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Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D. C., July 8.—Wendell Willkie is still following us around! Came down here last night in response to a telegram from Senator McNary, and the first thing the senator from Oregon remarked was his engagement with Wendell Willkie at the Willard Hotel where various and sundry matters of a political nature were to be discussed. We arrived last night, Wendell today. Now if he follows us to Boston we will be getting nervous!—we plan to leave for the Massachusetts hub tomorrow.

Washington is a few degrees warmer, otherwise much as it was two or three weeks ago. Then there was great expectancy regarding the approaching Republican convention at Philadelphia, now there is only slightly less expectation regarding the Democratic jamboree at Chicago.

The front pages are plastered with the alleged secret conference between President Roosevelt and Jim Farley at Hyde Park, following which the usually genial Jim assumed a mysterious Sphinx-like role, and had nothing to say.

He had talked frankly with the President, said he; the President had talked frankly with him,—the former's plans regarding the nomination had been divulged, but there was nothing to say regarding it.

It may have been a mysterious and secret conference, as far as the general public is concerned, but not to the press boys hereabouts. Every one we have seen says the same thing:—The President will not CHOOSE to run, but after the shock of this announcement has been absorbed he will be DRAFTED! Like Senator McNary agreeing to be a good soldier for the good of the grand old party, F. D. R. will make the same SACRIFICE for his own party,—and proceed to grid for the hardest political battle of his life,—the contest with Wendell Willkie.

(Note to G. V.: If you are hard up for cash you can draw on us for that 75 cents, but until the deed is actually done we refuse to give up).

Regarding the improvement of the Medford airport, there is nothing much new to report. We can say this: General Arnold has had the matter called to his attention again, and quite explicitly, but will not commit himself one way or the other.

The only thing to do is for Medford to keep on plugging, and try to get priority. As before stated in this department, political pressure in matters of national defense has no influence on the war department, and as far as that goes,—SHOULDN'T have.

If anything, the pessimism regarding the war is more intense here now than before,—not so apparent in the show-window, which is the congress, as behind the scenes, where the real work is going on. The problem is to do in seven weeks what Germany was barely able to do in seven YEARS!

We don't mean there is any spirit of panic or funk,—but talk with anyone on the inside, and it is frankly admitted this country today faces the most serious crisis, from a military and naval standpoint in all its history,—not only is there the obvious danger in Europe, but fully as great a one in the Pacific. It is a race between preparedness and disaster.

What an irony, therefore, to go into the senate gallery and listen to this "show-off" Reynolds of North Carolina work himself into a lather about the menace of a few thousand aliens in our midst!

If Senator Wheeler of Montana really does run against F. D. R. he will run with a limp. The Senator fell over a bunker while playing golf yesterday and strained something in his foot. Surprised such a champion of the proletariat as the Montana solon would engage in anything so frivolous (and expensive) as GOLF!

We shall not be surprised if Senator La Follette breaks down and sobs one of these days. Every time we see him, he looks just a little sadder than he did the time before. We have no idea what sorrow is gnawing away within, but feel pretty sure it ISN'T golf!

As for Senator Taft, who always looks as happy as a school boy with a bad case of mumps, he shows outwardly no ill effects from the beating he took at Philadelphia. The grapevine claims that, unlike Dewey, Ohio's school boy prodigy is sore at Willkie and won't lift a hand to help him against the President,—but, as often pointed out before, you can't always believe the grapevine.

"Perky" and "salty" are proper terms for the Vice-President. No doubt "Cactus Jack" presides over the Senate at times, but we have yet to see him. His face grows redder as those cockatoo eyebrows grow whiter, and he is never without a cigar in his mitt.

Speaking of Senator Reynolds, the only person to listen to his silly harangue with any real attention was Joe Singer, well-known Salem factotum, now a Senate sergeant-at-arms. Joe stood at the door of the cloak room and never took his eyes off the Carolina solon's congested visage throughout.

Oh yes, there should be another exception,—Rufus Holman was also interested and at one point interrupted the North Carolina Senator to commend his remarks and call attention to the fact that the Junior Senator from Oregon is aroused over the alien problem, and has a resolution in the hopper somewhere asking that the alien problem and Madam Perkins be investigated to the tune of \$10,000.

Ten thousand dollars! What monetary persiflage! Secretary Morgenthau flicked a Lucky Strike today and borrowed another \$500,000,000 cash from the banks.

Taxis are so cheap in this place, couldn't resist taking one to the airport to see Wendell Willkie and party come in from New York. (They run non-stop planes here from LaGuardia field every hour, on the hour, during daylight).

We never cease to get a bang out of seeing a passenger plane come in, loaded with human freight,—there is something indescribably romantic and dramatic about it.

It's very odd,—that strange quality some people have, and some just HAVEN'T. Some woman, probably seeking a little limelight, threw her arms about W. W.'s neck as he stepped off and appeared to kiss him,—tho we couldn't swear as to that. (If she did the morning papers will have it). But what struck us was,—how natural and spontaneous the action seemed to be, and how easily the Republican candidate carried it off,—in his stride without the flicker of an eyelash. Imagine any tableaux like that with a Hoover or a Taft! Yes, W. W. HAS it!

What a quaint village Washington seems after New York, yet it has increased in population over 40 per cent since 1930,—the national capital being only 40,000 short of the million mark. And judging by appearances 500,000 of them are black.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.
 Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large numbers of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

SEVEN POUNDS IS SIX POUNDS TOO MUCH

P. A. (personal appearance) rather than P. H. (personal health), I take it, is the motive which inspires the annual increase in requests for advice on girth control during the vacation season.

One matron who obtained a copy of the two-bit booklet "Rules for Reducing" and followed the regimen given therein, reported that in the first week she reduced seven pounds, and she was feeling fine; she was astonished at the absence of the extreme hunger which had always before defeated her attempt to reduce.

I hated to throw cold water on the lady's rejoicing and enthusiasm, but I had to advise her that there must be something out of the ordinary in her regimen or in her condition, for the normal reduction is and should be not over a pound a week, or even an average of two or three pounds a month.

Too rapid reduction is not necessarily dangerous in any case, provided it is not due to the use of harmful drugs or drastic cathartics or powerful ductless gland extracts. But a woman, or a man either, who values P. A. should remember that a rapid reduction is likely to leave wrinkles and sags which are difficult to remove.

Gradual, moderate reduction, on the other hand, at no faster rate than the superfluous flesh was acquired in the first place, involves no radical readjustment in the metabolism and gives time for the muscles, connective tissues and the skin itself to take up slack, so to speak, and keep fit and trim.

Sometimes I wish this reducing urge were not quite so seasonal. It seems so futile when someone writes in for a reducing diet, as he or she is planning a vacation next month and she must reduce 15 pounds. If you have 15 pounds handicap to get rid of, you should begin your reduction regimen at least six months, or better a year before the time you expect to weigh in.

On the other hand, for the

optimistic, but if it is delayed six months or a year, they are confident that increased American plane production will put this country in a position of being able adequately to defend the hemisphere.

As a cheerful footnote to these appraisals, it can be added that the daily reports to the White House on the European war have recently disclosed an amazing improvement in the British air defense, with the British in recent skirmishes showing superiority over the German bombers.



By Frank Jenkins
 FRANCE goes nazi-fascist—under pressure, of course. Included will be all the familiar trappings—party members, party "line" and the BIG BOSS. The pattern already established in Germany, Italy and Russia will be followed.

THE French upper classes, the French well-to-do, the Frenchmen who have had more will disappear, and much ballyhoo will be made of this for the benefit of those with unshaved necks.

But THIS will be the only basic social change: The French masses who in the past have walked and enviously watched others ride will STILL WALK and enviously watch others ride. The only difference will be that hereafter it will be the PARTY BIG SHOTS who will do the riding.

NAZIISM, fascism and communism are the world's latest and biggest rackets, and as is ALWAYS the case with rackets and racketeers it is the common man who pays the bill.

IN FRANCE, Hitler will need a figurehead (like the king of Italy) for his nazi mummery, and today's dispatches inform us that the House of Orleans (former French royalty) HOPES for restoration of the French throne.

If you were a scion of French royalty and were restored to the throne of your fathers BY A FOREIGN CONQUEROR, how would you feel about it in the silent watches of the night when you were alone with your conscience?

HERE is the answer—cynical but true: If you were a scion of deposed royalty, you would be grateful to ANYBODY who gave you back (for whatever purpose) your lost perquisites and privileges.

History leaves no doubt on that point.

CONGRESSMAN Joseph W. Martin, of Massachusetts, minority leader of the house of representatives, has been named chairman of the Republican national committee and director of Willkie's campaign.

Judged from a distance and by report, Martin seems a sensible, hard-headed realist. If that is true, the choice is a good one. We need sensible, hard-headed realists in these critical days.

IN PIPING times of peace, when everything looks lovely and the goose appears to hang high, you can afford to weave daisies in your hair and dance in the dew in the moonlight, but when grave danger threatens you have to buckle down to hard work and common sense.

If you don't, the bogey man will get you.

Rayonier Profits.
 San Francisco, July 10.—(P) Rayonier, Inc., more than doubled sales to set new high records for the company's history in the fiscal year ended April 30, 1940. Net profit of \$2,389,488 more than doubled the \$1,178,647 of the preceding fiscal year.

Tuna Sighted.
 Astoria, July 10.—(P)—The Columbia River Packers' association scouting launch Unga sighted a big school of tuna off Cascade Head yesterday. The news raised hopes for early settlement of demands of four unions for a tuna price of \$165 a ton. The 1939 top was \$150.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 10, 1930.
 (It was Thursday)
 Lack of rain throughout state brings fears of forest fires.
 A pie plant leaf two feet across is shown at CoC building.
 Roseburg farmer shot by mistake for a dove.
 Free wheeling is latest auto improvement.
 Pear prospects of nation increased over last year.
 Forest service tests portable radio at Diamond Lake.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 10, 1920.
 (It was Saturday)
 Third party is launched in Chicago, with Bob LaFollette as the leading candidate. Favor repeal and the single tax.
 Mrs. Roy Satchwell returns from the democratic convention.
 Anita Stewart in "Mind The Paint Girl" at the Rialto; William Duncan in "The Silent Avenger" at the Liberty.
 Poland scores victory over invading Bolsheviks.
 Cooler weather arrives after ten days hot spell.
 Autoists warned not to race with fire engine on way to fires.

To Inspect Air Bases.
 Washington, July 10.—(P)—Major General Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, Washington, left today for a 10-day flying trip to inspect recently undertaken air bases in Alaska.

Curry Wool Sold.
 Gold Beach, Ore., July 10.—(P)—The Curry county wool pool of 175,000 pounds brought record 1940 prices yesterday from the H. L. Haber company. The buyer paid 42½ cents a pound for lamb and sheep wool, 38½ cents for short wool.

DANCE
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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER
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Washington, July 10.—The war and navy departments have recently completed a comprehensive survey of the military problem of the defense of the western hemisphere. Depending upon two unknown factors, the fascist timetable and the trend of public opinion here, high army and navy officers are fairly optimistic on this country's ability to prevent either an internal or external nazi penetration in South America.

But these experts are optimistic only if the United States adopts a firm policy and maintains it, whatever the developments at home or abroad. Other descriptions may be used to explain the policy, but in fact it is a form of imperialism. In the past the South American Republics have objected strenuously to Yankee domination, but now they seem not only willing, but anxious that the United States assume a rather absolute control of the hemisphere.

The army and navy men, who for some weeks have been giving their undivided attention to defense of this continent, lay down three principles as essential to success.

First, this country must assume an unalterable determination to defend all of the hemisphere. Before the new armament program the army talked pessimistically of a defense of South America only as far south as the Brazilian bulge, while the navy talked of defending all the South American republics, now the military establishments are being keyed up to a total defense, and the strategists are hopeful that our navy can hold off any attack, even if the British lose their fleet, at least until the time when the air force is built up to full strength.

Second, the United States must be prepared to take decisive action no matter what the internal political consequences may be. Both the Republicans and Democrats are on the record in favor of defending this hemisphere. But there is a likelihood of some congressional opposition to the president should send ships and troops to South America in the event of an internal nazi attack. The military experts emphasize that there should be no delay, and every indication is that the White House is ready to take immediate action.

Third, while army and navy officials are now satisfied with the expanded re-armament program, they repeat what everybody recognizes, that the program must be speeded. To develop the regular army of 1,000,000 men and the trained reserve of 2,500,000 that the war department favors, compulsory military training appears to be a necessity. And with some slight changes the war department favors the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill now being debated in congress.

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Ye Smudge Pot
 By ARTHUR FERRY

The rumor the Democratic convention at Chicago next week would dispense with the keynote speech is not true, and there will be one, none other than Chairman Jim Farley reports. "The country demands it," he states. If there is anything the nation could forego, and needs no more of, it is another political speech, of which there has been a great sufficiency. The idea was sane, but not safe. Inasmuch as only one Democrat is seemingly qualified to be, or run for President, none should be denied the right to orate.

"Is there any crime Mussolini will not do?" inquires an irate upstate scribe. As yet, he has not been caught poisoning his neighbor's dog.

A German aviator, after his plane was shot down, parachuted to earth, and landed in the front yard of a British housewife, who promptly captured him. With usual Nazi efficiency, he missed her pany bed, or the European war would have got rough.

NO VELVET TOUCH
 (Corvallis Gazette-Times)
 "Luke Crosswhite won a gold watch as a medal for being a four-time winner in athletic events at the state prison. When he graduates from the penitentiary, no doubt he will have a contract from Southern California to complete his education."

Between 50 and 100 persons were killed in the Mexican election last Sunday. This is terrible, even though in Chicago and Kentucky, feverish voters often shoot up each other and the polling places.

Murals painted by WPA federal arts project artists have been ordered burned because they were "obviously communist murals." It appears it would have been easier to pour the money down a rat-hole in the first place.

"We think such a policy does not represent good sense or good law. Mr. Pierce makes an eloquent defense of his vote, but what he says sounds to us like bushwah." —(Pendleton East Oregonian)—Wherein the gentleman from eastern Oregon is confronted with the job of thinking up a better alibi for his vote for Harry Bridges.

Jim (Purewater) Owen, the big cut and slash man, will quit sawing wood Sat, to celebrate his arrival on earth 63 years ago.

"BLIND STREET ACCIDENT CAUSE"—(Headline Siskiyou News)—That's what usually ails the driver.

"It begins to look, however, as if the government headed by Marshal Henri Petain has done for France what all the vicissitudes of a thousand years never accomplished; has made her contemptible." —(K.C. Star)— So this is France!

Weather.
 Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday; normal temperature; low clouds or fog increasing along coast; gentle variable wind off north coast; moderate northwesterly wind off south coast.
Aluminum Soon.
 Vancouver, Wash., July 10.—(P)—The Aluminum Company of America hopes to be turning out aluminum at its Vancouver plant in September. V. C. Doerschuk of the reduction division said yesterday.

Forest Fire Fighters.
 Portland, July 10.—(P)—If forest fire fighters get overtime it will be out of the boss' generosity, for they do not come under the wage-hour law's jurisdiction, western Director W. O. Ash of the department of labor said yesterday.

Ad Club Elects.
 Vancouver, B. C., July 10.—(Canadian Press)—Don Belding of Los Angeles was elected president of the Pacific Advertising Clubs association yesterday and Santa Barbara was chosen as the 1941 convention city.