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NEXT WEEK FORMOSA?

One reason the Americans have not been able to build up much strength in Korea is the fact that General MacArthur has had to hold back a large part of the small force at his command in anticipation of the Chinese communist push on the island of Formosa. And there is mounting evidence that the Chinese communists intend to tackle Formosa in the near future, United States or no United States. Things are never so bad that they can't get worse.

In the battle for Formosa, the United States will be in an entirely different position morally and politically, than in Korea. In Korea American forces are the instrument of world government, the United Nations, resisting outside invasion. In Formosa it will be the United States messing in a civil conflict among the Chinese, all on our own hook. Our propaganda position will be extremely weak, and don't think the communists, foreign and domestic, haven't got the whole sad story set in 24-point type already.

The United States has no choice but to defend Formosa, if she can, in simple self-preservation. But until the Korean mess shocked us into reality, we allowed some of our misty-eyed planners to stay our hand until they could figure out a "moral right" or reason for us to interfere in Formosa. And of a shooting war hadn't been kicked off in Korea, we would probably have stood by wringing our hands in frustration while the communists seized this strategically vital island and began their march through the rest of Asia and across the Pacific. For this writer, self-defense is reason enough to interfere in Formosa, and the moralizing can go to finer, more sensitive minds. The United States and the free world is fighting for its very life, and it's no time to split legal hairs over whether or not you have a moral right to defend yourself. There's a natural law regarding self-preservation that takes precedence along about here.

The Commie-fronters have made much of the fact that in both China and Korea the United States finds itself allied with corrupt "neo-Fascist" governments, therefore we should let the nice communists take over with as little inconvenience as possible. If we admit that Chiang Kai Shek and Syngman Rhee leave something to be desired in the matter of democratic government, it hardly follows that these people will get a better break under Communism, using other communist-run countries as a yardstick. And, by way of analogy, the mongoose is considered quite a pest in some places, but in India it is pretty well regarded because it kills a lot of cobras. Faced with a choice, we'll take mongoose to cobra any time.

But, after brushing aside the cobwebs, there is still the military situation. Whether or not the United States can successfully defend Formosa and maintain its precarious foot-hold in Korea while the nation slowly builds up to strength is "iffy," to say the least. If we were frankly and unabashedly at war with international communism, MacArthur could begin immediate strategic bombing of the Chinese communist build-up and invasion ports on the Chinese mainland. Certainly he could cripple the invasion; perhaps stop it in its tracks.

But we are still restrained by a rather foolish law of good conscience which states that the policeman should let the burglar shoot first. This has cost American municipalities a lot of money in pensions for police widows and might cost us our position in Formosa, because once it starts rolling that invasion is going to be a real brannigan. The Chinese communists have more troops than they can keep busy, and Uncle Joe can always spare a few tanks and planes and guns and such for a good cause.

MacArthur is no stranger to this situation either; after the Japs attacked the Philippines on December 7, 1941, he wanted to bomb strategic Jap positions on Formosa, but they wouldn't let him because we hadn't declared war on Japan yet! By the time the formalities had been completed, the Japanese had destroyed his air force.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS~

IT IS NATURAL FOR A FATHER WHO HAS PRIDE IN HIS WORK TO HOPE THAT HIS SON WILL TAKE PRIDE IN CARRYING ON THE SAME TRADE OR PROFESSION.



BUT IN SOME COUNTRIES, CASTE AND TRADITION PRACTICALLY BIND THE SON TO THE OCCUPATION OF THE FATHER..



IN OTHER LANDS, YOUTH IS FORCED INTO THE KIND OF WORK THAT DICTATORSHIP ARBITRARILY DECREES.



IN AMERICA, IF A SON MAKES HIS FATHER'S WORK HIS OWN, IT IS THE SON'S PROUD CHOICE — AND NOT MEEK COMPLIANCE. IN THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE, OUR DEMOCRACY FOLLOWS IN THE FOUNDING FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS.

Capital Parade

BY MURRAY WADE

DRUNK DRIVERS THICKER

There are more drunken drivers than ever, getting thicker — between the ears. Then, too, the cops are catching more. The judges are throwing the book at more of them that get into court.

There was a 22 per cent increase in drunken driving convictions during the first six months of this year compared with the same period in 1949.

The penalties of the present law are not curbing drunken driving.

A law that would revoke the liquor purchasing permit of a person convicted of driving while intoxicated will be proposed to the 1951 legislature.

A candidate who is practically certain to be elected in November says he will introduce such a bill and an amendment to the present law to revoke the driver's license and motor vehicle license upon the second conviction.

JOE DUNNE WILL RUN

Joe E. Dunne's nominating convention is completing details this week to place his name on the November ballot as an independent candidate for governor.

This will be Joe's second try. He won the republican nomination for governor in 1934 in a 5-man race, defeating Sam Brown, Rufus Holman, Ulysses Grant McAlexander (The Rock of the Marne) and Frank J. Lonnergan. In the November general election he trailed the field. He was defeated by both the democratic candidate (Charles H. Martin) and the independent candidate (Peter Zimmerman of "Old Yamhill").

Dunne declared before the May primary election he would run as an independent if State Senator Austin Flegel won the democratic nomination. His entrance in the gubernatorial race will probably break up flank movements to organize a republican club for Flegel or a democratic club for McKay.

PLAN NEW HIGHWAYS

On-the-spot information on proposed routes for new highways and the examination of existing roads and highways are the principal objectives of a six-day tour being made this week in eastern and central Oregon by state highway commissioners.

Members of the commission making the tour are Ben R. Chandler, chairman, Charles H. Reynolds and M. K. Melver. Several highway department engineers and officials of the federal roads bureau will accompany the commissioners.

The party left Portland Monday. Their itinerary included stops at Timberline lodge, Princeville, Heppner, Wallowa lake, LaGrande, Baker, Jordan Valley and Burns.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Douglas McKay this week announced the appointment of Erland M. Sundell, Portland, as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of Veterans' Affairs; the appointment of George Holcomb and reappointment of Ulysses G. Plumber Jr., both of Portland, as members of the Advisory Committee of the Fair Employment Practices Act; Mrs. DeNice Holmes, Lebanon, as

a member of the Linn County Public Welfare Commission; Mrs. Stanley G. Jewett, Portland, as a member of the Multnomah County Public Welfare Commission; Colonel A. H. Dudley, Phoenix, as a member of the State Board of Livestock Auction Markets; Reid Hubbard, Summerville, as a member of the Union County Public Welfare Commission and O. L. Adey, Enterprise, as a member of the Wallowa County Public Welfare Commission.

OREGON WAGES TOPS

Oregon wages are slightly above comparable totals from other states, according to reports of the state unemployment compensation commission.

Production workers are averaging \$1.78 an hour and \$69.47 a week. Lumber workers are averaging \$73.33 a week; durable goods workers \$71.92; non-durable workers \$60.94. Printing and publishing workers advanced recently from \$78.16 to \$83.27.

FINAL DATE

August 14 is the final date on which independent candidates for office at the November general election may file with the state elections bureau, David O'Hara, chief of the state elections division warned this week-end.

Fourth Air Force Issues Request Volunteer Call

The Fourth Air Force has issued an urgent call for local airmen reservists and non-reserve veterans experienced in technical specialties to volunteer for immediate return to active duty.

While 4500 reserve officers have volunteered, response from greatly needed airmen specialists has lagged. Of those reservists who have volunteered, only certain specialists are being recalled at this time. To date no reservists have been recalled to duty involuntarily despite presidential authorization for recall of all of those needed.

Those airmen reservists applying will be recalled at the grade held in the reserve. Non-reserve veterans who volunteer will be accepted at the grade held at the time of discharge. Former reservists can re-enter the Air Force at the highest grade held while associated with the reserve. Minimum term of voluntary duty will be one year subject to earlier release should conditions permit.

Following is a partial list of those fields where men are particularly needed: Intelligence, weather, all phases of communications and electronics, armament, aircraft maintenance, metal workers, construction, transportation, supply, fire fighting, medical, dental, and all air crew positions.

Volunteer reserve officers and airmen and veterans recalled to duty under present authority will be entitled to full reemployment rights under provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1948 as amended. Further information and application blanks can be obtained from any U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Recruiting Station or Air Force Base.

\$680,104 For Josephine County Welfare Program

A total budget of \$680,104.00 for the operation of the program of the Josephine County Public Welfare Commission has been approved by the State Public Welfare Commission for the fiscal year 1950-51 which began July 1, 1950. Of this sum \$274,849.00 (40.4%) will be supplied from federal tax revenues; \$290,217 (42.6%) will come from state revenues; and the balance \$115,038.00 (17%) from county funds. In connection with the County share it should be noted that the full 4 1/2 mill levy which is mandatory by state law, together with liquor tax and amusement tax money will probably not equal the county's full share. Any deficit will be met from state funds.

By categories the following is the estimated cost of each program: Old Age Assistance is budgeted for \$465,800 (68.5%) of the total amount; Aid to Dependent Children for \$112,104.00 (16.5%); Aid to Blind for \$2340 (.3%); General Assistance for \$70,800.00 (10.4%) and administration for \$29,060.00 (4.3%). The cost of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Aid to Blind will actually be higher than stated as it is necessary in many cases to pay for medical care and hospitalization from General Assistance funds. Thus perhaps one-third of the General Assistance expenditures will supplement grants established under the categorical assistance program. Old Age Assistance will absorb the lion's share of this because of the higher incidence of illness in this age group. Administration costs in Josephine County are substantially below those of any other county in the state having a comparable caseload and budget.

The local program ranks high in the state both in average grants and recipient rates. In Old Age Assistance, Josephine County has for the past several years had one of the highest average grants together with the highest recipient rate. In Aid to Dependent Children the grants have frequently been below the state average, but recipient rates have again been among the state's highest. In General Assistance grants have usually been below state average and recipient rates have also been low.

Public Assistance trends over the nation for the past several years show a constantly rising caseload and costs. The current budget is designed to meet this trend and should absorb all normal demands made on it.

The staff of the Josephine County Public Welfare Commission will welcome any inquiries concerning any phase of the program and its financing from any citizen or group of citizens.

Canadian Teachers Tour Spends Night At C J

A tour organized by the Alberta Recreational society, made up of 89 women, 9 men and 2 children, spent Friday night at Colby's Junction Motor Court in Cave Junction. They departed Saturday morning for San Francisco and beyond.

The Alberta Recreational society, composed largely of Canadian teachers, is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of providing cooperative recreation to its members at much less than individual rates, plus the companionship of others with common interests.

The present tour, which left Calgary on July 4 in the society's specially equipped buses, will go all the way to Tojuana, Mexico, before turning and heading for home. The seven week trip will include visits to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone and Glacier National Park, as well as leisurely stops at the major cities along the route.

Navy Recalling Certain Reserves In Northwest

Immediate recall to active duty of certain Naval Reservists, both officers and men, has been directed under Presidential authority, it was announced today by the 13th Naval District.

This order does not include submarine reservists or, except in special instances, aviation reservists.

Naval District Commandants have been directed to begin the immediate recall of Oragnized and Fleet Reservists to meet approved personnel ceilings and district quotas.

Retired officers and enlisted personnel will not be recalled at this time.

No deferments will be granted except in cases involving key billets in industrial activities vital to national defense and in cases wherein community welfare would be seriously affected.

Members of voluntary units will not be recalled, except in special instances, but may volunteer for active duty.

Officers will be processed after receipt of Bureau of Naval Personnel orders. Enlisted men will report to their nearest recruiting station.

Volunteers for active duty in categories other than those being ordered to duty are being accepted on a one-year minimum period basis.

Navy Commissions Offered To Interns In Northwest

Commissions as medical officers and full pay are being offered by the Navy to Northwest medical school graduates interning in accredited hospitals. The hospital internship is not interrupted.

"The Navy Department has advised us that we may accept additional interns in the Northwest," said Rear Admiral J. Q. Owsley, MC, USN, 13th Naval District Medical Officer. "Those who are now interning in hospitals approved by the Council on Medical Education may qualify."

The medical graduates receive pay and allowances of \$358 to \$373 per month, plus a uniform allowance of \$250. Upon completion of their internship, their pay is increased by \$100 per month for the two years of active duty which they undertake to serve.

"Upon completion of two years of duty as medical officers, these young doctors may either return to civilian life or apply for permanent commissions in the Navy Medical Corps," Admiral Owsley explained.

Those who have had previous military service in either the regular or reserve components of the armed forces are given credit for that service in computation of pay. All interns accepted under the program are entitled to transportation of their dependents and household goods from their homes to the place of their present internship.

Applications are being accepted at all Offices of Naval Officer Procurement, or by the District Medical Officer, Headquarters, 13th Naval District, Seattle.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh



Take Your Choice

Sitting around last Friday evening, the talk turned to the best way of getting to sleep when it seems you just can't. "The way I always do," says Sandy Johnson, "is to breathe deep and make believe I weigh a ton."

"Just throw away the pillow—it works every time," says Buzz Ellis. When counting sheep came up, right away was the question: What kind of sheep?

From where I sit, you could argue 'til Doomsday and never get complete agreement on a lot of things. Now, take me. I'm all for

having a glass of beer or ale on occasion. Your "sociable beverage" may be a "Coke"—or buttermilk or maybe a cup of hot coffee.

But enjoying our preferences is a right in this country and each of us is entitled to his own. The important thing is to respect that right in the true democratic spirit of understanding! As a matter of fact, what a tiresome old world this would be if we all did have the same likes and dislikes!

Joe Marsh

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