In the terribly tragic circumstances which have arisen, I feel that I must concur in your judgment and accept your proffered resignation as secretary of defense, effective at the close of business on September 19, 1950."

As army chief of staff in World War II Marshall organized the greatest American military force in history and deployed it around-the-world. As secretary of state from 1947 to 1949 he sought to turn the world toward peace, but felt the anguish of Soviet roadblocks at every turn.

Marshall will return to the Pentagon as the nation's rearmament drive approaches high gear. New billions for military spending already have been approved by congress. New plans for rebuilding the military strength of western Europe are on the boards.

But under the gun in Europe the name of Marshall will be worth divisions and tanks. The GI sweating it out in Korea will hear it as a name of victory and military leadership—a shot in the arm.

Marshall is going back to his old job, but it will not be an easy task, and he stakes his reputation in an office that drove James Forrestal to madness and suicide and flunked Louis Johnson. And it is a political year.

MORE MISSOURI POLITICS

The appointment of St. Louis lawyer Morris A. Shenker, as a member of the national democratic finance committee, aroused such a political storm because of his alleged connection with midwestern gamblers, that he has resigned his new job, stating that he had too many cases pending to handle the work.

Shenker is said to have the biggest criminal practice in St. Louis, and was charged by the St. Louis newspapers and by republican senators with representing the gambling interests, as a go-between. He denies the charges.

Shenker is a most successful lawyer at 43, about 30 years after arriving in the United States as an orphan of the Ukrainian civil war following the Russian revolution. Ralph Goghlan wrote in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that there was complaint a year ago that trial of criminal cases in St. Louis was hampered because nearly half the defense attorneys, treasurer of the democratic national committee, who recently appeared before the Kefauver committee.

Chairman Estes Kefauver (D., Ten.), of the senate prime investigating committee had brushed aside republican demands for an investigation of the appointment. But he said he hoped Shenker would quit to save the party further embarrassment. His appointment was understood to have been recommended by Sidney Solomon, Jr., of St. Louis, treasurer of the democratic national committee, recently appeared before the Kefauver committee.

Shenker was counsel for persons connected with gambling, including horse racing, who were subpoenaed by the committee in its search for a link between national politics, organized gambling and crime.

DOG-TAGS FOR DEFENSE

School children in the San Francisco area will be given identification tags similar to the dog tags worn by members of the armed forces. The tags are intended as precautionary identification in case of civil defense need.

This rare instance in San Francisco of attention to possible disaster in war contrasts with the general attitude throughout the nation, including Oregon. People and cities have the attitude found so often in combat that it will be the other guy who gets hit, not me. This attitude is supplemented with the feeling that the nation is ill going about its rearmament with an almost casual approach and not one of urgency—so what's the hurry in vil defense?

Emergencies and disasters are rarely anticipated. Take the case of the Korean invasion. With an intelligence system supposedly in operation, the United States was caught flat-footed, nevertheless, by the June 25th invasion. In invasion was considered possible by the top command at not at any specific time. The enemy chooses the time and place of attack.

Current civil defense preparations have not yet been coordinated effectively throughout the nation. As Senator Lodge said today, the United States "hasn't got a foot in the bottom rung of the ladder" when it comes to organizing civilian defense against an atom bomb attack. So, instead of dramatizing civil defense, dog-tags for children in a California city become such a rare instance at the action tends to show how completely unprepared home the American people actually are.

Apple Tree Blooms Third Time

Bend, Ore., Sept. 13 (U.S.)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hoggan's apple tree is in bloom for the third time this year. So far, the blossoming fruit tree has produced only one apple.

BY BECK

A Dog's Life



KRISS-KROSS

Nine-Year-Old Salem Girl Tells Natives a Legend

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Natives in and near Lillooet, British Columbia, are familiar with the squawfish... a trash fish predominate in Seton lake... but natives didn't seem to know how the squawfish got its name... until a 9-year-old girl from Salem cut them in on the know this summer.

The girl is Donna Stone, now a fifth grade student at Grant school... she was in Canada on a fishing trip with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone of 1115 North Capitol street, this summer... while angling in Seton lake, the Stones caught dozens of squawfish.

Donna, with the typical inquisitive mind of a 9-year-old, wondered how squawfish came about their name... natives were unable to tell her... so Donna manufactured a legend and told the natives... here is her story, as printed in the Bridge River-Lillooet News, a newspaper published at Lillooet, B. C.:

"Once upon a time, a century ago, in the country of the Indians, there lived a brave, who had been handsome in the days of his youth, but who was now old and grey-haired."

"Need I mention that his wife of course was a squaw and was being pretty when she was young. Every day he sent his wife out to pick berries and every day she came back empty-handed."

Product Forces Name Change

Tacoma, Sept. 13 (U.S.)—Rod Belcher, local radio announcer, is changing to a San Francisco station but his name there will be Rod Hughes.

Reason: His sponsor is a beer company.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

'Operation Raven' Flies Home Widows, Dolls and Souvenirs

By LACHLAN MAC DONALD
(Anchorage, Alaska, Times)
(Per Hal Boyle)

Anchorage, Alaska (U.S.)—The wives and children of the nation's finest come home this way. Often, late at night, the great planes of "Operation Raven" stop briefly before the last leg of the long trip to the U.S.A.

The North Pacific run isn't a vacation tour any more and the evacuees arriving daily at Elmendorf air force base are not the laughing, prosperous international travelers of several weeks ago. They are families uprooted by war.

Some are shaken by their experience, but there are no tears. Volunteers who meet the planes with food and toys for the children are quick to note the woman with a strained and detached look that sets them apart. They are the quiet widows of men who have died in the Korean hills.

Reluctantly they give up their infants to volunteers who feed and care for them during the stop. Some received first notification of their loss in Tokyo casualty lists: A few received suddenly terrible bundles of clothing. The health officer, the immigration man's questions, the customs examination, all are a little unreal for the women who only 20 hours before boarded planes in Japan.

The reception program at Elmendorf does everything possible to comfort and care for the evacuees.

First planes, after the Korean war started, were met by officers who found themselves unequipped to deal with tired mothers and fussy babies. Then volunteers from the officers' wives and NCO wives clubs took over.

The fame of their welcome has spread to Tokyo. The operation was named after the sombre raven when it became apparent that dependents in Japan would have to return to stateside homes after

ent. But not all the returning dependents are bereaved by the war. Many are optimistic and it is their cheer that means much to the widows on the long Pacific flight.

At least half of the weary travelers stepping down the gangplank are children, often infants born in Asia. A few are old enough to remember comic books, which they snatch with joy, but others speak only Japanese. They cling to their Japanese dolls and highly polished sandals and beam wide-eyed at their first view of America.

"Operation Raven" is primarily a military air transport service (MATS) operation. Care of evacuees at Elmendorf is in the hands of Lt. Col. Charles Reid.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Dewey Forces Reward Hanley For Bowing Out of N. Y. Race

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Here are the details of the secret deal which Dewey forces made with Lt. Gov. Joe Hanley to get him to withdraw from the New York race for governor.

In case Hanley loses in his race for the senate against Herbert Lehman, a new job will be created for him on the throughway commission—the superhighway now under construction across New York state. This job will pay Hanley \$25,000 annually.

In addition, Hanley has been promised \$15,000 income from an oil company, making a total of \$40,000, or about the income he would have received had he been elected governor.

Finally, friends in the Dewey camp have promised to repay the \$30,000 which Kingsland Macy, Frank Gannett and Norman Gould had put up to pay off Hanley's debts. The lieutenant governor had been in difficult financial circumstances and the Macy-Gannett-Gould backers had raised about \$30,000 to bail him out.



Drew Pearson

RIVAL TV STARS

In the delegates' lounge at Lake Success, a newsmen said to Security Council President Sir Gladwyn Jebb, "How does it feel to be a TV idol?"

"It's really quite frightening," replied Jebb, with his Oxford accent. "People come up to me on the street and shake my hand. No member of the British foreign office is supposed to be unknown, not to mention being popular."

"I'm afraid you can't escape it," insisted the newsmen. "People are fascinated by you—second only to Milton Berle."

"Berle?" said Sir Gladwyn. "Who's he? The only Berle I know is Adolf Berle, and people aren't fascinated by him."

DOWN THE DRAIN

It is easy to understand why the republican policy committee took the unusual step of rushing out with a disavowal of Senator Schoeppel, the bumbling senator from Kansas, after he tried to smear the red brush on Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman.

Chapman's forthright and convincing reply boomeranged against the republicans badly. Bob Allen expressed it best of all, after Chapman had wound up his testimony.

"I have no money to leave my family," the cabinet officer said, "only my good name and reputation. By the grace of God I'm going to protect it."

"I challenge him... I dare you to remove your cloak of immunity and sit in this chair and read your statement."

Senator Schoeppel remained silent. "Do you care to answer?" Chairman O'Mahoney of Wyoming asked.

Senator Schoeppel did not. "Don't you care to question the witness?" invited O'Mahoney.

Schoeppel mumbled some-

Marines Gain, County Loses

Chester, Mont., Sept. 13 (U.S.)—There's a shortage of attorneys in Liberty county today.

County Attorney James W. Hall has received his orders from the Marine corps to report at Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18 for active duty.

Hall is the only attorney in Liberty county.

OPEN FORUM

Praise for Oregon State Fair

To the Editor: The 85th annual Oregon State Fair came to a close Sunday last, correctly heralded as one of our state's greatest presentations.

In these days of enormous subsidies and government support, it is only fair to draw attention to a job well done by Manager Leo Spitzbart with a most limited budget. The annual gross expenditures of the fair are well over \$350,000, and with 167 acres of fairgrounds to maintain the year around, Spitzbart has developed the annual state exposition into a show that Oregon and the city of Salem can well be proud. For a week-long production, there is an annual allocation of state racing revenues of a bare \$35,000 and no other public funds of any nature are used.

Despite this limited support, commercialization has been minimized. The gate admission remains at the pre-war level of 50 cents, an accomplishment not matched at any other major western fair. The gate attendance has more than doubled since 1941. Admission prices to the various revues, rodeos and shows have continued to remain at their approximate 1941 level.

The city of Salem and the state of Oregon can well be proud of a real accomplishment—Oregon's great State Fair of 1950.

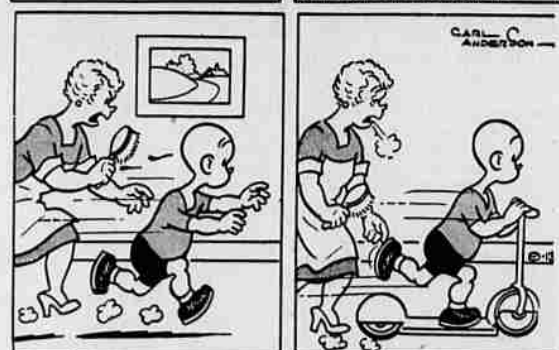
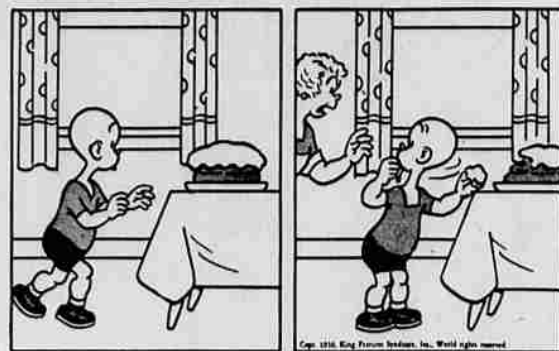
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LUCKIEST FAMILY

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 13 (U.S.)—Although their car plunged 94 feet over a cliff into the Galinas River near here, the William J. Hagden family emerged without a scratch.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Atom Bomb Is Not Greater Weapon Than Foot Solider

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(U.S. Foreign Affairs Analyst)

General MacArthur's recently renewed appeal for more United Nations ground troops in Korea is spotlighted by Washington's decision that American forces in Europe must be substantially increased.

That is to say, there's a limit to the number of trained fighting

men even the United States can produce at short notice. It's too much to expect her to start from scratch and carry out two major assignments like this simultaneously.

The Korean action is a United Nations sanction. It's up to the other united member nations, which agreed with the sanction, to contribute materially.

Some ten nations have offered material aid. Two actually have contingents in Korea. Scots Highland ground troops and Australian warplanes are in action. Some others are expected to arrive in the immediate future.

That leaves MacArthur far short of the quota of fighting men he requires to withstand the weight of attack by North Korean red forces, which apparently have an unlimited reservoir of fighting men upon which to draw. He needs substantial reinforcements—and quickly.

But why so much emphasis on ground forces? My colleague, AP Science Editor Howard Blakeslee, summed the thing up neatly while we were discussing this point:

"The best military weapon the world has ever had walks on its two feet. Even atom bombs are not greater."

It should be added that Blakeslee witnessed that historic experimental atomic explosion at Bikini.

Having undertaken the job of protecting a small nation against aggression, the United Nations must finish the task.

This column recently ventured the view that a successful U. N.

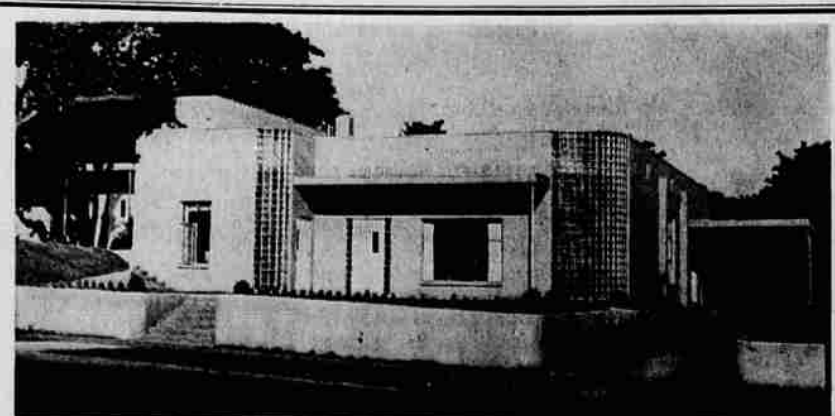
alone would impel the far eastern nations to contribute armed forces in such strength that they would be playing a major part in the defense of South Korea. That would bolster their slogan of Asia for the Asians.

In any event, this is a time when members of the U. N., in both eastern and western hemispheres, should make really substantial contributions towards shortening a Korean conflict which, if dragged out, could produce another general war.

Weather Too Much For Them

Medford, Ore., Sept. 13 (U.S.)—Rancher Leslie I. Kellow had a new twist today to the "Animals Will Eat Anything" story.

Kellow said his calves ate all but a small portion of a weather balloon that dropped on his ranch. However, he added that they steered clear of the metal instrument box.



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