They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Old Indian Fighter Dies in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Col. Clarence Eugene Dentler, 97, an old-time Indian fighter who was believed to be the oldest living graduate of West Point, died here Saturday.

Col. Dentler graduated from the point in 1884 and moved out with the 11th Infantry to pursue wild Indians in Arizona. In 1894 he was in charge of military training at Oregon Agriculture college.

When the Spanish-American War came along, the future colonel accompanied the Miles expedition to Cuba and Puerto Rico. From 1901 to 1903 he served in the Philippines.

After assignments at the Army War College in Washington, in China and in the Oregon National Guard, the colonel retired to the life insurance business here in 1923.

His survivors include a brother, John Dentler, of Hood River, Ore.

Truman May Testify On Charter Revision

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Walter F. George, (D-Ga.), said yesterday that former President Truman hopes to testify April 18 before the Senate Foreign Relations committee on possible revisions of the United Nations charter.

George, who invited Mr. Truman to appear, said the former President replied that April 18 would be most convenient. He will be in Washington on that date for a dinner honoring Speaker Sam Rayburn.

George said he also had invited former President Hoover and Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, to testify.

He said Mr. Hoover probably will submit his views in a written statement rather than appear personally. Stevenson probably won't be able to testify April 18 but "may appear later," George said.

Agadir, Morocco, has a golf course frequented by goats that sometimes mistake golf balls for food. It's a club rule that any ball swallowed by a goat can be replaced without loss of stroke or distance.

Names of geographical areas abroad are reflected in United States towns. Some of them are: Arabia, Ky.; Argentine, Penn.; Bavaria, Kans.; Belgium, Wis.; Bohemia, N.Y.; Bolivia, No. Car.; Siberia, Ind.; and Russia, O.

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Pakistan Recovery Hurts Black Market Operators

Karachi — (U.P.) — Ask any black market operator in town. He will tell you the "sad news" about his business—Pakistan is on the road to economic recovery.

He doesn't have to refer to a pile of statistics prepared by economic experts. His is an old, seldom-failing barometer — the collapse in the black market rate for American dollars and other foreign currencies.

Take Yusuf Mohammed for example, who runs a hole-in-the-wall haberdashery in the main section of town as a front for his lucrative business of illegal dealings in foreign exchange and sale of scarce items 'at a price.'

Lost 1,500 Rupees

Over a weekend he lost a tidy 1,500 rupees when he bought 3,000 American dollars at the going rate of 5.50 rupees per dollar (versus the official rate of 3.30). But his agent forgot to tell him that a sudden drop was in sight and he wouldn't be in business on Monday for dollars bought at a rate above five rupees per dollar.

In fact Yusuf was playing it safe. He could have picked up twice that amount but he'd been expecting a further drop in the black market rate. For the past month it has been dropping gradually from an all-time high established last November-December when an American dollar brought 6.50 rupees (double the official rate).

The latest drop in rates brings the black market within a few annas of the rate prevailing in the good old days of plenty back in 1952-53. Black market operators, again consulting their own barometer, expect it to level off at the then prevailing rate—rupees 4.75 to the dollar. This is the official Indian rate and with the low pegging of the official exchange rate there is always an outlet for dollars at this rate.

Yusuf and his black market compeers know that their barometer readings on the current prices for foreign exchange are a sign of the times. Low rates for foreign exchange means that it's no longer profitable to pay high rates for exchange which would be used for the purchase and smuggling of goods into a commodity scarce market.

This improved outlook for Pakistan's economic position is primarily due to extensive American economic assistance granted for the current fiscal year and improvement in Pakistan's own foreign exchange position which promises extensive commodity improvement during the next six months.

Reacts on Promises

To date the market has reacted almost entirely only on this promise of plenty. Few of the new imports have reached the market, but black marketeers and hoarders are already unloading at reduced prices in the belief that the writing is there on the wall.

Prices of related locally produced goods are also showing a down-trend because many of the imports permitted over the next six months and products to come from the United States aid grant are directed at breaking the high prices fixed by local manufacturers in a commodity short market.

But it still costs $1.25 per bottle of locally produced beer and $15 per fifth of imported Scotch—that's legal under the government program for "prohibition by taxation."

Coffee $2 a Pound

It still costs $2 a pound for coffee and $1.60 for a 14-ounce tin of cheese. A medium-size tube of toothpaste sells for 60 to 70 cents. Two months ago it was $1.25.

Even locally produced items are comparatively prohibitive. A pound of butter costs $1, a loaf of bread (made with milk) 33 cents, a No. 2 can of peas (grown and tinned in Pakistan) 90 cents. Meat is still cheap, as meat prices go around the world, about 30 cents a pound untrimmed—you tell the butcher which side of the cow appeals to you and he scatters the flies and cuts away. But 30 cents a pound is 40 to 50 per cent higher than it was back in 1952-53.

Most of these prices, as is true of commodity goods prices in general, are 20 to 100 per cent below what they were two months ago—ample evidence that the downward trend is there and the black market operators' days are numbered.

Oregon Units Have Part in Test Alert

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson has announced that Oregon Army and Air National Guard units will take part soon in a nation-wide surprise alert.

The alert is called "Operation Minuteman" and will be the first such national test of guard readiness in history. Exact time is being kept secret.

Patterson said Saturday he had directed Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, state adjutant general, to cooperate fully.

"I want to emphasize that this is a pre-planned test alert and should because for no alarm to our citizens," he said.

Dog Due for Surprise When Pups Grow Up

San Diego, Calif — (U.P.) — Susie, a mongrel foster mother, will be a mighty confused dog when her "puppies" grow up and she finds them to be wolves, the only maned wolves ever born in the United States.

The whelps were born at the San Diego Zoo recently to the only maned wolves in this country. The parents, native of South America, were sent to San Diego from Rio de Janiero in 1951.

When their mother refused to nurse them, zoo officials appealed for help and Susie, with two puppies of her own, was sent from the dog pound to the zoo. The entire family appeared to be contented for the time being.

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The line operates two cars—each on a single rail. The cars—reminiscent of the old-time open-air trolleys with cane seats—carry 18 passengers and no standers.

Since 1912

Jessie Williams, who supervises the line, said that near the close of the 1953 session the cars made over 900 trips in one day and carried more than 5,000 passengers. Williams didn't keep track during last summer's filibuster, but he's sure at least 6,000 rode the cars in one day.

The underground line was installed in 1912 as a bad weather convenience and also to speed senators from their offices to the Senate floor. Each car has a motorman, and the current comes from an overhead trolley-like line.

The line is probably the most pampered railroad in existence. Every morning each car gets a grease job and a brake check. Then it goes through a trail run. This ritual takes about an hour and a half before the line opens for business at 8:45 a.m.

Tourist Attraction

The cars run until 5 p.m.—or until half an hour after the Senate usually has recessed. If the Senate holds night sessions, the operators stay on the job—all night, if necessary.

While the railroad hauls some of the world's most controversial figures, Williams said the lawmakers, as a rule, leave their differences on the Senate floor. Sometimes the bitterest political opponents find themselves face to face on the railway and make the short trip in good humor.

The pint-sized railway is a great tourist attraction. School children who pour into Washington by the thousands during the spring manage a ride on the railroad.

But Williams said that adult tourists get a bigger bang out of the short ride. At least, they make more noise when they ride it, he commented.

Fallout Injuries Surprises Strauss

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission branded as "irresponsible" yesterday talk that there has been human injury from radio active fallout in the Nevada atomic tests.

The nation's top experts on the effects of radiation agree, Strauss said, that the Nevada tests have been conducted "well within any danger zone." He said any fallout would have had no more effect on an individual than an ordinary chest X-ray.

The Defense Department reported Friday that four persons suffered eye injuries during tests in 1952 and 1953.

Strauss said if there were any eye injuries they didn't occur from radioactive fallout and may have been the fault of the observers.

CORRESPONDENT DIES

Washington — (U.P.) — Robert Burns Armstrong Jr., 52, Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat for the past 10 years, died yesterday of a heart ailment.

Brazil boasts the largest stadium in the world, Maracana, which seats more than 150,000 spectators. Completed in 1950 and built of reinforced concrete, it provides an impressive setting for soccer games, Brazil's national sport.

SIGNING CONTRACT covering 15,000 workers in 16 plants, Dave Beck (left), president of International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) and Sewell Avery, chairman, Montgomery Ward & Co., exchange quips during Chicago meeting. Beck said union would vote its stock for Avery in control fight. *(International)*

Damage Suit Filed Against Osteopath

Patricia Hadden Hendrickson has brought suit in circuit court here against Dr. George S. Jennings, Medford osteopathic physician and surgeon.

She asks a total of $27,646.55 for alleged damages received as the result of an operation on her wrist. The plaintiff charges that her wrist became infected following an operation on Sept. 18, 1953.

The complaint charges that her wrist and right arm became permanently disabled because of the infection. She asks $25,000 general damages, and $2,646.55 special damages for medical expenses and loss of wages.

She is represented by the Medford legal firm of Neff, Frohnmayer and Lowry.

SENT TO PURGATORY

Newark, N. J.—(U.P.)—Rutgers University announced Sunday that 10 of its students are being sent to look over a rock pile in purgatory. The geology students will examine some 250,000,000 year-old rocks at Purgatory, R.I.

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