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By DEB ADDISON

IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE TYPEWRITER (Burt Hoy's experiences as a veterans administration GI farm training instructor):

The VA launched an investigation that made their hair stand on end. Unfortunately, this hair slowly settled back into place with hardly a hair changed.

Some of the things they found were:

That some students had been coming for about a year and did not even know that they were supposed to have field trips. And yet the records filled out by the instructor showed in black and white that he had been visiting him regularly for eight hours every month.

The instructor who visited none of his students but who did come to class—so we can say that for four or eight hours of his time you, the taxpayers, were paying him as high as \$100.00 an hour.

Probably over 90 percent of the students are in the school for one reason only, and that is the money they get out of it. The remaining 10 percent would only be there half the time if there were no money involved because often the level of instruction is so low.

Under the provisions of the VA, the money paid to the trainee has to be paid back to the VA if the labor income of the trainee went over a basic figure of about \$2,800 annually. Needless to say, many were the methods used to show in the books that the trainee did not earn over that amount. I deny any of you gentlemen to walk past the GI farm training instructor and by looking at the cars pick out the

low income, needy students. And then there is the matter of the shop. There are actually thousands of tools missing from it, and I do mean thousands.

Now who is to blame for conditions being what they are? All officials, from here to the San Francisco VA office, know what was going on. And yet, on at least one occasion, VA officials inspecting this school have given it a complete whitewash, declaring it was a model school and being well run.

But let's not be too hasty about criticizing other fellow. Let's look around right here at home. I could name a dozen prominent business men, farmers and leaders who know the conditions. There are members in both of your local veterans organizations who know as much about these irregularities as I do. There are men in this room who know.

We are proud of our community and its achievements. We have had teams of good publicity and we love it. Why should we try to gloss over and cover up what so many of us know is happening RIGHT HERE, in the vain hope that it will remain buried forever?

Gentlemen, let's start at home. Just because some diplomat in Washington is dishonest because that high general in Chicago is crooked, that tax collector in San Francisco got involved — none of these gives any of us, as individuals on the bottom rung of the ladder, any authority to do as we please. This is our community. Let's keep it one to be proud of.

NEW YORK (AP) — It is a thing of terror and strange beauty to see a great city abandoned in wartime.

It was that way a year ago this week in Seoul, when the Allies yielded the Korean capital to padded Chinese soldiers who came across the hills like waves of walkie-talkies.

The fear of their coming spread invisibly before them. Hundreds of thousands of Seoul civilians had been leaving for days, marching south in sagging columns of terror and hunger.

But the military decision to evacuate came suddenly. One morning the correspondents watched a British battalion make a calm and studied counter-attack against the enemy 18 miles north of the city. But when we returned late that afternoon the press camp was breaking up and the order went out:

"Pack and leave immediately. The Army is pulling out tonight."

Several correspondents, including Dwight Martin of Time Magazine and myself, decided to remain overnight and watch the withdrawal. We gave up an eerie feeling as we stood at the entrance of the empty Hotel Chosun, one of the largest hostels in Korea, and watched flames licking at the newspaper plant across the street.

Fires began to break out all over the city and a smoke pall quickened the twilight. Night fell. The pavements echoed with the roar of tanks and guns being wheeled out of the city. It seemed impossible that mere masses of enemy riflemen on foot could force all that vast weight of metal armor backward — that they were.

The fires mushroomed into acres of smoldering flames. Outlined against them were the pitiful lines of refugees. Many too weak to continue collapsed and lay unheeded.

We bucked the endless traffic back up to the front. It wasn't so far now. A colonel said:

"We're pulling out ourselves in half an hour. You'd better leave."

The hills and paddies held a dark menace. Everything was lonely and unreal, and the unfought fires threw frightening shadows. An orphan boy wailed, all alone and forgotten, on the city hall steps.

We picked him up and drove back to the hotel and handed some blankets to keep him warm.

At the last command post in the city some soldiers were eating a Christmas fruitcake that had just arrived. The shared it with us. But they, licensed as a young captain, "but I courted my wife out in this very room. I was stationed here before the war, and my wife worked for an American civilian agency that quartered its women employees in this building."

"I used to meet here to go out on dates. It seems odd to be back here. I wonder what she's thinking right now."

And ever since then I've wondered whether the captain ever got to tell her about his last night in Seoul.

We bedded down until morning. We toured Seoul for the last time. The battle of small arms could be heard on the outskirts.

By noon the last Allied unit had trundled out of the smoking city and across the two bridges spanning the Han River. About 2 p.m. the Army engineers blew the final bridge, and one said: "Well, that's the last we'll ever see of Seoul."

That was the general feeling among the Allied Army then. Many officers and men then thought we would have to give up Korea entirely and withdraw to Japan. And there was bitterness in their going, for while they had known little joy in that weepy peninsula they had no wish to be pushed from it.

But they formed a new line and held it. Today we hold Seoul again, too. And if a real peace there still seems far away, well—the situation is much better than it was on that night of loneliness and defeat a year ago.

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continued in his job until the committee quizzed him?

The Republicans promise that the scandals in government will be a big issue in this year's presidential campaign. If Mr. Truman voluntarily tore into a search for wrongdoers, he might take some of the wind out of the Republican sails.

But Congress comes back next and if Mr. Truman sits back and lets Congress take the play away from him by setting up some lustration crew of its own, Truman can hardly be credited with smart politics.

Defense Plant Orders Cut Tax

SEATTLE (AP) — Lamb-Weston, Inc., of Weston, Ore., has been given a "certificate of necessity" rating by the Defense Production Administration for expansion of military food storage facilities.

The U.S. Department of Commerce said Friday it is a \$222,241 project. The certificate gives the firm the right of a quick write-off for tax purposes, of 25 per cent of the cost.

A 65 per cent quick tax privilege also was announced for Boeing Airplane Co. \$508,191 expansion in Seattle.

Anti-Red Parades Draw Denial

GUATEMALA, Guatemala (AP) — Interior Minister Ricardo Morales says the leftist-dominated Guatemalan government has decided to ban anti-Communist demonstrations.

Chavez made this statement Friday night as anti-Communists were completing plans for a national convention in this capital Jan. 27.



JACOBY on Canasta

"When is it a good idea to discard wild cards?" asks a Dayton correspondent.

There are several situations in which it is sound policy to discard wild cards. The one thing to be sure of is that you have a very good reason for doing so.

At the end of a hand, with only a few cards left in the stock pile, you may discard wild cards as a matter of course.

If you are in a position to discard a wild card, you should do so only if you have a good chance of winning the hand. If you have a poor chance, it is better to keep the wild card and hope for a better hand.

Second, it is a very bad idea to discard a wild card in a poor game, the opponents may force you to have them if you just save them in your hand or discard a couple of them. But even in a good game, they should not be discarded.

If you have a pack of twelve cards, you probably would up with about fifteen or sixteen cards after you had made your irreducible initial meld. That is a good holding, but it is not big enough to give you complete control of the game.

You can afford to discard the jacks and thus make room for fifteen or sixteen cards that will give you a good chance at the discard pile. If you melded the jacks, you would then have only about ten cards to use in this situation.

Q—My partner, needing 90 points for the initial meld, put down three aces and a joker. Before melding, he next put down two kings and tried to move the joker so as to make a meld with the kings. The opponents said he could not meld the joker. He said his partner wasn't finished until he had a 100-point hand. Is he right?

A—The opponents are right. The joker was part of a legal meld to begin with. The rule says that no meld of a legal meld may be shifted to another meld. The joker must stay with the aces. The player must do something about those aces now, to make them a meld of some kind.

Q—What is my correct plan of discarding with a real headache?

A—Both sides needed 120 points, and I was dealt the following choice assortment:

5-5-5-5-5-4-2.

The upcard was a jack and it was my first play. I drew a black three from the stock. What an aspirin!

The hand is pretty hopeless, and as you can see, it is a real headache. My partner holds something better, but I object to discard safely in the hope that your partner can win the game; you also aim to keep some cards that may match your partner's cards. It is true that you should meld quickly and play for a fast out.

To be specific, your first discard should be the jack. This gives very little information to the player, as you can see, and it is a discard possible high discard. At your next turn, you might try out a live, at this gets by, you will probably be able to throw all of the fives quite safely.

In a way that is a victory for careful attention to the discard of your left-hand opponent with a view to choosing safe discards later on. Watch your partner's discards also, because you may have to match his discards in the hope of keeping some cards in your hand that will help him when he finally melds.

The black three should be saved for a rainy day. You may very well run out of obviously safe discards and the black three will be a life saver at that time.

Q—We were playing a five-hand game, and I was on the sidelines watching my two partners play against two opponents. One of the opponents made an insufficient meld. My partners didn't notice it, and they played right along. The other opponent did not notice the error but failed to call attention to it. Should she have spoken up? Did I have the right to speak up in this situation?

A—It isn't necessary to call attention to your own or to your partner's insufficient meld. Mind you, it would be terribly unethical to make an insufficient meld deliberately. But you accidentally make the mistake, there's no need to wake the opponents up about it. It's up to them to keep their eyes open for mistakes. The inactive player has no right to say a word in this situation. He is just a spectator for that hand.

Casey Tibbs Top Cowboy

DENVER (AP) — Casey Tibbs of Ft. Pierre, S. D., Friday was named all-around champion cowboy of 1951 by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association.

Figures released by the association here showed that Tibbs amassed a total of 29,104 points. Each point is equivalent to a dollar earned.

Jim Shoulders of Henrietta, Okla. was runner-up with 27,244 points. Bill Linderman of Red Lodge, Mont. was third with 23,666 points.

Tibbs, 27, was top-money winner in both the saddle bronc and bareback riding divisions last year. Shoulders is the bull-riding champion.

Don McLaughlin, a Smithville, Tex., roper, was judged calf-roping champion, while Don Phillip, of San Angelo, Tex., won the bull-goring title.

Everett Shaw of Stonewall, Okla. is the steer-roping champion. Olan Simms of Lompoc, Calif., was named champion in an event which favors mostly in the far west—cradle roping.

Tibbs will receive his award, along with those for the champions, during the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, Jan. 11-19.

The sport award system this year was based on 327 rosters approved by the RCA.

French Report Troop Threat

PARIS (AP) — French sources said Friday they have received unclassified reports that Red China has concentrated 200,000 soldiers with full battle gear in areas just north of the French Indochina border.

These sources said they did not believe Red China would attack Indochina until fighting continues in Korea. But they said they were gravely worried about an invasion whenever an armistice is reached in Korea, freeing masses of Communist Chinese forces for action in South China.

The French fears were echoed by other United Nations delegates, some of them from Southeast Asia, who heard Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei G. Malenkov mention the "four great powers" of South China, Burma, Thailand and Indochina Thursday.

These delegates said they construed Vishinsky's veiled words as a direct threat of Communist action against those countries sooner or later.

FDR Wins On Poster Issue

DERBY, Conn. (AP) — The Board of Aldermen has decided that the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's name shall remain on Derby's World War II honor roll.

In a way that is a victory for Foreign Wars, which insisted it remain after John H. Collins Post, American Legion, demanded the removal.

However, the aldermen, acting after a committee failed to resolve the dispute, decided FDR's name should be removed from the list of this city's war dead and placed at the top center of the roll "to make it more apparent and visible."

Legionnaires said their position was that the late president was not and never had been a resident of this city. The VFW insisted his name should remain because he was commander-in-chief of World War II forces and a "war casualty."

Driver Faces Wreck Charge

YREKA — Gregory C. Valles, 24-year-old Weed, railroad worker, was arrested in Weed, Calif., Thursday on charges of manslaughter and driving on the wrong side of the highway.

The charges grew out of an accident early in the morning of Dec. 23 which resulted in the death of two persons and injury to seven others, four of them seriously.

Valles was transferred to the Siskiyou County Jail where he has been released on \$2500 bail.

Killed in the accident, two miles south of Gazelle on U.S. 99, were Wilson E. Borden, 35, and Mrs. George Ward, 30, both of Seattle.

14-Year-Old Gives Birth to Baby

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Geraldine Hudson, 14 years old, gave birth yesterday to a six-pound, 14-ounce son.

Both mother and baby were reported to be "doing fine" at Metropolitan hospital. Birth was effected by Caesarean section.

The mother and father, Sanford Hudson, 19-year-old machinist, were married last year after an elopement to Arlington, Va. Then 13, Geraldine did not give her right age.

Hudson said he and his wife had been neighbors and added:

"It was just one of those things. We fell in love and didn't see any reason to wait."

Ford Price Boost Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday approved higher ceiling prices for Ford Motor Company passenger cars.

It refused, however, to grant the full price asked by the company under the Cashhart amendment to the Economic Controls Law.

The higher ceilings apply to Ford, Mercury and Lincoln automobiles. The Office of Price Stabilization said the company has not indicated whether it will put the increases into effect.

OPS approved a 4.97 per cent hike in prices of Ford cars, compared with 5.39 asked by the company. For Mercury cars, a 3.45 per cent hike was approved, compared with 4.37 per cent asked. For Lincolns, 5.19 per cent boost was okayed, compared with 8.13 per cent requested.

Arizona Seeks New Grid Head

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The University of Arizona has started a long series of interviews to select a new head football coach for the coming year.

Among those who have been mentioned for the post is G. A. (Tex.) Oliver, highly successful Arizona coach of the '30s and former coach at Oregon. More than 75 coaches are expected to apply for the job left vacant when Bob Wustrow, former University of Southern California end and assistant coach, resigned.

Growth Of Klamath Falls And Surrounding Country Depends On Development

The first of a series of informative programs on the problems of development of water resources of the Klamath Basin was presented to the Rotary club Friday noon at the Willard hotel by Frank Jenkins and Lillard Stephens.

Jenkins, Herald and News publisher, opened the program with the statement that if the integrated development of the watershed is carried through, Klamath Falls will become a city of 75,000 persons and the Basin will become one of the richest areas on the Pacific coast.

To substantiate the statement, he said that we must look at an integrated program standing on three legs: agriculture, industry and power.

The development of the approximately 200,000 presently irrigated acres saved the Basin from an awful flop at the end of the rough decade when the water was carried to increasing that 200,000 acres to a half million, plus an additional quarter million in the Yreka area.

Industrially, we haven't even scratched the peak, he said. The best estimates are that 42 percent of the timber stands are old-growth stands of white fir and jack-pine, in a new period of wood utilization that will quadruple the man-hours work per log, and you have the industrial potential.

The Klamath River, the second power stream in the country, has a million KV hydroelectric potential, which now is unused.

"It is a challenge to the best minds of the community to get over our ruckuses and integrate the three legs of this potential development," he said.

He added that the time is past when we can put our water potential "in the safe" that the water must be committed to beneficial use within the next five years—or else.

Laton Stephens, manager of the bureau of reclamation here, read parts from the bureau's broad brief which was filed with the public utility commission at the hearing last year on Copco's application for 25,000 second feet of water for hydroelectric use in the Klamath canyon.

The brief set forth that full development of irrigable lands in the Basin would require use of an available water in dry years leaving none for power development.

The bureau's legal right to the water is based on the act of 1903 which gave the United States rights to all water needed for irrigation, Stephens said.

The estimate of potential use is based on irrigating 10,000 acres in addition to the present 191,000 acres in the present project, plus use for Swan Lake, Sprague River, Klamath Marsh, Butte Valley, Red Rock, Pine Flat, and the Klamath Indian reservation.

How a Top Reporter Suffered And Drove Nazi Captors Nuts

By WALLACE MYERS

Newspaper work is far from being the idyllic, devil-may-care and adventurous profession many of our movie and radio programs would have you believe. . . . But the life of a newspaperman does have its moments; and I know of a few true newspaper stories that rival the wildest of film or radio yarns.

A few minutes ago, thumbing through papers on the exchange table, I noticed Larry Allen's by-line over an Associated Press story out of Saigon, Indochina.

Larry and I were broken to newspaper harness about the same time back in Southern West Virginia. Larry was an AP man in the Charleston, W. Va. bureau and I was cutting my noisy journalistic teeth in nearby Huntington.

FIRST TO GO

World War II got under way in Europe and long before America actually became a participant, U.S. newsmen were clamoring for war correspondent assignments. Allen managed to work his way into line and eventually became the first U.S. reporter accepted as a fighting zone correspondent by the British Navy.

Larry couldn't swim a stroke then and still couldn't the last time I saw him but somehow he managed to survive having three warships sink beneath him in the Mediterranean in the early days of the war.

Finally, however, his luck ran out and he was captured by Mussolini's Italians. But the Italians simply couldn't hold Allen; three times, he escaped and was recaptured. After the third escape, Herr

Heller's henchmen decided to take a hand and ordered Allen shipped to Germany. En route, Larry escaped again by plunging from a speeding train. But again, he was recaptured and when the Germans finally got the troublesome reporter in one of their prisons they kept him until he was repatriated late in the war.

Allen never became a willing captive. He caused the Nazis to much trouble that it is probable he was included in one of the first batches of exchange prisoners for the very good reason he was driving his captors nuts.

'NEWSPAPER'

For one thing there was Larry's prison "newspaper." Somehow Larry managed to obtain and keep possession of a small blackboard. Although Larry was confined in such manner that he could talk to few other persons . . . and in a cell with windows so high he could not see out . . . he did manage to frequently "publish" his newspaper. He sifted all the prison scrub that came his way, added and subtracted and was amazingly accurate in calling the turn on some of the important things that were actually happening on the war fronts. He lettered his findings on his blackboard and circulated the news merely by holding the blackboard up to the cell window for all within eyesight to read!

When Allen was returned to the U.S., he came to Las Vegas where I was editor of a small morning daily. He had suffered so from his long and tortuous Nazi imprisonment that I wouldn't have known him if he hadn't greeted me first. He must have been 30 or 40 pounds under his normal weight and appeared healthy complexion had faded to a pasty, lifeless gray. But the flaming spirit that refused to let him stay "uncle" to the Nazis was still coming in his eyes.

RECOVERED

For several weeks, Larry played life to the hilt in the casinos and clubs of Las Vegas. And no one begrudged him a minute of his fun . . . He had a lot of fun and forgetting coming to him.

Then he began dropping into my little office more and more frequently . . . Watching the news that came over the teletypes . . . Now and then battling out stories on my rickety typewriter. The idea to get back to work was beginning to trouble him.

So one day he checked in at AP headquarters and asked for an assignment. And nothing easy-going, either; he wanted to get back in the thick of things.

He was first assigned to Prague to march with the Communists who were then lightning their stranglehold on the Czechs. Then it was Egypt and Larry suffered a broken arm when he was beaten by rioters. And now it's Indochina and the war between the French and the Communists.

TWINGES

"I'll never see his byline that I won't feel a twinge of envy. Perhaps to many outside newspaper circles, it will be puzzling as to why anyone would envy a life of so much suffering and peril. But it's no puzzle to me nor to thousands of others of my professional class.

Larry, the lucky stiff, got the breaks to get where he is . . . And he had the stuff to come through when the big blue chips were piled high.

Happy lines, fellow, wherever this might find you!

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ABC's

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