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MOSSADEGH GETS THE GATE

The good don't always die young and the villain some-
times gets it in the neck, even in this wicked world where
it doesn't happen anywhere nearly as often as it should.

Old Mossadegh, the "strong man" of Iran, who only a
few days ago staged a phony uprising against the young
shah and made himself supreme dictator of his country, is
now out himself in a military coup staged by army lead-
ers. But as we said of Mossy's earlier success, "for how
long heaven only knows."

For one can be up today and down tomorrow in that
explosive country, and Mossadegh might yet stage a
comeback. However, the army is the real basis of power
in a dictatorship and anyone who can command the troops
is likely to hold power for a considerable time.

Assuming that this proves true the way may now be
open for a settlement of the Iranian oil dispute. The new
ruler is described as an extreme nationalist, and anti-Brit-
ish, but if he has any sense at all, and army leaders usu-
ally do have, he must already have seen that Iran can't
run the world's biggest oil refinery. Hence he may be
willing to make a deal whereby it can be reopened under
a lease with British or Americans, with something like
a 50-50 split on the profits, such as the government of
Arabia gets from American companies.

Settlement of this vexatious dispute would do more
than increase Asia's and Europe's oil supplies. It would
ease the tension all through the Middle East.

Meanwhile the Iranian Communists will prove a trouble-
some factor. They were well on the way to taking over
Iran when Mossadegh fell. They are the biggest imme-
diate losers in the coup that toppled him from power. So
they may be expected to make things as difficult as
possible for the new ruler.

KINSEY'S REPORT ON WOMEN

The long awaited report of Prof. Alfred C. Kinsey, the
Sultan of sex, is out, and without shaking the country
apart, though it will be avidly read by the morbid.

Kinsey and his aides report on interviews with 6000
women, who evidently bared all the details of their sex
lives, whether truthfully or not neither Kinsey nor any-
one else knows.

From these interviews Kinsey draws the conclusion
that a very large proportion of American women are
faithless to the teachings of church and society and to
their marriage vows. If his findings may be regarded as
typical the country is indeed in a sad state, on the way
to such a decline and dissolution as has become all too
common on the other side of the Atlantic during the past
35 years since the end of World War I.

We are not disposed to question the veracity of Kinsey,
who seems to enjoy a good reputation in this respect.
While there was no doubt some exaggeration in the sto-
ries told his investigators they may be for all we know
substantially true.

But what we do question is that 6000 women who were
willing to bare all the most intimate details of their lives
in this manner are typical of women in general. We sus-
pect that Kinsey has produced something as far out of
line with reality as the late unlamented Literary Digest
presidential straw vote in 1936.

Just what wholesome or useful purpose this sort of
thing serves is something else again. For our book none
whatever.

VON PAPAN'S MEMOIRS

Franz Von Papan, now 74 years old, long a prominent
and crafty figure in German politics who changed his
politics to shift with the wind of power, with slippery
guile from one side to the other, has written his memoirs,
translated by Brian Connell, published by Dutton. The
book confirms the popular impression of the hypocrisy of
this betrayer of his country and servile toady of Hitler.

Von Papan was born an aristocrat and was a Roman
Catholic, but he devoted a dozen years of his life to the
Nazi cause in a cloak of self-righteousness, posing as an
honest man battling for an honorable cause.

In a review of the memoirs, Orville Prescott in the
New York Times summarizes the reading of the recently
published book as a "bewildering experience" in the fol-
lowing excerpt:

"The 'Memoirs' of Franz von Papan is a remarkable docu-
ment, a brazen triumph of self-justification, excuse and apolo-
gy. All his actions, says Von Papan, were motivated by the
highest ideals according to Christian principles. A monarchist
who believed in tradition, authority and order, his one polit-
ical goal was to further Germany's historic mission to defend
the ramparts of Western civilization against the Asiatic Slav.

"Patient, tolerant, forgiving, scrupulously honest compared
with everybody else, he was entirely ignorant that Hitler's
regime meant aggressive war until sometime in 1938. Hitler
tricked him in this, as he did in many other matters. But as
a true German he had to continue to serve Hitler even after
the rape of Austria, which Hitler had promised him not to
commit—even after the Gestapo had murdered several of his
subordinates and best friends.

"Reading these 'Memoirs' is a bewildering experience. Black
becomes white. Obvious falsehoods, misleading statements,
crucial omissions and partial truths are all mixed together.
No one who has not devoted the last ten years to a full-time
study of German politics and history could possibly be certain
where to draw the boundary line between fiction and fact in
these tedious pages."

The book is not only a whitewash of Von Papan himself
but of Germany's aggression in launching both World
War I and World War II. He violated American neutrality
in supervising sabotage activity when in Washington as
a diplomat. In the 1920's he was leader in the Catholic
Center party and a protégé of Hindenberg. He became
chancellor in 1932 under Hitler and became his supporter,
and later ambassador to Austria and later to Turkey.

Von Papan admits that he admired and respected Hitler
and at the same time scorned and feared him, but Hitler
always tricked or ignored him.—G. P.

"SOBER AS A JUDGE"

Superior, Wis. (AP) — Torrey
Frederickson, 68, appearing in
municipal court on a drunken-
ness charge yesterday, com-
plained: "I'm sober as a judge."
Judge Claude F. Cooper nodded
in agreement and gave Frede-
rickson a suspended sentence.

TYPHOON HITS FORMOSA

Hong Kong (AP) — Shipping
along the Red China coast was
warned Friday of approaching
high winds and heavy rain as a
typhoon blasted on toward the
mainland after rocking For-
mosa with winds of 90 miles an
hour.

MIXED WELCOME



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

This Is a Story of a Hero Who Fell Victim to Cancer

By RELMAN MORIN
For Hal Boyle

New York (AP)—A friend of
mine, a newspaperman, closed
his typewriter for the last time
the other day.

The news hit hard and hurt,
at first, as it always does. The
vision of his red hair arose,
and the freckles, like flecks of
cinnamon, all over his Irish
mug. His nose was large and
defiant, and shaped pretty
much like the prow of a frigate.
He had a wide mouth and a
boulder for a chin. The whole
effect was of a fierce and for-
midable man.

And sometimes, around the
office, he tried to put on a
mask of frascibility, but it
wouldn't have fooled a 4-year-
old because he could never get
the grin out of his warm brown
eyes. So vivid a man he was.

But there is no room for sor-
row in the manner of his pass-
ing, and that is the reason for
this story.

Bill had cancer.

He weakened one morning
in a hotel room a long way
from his home. The pain had
him so bad, he said, that it al-
most unhinged his knees.

Still, he got in his car, and
barely crawling because of the
weakness, started home. On the
way, as he told me, a thought
came to him suddenly. It
sounds strange in the telling,
but not if you look at it as he
did.

He was glad it had come to
him in this way, while he was
alone, away from home, and
the only one to know. That was
his thought, and with it came
a plan.

You can picture him on the
highway, holding hard to the
wheel, fighting down the pain
and fear, and thinking, working
out in his mind what he would
do.

For nearly a week—and this
is the gallantry and the wonder
of the human soul—he said
nothing and tried to let no sign
appear in his face.

Meanwhile, he was conduct-
ing his own diagnosis. Bill had
a strong bent for medicine and
the study of it. He might have
been a good doctor. Anyway,
he said, he determined for him-
self what had happened, and
the zone where the trouble
must lie. He did it by turning
to some medical books and
matching his symptoms with
what was written there.

His diagnosis turned out to
be correct.

Then he went to a doctor for
the examination. "The point
is," he told me, "I was already
99 per cent certain. So the very
worst news he could give me
would be no more than I ex-
pected. And if I was wrong,
well, that would be just that
much better."

He made them give it to him
straight, including the percen-
tages in an operation.

Only then did he go home
and tell his family. That was
the hardest part, he said. He
tried to think of some way to
break it gently. He even con-
sidered lying about it. The
only time he ever flinched was
in the moment when he must
face Helen and the boy.

Incidentally, Bill had been a
hard-shelled woman-hater until
he met Helen. Now she and the
boy mattered more to him than
his own anguish. He used to say
of his son, with mock despair
"what he's good at is eating;

he'll eat anything that won't
bite him first."

When he told them, he ad-
ded, with that chin stuck out a
mile, "This business may kill
me, but by golly, it's not going
to scare me to death. So cheer
up."

Well, that was nearly two
years ago. As soon as he could,
he came back to his desk. If he
had an occasional set-back, he
tried not to show it. He never
spared himself on the job. And
he would kick around about how
much better off he was
than other people. He even
claimed, "Why, they cut eight
strokes off my golf game with
that operation."

I don't suppose he ever tried
to fool himself, though. He
knew he would be a long time
getting out of the woods. Bill
never quite made it.

So vivid a man, and so
brave. Surely, there can be no
better proof of the indestruc-
tibility of the human soul than
that it harbors such gallantry.

Nowhere has the official car
proliferated as in Washington,
where may be seen the biggest
of black, shining, chauffeured
limousines, and thousands of
less imposing but late model
jobs, all provided by an ap-
preciative public for its serv-
ants.

Upon this costly luxury,
Budget Director Joseph M.
Dodge is casting an impatient
eye. He has ordered a survey
which has for its purpose a
sharp reduction in the number
of official cars. To a horri-
fied bureaucracy he has sug-
gested more use of public
transportation and he reminds
all concerned that regulations
require the suspension or dis-
missal of federal employees
who use official vehicles for
unofficial purposes such as
riding to work.

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commendable reform, which
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cussions in state capitols and
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But it will require more than
a directive to accomplish his
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Ballot-titles as they will ap-
pear to the voters in the 1954
Oregon state elections have
been prepared by Attorney
General Robert Thornton and
published in Oregon Voter,
which praises the job done by
the new attorney general.

At the suggestion of Thor-
nton, the 1953 session of the
legislature revised the form in
which measures are to be sub-
mitted on the ballot. There is
to be no more double num-
bering of a ballot (310 Yes and
311 No). Each measure will
have only one number, with a
Yes square and a No square
at the side for the voter to in-
dicate his preference. We'll
vote either for or against No.
311.

Even more important is the
descriptive summary that ac-
companies each measure on
the ballot. For instance, on
the constitutional amendment
dealing with legislators' sal-
aries, the nature of the bill is
indicated by the side-head
"Salaries of State Legislators."
This is followed by "Purpose:
To amend Oregon Constitution
by giving state legislature pow-
er to fix the salaries of its
members by law. Descriptive
Summary: The purpose of this
proposed amendment to Sec-
tion 29, Article IV, is to allow
the compensation of senators

Official Cars

McMinnville News-Register
Topmost officials of the
largest corporations are ex-
pected to provide their own
transportation between home
and office. The use of com-
pany cars is tightly restricted
and generally they are avail-
able only through pools. But
not in government.

Not only mayors, governors,
presidents and cabinet mem-
bers, but hosts of lesser func-
tionaries have official cars as-
signed to them for their ex-
clusive use, often with chauff-
eurs attached.

At all levels of government
in this country, where no one
walks a block if he can avoid
it, the official car is not infre-
quently used for such unoffi-
cial purposes as shopping,
taking the children (who
won't walk, either) to school,
or vacation trips across the
continent or to Canada.

It is an abuse so widespread
that even the taxpayer who
may not himself own an auto
takes it for granted that an
official car is a perquisite of
public office.

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Freedom of Press

Grants Pass Courier
On April 24 and again on
May 3, a New York newspaper
editor named Wechsler was
questioned by the senate sub-
committee generally referred to
as the McCarthy committee.

Wechsler admitted that he
had been a Communist member
but had later become "mili-
tantly anti-Communist." He
contended that the committee
"endangered the freedom of
the press" by questioning him.
He asked the American Society
of Newspaper Editors to ap-
point a committee to "investi-
gate" the "investigation."

The ASNE president appoint-
ed a committee of 11, of which
J. R. Wiggins of the Washing-
ton Post was named chairman
and William M. Tugman of the
Eugene Register-Guard a mem-
ber.

The committee "committed"
and came up with a unanimous
decision that editors should
read the transcript of the
Wechsler hearing and deter-
mine each for himself whether
freedom of the press had been
endangered.

Wiggins, Tugman and two
others submitted a minority
report which held that, "if fre-
quently repeated, such investi-
gations would extinguish,
without passage of a single law,
freedom of the press."

We haven't read the trans-
cript of the Wechsler hearing
but we have read the news re-
ports prepared by both the As-
sociated Press and United
Press. We doubt that we would
be any better informed on the
subject by reading the com-
plete transcript. We have that
much confidence in those two
great news services.

With all due respect for the
finding of the four-man minor-
ity, despite "frequently-repe-
ated" Congressional investiga-
tions, whether they be by the
McCarthy committee or any
other, we hold no fear of loss
of freedom of the press "with-
out the passage of single law."

The Fourth Estate can take
care of itself in that respect.
If committee hearings are not
fairly conducted, the public
may be relied upon to note the
fact.

In this tempest in a teapot,
we believe that Mr. Wechsler
merely made use of the some
of the technique he learned
as an active Communist—and
has succeeded in having the
American Society of Newspa-
per Editors fall for it.

Knew Where to Go

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