

# Toning Down of Attitude Toward Communists in Evidence in Washington

## Is That So?

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This is about as good a time as any—or bad—to discuss a very painful subject: poison ivy. Because of the many erroneous beliefs about it, what about a Fact vs. Fallacy.



Fact: The English ivy and like the ivy prefers a cool damp climate. Fact: This noxious plant is no more an ivy than poison oak is an oak. (For that matter, poison oak is a form of poison ivy. Another close relative is the poison sumac—a worse skin irritant but fortunately more limited in its range.) Furthermore, poison ivy grows in every state of the union with the possible exception of Nevada.

Fallacy: The blossom has nothing to do with the poison in the plant. It is the sap which can be disastrous even when the plant appears dead. All that is necessary to get the loathsome rash may be to brush against the leaves only enough to bruise their delicate surface and release a drop or so of the poison. Then, should this reach your skin, the chances are you'll end up with a nasty rash.

Fallacy: Once the plant is dead, it is safe to handle.

Fact: Don't you believe it. Even if the plant is dead, don't try to pull up the dead roots with your bare hands—there's liable to be some of the poisonous sap left in them.

Fallacy: If you wash within a half hour with a strong soap you are likely to escape poisoning.

Fact: Only if you bathe the affected areas within a few min-

utes of contact — otherwise you'll just have to let the rash run its course—say one to two days for incubation and one-two weeks of suffering.

Fallacy: To get the rash one must come in direct touch with it.

Fact: The poison is sticky and long-lasting and adheres easily to garden tools, animals and clothing and can remain potent for 12 months! Merely patting a dog which has romped through a patch may be enough.

Fallacy: Some people are born immune to it or develop an immunity.

Fact: Quite likely humans are born immune to poison ivy but gradually become sensitized to it through repeated exposures. As a result, children under five rarely get it—but the likelihood of contracting it later tends to increase with age.

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## Friday Deadline For Ballot Return

Ballots for a vote on an agreement to deduct one cent per pound from wool and mohair subsidies for sales promotion by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., must be returned to the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee office in the courthouse no later than Friday. T. D. Sehorn, manager of the local office, said sheep raisers who have not obtained ballots, may get them at the office. Ballots were mailed to about 200 Jackson county sheep and lamb raisers earlier this month.

Under the proposed agreements, the government would deduct one cent per pound from subsidies on 1955 clippings. Deductions for the same purpose will be made in 1956, 1957 and 1958, but the exact deduction has not been determined. The deduction will not exceed one cent per pound, Sehorn said.

The marketing agreement was authorized by the National Wool Act of 1954 which provides incentive payments to wool growers to encourage increased domestic production of wool and mohair.

## Bromley To Aid Legion's Program

Horace Bromley, Curtiss Publishing Co., has offered to aid the American Legion Post 15 in its fund-raising campaign, according to Bud Fisher, commander.

In an effort to keep many thousands of dollars of money spent on magazine subscriptions in Medford, members of the post will accept subscriptions to any magazine and, through Bromley, meet any special offers of any publishing company, Fisher said.

Money earned through the program will be used by the Post in its various projects, which include civil defense, child welfare, control of subversive activities, street flags, rehabilitation activities, beaver boys state, Junior and hospital work, boy scout, activities, beaver boys state, Junior Legion baseball, the Americanism program, and others.

## ROAD BIDS CALLED

Portland — (U.P.)—The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads has called for bids for grading 2.4 miles of road and construction of two bridges in Douglas county. The work includes grading of Boulder Creek road, about 14 miles northeast of Tiller, and construction of bridges across Boulder and Slick creeks.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

## Desire To Seek Common Ground For Good Will

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Psychologically, the cold war has thawed considerably in Washington.

Officials not only talk nice to Communists in face to face meetings, but talk nicely about them . . . something which just was not done a few months ago. You can spot the trend at the news conferences of Secretary of State Dulles.

His comments on Communists have toned down considerably in the past few months; not that he agrees with what the Communists are saying and doing except in rare instances, but the kind of language used, and the manner of speaking. Officials Go Out of Way

At times, it seems as though officials go out of their way now to find something good in what the Communists are saying. The reverse was true just a short while ago. Suspicion was the dominant factor; now it's a desire to seek common ground for good will.

For example, Secretary Dulles was discussing the feelers from Red China that negotiations be resumed to unite Korea. Nothing new in those feelers, at least nothing really new except that they're being made. The United States has been ready to talk unification for years. All that the United States, and the Republic of Korea, insists on is that there be free elections before North and South mix, before South Korea's defenses are torn down . . . free elections supervised by the United Nations.

No Move for Elections

Everytime in the past, when the Communists have talked about unification, they've made no move toward proposing, allowing, approving or even countenancing any free elections or reasonable facsimiles thereof. And there was no difference in the present feelers. As a matter of fact, Dulles points out he sees no hint from the Reds that they'll go for free elections in Korea when they know that's the only way the West will agree on unification.

But the difference is in the way the state department reacts. A few months ago, the reaction would have been quite vigorous . . . the Reds were spouting the same old line . . . pure propaganda . . . trying to gain the good will of Asiatics by flying under false colors, seeming to be for unification while actually blocking it by refusing free elections.

That was a few months ago. Now Dulles merely points out rather regretfully that he's had no word indicating free elections are in prospect . . . period. If the Red Chinese are making hay with the propaganda line, the United States isn't spoiling it with a shower of harsh words.

Something Hopeful Found

In fact, at the same time, Dulles finds something hopeful in the Chinese feelers . . . hints that the Chinese leaders now feel unification of Korea should not be brought about by force.

He goes out of his way in discussing the unification moves to mention that point.

Certainly, so far the glow of good will . . . or at least the attempt to bring on such a glow . . . has brought no agreements.

Unification of Korea is as far away as unification of Germany . . . the Red terms are still the same . . . either we play the game their way or they don't play. And there isn't the glimmer of an agreement at Geneva between the Red Chinese and American ambassadors.

The talk may be sweeter, and maybe it will lead to something. But meanwhile evidence piles up that the Reds are building up their military strength in North Korea in clear violation of the truce, while leading the world to believe they won't use force.

## Hanford Duck Eggs Declared Radioactive

Geneva — (U.P.)—American scientists have reported that eggs laid by ducks near the Hanford, Wash., atomic energy plant are bursting with radioactivity. However, the Americans told the Atoms-for-Peace conference that the radioactivity hasn't had any ill effects either on the fertility of ducks born from the eggs or on the incubation of the eggs.



WOULDN'T TALK — Actor George Tyne (above), appearing before House un-American activities committee in New York, refused to answer questions but said he did not care to take refuge in any constitutional privilege. Chairman Francis Walter said he would take action to see that Tyne is cited for contempt of Congress.

## PORTLANDER KILLED

Beaverton — (U.P.)—Paul Gordon Callison Jr., 33, Portland, was killed early today when his automobile went out of control and struck a tree north of here.

## Ashland Barn Fire Disrupts Traffic

Ashland—Traffic on highway 99 near Ashland was snarled for more than half an hour Monday night as spectators from all over the valley tried to view a spectacular barn fire.

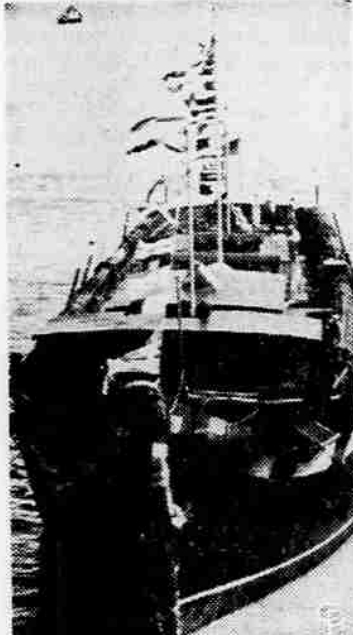
The fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed a huge barn on the M.D. Collins property on Mary Jane ave. The structure blossomed into flame about 9:30 p.m. and was a raging inferno within a few minutes.

As the building was out of the city limits, Ashland's fire department was helpless. The forestry truck was busy with a fire at Pilot Rock. Neighbors manned lawn hoses to prevent danger from flying embers. The barn was insured, no animals were in it and no equipment, according to Collins, owner. The building had been used to store hay during most of the year.

## Price Supports Due On Rye and Barley

Washington — (U.P.)—The Agriculture department is going to offer price supports on lower grade rye and barley this season.

Officials said the price support quality regulations have been eased because of unfavor-



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would not qualify for support under the original 1955 rules. For rye, the new order means support will be available on grain grading number four because of low test weight. For barley, the grades added to the support list are number five and number five garlicky. able weather in major growing areas. The weather has forced a larger-than-normal percentage of both crops into grades that

## Portlander Held For Own Protection

Portland — (U.P.)—Morton L. Vines, 38, one of two prominent Portlanders sentenced to prison terms for embezzlement today, has been picked up by federal authorities who fear he might harm himself.

He had been granted a week's delay in commencing his sentence to make arrangements for the care of his wife. But federal officers have rescinded the delay.

Vines, former president of the Vines Credit Jewelers, was given concurrent 18-month sentences

## Insanity Plea Filed In Portland Slaying

Portland — (U.P.)—Henry E. Beck, 47, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in circuit court in Portland to charges of first degree murder.

He is accused of the June 3 gunshot slaying of his ex-wife, Ethel, here. He was indicted by the Grand Jury following a suicide attempt.

on four counts of mail fraud. In another case, Murray Enz, 38, former manager of the Pittock Branch of Portland Trust bank, was sentenced to 15 months on charges of embezzling about \$50,000 in bank funds.

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