

Time Runs Out on Bill Tugman Before Thoughts Put Into Book

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Washington - The tragedy of the death of William M. Tugman, beyond the personal loss to those of us who loved him, is that he hadn't time enough to write that book he was planning.

In the big old white frame house to which he retired at Gardiner, after many years as the crusading editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, Bill Tugman last summer shared with a couple of visitors his thoughts about this last literary venture.

His visitors and others encouraged him to write that book, and subsequently a large eastern publisher expressed interest in the idea. The title of Bill Tugman's book was to be "There Are No Great Men."

It would have been a wonderful collection of instructive yarns, as only Tugman could tell them in that colorful, candid way that cut through the bluff and froth of human events. Contemporaries would have enjoyed reliving the lively times through which he and Oregon have passed since the Twenties.

Needed for Example
The tragedy, however, is that generations to come need Bill Tugman's book - not so much for the readable stories as for his example. They need to know that in this conformist age there is commendable virtue in his conviction that a man can be respected for making the right enemies as well as the right friends.

They need to see Bill Tugman down in the arena of life with his shirt-sleeves rolled high, never content to sit comfortably in an editorial tower tut-tutting about the errors of a troubled world.

A generation which asks first "How much does it pay?" needs to know that he accumulated no riches but many, many were deeply in his debt because Bill Tugman gave his time and he gave himself. It should also be recorded that in his last paying job, as field representative for a new

heart attack, Tugman set down on paper many of his past adventures. The collection should be published.

Book About Morse
Some of these adventures will be told for certain in a book to be published by Doubleday later this fall about

Sen. Wayne Morse, one of Tugman's earliest allies in Oregon's university and political wars.

The author's preface contains these lines:
"It might be presumptuous of me to challenge Mr. Tugman's assertion that 'there are no great men.' But Oregon's vigorous intellectual climate, which stimulates dissent, encourages tolerance, shuns mediocrity and demands excellence in public life, is a monumental tribute to several

great editors of recent decades. "Bill Tugman is one of them."

(Editor's note: Bob Smith doesn't mention the fact, but he is the author of that forthcoming book.)

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EVERY HOME AN ISLAND-It appears that every home in Cahokia, Ill., is an island where the rain seepage and an overflowing canal have combined to inundate the area.

There are no pumps available and the town is still suffering from high water even though the rain stopped last Tuesday. (UPI Telephoto)

BOLGER INJURED

Hollywood -UPI-Ray Bolger, 35, was recuperating at his home today from ankle and back injuries sustained while filming a dance sequence at Walt Disney Studios. Bolger, appearing in "Babes in Toyland," suffered the injuries Thursday. He went home after undergoing treatment at the studio.

Foreign Affairs Top Subject at Ike's Luncheon

Gettysburg, Pa. -UPI-The subject of foreign affairs occupied center stage Thursday at a 5 1/2 hour session former President Dwight D. Eisenhower held with top-ranking members of his administration.

Eisenhower indicated that Republicans should be four-square behind President Kennedy on foreign policy, while reserving the right to "intelligent criticism."

Host at Luncheon

Eisenhower made the observation at a press conference following a luncheon in his Gettysburg College office at which he was host to eight former cabinet members and 13 lesser officials.

"We are trying to be constructive and not destructive in our criticism," the former President said. He added that the assembled guests would "try to be completely bipartisan and stand behind the President on foreign affairs."

Time of Crises

Eisenhower noted "this is a time of crises and not the time for divisive voices."

Newsman found it difficult to pin Eisenhower down on what was discussed at the confab but he did admit the talks covered farm policy, economics and Republican politics as well as foreign affairs. He noted the assemblage vigorously opposed the Kennedy farm program.

Former Cabinet Men

Cabinet members during Eisenhower's two terms who attended included Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, Commerce Secretary Frederick H. Mueller, Atty. General William P. Rogers, Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, Interior Secretary Frederick A. Seaton, Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson.

Nine Persons Die In Violent Texas Auto Collision

Lubbock, Tex. -UPI-Willie Degarte, 14, tears spilling down his cheeks, looked one by one at the eight broken, mangled bodies of his parents, brothers and sisters.

"God help us, God help us," he said quietly. Then he turned away, buried his head in his hands and cried unashamed.

Willie had learned only a few minutes before that he had become an orphan. He and another brother, Archie, 15, had been staying with a married sister, Mrs. Francis White, 23, when the accident happened.

Sister Badly Injured

The rest of their large family, except for a young sister, was killed in the accident and she was so badly injured she is not expected to live.

Nine persons were killed Thursday night and the death toll may rise to 10. It happened at an intersection of two farm roads, about four miles east of Lubbock.

Lt. John Carpenter of Reese Air Force Base was in one car. Marks on the road showed he hit the brakes, fishtailed his car, but couldn't avoid hitting the second automobile loaded with the family and a friend.

"He (Carpenter) hit that car at a 45-degree angle," a state highway patrolman said. "It looked like somebody had gone down the side of the car with a giant can opener and just ripped it open. All 10 of them were thrown out in a bloody heap."

Ran Stop Sign

There was an eye witness to the accident. The witness was rather close, and there is no doubt that the car ran a stop sign and pulled out in front of Lt. Carpenter.

Killed were Ocie Degarte, 33, a Lubbock service station attendant; his wife, Irene, 43, and their children - Ocie Ray and Dolly Fay, twins who were 10; two other sons, Bon, 6, and Richard, 2, and two other daughters, Patricia, 11 and Doris Jane, 7.

Mrs. Pearl May King, 30, a friend who was with them also died. Loraine Degarte, 5, the other person in the car, was in critical condition at Methodist hospital.

Carpenter was rushed to a hospital. Officials said he was in good shape and expected to survive.

Price Fixing Lawsuit Filed

Seattle -UPI-A \$15 million suit asking treble damages against six electric supply manufacturers alleging price fixing was filed in Federal Court here Thursday by the Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1.

The suit alleges that the PUD was overcharged because of bid rigging. Defendants named were General Electric Co., Westinghouse, Allis-Chalmers, McGraw-Edison, the Federal Pacific Electric Co., and the ITE Circuit Breaker Co.

The PUD contends it was overcharged by \$5 million for equipment purchased for installation in its hydroelectric projects. Under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, plaintiffs may ask for treble damages.

The complaint was filed by the law firm of Burdell and Ferguson, Seattle.

The suit follows similar action filed elsewhere in the United States as a result of a federal investigation into price fixing charges by electrical companies.

PLENTY OF SPACE

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U. S. Too Slow, Goldwater Says

Daytona Beach, Fla. -UPI-Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said Thursday night the United States was too slow in recognizing the spread of communism in Cuba.

"This government should have recognized the Fidel Castro government for what it is sooner-as Communist inspired-and then taken appropriate action," Goldwater told the annual convention of the Florida Federation of Republican Women.

The Arizona conservative leader criticized the administration on the unemployment situation. He said he has seen no new proposals "that will put one man back to work."

Mexican Labor Extension Voted

Washington -UPI-The Mexican labor import program was extended two years by a vote in the House Thursday. The House turned back all amendments aimed at protecting wages and jobs of American farm laborers.

A strong coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats voted down the amendments.

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