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FINANCING CIVIL DEFENSE

Marion county feels that a county-wide civil defense organization is essential during this crisis of survival in which the nation now finds itself. In fact, Marion county has allotted \$11,000 to cover expenses for the defense organization for the next fiscal year.

But if the civil defense system has to be put into actual operation one of these days in the present national emergency, the system will be only as strong as the sum total of all of the various county civil defense systems.

In the case of Marion county, for instance, a disaster here of unforeseen proportions would require the assistance of neighboring counties. And since Marion county has been designated as one of the few critical target areas in Oregon, there is interest in what the surrounding counties are doing about preparing and developing the fundamentals of a civil defense organization.

As Marion county has found out, a civil defense organization costs money. There are expenses involved in setting up the various units throughout the county, and the director has to have expense money, likewise. For any county which might be trying to decide what to do, with the deadline for budgets already almost here, Marion county found that the early stages of setting up the organization had to be covered by emergency funds. Since it was questionable how much money would be needed and since provision had not been made previously for inclusion in the past budget, emergency funds did get the organization underway. President Truman has already declared the national emergency, so drawing on the emergency fund is fitting in name and need.

As the fiscal year rolls around in about 10 days, the regions throughout the state will continue to integrate their defense systems to the extent of funds allotted. It is, of course, hoped that there will never be any need for actually putting the civil defense system into operation because of a disaster, but if the need ever should arise, the system must be in proper outline so it could be put to the test of crisis.

THE IRAN OIL SEIZURE

The Iranian oil crisis reached its climax when Premier Massadeh of Iran last night spurned British mediation offers and issued orders for the government to take over control of the billion dollar Anglo-Iranian Oil company at Obadan which produces \$30 million tons of oil annually.

Iranian production equals three-fifths of western Europe's total annual consumption of oil. Besides supplying part of the needs of both Europe and Asia, Iran is the chief source of fuel oil for the British navy and any interference with the flow of this oil might mean a slowing down of western armament production and may lead to a rationing of oil in the United States.

Government seizure reaches far beyond the Iranian-British dispute and will probably affect the welfare of all nations and the future of international conduct, and is therefore of international importance. Russian influence is blamed for the surge of fanatic nationalism in Iran and it is perhaps part of the cold war waged by communists against the west.

The Iranian parliament has given a vote of confidence for the "no compromise" fight to drive the British company out of Iran and mobs roam the streets of Tehran smashing Anglo-American company signs and will probably end up by smashing the oil plants, the main source of revenue of the Iranian government for many years past. Britain meantime has issued warning that she will protect militarily the lives and property of Britons in Iran and has appealed to the United Nations' court of justice at The Hague, for an injunction against seizure.

At present Iran seems ruled by the unreasoning mob which always destroys but never creates. Iran hasn't the technicians nor the "know how" required to run the oil industry and is virtually destroying itself. The country would be far better off to accept a larger share of the oil profits, than to permit Russia to operate without any profit at all for Iran, but all for Russia, which has been the case in all satellite countries.

DEFENSE BUYING ETHICS

The exposure by a congressional committee of the "absurd" armed services buying methods, revealed in the fantastic case of the Elvair Corporation of Jackson and Natchez, Miss., where two ex-convicts parlayed \$1200 into more than \$3,214,000 in defense contracts, typifies the reckless waste in defense contracting.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Herbert (D. La.), reported to the house that "none of these contracts have been performed, except for a limited portion of one of them" and it said the company, the Elvair Corp., never had enough cash to carry out its commitments.

Herbert's "watchdog" subcommittee termed the whole matter "fantastic." It said that at a time when Elvair was awarded a \$2,960,000 contract for army tank covers it had only \$179.68 on hand. The report added the firm anticipated a profit of \$129,000 but that it probably would have been "much more than that."

The report recommended that two inspectors in the Birmingham ordinance district who checked one of the contracts involved be discharged. It characterized the district itself as "the most haphazard, naive and negligent... that could be imagined."

The subcommittee said Elvair's first board of directors included B. A. Totten, whose acquaintance with the firm's sales manager, B. T. Jayne of Ponca, Okla., "flowered during the time both of them were in the El Reno (Okla.) penitentiary." The army procurement system was declared "haphazard, naive and negligent" in its investigation of Elvair, which got four fat canvas goods contracts "without money, plant or experience," but conceded the firm did not break any laws.

Bumpy Start in Life

Los Angeles, June 21 (AP)—Mrs. Wanda Bidwell's twins are doing fine today although they got a bumpy start in life. The expectant mother, 21, had her trip to the hospital interrupted yesterday when the auto in which she was riding turned completely over in a collision. Injuries to the mother were slight and the twins, five and a half pounds and four pounds, were born a short time later—at the hospital.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

How to Torture Your Husband



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Dorothy Gish, Early Star of Movies, Yearns for Old Days

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Dorothy Gish gave this advice today to movie moguls worried about bad news at the boxoffice: "Go back to the old days."

"One of filmdom's earliest stars, the younger Gish sister feels the industry has lost something it had when both she and it were young together.



Hal Boyle

"Well, fun for one thing it was fun then. People worked together better. A medium is always more fun to work in when it is new. That is what makes television so exciting. It isn't as much fun when they put the spit and polish on it."

Dorothy and her sister, Lillian, were stage children, friends of Mary Pickford, and in careers spanning nearly half a century they played hundreds of theatrical and film roles.

Dorothy made 'em laugh, Lillian made 'em cry. Ask father. He thought the Gishes were real dishes.

Now on the wintry side of 50, Dorothy still has sprightly blue eyes and determined blonde hair. She likes to laugh over old times.

"I suppose I have sat on more judges' laps than any woman my age in America," she said.

"On tour when I was a child many cities had ordinances against child labor, and I had to go in and sit on the local judge's lap to get permission to act."

Senate MacArthur Hearing Has Almost Forgotten General

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington, June 21 (AP)—The senate MacArthur investigators have almost forgotten the general in the latter stages of their inquiry.

From the time Secretary of State Dean Acheson began to testify until now the inquiry has turned steadily toward long-range administration foreign policy in the Far East. The period covered most intensively is from the February, 1945, Yalta conference to June, 1950, when war began in Korea.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's testimony following Acheson's contained some broad gauge objections to Far Eastern policies during that period and several direct challenges of statements made previously by administration witnesses.

Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger continued along those lines when the investigation was resumed this week. Badger in a way is Wedemeyer's opposite number—a top navy authority on the Far East.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been invited by the senate investigators to appear again if he desires to answer criticisms made of him by witnesses who objected to his strategic plans and supported his dismissal by Mr. Truman. The discrepancies in testimony now on the record may tempt MacArthur to accept that invitation.

The discrepancies are not on one side by any means. But the discrepancies chargeable to administration witnesses have special significance because the persons responsible for them are the persons in power.

At least one major question was raised by comparison of Acheson's testimony with that of Defense Secretary George C. Marshall. Marshall testified that his mission to China in 1946 was undertaken under circumstances which prevented him being briefed on the Far East situation until he actually was en route.

Acheson testified that the state department prepared instructions for Marshall which he refused to accept and that he returned them with proposed changes. These and other changes were made with Marshall's aid before he took off for China.

Wedemeyer denied the administration contention that concessions made by the United States and Great Britain to the Russians at Yalta conference were taken in good spirit by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Chinese Nationalist government. Notable among these concessions was a foothold given the Soviet union in Manchuria.

Badger brought the dispute as to facts more up to date by denying the basic conclusion upon which Mr. Truman's administration formed its policy toward China in the fateful year 1948. The conclusion was that Chinese Nationalists could not win, would not fight. It is conceded that the administration did drag its heels that year on the aid to China program during the period when the communists built up and delivered the striking force which caused Chiang's flight from the mainland to Formosa.

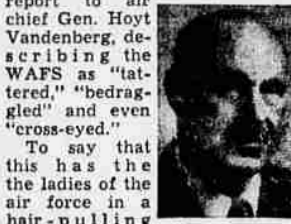
Acheson is on record as saying that Chiang's armies had weapons and munitions but lacked the will to fight. Badger testified lack of adequate United States support to Chiang in 1948 caused him to miss a good chance of licking or stopping the communists. The record will show that congress voted \$125,000,000 in military aid to China April 2, 1948, and that as of Oct. 13, none of it had arrived.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WAFs' Ire Mounts at Report Given by Jacqueline Cochran

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The ladies of the air force are getting more and more wrathful over Jacqueline Cochran's report that the WAFS aren't glamorous or shapely. Miss Cochran, who is the wife of Wall Street financier Floyd Orlum, but who operates a cosmetic business on her own, has submitted a confidential report to air chief Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, describing the WAFS as "tattered," "bedraggled" and even "cross-eyed."



Drew Pearson

To say that this has the ladies of the air force in a hair-pulling mood is putting it mildly. They have retaliated by calling Miss Cochran "Stone-wall Jacky," and even go so far as to suggest that since her husband, as head of Consolidated-Vultee, manufactures the B-36, Miss Cochran should not have been called into the air force even for consultation.

Stuart Symington, when secretary of air, was criticized by some navy men because he spent one night at the ranch of Floyd Odium and Jacky Cochran. Navy men have claimed that orders for the B-36 came out of this visit. Now the irate WAFS are digging up the B-36 all over again.

A new shakeup in the WAFS has just taken place as a result of Miss Cochran's "glamor" report, and Miss Mary Jo Shelly of Bennington College, Vt., has replaced WAF commander, Col. Geraldine May, who opposed Miss Cochran's conclusions. However, the furor continues.

WHAT JACKY SAID

Miss Cochran came into the air force on temporary duty to advise General Vandenberg, and submitted her report from Lackland air base, Texas. Though Jacky's general conclusions leaked out and spread like wildfire among the WAFS, her report has never been published and only a few top WAFS have seen it. This column, however, has obtained a copy.

"It is estimated that about one-third of all the enlisted personnel that have been indoctrinated at Lackland are not fit material," she summed up bluntly. "I personally came across a WAF who was approximately 4 feet, 9 inches tall, and who admittedly weighed 134 pounds. This is far too much weight for the height, but what is even worse, she is very much out of proportion as to bodily profile, and in addition, she is cross-eyed."

"And I was informed that this type of error has been duplicated many times," she added in horror.

Miss Cochran's opinion of WAF officer candidates was no higher.

"I met and talked with approximately 30 O.C.S. trainees, and was certainly not impressed with their physical appearance or grooming," she reported. "In fact, three or four women in the group seemed out of balance, weight for height."

MORE "BODILY PROFILE"

Miss Cochran suggested that WAFS should be at least 61 inches tall, but not more than 72 inches. In order that they appear more ladylike, she also suggested abolishing the 30-inch marching step. But most important, she stressed "bodily profile."

"Whatever difference is allowed over or below the standard weight should be based upon the bone structure, the distribution of weight and the muscle tone of the applicant," she laid down the standards for shapeliness. "... stress should be given in recruiting literature to the physical profile required for applicants to the WAF."

Miss Cochran also insisted something must be done about WAF clothing.

"I have seen several hundred of the WAFS at Lackland, and they are the most tattered, bedraggled persons I have ever seen in the service," she complained. "The fatigue uniforms which were being worn by the trainees at Lackland were of at least six different varieties, and were exceedingly poor in appearance and unattractive. These WAFS are certainly anything but a credit to the air force in the present non-uniform clothing they are forced to wear."

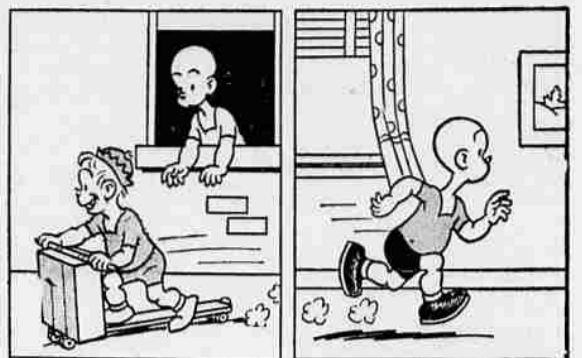
In fact, Miss Cochran urged that "no further recruiting should be done of WAFS until adequate clothing not only in dress uniforms but in fatigue uniforms is procured."

"The WAFS should be equal to the best among the women's services, she pleaded. "It should be the aim to make them the best. But," she added sorrowfully, "they are not so now."

Miss Cochran suggested giving all women recruits a physical screening, then sending home at government expense those who

BY CARL ANDERSON

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Communist Air Force Is Becoming Active in Korea

By HARRY FERGUSON

(United Press Foreign News Editor)

It's a little too early to tell whether the communist air force intends to go all-out in Korea in an attempt to win the ball game. But for four days running it has showed up for batting practice.

Yesterday was the fourth straight day in which Red jet planes had flown down from their bases north of the Yalu river to challenge the U. S. air force for the supremacy of the Korean skies.

The battle took place just south of the river which divides North Korea from Manchuria, an area that is now referred to by our pilots as "Mig Alley." The name comes from the Russian-built jet fighter known as the MIG-15. It is called that because it was designed by two Russians named Mikoyan and Gurevich—MI for Mikoyan, G for Gurevich.

If the U. N. field commanders ever lose sleep, it is because they are haunted by this nightmare—that some day they will get a report that the Migs are across the Yalu river in force, not 36, but two hundred or five hundred.

That could change the whole complexion of the Korean war because the U. S. air force saved the day during the desperate period of the Pusan beach-head and is one of the chief reasons why we now have an over-all

superiority over the Reds. If we lose control of the skies, we risk losing everything. There is an even more serious side of it. Nobody can prove it but there is a general suspicion that the pilots in the Migs can't speak good Chinese.

If it is true that Russian pilots are flying the Red jets, the chance is always present that World War III can start at 30,000 feet slightly south of the Yalu river.

Most of the dog fights take place in "Mig Alley" because our air force is on the offensive. The U. N. pilots fly north as close to the Yalu as their orders will permit, looking for a fight. Lately the Red jets have been rising to accept the challenge and it could be that they are practicing for the day when they will start an offensive of their own.

When a Red pilot sees that his plane is damaged, he streaks for Manchuria. Some of them fall inside North Korea, but our ground troops are not in possession of that territory, and there has been no opportunity to look at the credentials on the body of an enemy flier who has been shot down.

If the Reds ever come across the Yalu in force, the big question will be answered.

Sign of the Times

Wakefield, Mass., June 21 (AP)—A burglar spurned the cash register at Ayer's market, but took 50 pounds of choice beef.

Advertisement for Stevens & Son Jewelers - Silversmiths. Features a woman's profile, several diamond rings, and a building. Text includes: 'Diamonds Reset While You Wait', 'Does your mounting date your Diamond?', 'Diamonds never lose their beauty... but their radiance may be dimmed by an old-fashioned setting! Let us show you how a modern setting can glorify your diamond... and add to the pleasure of ownership! A variety of styles in white and yellow gold.', 'Stevens & Son JEWELERS - SILVERSMITHS State and Liberty Dial 4-2223'

New Version of Old Saying

Nashville, Tenn., June 21 (AP)—Early Bird didn't get the worm. He got caught. Arrested on a disorderly and offensive conduct charge, Early Bird, a 44-year-old Negro, paid a \$50 city court fine yesterday—and flew.