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The Berlin Incident

Hardly a more depressing time has come upon us than during the recent squabble in Berlin, where the Russians seemed to have embarked upon a perilous, unilateral move which would lead to an outbreak of war.

With heavy hearts, many Americans recognized the insidious threats to national well-being and the continuation of civilization. They may have looked questionably at young sons, oblivious of the future, lying in cribs or absorbed in some all-engrossing game of childhood. For there was heavy upon the nation the dread of a terrible war which would devastate the land by atomic means, by bacteria warfare or by other horrible methods not yet announced to the world.

No characteristic American of course, but did not declare to himself that, if any nation proposed to shove our people around in Europe, Korea or elsewhere in the world, such a nation would find the people at home ready and willing to take up the cudgels in defense of the national entity.

We, who are dubbed a pacifist nation at heart, are quick to anger. We do not, characteristically, favor an aggressive act of any sort, regardless of by whom it might be made. So, in an emotional unanimity which is somehow contradictory, the people who would be called upon to fight a war faced the seeming inevitable as an inevitable, while listening to the sickening protests that echoed through their hearts.

The expected crisis, which so many felt would be nothing short of war, failed to materialize. The words were many, in leading up to the feeling of crisis. They seemed few in explaining it away.

Lacking other means of information beyond the daily press, a person could not help but wonder, all through this Berlin incident, what Russia might stand to gain in so deliberately failing to show some cooperation with the "Western powers." Why should they suddenly erect their picket-lines of armed soldiers, demanding Soviet passes before granting entry to the Russian-dominated section of Germany?

After the stampede to war, with the flexing of muscles on both sides, information comes out that the Russian move was in retaliation for an American demand for Allied passes before allowing Russians to enter Western Germany. And the small nations, which include France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Denmark flatly served notice that they would proceed with caution, rather than run headlong into the dangers of war.

This latter information, by no means, received the same careful attention, in the daily press, as did the building-to-a-crest. Such an exhibition by the nation's main means of information makes one feel that the whole incident had been built up, without justification and as a means of influencing American public opinion.

With an international organization, United Nations by name, chartered to maintain the peace between all nations, it also seems disturbing that no official UN move had been made to settle the incident.

Russia has been a contentious factor in the world since its inception as a Soviet union. Its recent history is a continuation of thriller of espionage and counter-espionage; revolution and counter-revolution; propaganda and counter-propaganda. There has been a determined drive, from within and without, to unseat the ruling force in the country—whether right or wrong.

American opinion, having suffered an extreme case of war jitters, in this latest incident, might well hope that its leaders will some day come to the conclusion that this high-stake game of "coops and robbers" should be replaced with sanity and a fuller expression of ALL the facts.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries In Northwest Communities

DID HEN SAY "OUCH!"

The free-wheeling science of little things that are interesting to know suffered by an oversight, recently, in St. Helens.

An egg, which measured 8 inches around one way and 9 1/2 inches the other, is reported by the SENTINEL MIST, by one of the egg producers of the area. About the size of a standard grapefruit, the king-size hen-fruit weighed 7 ounces, equaling the total of four medium-sized eggs.

The record-sized egg is being kept on the shelf, awaiting next month's Columbia county fair, where it will go on exhibition.

No, the poultry raiser didn't find out whether or not the hen said "ouch" at her mammoth effort. He's too busy to even think about that.

Now he's trying to find out which hen it is that lays such a monstrosity. He wouldn't want that barnyard scratcher to end up as a fried chicken!

STINKING MESS

As state sanitarians are wont, a sewage disposal system that is a stinking mess is so labeled, without any hemming or hawing. Sherwood found that out, recently, after a survey of the general sanitary setup and an intensive test of Cedar creek water into which its sewers dump, reports the VALLEY NEWS.

The city council and city sanitary board are trying to work out a means of financing the improvements which the state sanitary authority say must come.

The invitation to citizens is extended, urging them to send suggestions for such a program and attend council meeting, if they have something to offer, constructively.

HIGHER WATER COST

There's plenty of water in Hillsboro, but it'll cost residents an additional six dollars a year for the service.

In order to carry the heavy debt load and yet provide for the system's maintenance and operation, says the ARGUS, the city council voted to add 50c on each monthly waterbill with the idea in mind of thus increasing water department funds by an additional \$10,000 per year.

Under the program, with new revenues coming in each month, the city will replace small water lines with adequate mains to insure improved fire protection as well as give better water service.

ARSON OUTBREAK

Although they have no proof for the contention, the police chief of Forest Grove blames a youngster's pranks for an outbreak of incendiary fires which have been discovered at an apartment house there.

Five of the six fires broke out

within 24 hours, reports the NEWS TIMES, and they were all confined to paper and miscellaneous combustibles stored in a closet.

Meanwhile, tenants of the apartment house, and their near neighbors, were verging on hysterics, just wondering when and where the next blaze would show.

RIDERS VACATION

In summer season of vacations, there are all sorts of ways that people will "get away from it all," for a relaxing interlude. So, the Territorial Riders of Oregon City are planning a repeat performance on a highly successful trip of last year.

At least 17, reports the BANNER-COURIER, were all set to start last weekend, at 6 a. m., for a two week junket by horseback. For the first 50 miles of the trek, a supply truck will follow along and then return to a proposed camp at Breitenbush lake for a rendezvous and stocking of supplies for an expected five day stay at the lake.

Homeward, the riders will hit Elk lake, Bagby hot springs and Dodge, with their return to Oregon City planned the week before its Oregon Territory Centennial celebration in which the riding group is scheduled to participate.

Plans were well laid for the outing, even to the selection of two men to wrangle the chuck wagon and man the aprons and other tokens of camp cooks.

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ON DENNY ROAD
Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Thompson, of Denny Road, are Mr. and Mrs. James Hansen of Sioux Falls, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen included Texas, California and way points in their trip and will return to their home by way of Seattle.

FROM MISSOULA, MONT.
Out of town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noble report were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bottermiller of Missoula, Mont., and Miss Agnes Simmons of Los Angeles, Calif.

OPERATION RECOVERY
Harry F. Eliander, Sr., is recovering nicely from an operation performed last week at the Veterans' Hospital in Portland. He is expected home in a few days.

FROM W. S. C.
Phyllis Butler, of Pullman, Wn., is visiting at the home of her cousins, Linda and Gwen Horney. She will return to her home at the beginning of the school year.

COLORADANS VISIT
Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fanno were Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Brown, of Pueblo, Colorado. Rev. Brown, who is pastor of the Friend Church in Pueblo, and his wife, drove to Salem to attend a family wedding.

Also visiting at the home of the Fannos was Mrs. Anna Barnes of Pensacola, Florida. Mrs. Barnes formerly lived in Cedar Mill.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS
Mrs. Robert Prouty and son James of Progress are in South Dakota where they are visiting relatives and friends.

WEEK AT DELAKE
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walther and son John have returned from a week long vacation at Delake, Ore. Mrs. Walther reports nice weather and a wonderful time.

CRATER LAKE REPORTS
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Monohon accompanied by daughter Barbara and son Jim visited Crater Lake, Diamond Lake and Paulina Lake last week.

The information attendant of Crater Lake stated that 20,000 cars averaging three persons per car have visited the area so far this year.

Quite a few college students are employed there during the summer months.

Valley Artists Will Exhibit at 5th State Show

Scheduled for a public opening on July 5th, at the Portland Museum, the Fifth All-Oregon Exhibition will show the works of two artists from the east end of the Tualatin Valley. Albert F. Nackers, of Beaverton, shows an oil painting entitled "Rural Romance, Tragedy and Comedy," while Shirley Greene, Box 225, Aloha, will present a water color, "Poppies".

Artists who are taking part, their friends and members of the Portland Art Association will attend a private preview and reception at the Art Museum, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday, July 30.

On the following day, the public will be invited to view a representative collection of some 400 recent works, submitted by 217 artists from many communities in Oregon and along the Columbia River, in Washington.

All works exhibited will be for sale.

Odd Pair Jailed

At midnight, deep down in the dungeon, you find the Apostle Paul and his companion Silas. Their feet are fast in the stocks and their backs torn by the lashes laid on that very day by order of the court. And they are praying and singing praises to God. Acts 16:23-40.

They are jailed for telling the heathen city Philippi, that out of love for them, God has given his only Son to die for their sins. Let a man count Christ as having died for him and God gives that man eternal life. Spread this Message and you also win them one by one. By that the roll call of the saved is filled out and with the last name in, Christ is to return and raise His people up to Resurrection Glory. 1st Thess. 4:13-17. Close after that, Christ is to take over and set the world in order. Isaiah. 9:6-7.

Yes, Paul and Silas are in jail for serving God. Christ had warned—IN THE WORLD YOU SHALL HAVE AFFLICTION—then He adds—BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER FOR I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD—John 16:33. Which for you? To run with the world or to live close to the heart of God.

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IN NEWBERG

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hicks, their two daughters and very young son, who formerly lived on the corner of Short and Broadway, in Beaverton, have completed their move to Newberg, where Don is the district circulation manager in Yamhill county for the Oregon Journal.

While in Beaverton last Monday, Hicks stopped in at the Enterprise office, to make sure he wouldn't miss the only weekly report of the fast growing east end of the Tualatin Valley.



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