

Salesmanship Of America 'Failing' In Russian Zone

In recent years America's great adeptness at salesmanship has failed bitterly in selling our republican form of government to the small countries of Europe, which have slipped behind the Iron Curtain. This view was voiced by the Rev. J. H. Apigan of the Grants Pass Seventh Day Adventist church in an address before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Jackson hotel, the Rev. Mr. Apigan, whose home was Armenia before coming to the United States, scored the twisted, confused and haphazard thinking that seems so prevalent today. America has a rendezvous with destiny that carries with it solemn responsibilities. Mr. Apigan urged the people of this community and nation to accept these responsibilities and build a morally strong country that can lift the world out of despair. Emphasizing the fact that "this is America's hour," he called for forthright, intelligent thinking and action.

The speaker recalled the days when he came to this country from the near east like stepping from a "tragic nightmare into a paradise of another world." By exercising sound American salesmanship and real leadership, this "miracle of America" can be made to banish fear of atomic war and dispel bitter hatreds throughout the world.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel introduced the speaker.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers for the loss of loved one. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hadley.

Neighbor Describes Scene After Plane Rams House

(Editor's Note: John Leighton, a neighbor, was the first person to reach the scene when a Northwest Airlines plane crashed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doughty, killing their two children and 13 persons aboard the craft.)

By John Leighton
As Told to United Press
Minneapolis, Mar. 8—(U.P.)—It was shocking—the most terrible tragedy I have ever seen.

I was on the telephone when the plane roared over our house. It was so low that the noise seemed to shake the entire kitchen.

A second later there was an awful explosion. A blinding flash lighted the whole neighborhood. I saw the Doughty house in flames from a window.

We live practically across the alley from them.

Police Don't Answer
I tried to telephone the police and didn't get an answer. I turned the phone over to my father to try the fire department. I ran toward the fire.

I found Mrs. Doughty lying in the snow in her yard. She had a bad cut on her right arm and blood was gushing from a wound in her hand.

She saw me and screamed: "My babies, my babies! I just kissed them good night. Then it happened. Please save them! They can't be gone!"

Another fellow came along and helped me carry Mrs. Doughty to a neighbor's house across the alley.

Crowd Gathers
By that time a crowd was gathering. Ambulances came along and one took Mrs. Doughty to the hospital.

The Doughty house was still standing but flames were shooting out of every window.

Then the whole thing collapsed before our eyes.

Nobody in the house had a chance. The fire was so hot you couldn't get near it.

There wasn't a piece of the plane big enough to recognize. I couldn't tell whether it was a big plane or a little plane.

Wreckage Confined
It was weird how the whole wreckage—well, almost all of it—as confined to the lot of the Doughty house. But little tiny pieces of hot metal fell all over the neighborhood.

They're still trying to get the bodies out. It'll probably take a long time.

It's tough to see something like this happen to a good friend and neighbor.

Naming Of Thing On Delake Shore Still Unsettled

Delake, Ore., Mar. 8—(U.P.)—Controversy in the "mystery of the monster" raged on today with neither side in the dispute over "what is it" giving ground.

Residents of this coastal town still believe the dead creature which washed up on the beach here last Saturday is some sort of deep-sea monster. But scientists have taken the tack that it is just a large hunk of whale blubber.

To Remain Chained
Meantime, the curious still were pouring into Delake for a look at the thing, dubbed "Jughead" by local citizens. Chamber of Commerce President Lloyd Cable who first spotted the creature washing around the surf said Jughead would remain chained to a piling until a few more people had a chance to see him—or her.

Cable said Jughead didn't smell too badly yet, "unless you get right up close." He said the 1,500 pounds of flesh would be destroyed as soon as its odor became a nuisance.

Jughead has a long cowl-like body with a 16-foot tail and five or six shorter tails and short, stringy fibers extending from the body.

Professor Not Sure
Cable insists the fibers are real hair. But Prof. R. E. Dimick of Oregon State college said the fibers appeared to be connecting tissues from which an outer surface had been pulled away. While he refused to say for sure, Dimick "guessed" the mass was nothing but part of a whale.

Supporting Dimick's theory was Roger Tollefson, state fish commission biologist. Tollefson said he ran a laboratory test on a part of the flesh and the oil he extracted "resembled whale oil."

In 1947-49, about 2,740,000 privately financed dwelling units were built—more than in the entire decade 1930-39.

Peddlers Banned, Vandals Hit By Council Ordinances; Master Zone Bill Discussed

A revised ordinance forbidding the sale of goods by persons operating or having control of vehicles standing or parked on a street, alley or other public in Medford passed all three required readings at a regular meeting of the city council last night.

The measure will go into effect later this month. Sale of fruit, flowers, meat, poultry, vegetables "or other goods" is banned. A previous proposed ordinance on the subject passed a first reading a month ago. The legislation does not ban brief, temporary stops by peddlers going from place to place in town.

The legislation brought out that the parked or standing vehicles of street peddlers constitute a traffic hazard. Merchants with established businesses have complained of competition from peddlers parked downtown.

Stop Vandalism
Councilmen took action to stop vandalism in the city park by adoption of another ordinance. It prohibits willful destruction, damage, mutilation, defacing or tampering with public buildings, grounds, property and signs or other signs, fire alarms or traffic systems of the city of Medford.

Violators may be fined \$100 or imprisoned 50 days or both. The council may authorize rewards not exceeding \$10 for information leading to apprehension.

Fund For Dr. Sander Tops \$10,000 Mark
Manchester, N. H., Mar. 8—(U.P.)—Extra volunteers worked today tabulating the "Dr. Hermann N. Sander" fund which now totals more than \$10,000 after a \$3,000 jump in one day.

Some 350 letters yesterday caught the committee short-handed and a swing shift checked mail until late last night but failed to finish counting all the new income.

George Woodbury, Bedford author and chairman of the fund committee, said more than 1,500 letters from all parts of the United States and Canada had been received. He said the contributors included "nearly every one of Dr. Sander's patients."

The committee is seeking to raise at least \$40,000 which will be turned over to Dr. Sander to use as he wishes. Legal experts have estimated his defense may cost that much, and the physician has been without personal income since his indictment last January when he suspended his practice while awaiting trial.

WANTS CENTS BACK
Chicago—(U.P.)—George E. Sankstone, an attorney, has sued the Chicago transit authority for 16 cents and says he will take the case to the U. S. supreme court if necessary. He says the CTA overcharged him 16 cents for rides by a rate increase which he believes is confiscatory.

Biggest Peacetime War Maneuvers On Isle Climaxed

Vieques Island, Mar. 8—(U.P.)—Paratroopers and foot soldiers today hit this small tropical island near Puerto Rico with a one-two punch to climax "Portrex," the largest joint army-navy air base maneuvers ever held in peacetime.

Powerful units of the three armed services joined to make this make-believe D-day as realistic as possible under training conditions.

Johnson Watches
Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and top flight officers of the three services got up before dawn to go ashore in landing craft and watch the airborne assault. The paratroopers began jumping at 8 a.m., local time.

Both the tactics of the airborne-amphibious operation and the terrain of the island were reminiscent of American invasions in the Pacific during World War II. But support of ground troops with jet planes was new, and amphibious assault tactics had been changed because of the atomic bomb.

Air force and navy carrier jet planes plastered the beachheads with live bombs, rockets and machine gun bullets. The battleship Missouri, cruisers, destroyers and rocket craft raked the invasion section of the island with barrage after barrage.

Of course, all live fire was directed well away from personnel for safety reasons.

Although realism was being stressed in "Portrex," the "aggressor" forces defending Vieques couldn't win regardless of what they did. This was not a "win-or-lose" war game, and the attacking troops were slated to advance steadily after securing the beachheads.

The maneuvers were being run this way to give all participants the maximum training. "Portrex," which got under way February 25, involved 80,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, 160 navy ships and 500 air force and navy planes.

After a virtual disappearance lasting nearly half a century, the rare roseate spoonbill now is returning by the hundreds to old nesting grounds in the U. S. gulf coast region.

H. A. Thierolf was reappointed to the Medford city water commission. Councilman Earl Miller was assigned the committee duties held by Carlos Morris whom he succeeded. He will head the license committee and serve on the health, building and light and land appraisal committees.

Councilmen approved a resolution accepting and acquiring through war assets administration the war surplus in former Camp White property under city of Medford jurisdiction. The line is being purchased at 100 per cent discount.

Funds from the airport reconstruction fund were voted to better equip the fire truck at the field.

(See story on page one)

WORK TO RESUME

Ashland, Mar. 8—Leveling and filling of Fuller field at the Southern Oregon college campus will be resumed as soon as weather permits, it was reported this week by City Engineer Elmer Biegel. Track, baseball and football areas will be laid out. In addition to a ladies field, College President Elmo Stevenson said turfing of the area will be started within the next few weeks.

Louisville, Ky., was named for Louis XVI, the luckless monarch executed during the French revolution.

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