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Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Mar. 3.—Well, well!
In a few seconds the Coplon-Gubitchev picture completely changes.
The press-bosses as certain now there will be a conviction, as they were a week ago there would not be.

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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 7, 1940
New British 85,000-ton liner Queen Elizabeth completes mid-ocean voyage to New York through U-boat gauntlet.

Water gap road building in Williams creek area progresses.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 7, 1920
Democrats plan "smear" campaign against President Hoover.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 7, 1916
Miss Marie Seely, Medford, is freshman at Oregon Agricultural college.

Jack True and D. M. Lowe appointed board to study new route for Pacific highway over Billings hill.

Neighbor hood Shakespeare club to meet with Mrs. Roy B. Peebles Thursday evening.

She Starts 'Em Young In Her Sunday School

Berwick, Pa. (U.P.)—Mrs. Raymond Lex doesn't start her children to Sunday school until they are two weeks old.

But from then on, the Lex youngsters are expected to have perfect attendance.

The family holds a record for attendance at the Holy Trinity Lutheran church here. The three youngest children, Doris, two Jane, one and three-week-old Phyllis, haven't missed Sunday school since they were two weeks old.

Ten-year-old Raymond and Donald, six, each has a five-year record.

"We didn't start them off quite so young," explained Mrs. Lex apologetically.

Business Prospect In Northwest Favorable

Seattle, Mar. 6.—(U.P.)—Hubert J. Soher, San Francisco, says business prospects in the Pacific Northwest appear favorable for at least three years.

Soher, a research man in the investment field, said national prosperity will last at least three years. But the best opportunities for any section of the country are to be found in the northwest, he added.

JAPS ACCEPT
Tokyo, Mar. 7.—(U.P.)—The Japanese government accepted today an invitation to take part in an international shortwave radio conference opening at Florence, Italy, April 1.

So that's that.
Just how smart the defense has been only the future can determine.

This department's own belief is that there is more chance of a reversal in this case, than in the communist trial, unless, of course, the supreme court should rule the statute under which the latter conviction was secured, unconstitutional.

This is, needless to say, entirely a layman's viewpoint. And as before stated the sudden discharge of Archibald Palmer was undoubtedly a slick trick. Nevertheless it seemed to us, that the three smart attorneys played their cards pretty skillfully and all in all, built up a pretty strong case along the line that called suddenly into the trial when it was nearly over, one week was not sufficient time to read up the record and give Miss Coplon the sort of defense to which she was constitutionally entitled.

Well, we shall see what we shall see.
Meanwhile there is little doubt, in the judgment of the undersigned, that the general strategy in both the communist trial and the second and final chapter in this Coplon-Gubitchev case, was determined by Moscow. The similarity in procedure renders any other conclusion difficult if not impossible. No matter how far away or relatively obscure the defendant, if communism or communists are involved apparently the Kremlin takes over. Other nations, the U.S.A. particularly, might take a leaf out of the Politburo book in this direction. The obvious difficulty is however, the size of the country involved in Russia and Gubitchev has been over here, no proper defense would be allowed.

This young Communist Novikov, attache of the Russian embassy and Gubitchev's adviser, interests this department. He looks no more like a Russian communist than Alger Hiss. In fact like Hiss he is young, personable, attractive with an engaging smile and sense of humor. He speaks excellent English, dressed in "collegiate" fashion is very attentive and keen, never appears to be worried, might pass anywhere as a graduate of some approved Ivy League college—a young doctor or attorney, perhaps a career man with a bright future in the United States diplomatic service. It is impossible to associate him with a foreign police state, or having the iron will and moral ruthlessness essential to anyone in his position.

It must be as in the case of Alger Hiss, another example of how little one can tell by APPEARANCES.

Not so very long ago a trip to Europe by air was a most hazardous undertaking. We haven't the statistics at hand but we recall there were at least a dozen fatalities at the time Lindbergh thrilled the world by his solo flight. Had not "Lady Luck" perched on the shoulder of the lone eagle, would he have reached Paris? But today! Took a hurried subway trip to Idlewild Field, and as many planes are hopping off for Europe and returning from there, as are arriving and departing at the Medford airport. (We don't include private planes of course.) And nothing is thought of it. In fact the casualty percentage is incredibly low, one official declaring Atlantic ocean hops far safer than long air trips over land.

However, this may be, there are so many airlines engaged in the trans-Atlantic passenger service here that, the same authority declares many lines are losing money and consolidations are in order.

Not long ago a young man by the name of Paul Alexander Christoffel Willem Brandenburg van den Grondon J.R. (think of lacking a cognomen like that on your baby son) arrived by plane from Paris only to find at the customs he had forgotten his "student visa." What did he do? In 20 minutes he was on a plane bound back for Paris and 48 hours later he was back here via air at the Riverdale country school in the Bronx!

If you want the latest news—visit your dentist.
We don't know why it is but dentists always—or almost always—not only are well-informed but have the most positive opinions about all sorts of things, particularly politics. We have been having some done here and this morning His Excellency "Simon Legree" informed us the Mail Tribune of Medford, Oregon, was featured here on an ABC hookup the other night when a reporter told his story of a thrilling airplane rescue in which he took a leading part.

"That's your paper isn't it?" he asked.
We had to admit it. We have often listened to this excellent "Gentlemen of the Press" broadcast, but happened to be out on the night in question.

Tried to get some of the details from ABC here in New York but they told us to contact L.A. or wait for the M.T. of that date. We decided on the latter, and can hardly wait—though we recall the story in question in general, and herewith with, we hope, pardonable pride, congratulate the "hero."

Speaking of "heroes" a small boy in Morristown, N.J., got his picture in the New York papers a week ago, with a laudatory tale about how he cornered a wild fox with the aid of his faithful cocker-spaniel "Boots," and strangled the animal with his bare hands. The facts were essentially correct. Only the pay-off wasn't so hot—or so heroic.

The boy, "Teddy" by name, not only expected a \$3 bounty from the county, but a good price for the pup. He failed to get the latter and has not to date received the former. The Board of Health cut off Bevard's head for a rabies inspection, and sent the remainder of the carcass to the Morristown civic incinerator. But the worst was yet to come.

When Teddy returned to his home with "Boots" a woman came up in a car, spied the dog and debarking called to the pup in a friendly authoritative tone.
"Come to mother, MUSTARD, come to mother!" The dog leaped with joy and went. "If you wish to see Mustard," the strange woman called back "his home is at 1222 Lincoln street."

Teddy insisted he did not steal the dog—the dog just picked him up—but that did not help things much. Instead of being the town hero now Teddy is merely a heartbroken kid, without his pet dog and minus the proceeds from his heroic fox hunt. —R.W.R.

EVERYTHING SHARED
Manchester, N. H. (U.P.)—Mrs. Mary Crannan and Mrs. Nora Crannan, 73-year-old twin sisters who have been inseparable all their lives, went to the hospital together after being hit by the same automobile.

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Crosstown by Roland Coe



"Any of these new-fangled soaps that get you clean without washin'?"

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

The following quotation is from King Lear, act three, scene six, line sixty-five:

"The little dogs and all, Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart. See they bark at me."

Wine is not the most popular drink in California, as has been alleged. Beer is. In 1949 the average consumption of beer in the Golden State was twenty-two gallons per adult. The average consumption of wine was three gallons per adult.

On a visit to New York he saw in the Metropolitan Museum of Art a statue of King Lear and a dog. This mystified him because, as he understood it, King Lear had no dog, and in fact, though Shakespeare had mentioned horses forty-eight times in his plays he had never written about a dog. That's what a resident of Aberdeen, Washington, wrote to the editor of a British magazine asking for some clarification on the matter. The editor said he could be of no assistance. The editor's answer is what mystifies me. Anyway, it is not a fact that Shakespeare did not mention dogs in any of his plays. He mentioned those noble animals in several of his plays, one of which was King Lear.

Alfalfa Hay Prices Unchanged To Lower

Alfalfa hay prices at Portland and the Puget Sound area are unchanged to a dollar lower than a week ago, according to the Oregon State college extension service. The main supply is from southern Idaho.

Hay at Portland is quoted this week at \$35 to \$35.50 a ton in carlots, while at the Puget Sound area it is \$40 to \$41. Alfalfa hay in the producing centers of Oregon and Washington is too high priced to be moved in comparison to southern Idaho, the extension service declared. Oregon growers are now holding at \$29 to \$32 a ton baled at the ranch. There is still good demand from local feeders in most of these areas, and stocks are reported limited to short.

Alfalfa meal prices are lower at main markets. At Portland, secured meal is now quoted at \$38.50 to \$39 a ton, down 50 cents to a dollar from last week. Dehydrated alfalfa meal is \$64, down \$3 to \$4 compared to a week ago.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Central Point Sewing club met March 4 at Faber's Market in Central Point. From there the 4-H'ers and guest went to the Rialto Theatre for a movie party. The women taken in the cars by Mrs. W. T. Parsons and Mrs. W. L. Childers.

Esther Snook, Reporter

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A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Mar. 7.—(U.P.)—It was a blister, that summer day in Philadelphia in 1876. Inventors around the country had bought floor space at the Centennial exhibition; Alexander Graham Bell a room in them.

Bell had a lot of gear on hand to prove that a man could "talk over a wire." He was nervous in a

ful and irresponsible power it will give to the average mother-in-law, who will be able to send her voice around the habitable globe."

The Boston Times was looking ahead of its time and knew not what it saw. The telephone now can get you around the world as fast as sound travels.

Happy anniversary, Mr. Bell! And will you please have one of your heirs drop around to the Hyattsville, Md., telephone office and pay my current bill?

Use Of Trees For Farm Purposes In Area Told Vets

Advantages of planting trees for live fences and shelter belts and methods of making unused and brushy hillside land pay cash returns were outlined by Loren Cooper, Applegate district ranger of the Rogue River National forest, at the recent monthly meeting of the Veterans Agriculture association of Southern Oregon.

Cooper demonstrated methods of planting various types of seedlings and advised the group that seedling stock is available to farmers at low cost through cooperation of state and federal agencies.

About 75 members and prospective members attended the meeting at the association headquarters at White City. Officers said every community of this area was represented.

Louis Kula of Coker Butte district spoke on the proposed soil conservation district for Jackson county. Kula is an association past president and has been nominated for a board post in the conservation district.

It was pointed out that all veterans of World War II engaged in farming activities are eligible to join the association.

Young Boy Safe After 48 Hours In Woods

Portland, Ore., Mar. 7.—(U.P.)—Harold Blue, 12, was safely home in bed today after being lost 48 hours with two young companions in Portland's west side hills below St. Johns.

Police found young Blue, chilled and hungry yesterday. He said he and the other boys, Barry Moore, 12, and his brother, Douglas, 11, had discussed trying to catch a freight train to Montana.

The Moore brothers and young Blue came out of the hills together but the Moores disappeared.

The trio left home Saturday morning for a hike but at nightfall realized they were lost. Blue told police. The wandered aimlessly Sunday and Monday morning found familiar landmarks.

They made shelter at night of fir boughs and cut firewood with a jackknife. A can of meat and another of pork and beans was their only food.

Pelted with Ridicule

At first only the judges had heard Bell's invention. The newspapers commented by hearsay, you might say, and Bell was pelted with a "halibut of ridicule."

One paper called him an "imposter—a ventriloquist, a crank who says he can talk through a wire."

The London Times, editorially, used the observation, "latest American humbug. The idea of talking at a piece of sheet iron!"

The New York Herald said: "The effect is weird and almost supernatural."

The Boston Times of that day commented: "A fellow can now court his girl in China as well as in east Boston. But the most serious aspect of this invention is the aw-

Officer Commissioned For Local ONG Post

Salem, Ore., Mar. 7.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, today announced the commissioning of Merton W. LeRoy as first lieutenant, headquarters company, 1st battalion, 188th infantry, Medford, Ore.

IN LOS ANGELES, TOO!
Los Angeles, Mar. 7.—(U.P.)—The west is still wild. While shoppers scattered for cover, a coyote strolled down fashionable Wilshire boulevard yesterday.

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