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The Culbertson Plan

Everyone,—or almost everyone,—knows Culbertson. He is the man who made a million dollars out of bridge.

It is also known he is half-Russian and half-'nuts'. His mother was the daughter of a Cossack General and his father was an American oil promoter in the Caucasus.

Incidentally Culbertson was a hobo following the first world war, and as one dropped off a freight here in Medford, picked fruit until he was taken ill from malnutrition and had to be a patient at the Sacred Heart hospital for three weeks.

WELL there is the back-ground. And we believe it is largely BECAUSE of that background, that very little is heard of Ely Culbertson's "Fight for Total Peace, Inc." and his efforts to have same adopted by the San Francisco conference.

For the plan, as we see it, has a great deal of merit. In two important ways it is vastly superior to the plan that promises to come out of the San Francisco gathering. To-wit:

One: No single power is given the veto on any league action.

Two: Force in case of military aggression, can be IMMEDIATELY applied, not delayed by legal and constitutional sanction from the nations, large or small, making up the league membership.

THE proposal of the world's foremost bridge expert has other advantages. It limits armaments,—particularly heavy armaments—and provides for an adequate inspection force from the outset, to check-up within the various nations, and see that the rules of limitation are being obeyed.

Mr. Culbertson held one press conference in San Francisco a short time after the opening. Only a baker's dozen attended, and as far as we could determine, not one of them wrote a line about it.

THERE would have been something in this paper if the M.T. representative had not been sidetracked, held up by a taxi jam, and unable to get in the room until the press started to file out.

We talked with several of the press representatives however. They agreed Culbertson not only had an interesting plan, but answered questions better than the average, and the proposal as he elucidated it made sense, but well,—"probably just a publicity stunt," didn't think their papers would want much of it. And the papers didn't.

WHY, except on the assumption noted above, we have thus far failed to make it out.

Had the plan come from a less eccentric and more authoritative source instead of from the fertile mind of an ex-hobo and former card sharp, this department is quite certain, it would have been given serious consideration by every individual or organization, genuinely interested in the maintenance of world peace.

Will It Be Adopted?

By the above we do not mean that had the Culbertson plan been given wide publicity, there would have been any better chance than now exists, of his proposal being accepted.

For, as has been observed in this department for some time, the document that will eventually appear from the San Francisco Conference can't, under the circumstances, be anything but a WAR document.

IT will represent a perfectly sincere effort on the part of the 50 nations represented,—or at least a majority of them,—to devise a covenant that will prevent any repetition of such a monstrous horror as is still going on in the South Pacific; but it is a product of war psychology including its hatreds and its fears, and will be directed especially against the recurrence of a situation that, with the destruction of both Germany and Japan, will no longer exist.

It is simply futile, therefore, to expect anything better from this San Francisco gathering. And as stated the Culbertson plan—at least as we view it,—is definitely better.

BUT imagine if you can, Soviet Russia, or the U. S. Senate, agreeing to a covenant that would give an independent authority, particularly the 5 Big Powers, as NATIONS, but not of the "International Peace Authority" as the executive power of the League itself,—the power to take military action against any aggressor including themselves?

Or imagine either of them,—or any of the members for that matter,—agreeing to limitation of heavy armaments?

The memories of this war, and the mistakes following the last war, are too fresh in the world consciousness.

AND yet—again as the present writer sees it,—unless some action of this sort IS taken,—unless the wise advice of Dr. Soong of China to voluntarily modify national sovereignty is followed, the charter to come out of the conference will contribute to the peace of the world ONLY so long as the 5 Large Powers, WANT it kept and are willing to use their military and naval forces, to keep it.

And unless this war has created a New World, unless the future divorces itself completely from the pattern and habits of the past, this will not be long.

SO what? That all these weeks of hard work at San Francisco will go for nothing? Will only another pious gesture and another "scrap of paper" be the result? Not necessarily. For as the charter is now drawn

It does provide for future amendment,—not an easy procedure, but it can be done.

And as long as it can be done, then as conditions change, and the defects of the document become more and more evident, alterations can be made to provide for the first, and correct the second.

And there, in our judgment, lies the entire hope of the future,—for a better world if not entirely a new one, as far as San Francisco is concerned. Namely: that what CAN be done, WILL be.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

NEW CABINET MEMBERS. The sudden reorganization of the cabinet by President Truman considered, as you might guess, considerable of a stir here.

EVERETT DIRKSEN REPORTS. My good friend, Congressman Everett Dirksen of Illinois, has just returned from a three months' trip around the world. I heard him give a splendid two-hour report on his journey to the republican members of the House in an off-the-record session. I have also heard some of his private discussion of his observations. Dirksen is not only a fair-minded man, but is a very competent observer, and brought home numerous documents and newspapers, and other tangible evidence to back up statements that he makes.

Two of his observations stand out above all of the others. One was his description of the State Department operations throughout the world, with the conclusion that the United States is attempting to operate such offices too economically, and that our representation is not generally in keeping with our actual position in the world. The other part of his report which impressed me was his description of UNRRA. He found inefficiency and mismanagement prevalent in this important relief organization. He told congress, "It is my imperative conviction that it is imperative for congress to review and re-explore that whole operation. I have a lot of facts in my notebook which I could relate, but I will only give it to you as my considered judgment that it (UNRRA) is not doing the job which it intended."

Almost immediately following Dirksen's report, the President had a conference with former President Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover has had more experience in international relief administration than any other living man. His knowledge and background have never been utilized during the war emergency. A great many people here in Washington, and I am one of them, hope that Herbert Hoover's knowledge, experience and ability will be put to use.

I have just received a report from the War Food Administration which is labelled "A Summary of the Food Situation." The first paragraph of the letter transmitting this report to the members of Congress reads as follows:

"Prospective food supplies will be more than adequate in all parts of the United States to meet all essential food needs."

That sentence, by the way, is quoted from the letter by Marvin Jones, food administrator, as being the conclusion reached by the Agriculture Bureau of Economics. I suggest you clip out this paragraph and read that sentence again three months from now. There is nothing in the current food outlook, as seen by the members of our food study committee, which would justify

gard for the rights of others that would stimulate them to the necessary effort. However, a great many dog owners do not realize that a large percentage of continuous barking is caused by worms.

Therefore, my instructions to stop this barking would be first, worm the dog thoroughly; second, let him know that his barking displeases you. About 10 out of a 100 dogs in Medford are continuous barkers. The blame lies with the owners. I have one close neighbor who works in his garden, while near by his dog hysterically barks at nothing. The owner gives him no more attention than if he did not exist. On the other hand I have a close neighbor who has two dogs. They never bark except in welcome, they never leave their premises, although not tied. The difference lies in the owners.

Most people wish to have peaceful homes, evenings and nights undisturbed by a bedlam of noise. The others are not bothered by racket, they would rather let it continue than make any effort to stop it, regardless of the damage the dog to others lives. I charge the dog owners who permits his dog to bark continuously, particularly at night, with criminal negligence. He brings sickness and suffering on his neighbors, and he makes a farce out of a peaceful community.

Yes, a Dog Barks. To the editor: Courteously, at first, as any well-bred creature voices its needs or desires. Patiently, oh, so patiently, he repeats the request with no response, then, grief at such indifference on the part of those he loves, changes the friendly bark to a beseeching wail. Even this grateful cry is of no avail, and, at long last, righteous indignation gives vent to loud angry barking that is fully justified. The city ordinance requiring dogs to be confined during April, May, and June works a great hardship on animals and animal lovers. Many owners of pets are renting unfenced property. This means that the dog must be tied for ninety days. The master leaves early and comes home late. In his frantic effort to follow, the animal soon becomes tangled in the leash that is often reduced quickly to a few inches of slack; the drinking cup is overturned; a sudden shower drenches him; the damp earth below chills him, or, perchance nature favors with sunshine, and the parched throat of the dog demands cool water where no water is. Spring months always mean much unpleasant weather, colds, dampness, lack of exercise, and grief often bring on ailments that cause much pain and suffering. I, myself, know of a dog that had to be put to death on account of sore and infected eyes. I am convinced that the

condition was brought about by lying for hours on the cold, wet earth without even a sack for a bed and often drenched from above with rain. I read of a little mother-dog that was found tethered on a short leash, her new-born puppies in the pouring rain. Yes, a dog barks. (Name on file) A. L., Medford.

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Daily Weather Report

Table with weather forecasts for Medford and vicinity, including temperature, precipitation, and local data for various cities.

A Fence To Meet Every Need

Advertisement for Utility Fence, featuring a fence illustration and text describing its benefits for yards, gardens, and general fencing.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 11, 1935 (It was Tuesday)

Capture of man and wife in Weyerhaeuser kidnaping leads law to cache of ransom money.

Senate passes holding bill.

New legislation takes effect in state tomorrow.

Cloudy with probable showers. High 86, low 52 degrees.

California pear prospects hit by rain and pest.

Tourists held responsible for forest fires along Route.

Second grade butter floods Portland market, causing half cent drop.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY June 11, 1925 (It was Thursday)

President Coolidge in speech urges economy and commonsense in government.

National Guard of state en route to encampment here.

Babe Ruth hits first home run of season.

Fair. High 76, low 41 degrees. Heat wave headed for coast.

First midwest tourists arrive in city and valley.

Jacksonville to start drive for more gold mining.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY June 11, 1911 (It was Sunday)

City to celebrate Fourth of July in grand style.

Work starts on new county jail at Jacksonville.

Seattle capitalist buys Parton orchard for \$95,000.

Country club to open July 1.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Advertisement for Broussard Texaco Service Station, located at 602 So. Riverside, offering gas, oil, and car wash services.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

WHY DOGS BARK

To the editor,— To the party who suggests that I attempt to stop the church bells and sirens. These ring occasionally for a purpose. If they rang continuously for no reason, they would soon be stopped by an indignant public. To this same party and the one who sent me a letter concerning the city dog tying law I wish to say that it was not many years ago that a dog that roamed from his home premises, was considered a tramp and no good.

Any dog with a minimum of training will not leave his home premises. The tying law would have never been necessary if it were not for some five per cent of dog owners who exercise no control over their pets. The dogs barking continuously in my neighborhood are not tied and I do not believe tying has much effect on continuous barking.

To the lady who suggested that I give instruction regarding dog training. All dog owners know how to stop this barking, it is not necessary to tell them how. They simply lack the re-

Advertisement for Ball Canning Success, featuring a woman in a kitchen and text promoting Ball brand canning products.

Advertisement for Luminus Tape, highlighting its use in jungle trails and military operations.

Advertisement for LONDON DERRY Brand Homemade Ice Cream, featuring a picture of an ice cream cone and text describing the product.

Advertisement for SWEM'S Book & Gift Shop, located at 31 N. Bartlett.

Advertisement for PARTS and SERVICE for all makes of washers, located at 31 N. Bartlett.

Advertisement for FATHER'S DAY CARDS, offering a large display of cards.

Advertisement for SWEM'S Book & Gift Shop, located at 31 N. Bartlett.

Advertisement for ACME SPRAY PAINTERS, offering services for farms and dairies.

Advertisement for PLATTE DIVISION UPHELD, mentioning the Supreme court's recommendation.

Advertisement for Hanes underwear, featuring a picture of a man in a suit and text describing the quality and value of the products.

Advertisement for Hanes underwear, featuring a picture of a woman in a swimsuit and text describing the quality and value of the products.

Advertisement for Ye Smudge Pot by Arthur Perry, featuring a picture of a smudge pot.

Housewives are assured by the OPA they will be allotted 36 more ounces of meat in the fall. This won't give the butcher much chance to adroitly weigh his hand.

A child expert reports the kids no longer believe in "fairy tales." There are also signs the full-grown voter is not swallowing them as freely as of yore.

The British announce they will not list a propaganda puppet of Herr Hitler, now AWOL from an Allied firing squad, as a war criminal. The puppet also plays the piano and gets out of that too.

NO CIVIS PIETY

"San Francisco takes a sly pride in its worldliness. Bragged a newspaper woman, a third-generation San Franciscan, to visiting fireman: "You know we have the lowest per capita church attendance of all United States cities."

The bright sunshine makes the people feel better and the speed idlers drive faster.

Mervyn Chastain, a forward on old Medford's first state title basketball team, and one of its niftiest stars, has returned from the European theater. He battled from the Normandy beaches to within sight of the spires of Berlin. Anything derogatory or infamous you hear about the Nazis, is a high compliment, he states.

"Although the grenade hit Garcia on the chin, it failed to explode much to Garcia's relief." —(Los Angeles News.)—"Relief" is no word for it.

AND THEN SOME!

"We read somewhere that automobiles should not be driven over 35 miles per hour. It saves gas, they claim, as well as tires. But coming in or going out of Mill City, some drivers read the 35 backwards and think it's 53."

Not to be outdone, by a shortage of all its main accessories such as sugar, shortening for shortcake and cream, there is a shortage of strawberries.

The fate and whereabouts of Adolf Hitler continue a mystery. The Russian commandant of Berlin reports, too many bodies that might have been him, and too many pairs of pants all in the ruins, he might have once occupied. There is considerable doubt about his departure hence. He could be in a Russian fort, a Spanish castle or on an Argentinian cow-ranch.

"I've got my bus fare here somewhere," murmured the dear thing as she poked about in one of those large handbags. If she delved a little deeper she might have come up with the bus." —(Woodland (Cal.) Democrat.)— Just taking another slap at the fair sex.

The grass is growing everywhere, and never looked better, stockmen report. It is even growing under some of their feet while the OPA fiddles.

There is some talk of holding a National Debt week. The trouble is the national debt will last longer than a week.

Ashland is getting ready to make the eagle scream, and have a "safe and sane" Fourth. As far as the eagle is concerned, it has plenty of grounds for squealing. As for a "safe and sane" Fourth, it will be nice to have something that way for a change.