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WHY NOT FORT VANCOUVER?

We'd turn a deaf ear and a glassy eye at anybody who suggested West Salem or Salem II as a better name for our own fair capital city, but this proposal to change the name of Portland's nearby Washington suburb to Fort Vancouver sounds all right to us.

Not that what we think seriously matters. His honor the mayor of Vancouver is carrying the ball and getting much support, with only a little opposition. Reason Vancouver people are interested in a change is the confusion with Vancouver, B.C. Mail is always going to the wrong place, it seems, and there is plenty of other confusion, especially when one gets outside of the immediate Vancouver, Wash., area.

It is suggested that the U.S. Vancouver is actually the senior member of the duo, having been started first, and that the lusty young Canadian namesake is the one who should change if a change is called for. But this is hardly practicable. Vancouver, B.C. won't do it. Being a lot bigger now, it isn't the one who suffers from the confusion.

The proposed change won't be as warmly opposed as name changes usually are because the name Vancouver is retained. The change would be to add a name the place originally had. However, it goes against the trend, which is to shorten rather than to lengthen names. It used to be North Yakima, Baker City, Boise City, etc.

It's too bad the early pioneers didn't have more time to give this name business. Portland should have been Multnomah, Salem Chemekeeta, Albany the original Indian name which as we recall meant "hole in the ground." (No present reflections intended, it should be unnecessary to add.)

But we fear it's too late now, in most cases. Happily for the state's two chief cities, they've outgrown their New England namesakes, which are too far off to cause much confusion anyway. If any changing is done to avoid confusion it'll have to be done back there, not out here.

RUSSIA BUYING BUTTER

Russia is buying butter in the international markets, more than 25,000 tons, which is big news from two angles.

First economic, which will interest Oregon dairymen, somewhat worried about the U.S. surplus, aggravated by the inroads of oleo. Much butter moves in export trade. Russian purchase of even relatively small amounts should firm up the market all over the world.

But we think the major import is political, and here there are two angles. First, it is evident that Russia, once an exporter of butter, is falling down on the production front, and this must be because of the Communist imposed collective farm system, which Russian farmers still bitterly resent after more than two decades of it. They aren't producing as they once did.

The second angle here is that where the Soviet government would have been indifferent to a butter shortage as recently as a few months ago, it now goes abroad to spend its precious gold for consumers goods. Why? Evidently because it fears trouble from the Russian people, having witnessed in Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia how an enslaved people can rise against their masters when they become desperate enough.

So Russia is buying butter abroad because the Communist economic system cannot produce enough in what ought to be the greatest food producing country on earth and because a now frightened dictatorship does not dare to take away from the people their previously scant supply.

EISENHOWER'S SPEND LESS ORDER

President Eisenhower's order to all government departments to hold expenditures down tightly during the remainder of the calendar year is in keeping with the known character of the man and in sharp contrast with his immediate predecessor who would have encouraged free spending if only to prove himself right in the argument about raising the national debt limit. Truman would of course have favored raising it had he still been president.

Eisenhower's order also helps to justify the attitude of those who differed with him on the debt increase, including this newspaper. It will be recalled that congress refused a White House request for a \$15 billion boost. A majority of the members appeared to believe the government could get by without it till January with rigid economies, which the president is now ordering.

Even if it fails the effort will be worth while and if it succeeds it will give millions of suffering taxpayers a new respect for their government's fiscal intelligence.

TRUMAN AS A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

We pride ourselves that nothing really shocks us any more, so we were just flabbergasted at this report of Harry S. Truman being considered for president of the University of Maryland.

With all respect for Truman's good points, it must be pretty obvious that he lacks virtually all the qualifications of a university president. He never attended college and is no scholar on any subject. Nor was he outstanding as an executive.

On second thought he does have one qualification—of a sort. His presidency would make a lot of headlines. He would write letters to people. If it's publicity Maryland U wants, here is a sure way to get it.

But as an eminent railroad section boss once paraphrased, that would be a h--- (heck) of a way to run a university.

Eastern Wheat Men May Decide Quotas

Washington (AP)—Farm leaders said Thursday wheat growers east of the Mississippi river apparently hold the key to a nationwide economic vote with strong implications for next year's congressional elections.

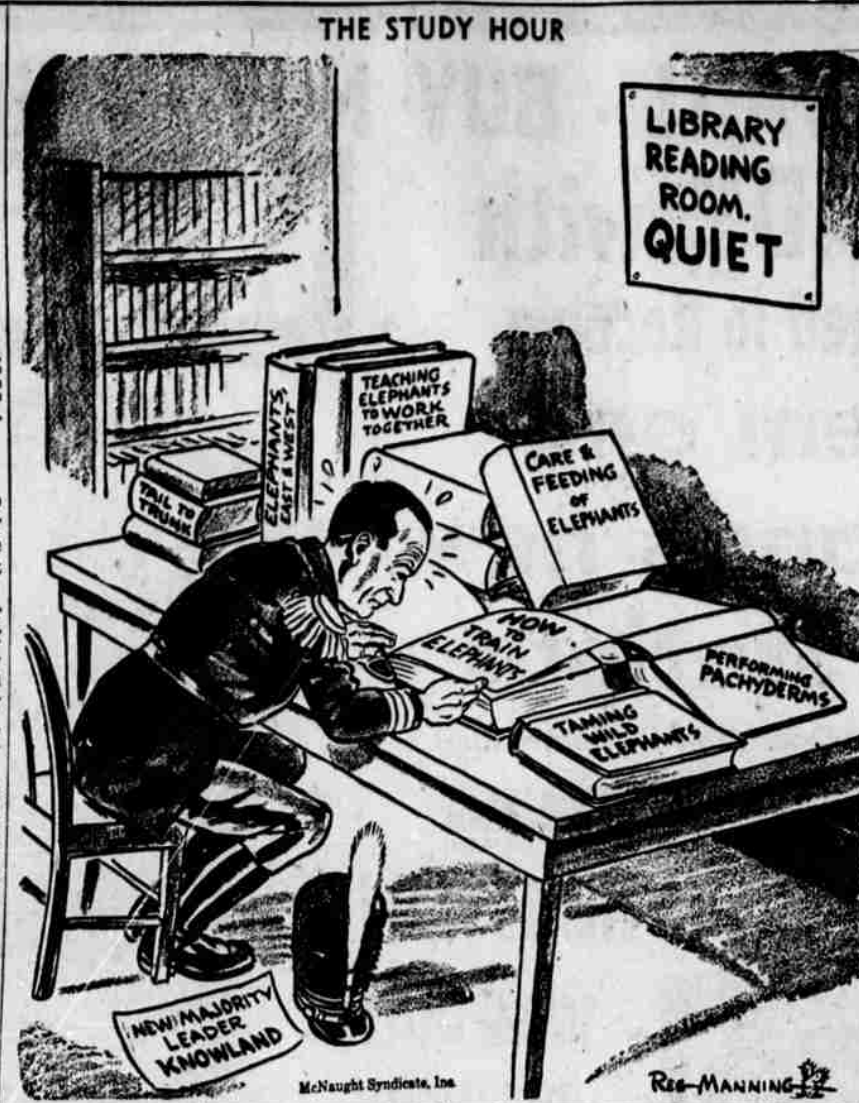
It is the referendum Friday on the question of invoking rigid marketing quotas on the 1954 wheat crop.

Reports received by headquarters of the National Farmers Union and the National Grange indicated that opposition to quotas was fairly strong in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The quotas require the approval of at least two-thirds of the growers voting.

TO FIGHT DEPORTATION

Las Vegas (AP)—Crooner Dick Haymes, facing deportation for following Rita Hayworth to Hawaii, said today he plans to fight for American citizenship.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Two Great Soldiers Retire, Successor Lacks Qualities

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Two great army officers with a long record of public service retired today. With their retirement may come a drastic change in military policy.

If I were to try to put my finger on the chief qualities of Gen. Omar Bradley and Gen. Joe Lawton Collins in their work as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Army Chief of Staff, I would summarize it:

Though great military men they are civilian-minded. Though great combat soldiers the thing they hate most is to see men die.

Though they dislike disagreement, they champion the right of others to disagree. Though trained to fight wars, they leaned over backward to prevent war.

In these days when Russia probably has the H-bomb and when wars can come at the drop of a hat, these qualities are vitally important.

Unfortunately the man who replaces Bradley as chairman of the joint chiefs, Adm. Arthur Radford, has not always shown these same qualities.

IKE'S STRANGE DECISION

And with the President of the United States having ordered the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the recent Quince conference, to bring him only unanimous decisions, the personality of the new chairman can influence the lives of millions.

Furthermore, the instruction of President Eisenhower that he wants no disagreement from his joint chiefs is one of the most important—and sobering—statements the new President has ever made. For it is the constitutional duty of the President as commander-in-chief to get all points of view among his military advisers, to review their agreements and disagreements, then make up his own mind.

However, the new President, himself a military man, told the joint chiefs he wanted no split decisions, no minority-majority reports. He instructed the Army, Navy and Air Force to be unanimous before bringing a decision to him.

NOTE — Generals Omar Bradley and Joe Collins have sat through plenty of tough debates on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and have not hesitated to tell their commander-in-chief that they could not agree. Usually Bradley and Collins have agreed as between each other. But they have frequently disagreed with the Navy over the importance of Formosa, the use of Chiang Kai-Shek's troops in Korea, or the use of super-airplane carriers against B-36's.

TWO TYPES OF BRASS

There are two types of officers among the top brass of the Pentagon: 1. The humble, civilian-type. GI type officer; 2. the aggressive, politically minded officer who likes to barge into the civilian field of government.

Bradley and Collins belong in the first group.

Joe Collins won fame as the general who captured one of the most difficult cities in the Normandy invasion — Cherbourg. He is one of the few Pentagon officers upon whose desk you will find a Bible. As head of the Army's instruction and education division, he

ority more brazenly than Admiral Radford in the summer of 1949. He was relegated to the Pacific as a result.

He was so brazen in his challenge of civilian authority that mild-mannered Omar Bradley, who does not have a low boiling point, went before Congress and made his famous "Fancy Dan Admirals" statement—about the most vigorous public criticism he's ever voiced.

These are the two men who change places today.

It should be noted that Gen. Nate Twining, chief of the air force, and Gen. Matt Ridgway, army chief of staff, are both conscientious civilian-minded generals who believe in teamwork, not fireworks. However, with President Eisenhower demanding unanimous decisions, and with the brilliant, aggressive, talkative Admiral Radford as chairman, the joint chiefs are likely either to function his way or fall to pieces altogether.

Salem 24 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

August 13, 1929
High winds and low humidity had brought slumbering forest fires into activity and certain sections of the Northwest were again threatened with conflagration.

Work on county market roads had progressed rapidly and Roadmaster W. J. Culver believed the entire 40-mile improvement program would be completed this season.

An offer to furnish paint for a sign on some downtown Salem roof to aid in air navigation had been made by a paint manufacturer.

A seven-foot cougar weighing 135 pounds had been killed by Ed Taylor in the Mehama country.

United States hotel in Boston, patronized by Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and Charles Dickens, had closed its doors.

Father Dominic of Mt. Angel abbey had a black straw hat he had acquired 40 years ago. The hat remained in good, wearable condition.

An experiment in shipping Willamette valley strawberries without ice from Portland to the Orient had been made by West Coast Air Transport Corp.

A small, ordinary looking turtle with "D. Boone, 1760" carved on its undershell was getting official attention.

J. C. Nelson who had lately resigned as principal of Salem High school stated that during his 15-year tenure there had been five complete turnovers in the teaching staff.

Gambozia, imported African fish that eats larvae of mosquitoes, had been released in several Marion county sloughs and lakes.

Where Cash Goes

Do you ever kick about the high cost of food and other goods? You'd be wiser to kick about the high cost of government.

Last year the average American family of four had an income of \$3400. It paid out \$1100 of it in direct and indirect taxes. That \$1100 would have been enough to buy a \$21 basket of groceries each, and every week of the year.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

With Patience and Tact You Can Make Child Do Anything

By SAUL PETT
For Hal Boyle

New York (AP)—Amy Pett, who is 10 and has roots, has finally changed her mind. She is now willing to move with her family to a larger house.

For months, we had talked about getting larger quarters. As the only male in a three-female family, one-bathroom house, I was tired of shaving in the office. There were other reasons, too, but none that persuaded Amy.

All her friends are here, she insisted, and, besides, the cats wouldn't like it.

She was that adamant until a recent Sunday morning when the wind blew the real estate section over her combed.

"I wanna move!" she yelled. My wife and I exchanged silent looks of triumph. It was, in my way, a rare tribute to our long, subtle efforts to make the child change her mind without injury to the roots.

The idea was to make her think it was really her decision—not a command.

"I wanna move to this house!" Amy said.

The ad she displayed concerned a house with 49 rolling Connecticut acres overlooking Long Island Sound. It was described as a "gem-like residence of pure Italian Renaissance design" facing two miles of private waterfront.

How blind parents can be! It had never occurred to us that "pure Italian Renaissance" was Amy's favorite period.

The ad said the property included: 1. An outdoor floodlighted theater.

"I could put on puppet shows and make a pile of money," Amy said.

2. Four formal gardens, including floodlit fountains and a replica of the famous garden of Versailles.

"I'll plant tomatoes."

3. A ballroom with a maple floor balanced on springs.

"We could tip the whole thing."

4. Two and a half miles of automobile road.

5. An Aeolian organ in a 30-foot domed reception hall.

"What chopsucks!"

The tone of the interior, the ad said, is reflected by "the lavish use of gold leaf and marble" and "gold fittings and wedgewood inlays in the master bath." The ad continued:

"The main residence has six master bedrooms. Also on the property is a 14 room superintendent's cottage, an additional 5 room cottage, large greenhouse, stone coach house, and an 8 car garage."

This place, Amy observed, had more rooms for cars than our house now has for people.

"Despite the sumptuous nature of the house and grounds," the ad concluded, "it is possible to maintain the entire property, inside and out, with ten in help." If desired, furnishings are available at \$100,000.

So, naturally, I called the agent to find out how much the place cost without the furnishings.

"It has just been reduced," he said, "from one million to \$500,000."

You see, with a little patience, tact and subtlety, you can get a child to agree to anything.

with him.

The judge also added a commiserating word of advice: "Women aren't worth it."

Well, now, Judge, Your Honor, that's a matter of opinion.

THEY REALLY EAT IT

Springfield, Minn., (AP)—Some 4,000 persons consumed 235 gallons of sauerkraut, 10,500 wieners, 4,200 buns and 200 gallons of coffee at the city's 42nd annual sauerkraut day.

"The Chronicle makes the valid point that this construction ought to be spread around the country, that too much of it has been concentrated on the east coast, leaving west coast yards idle, their skilled men drifting away, so it would be hard to reactivate these great plants in the event of war."

"Hunter's Point has two big drydocks, one of which will be occupied for a long time to come by a \$62 million modernizing job on the 27,000 ton Bon Homme Richard carrier.

"Why not put the new carrier in the other drydock? Because, says the Chronicle, it would be hard to recruit the necessary labor for this job around San Francisco, and even more important, the second drydock should not be tied up for a long period because in the event of war it will be urgently needed for repair jobs on Navy vessels.

The argument seems irrefutable, but what impresses us most is the broadminded attitude behind it, which the North west is bound to observe. Is not the usual one in California—or anywhere else for that matter. The Chronicle has always been an unusual newspaper. In our experience, all the people of the Bay area are unusual Californians. In fact, there have been times when we have been almost tempted to suggest the annexation of Northern California to Oregon. But there is still Los Angeles to be reckoned with and it might be well to make sure that we have Crater Lake and Mount Hood still firmly tied down.

Too Fast a Change

Astorian-Budget
The weather man was a little extreme when he switched suddenly from cool, cloudy summer weather than was even cooler and cloudier than normal to a blazing sun, an east wind, and the distinction of being the third hottest place in Oregon.

We who have been grumbling about not getting any summer weather would have preferred to be eased into summer a little more gradually than the overnight jump we got, which left most of us gasping like fish out of water.

Not Worth It?

Boise Statesman
A soldier who went "over the hill" to look for his runaway bride, apparently without success, had to be brought under military guard to a Chicago civil court where he obtained a divorce from his absent spouse.

He then rejoined his military "escort" to return to his post and face a charge of being absent without leave. He took with him a word of hope from the civil judge, noting that love was the cause of all his troubles, that the military authorities would not be too harsh

Still Serving

La Grande Observer
Former President Herbert Hoover, who will soon be 79, quite remarkably has agreed to serve his country once more.

At President Eisenhower's request, he has accepted the chairmanship of a new and perhaps more powerful commission to study the organization and operation of the federal government.

Mr. Hoover was eminently successful as the head of an earlier commission in 1947 which proposed sweeping reorganization. Many of the suggested changes have now been carried out.

The new group will examine effectiveness of these changes, propose further ones, and otherwise treat freshly of this never ending problem. Unquestionably, Mr. Hoover will perform this additional service with his accustomed thoroughness.

West Recalls Visit to Butte Creek Long Ago

To the Editor: In connection with the recent Scotts Mills' Centennial ceremonies, I recall that around 62 or 63 years ago, Ed Baker and I, piloting a team of cayuses and a buckboard, drove out to Butte Creek to fish.

As we were to drive beyond the village, we approached, as I recall, on grade. Above us on our left was an oblong frame building bearing the prominent sign: "UNDERTAKER" along its ridge pole.

As we turned into the only street, and faced the parlors, we looked up to find the sign: "CASH PAID FOR HIDES."

But business was business! I knew the early miller, Scott. They were fine people. OSWALD WEST.

THE NAUGHTY BIRD

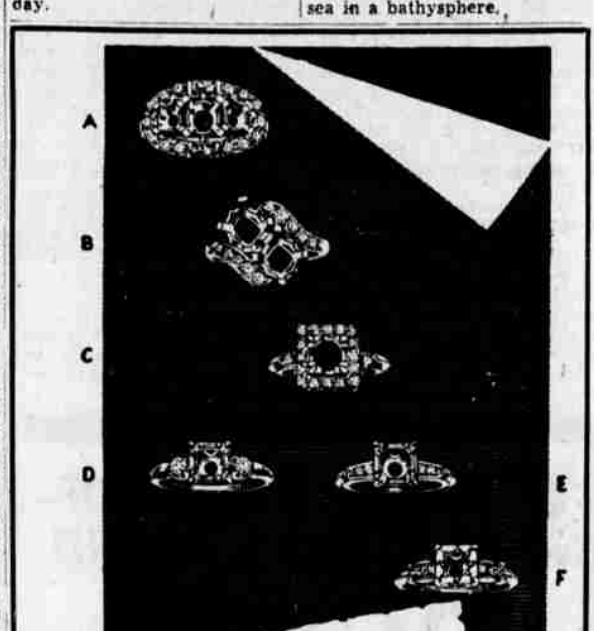
Menlo Park, Calif., (AP)—John Kiefer complained to officials that a parrot called him some "very ugly words."

Kiefer said he climbed into a pear tree after the uncouth bird and it squawked: "You don't know so much you old"

Authorities said they were sympathetic but there was no law against foul-mouthed parrots.

SET DIVING RECORD

Toulon, France (AP)—Two French navy officers set a new world record today by diving 1500 meters 4950 feet under the sea in a bathysphere.



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