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### EIGHT YEARS AFTER

Eight years ago today Hitlerite Germany surrendered to the victorious allied armies, whose western elements were commanded by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, of whom much more was to be heard in the years afterward. Eisenhower, voicing a fully justifiable pride, said that day: "The crusade on which we embarked in the early summer of 1944 has reached its glorious conclusion. Full victory in Europe has been attained."

This was true, so far as the battlefield war went. It was also true on November 11, 1918, but just as the full benefits of victory were snatched away from the victors by the rise of Adolf Hitler after World War I, so were the benefits of victory snatched away by one of the victors of May 7, 1945, Soviet Russia, which soon made itself a greater menace to the free world than Hitler had been.

So history has repeated itself, with variations, but in its essence. The free world wins the war but loses the peace and within a few years stands confronted with an even greater danger than the one it destroyed at such a heavy price.

Dwight Eisenhower probably assumed, if he thought about the matter at all on that extremely busy day of his busy life, that here was the climax of his own career, that he would henceforth bask in a well earned glory, with little more of a major character to do.

If this is what he thought he was in for a tremendous surprise, for here was one old soldier who didn't fade away. Eisenhower was still in the prime of life and the talents he had shown were of an organizational and inspirational character, no less valuable in peace or in cold war than in hot war.

Consequently Eisenhower's semiretirement to the academic shadows of Columbia proved short lived. He was called back into the nation's service as allied commander in Western Europe, from which responsibility he was summoned last year to a successful campaign for the presidency of the United States.

What are Eisenhower's thoughts today, eight years after he thought his career had reached its peak. Probably of wonderment that a poor boy from the other side of the tracks in Abilene, Kansas, should have risen to such awesome responsibilities, combined with some regret, for he is a modest man, that he might not have been spared this added burden in his later years. But he is also a man to whom the West Point code of duty and honor really sparkles in the sunlight, to whom to hear the bugle is to rise and don the armor.

Anyway this must be quite a day of memories for General Eisenhower and for the nation he has led so ably in war and in peace. Also, it is a grim reminder that victory in war is not enough. For we may find greater tasks around the next bend of the road than those we have already accomplished.

### STATE OWNERSHIP OF POWER

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has assured California's Governor Earl Warren that he will study California proposal to purchase the huge Central Valley project now under construction.

At the request of Governor Warren the California legislature in 1951 appropriated \$10,000,000 as a "down payment" for the project and ordered a study of means to buy it.

Governor Warren has long favored the state acquiring the project on which the government has already spent \$400,000,000. It is his opinion that benefits to California citizens would be greater if the project was operated by the state of California.

While in Washington at the governors' conference called by President Eisenhower, the California governor held a conference with Secretary McKay at which time he asked McKay if there is going to be a general policy under which states can take over federal projects.

McKay is studying the idea of setting a price on federal water and power projects for sale to states in which they are located. He informed Governor Warren he will consider the possibility of establishing such a policy and will inform them if something is worked out.

The possible sale of this huge project which extends from Shasta Dam in the north down through Central California as far south as Fresno, by the government to the state of California, would be another step of the Eisenhower administration to recognize the states of the union and reduce the centralization of government in Washington.

True, few states, other than California would be in a position to finance such a huge deal, but with the tremendous growth of the state, and its billion-plus budget, Governor Warren does not believe that the state would have any difficulty in issuing utility bonds to cover the cost of the project.

Whether Secretary McKay can work out a satisfactory deal for the sale of the project to California remains to be seen, but the proposal fits in with the oft-expressed opinion of President Eisenhower, that the states of the union should depend less on Washington and do things for themselves to the full extent of their ability.

### NO PARADISE



This sawmill in the lumbering section of Deweyville, Tex., stands out like an island amid flood waters from the raging Sabine River. Sweeping over its banks, the river threatened the entire town. Sandbagging crews saved the day. (UP Telephoto)

### BUCK UP



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### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Some P.W. Families Joined Red Fronts to Help Them

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — One distressing aspect of the Korean prisoner release is that some families of American POW's were inveigled into joining communist-front organizations in the U.S.A. in hopes of getting their sons released.

Just how extensively parents joined up is now being investigated by the Pentagon. The belief is that only a few did so. However, the Pentagon first learned of the matter when some of the parents told of receiving letters from their sons asking them to join communist-front organizations in the hope that it would speed their release.

Those parents who reported the matter to Washington did not join. But some did.

What happened was that 47,000 letters have been delivered from U.N. war prisoners in North Korea and China since the truce talks began. These letters, uncensored by U.N. officials, were forwarded intact to relatives. For this reason, Pentagon officials did not know that suggestions were being made by POW's that their families join communist-front groups.

It was not until the wounded prisoners began arriving on our side of the line that news of the brain-washing of American parents, as well as the POW's themselves, came to light.

Since then, mail from POW's has been censored. The Pentagon is also appointing a committee of civilian specialists to study the unfortunate situation.

**CRITICISM OF EISENHOWER**  
Some administration leaders have been complaining privately that the press has been too critical, that they have to labor under such an intense spotlight of publicity that they can't accomplish anything. That may be one reason why the secrecy orders from the White House and various government departments have made information tighter than ever.

Those who complain should take a look at criticism back in the early days of the republic. This nation has thrived on it. It was press criticism that kept the struggling young republic going. Thomas Jefferson in those days called John Marshall a "crafty chief justice who sophisticates the law to his reasoning," while the New York Herald once said the supreme court deserved no more respect than a "majority of those congregated in any Washington bar-room."

Abraham Lincoln once used these choice words in describing the supreme court's doctrine of democracy: "As thin as the homeopathic soup made by boiling a pigeon that had starved to death," while Judge Black of the Pennsylvania supreme court called Chief Justice Taney "A mush toad spotted traitor to the constitution" and a "political turkey buzzard." "Shall he be permitted," Judge Black asked, "to vomit the filthy contents of his stomach on every decent man in the country without having his neck twisted?"

This was some of the criticism which the men who made this country hurried at the high-

### TREK BACK TO SMALL TOWNS

It certainly is no news to the people living in Benton county, but we now have good authority to back up the supposition that the population trend is reversing itself. Small cities and towns which have been losing population the last quarter century are beginning to revive under the stimulus of super highways and easy access to urban centers. This has been shown in a large-scale research project from the Cornell college of Home Economics.

The researchers are studying an actual town. It is a typical community of 3,000, a village center in a rural area. Its population cut in half the last 25 years, it has gained 25 per cent in the last ten, as newcomers are shifting their loyalties to the town and in time are expected to belong to the community as much as the native born.

This is a very healthy and noteworthy trend. Even migration of young people to the cities for job opportunities is being checked, as the newcomers bring new ideas and new opportunities in the town. Given time, the process may once more recreate the virtue small cities and towns that have been the backbone of the nation from its birth. Big city

### Salem 33 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

May 7, 1920  
C. I. Lewis, manager of Oregon Growers Cooperative association and formerly director of experimentation at Oregon Agricultural college, proposes that sorghum be extensively grown in the Willamette valley to combat the high price of sugar.

Annual Jersey Jubilee tour ended in the city last evening that cost your husband's life was not caused by mechanical failure. The Air Force has also promised to investigate the maintenance problem in Newfoundland and to plead again with congress for enough money to train adequate ground crews.

S/Sgt. Francis Marma, 7582 Air Base Squadron, England—"I know this letter is a bit out of the ordinary, but I was reading where you seemed to be helping a couple of G.I.'s and thought maybe you could do the same for me. I filed an application for permission to marry an English girl in November, 1951, and it has never been approved nor disapproved. Since my intended bride and I still plan on getting married regardless of how and when, I was wondering if you could get some action on the application before I rotate back to the United States on May 16, 1953."

Answer — Your marriage application has been held up because your fiancée's parents were once members of the communist party in England. While your intended wife is not a communist herself, there are a number of senators waiting to jump on the Air Force if it approves of a marriage even slightly tainted with communism. The final decision is up to the Third Air Force in England, however, and the Pentagon has promised to radio the Third Air Force and urge action on your application.

Answer — My investigation found no lack of safe equipment in Newfoundland, but rather a shortage of skilled maintenance men. This is because transport squadrons are near the bottom of the priority list, so that the skilled ground crews go first to Korea, then to the strategic air command, leaving transport pilots to depend on green, sometimes slipshod maintenance men. The Air Force informs me, however, the unfortunate crash

### OPEN FORUM

## Get Religion Into the Schools, Writer Urges

To the Editor:  
Why don't the legislators who are so concerned about the juvenile delinquents of Oregon give more thought to the quality of training they are getting in our schools? Also what effects the examples in social conduct by prominent people in commercial entertainment have on youth?

Our present school system is a social and economic failure if it can't show a man how to be a better citizen after graduating. The graduates can't be fully blamed if the school system ignores its duty to teach and help them train their characters while they were young. This is the first purpose of schools, because most of the other knowledge could be gained by on the job training.

The situation won't improve until atheism is put out of our public schools and God's law is taught as in early American life.

JOE SPENNER, Stayton.

## We Must Keep Oregon Green, Miss Lane Says

To the Editor:  
I am especially struck by the comparison of having flown over our green and lushly timbered Northwest and the parched and arid land of parts of Nebraska and Kansas. And the thought both fascinates and horrifies that if we continue to exploit our green resources as we do, in far less than 100 years, the beauty and essence of the Northwest—a green, tall-timbered wonderland—will develop through carelessness into the same dusty, dry erosive land I see below us as we cut through Nebraska and Kansas, out of Omaha.

Yet summer comes and each year finds the Northwest forests spotted with a red, smoky, dizzy glare of fire. Each year we cut more than we should. Each year we waste hundreds of trees. Each year we march steadily and carelessly toward the state of the desert lands of Mid-U.S.A. It seems time to warn ourselves, if we love the greenness of Oregon . . . and we do.

I don't think there is anything in the United States comparable to the tall greenness of the Douglas fir and the Pine. They are part of a last outpost in nature's simple abundance, because we, the man, have destroyed century by century throughout the history of the world the simple, natural beauty that was man's heritage from God.

We must be wary of our richness and basically wattle matches, glass, papers we leave behind through these summer days to come and legislate for better protection of our greatest resource. It is a resource both economic and spiritual. There is no greater rejuvenation than in nature's loveliness, opportunity takes too great a toll in mind and health and the attractions of the smaller centers are lasting.

### POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

## Hal Tells How to Break In Your Firm's New Boss

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Bosses, like other items of office equipment, wear out and have to be replaced.

When this happens, there is always an air of tension and nervousness about the office. Who is the new boss? What'll he be like?

Rumors fly around thicker than grasshoppers in August: "I hear they dropped him on his head when he was a baby, and he wears a silver plate in his forehead."

"They say that at the last place he worked he cut the staff in half—and enlaries, too."

"I hear he's the big boss's cousin. There is a family resemblance. Notice how close together his eyes are?"

"Is it really true that he eats his own young?"

By the time the new boss actually shows up on the job, the office staff is firmly divided by hope and hysteria. Half of them have a chip on their shoulder and are determined to put him in his place. Half have secretly decided to butter him up.

Well, which course is right? How do you break in a new boss? The answer is neither course. Hazing a new boss is highly satisfying to the ego—but ruinous to your goal of more take home pay. Fawning on him, on the other hand, will only cause him to question your intelligence.

The proper way to break in a new boss is to surround him

### MILITARY MEN AND VETERANS

Thursday, May 7  
ORC school at ORC armory. Organized Naval Reserve surface division, at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center. Company D, 152nd Infantry regiment, at National Guard armory. Battery D, 722nd AAAAW battalion, at quonset huts.

Friday, May 8  
Seabee Reserves at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center.

### Linfield Jayvees

Down OSC Juniors  
Portland (AP)—Linfield defeated Portland university's baseball team, 15-4, here yesterday.

The Wildcats rapped out 19 hits, taking advantage of Portland's eight errors.

and we have it here. We have so much to lose . . . and such a wealth . . . at our matchups!  
ADDYSE LANE, Los Angeles.

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