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NEW POLICY TOWARD CHINA?

Fellow dropped into the office the other day and stood around jiggling my elbow while I tried to finish up a rush envelope job.

"See where the big-brains in Washington have finally discovered that the Chinese have been causing some of the trouble over in Korea," he led off. I grunted.

"Yes," he continued, "all my 'usually reliable sources' indicate that they're fixing to hand them an ultimatum — either they accept a truce and stick to it or we'll blockade their ports and blow up their railroads. Seems to me that has a familiar ring," he went on, "seems to me General MacArthur —"

"Don't say General MacArthur to me," I interrupted coldly. "That man's political utterances —"

"That's just the politician in him you don't like," my caller recovered the ball neatly as I laid down my stick, "but you've got to admit he's a good solder. Oughta be — he's had more experience than Napoleon.

"Now if they'd just let him bomb the Chinese airfields and troop concentrations up in Manchuria while we still had complete air supremacy," he resumed, "that ruckus would be over by now and we'd be a lot further north of the 38th parallel."

"What about the Russians?" I countered. "They cooked up the whole deal, and if we bombed Manchuria they'd move in and school would really be out."

"Huh," he snorted. "Even our alleged diplomats have finally realized that they can't 'provoke' the Russians into doing anything they don't want to do. And if they want to do something they don't wait to be provoked. If the Russians wanted a war they'd have had one by now.

"And by the same token," he raised his voice to drown out my attempted rebuttal, "the same argument against bombing China still applies — they've just realized that their pussy-footing has sewed them up in a pocket, and that the only way out is to recognize that we're at war and behave accordingly. That fact has been apparent to the general public for some time now —"

"What about our allies," I finally managed to break in. "Remember those are 'U. N.' forces out there, and a lot of member nations aren't too happy even with the present ground rules."

"Don't worry about that," he replied with a deprecating swing of the arm that pried three lines of 6-point. "The British and the French got fish to fry out there too, and a lot of the smaller countries would like to see a stop to this 'invasion by remote control' that Uncle Joe's got a patent on. This same ultimatum will cover any hanky-panky by the Chinese around Indo-China, India or anywhere else outside their own borders."

"And tell me, Mr. Gladstone," I asked, "do you think this ultimatum will work? Do you think the Chinese will scare?"

"Well, I dunno," he seemed dubious for the first time. "But whether they do or not, it looks like the only smart way out. Bombing Chinese industry will be cheaper in money and men than this stalemate in Korea, and it can cripple the Chinese to the point where they have their hands full just minding their own business."

The envelope customer came in about that time, and my informant departed while I was getting my bawling out.

He could be right, though.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

January 22, 1951

Dear Sir:

Referring to Mr. Paul Pfefferle's letter in the January 18th issue:

Owing to the fact that Mr. Pfefferle lived in the Illinois Valley before I came here in 1926 and probably knows more about the existing irrigation of the Valley than I do, I have often wondered why Mr. Pfefferle went to Klamath Falls and paid such high water rates when, with just a little labor and expense, he could have developed a dandy ranch on his property on the East Fork of the Illinois River and have had free water just as many other ranchers of the Valley have done.

It isn't a fair comparison of irrigation problems to compare the Illinois Valley with Klamath County. Personally I suspect there is a political point to Mr. Pfefferle's letter.

Very truly,
Elwood Hussey
Cave Junction

To the Editor:

In reply to Paul E. Pfefferle's letter of January 18th, I do not deem it necessary to take up much of my time or space in this newspaper in answering a letter of this type. However, I would like to say that "Man's judgement is no better than his information," which I believe applies in this instance.

If Mr. Pfefferle would like to be enlightened on this issue, I will extend a special invitation to him to attend our next regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Soil Conservation District in February.

Ray Nickerson

Meeting Of Valley Stock Breeders Next Tuesday

Ray Nickerson, chairman of the local committee working for artificial insemination service in the Valley this week announced that a meeting to discuss the subject will be held in the Bridgeview Grange hall Tuesday, January 29 at 1:30 p. m.

Officials and members of the Josephine County Dairy Breeders' association will be present, and Nickerson pointed out that this service can begin almost at once provided enough support is shown at this meeting. All those interested should attend and help get organized.

Pinocle Series Resumed

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary announced this week that the next game of the new pinocle series will be held in the Auxiliary rooms on Saturday, January 26 at 8 p. m.

Refreshments will be served as usual.

Soil Conservation District Holds Annual Meeting

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Speaker Ollie Fink, nationally known conservationist and educator prefaced his remarks with the statement that "Food is the money of the world." Mr. Fink placed the world's daily loss of soil through erosion and deleterious farming practices at 8,000 acres, and the daily increase in the world's population at 60,000 persons. With an estimated 2 to 2 1/2 acres of productive soil needed to provide food for one person, simple arithmetic shows that a drastic change in his trend is necessary if the earth's inhabitants are to escape starvation. He reviewed many instances in ancient and modern history in which population growth plus inability to produce enough food resulted in disruption of civilization. With modern developments in communication and transportation it has become a world problem.

The speaker pointed out that betterment of the standard of living cannot be accomplished solely through industrialization; if food is scarce, wages will not be enough to buy it. No amount of money can buy food that does not exist. Only by producing enough food will a nation be able to balance its economy.

In concluding, Mr. Fink spoke briefly of the work of the Friends of the Land, and solicited memberships. By arrangement with Principal H. V. McAbee, students of the Illinois Valley high school's soil and water conservation class were enabled to hear Mr. Fink's address.

Pedestrian Hazard Cited

If Oregon pedestrians keep pace with last year, seven people will walk themselves to death before January ends. That was the number of pedestrians killed in January, 1951, according to the state traffic safety division in Salem.

Although the seven January pedestrian deaths were not the highest of the year — 11 were killed in September — the division said January has all the earmarks of the most dangerous month for pedestrians.

Rain, fog and long hours of darkness provide "ideal" conditions for pedestrian accidents, most of which occur at night when the pedestrian is wearing dark clothing. Of 37 deaths reported for the first six months of 1951, 25 were wearing dark clothing.

The division said pedestrians should be particularly careful in street-crossings after dark, and make certain that they can be seen by approaching vehicles. Strict observance of pedestrian safety rules, such as crossing only in crosswalks, would eliminate many pedestrian accidents, the division concluded.

Snowy Butte Auxiliary

Snowy Butte Auxiliary No. 15 met at the IOOF hall in Grants Pass when they had a potluck supper with about 35 ladies and chevaliers.

Then Mrs. Ethel Pease and staff from Medford installed the following ladies in their offices: president, Jonnen Klatt; vice-president, Pearl Anderson; officer of the day, June Abbey; officer of the guard, Polly Hembree; color sergeant, Alice Wright; secretary, Ethel Able; chaplain, Mabel Ramsey. Past President Laura Abbey was presented with a past president's jewel and a lovely china cup and saucer from the auxiliary.

Mrs. Pease was presented with a crochet basket and dolly, and the others on her staff received a crocheted dolly. The right aide to the president was also installed, Josephine Buntin. Mrs. Abbey presented all her officers with crocheted dollies.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Ed Got Red In His Own "Hot Water"

Big Ed started a "Pay-Your-Bill" campaign last week and ended up with a slightly red face. Ed's been our Water Commissioner for ten years, and for ten years now he's been getting riled up over slow payments of bills.

So, he finally decided to do something drastic about it. Last week he sent notices that if the slackers didn't pay up by Friday, he'd shut off their water.

Naturally, some still didn't square accounts. Ed ordered that water turned off, and 14 homes

went without all week end—the Commissioner's among them. Seems Ed forgot to pay his bill. From where I sit, Ed's mistake is one we all make at times. We are too quick to accuse others while forgetting our own faults. Lots of us do it, for instance, over a difference in taste for a soft drink or a friendly glass of beer. Let's respect each other's preferences and we'll all stay out of "hot water."

Joe Marsh

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