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BILL-BOARD

By BILL JENKINS

These seem to be quiet days in Klamath Falls. What with the necessary grass cutting, watering, fishing, loafing and general philosophizing there isn't time for much else. In the line of news that is all of which doesn't mean a thing, but it is pleasant in a way to remember that we are living in a peaceful if uneasy world at the moment and the thoughts of war are pretty far away.

But I'll bet there are a lot of the boys in Korea taking pot shots at the reds who would a lot rather be stretched out in a warm field somewhere around the Klamath Basin shooting at stub tailed gophers.

With summer comes the ever-present problem of the waistline. The average man looks at the lighter summer clothing and stares ruefully at the winter-acquired roll of suet he's packing around the midriff. And in the deplorable days of summer comes the urge to cut off at least a bit of the white man's burden.

This column has raised a complaint about various diets before. We still shall. But at the same time we shall enter the lists prepared for deadly combat. In short, a proposal of our own diet. Your writer has lost six pounds in ten days by the simple expedient of giving up breakfast and lunch. Simple.

It's easier to do it by denying yourself (somewhat) than it is by trying to shop for a restricted diet. The only good most of 'em do is in walking off the weight in your diligent and never ending search

James Marlow

ABC's

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the language in the peace treaties with Japan and Germany is not identical, at least in one part the effect is the same. That's in the agreement for keeping troops in both places.

It's done a little more smoothly in the Japanese treaty which says all occupation forces must be withdrawn but that quickly adds that Japan can agree, if it wishes, to let troops stay.

Japan promptly agreed to let American troops stay although not as occupation forces.

In the treaty with Western Germany provision for letting Allied troops stay was written right into the document, but pleasantly.

The U. S., British and French troops who have been occupying their respective zones of Germany since war's end no other will be called occupation forces. They'll be known as defense troops.

This country in the case of Japan, and this country and its Allies in the case of Germany, would hardly have signed the treaties at all if they couldn't keep troops in both places.

OUTPOSTS

Both are outposts against Communism. If the Allies let Germany tomorrow it would be an invitation to the Communists to take over in defenseless West Germany.

And if the U. S. thought of marching out of Japan, at least until the Japanese built some defenses of their own, that would be another invitation.

But the Allies gave Japan, on paper at least, more freedom than Germany gets. The German treaty doesn't say anything about letting Germany re-arm although she'll be allowed to raise 12 divisions for the European army.

The treaty with Japan says that country can re-arm. But the circumstances are different. Japan stays alone in the far Pacific as an ally of the West. It has to re-

Bruce Blossat

Officially the British government still recognizes Red China. But a truer index of British-Chinese relations is the action of Britain's business interests in abandoning their huge investments in Communist-held mainland areas.

By this move British corporations are said to be winding up a sum variously estimated at from \$850,000,000 to \$1,400,000,000, which is represented by factories, docks, warehouses, shipyards, hotels and other establishments.

They are giving up because under Mao Tse Tung's Red regime they have been hounded by fines, special taxes, and the necessity of paying full wages to their Chinese employees even though their business has been at a virtual standstill for long months.

Whereas these firms once used 10,000 Britons, the total is down to 120, and these now wish to get out. In short, British business managers merely wish to recognize a fact. Their business has been substantially killed and they have been subjected to intolerable burdens and interference. There is no sane reason to hang on.

TOUGH DECISION

To a proud trading nation, a country fabled for its overseas enterprises, decisions of this kind are extremely hard. Already Britain's trading empire has shrunk almost beyond the worst imaginings of a decade ago. Now it is formally accepting another shrinking of its effective economic orbit.

Since the Red's harassment of British business in China has been deliberate, it must naturally be concluded this is the result. Mao's policy is to get rid of British

trade influence in his territory. We shall see hereafter what advantage this brings to the Chinese. On the basis of performance to date, we may be forgiven for doubting the gains. To put Britain's sizable enterprises into Red Chinese hands will be pretty much like turning over the management of General Motors central office to the overnight clean-up squad.

PARADOX

It is a curious paradox that despite these uncomfortable realities British policy still calls for recognition of Mao. Theoretically there may be sound international law in support of accepting a regime which has full control of the area it rules. But in practice British recognition has been a fiasco. The British diplomatic representative at Peking has been steadily snubbed since his arrival more than two years ago.

Obviously the policy has no advantage and has degenerated into a empty formula. Winston Churchill's government might be moved to cancel it out were it not for Labor Party and other opposition. The opponents seem to argue that any gesture of conciliation toward China is a hopeful thing, even if it produces nothing.

Perhaps it can be said most accurately that Britain recognizes China but China does not recognize the British. How long this one-sided display of international good intentions can sensibly continue is hard to guess. But the precipitate withdrawal of British business is the tip-off on the way things really are.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — The long march of the blue and the gray is about over.

This Memorial Day fewer than a baker's dozen survive of the massed millions who fought in the American war of brother-against-brother that ended 87 years ago.

This long and bitter struggle played so important a role in our national story, it is so close to us as a people, it seems incredible that soon even the last drummer boy who took part in it will have been swallowed by time.

The earth is a tomb of many vanished armies, but few will live longer in memory than those that contended under the banners of the Federal Union and the Confederacy from 1861 to 1865.

Those memories in many minds even now are like sensitive scar tissue.

MODERN WAR

Historians now class the war between the states—known in Northern American communities as the Civil War—as the first modern war, and certainly it made many changes in the art of battle both afoot and at sea.

It truly was a big war, considering the population at the time. The North threw 2,128,948 men into action and suffered 349,946 casualties.

The number of troops on the South's side is debatable. Northern historians put the figure as high as 1,400,000 out of a white populace of only 5,000,000. Estimates by Southern historians go as low as 600,000. Woodrow Wilson said the South put 900,000 men in the field and placed their losses in killed and wounded at 133,831.

As in most wars before the development of sanitation techniques, disease took more lives than bullets. The North, for example, lost only about 110,000 men from combat wounds. It lost nearly 200,000 through disease.

The cost of the war is still going on, mainly now in the form of payments to the widows of veterans.

CLAIMS

But every once in a while someone still tries to get the government to pay for a mule that one of U. S. Grant's men in blue stole from his great, great granddaddy's farm.

The North ended the war by the grinding weight of superior manpower and industrial might.

But although finally won down, the South managed to emerge with most of the heroes.

Certainly today when schoolboys, both North and South, read their hearts go out most to the chiefs of the "lost cause"—soldiers like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and that sabre-in-uniform, Jeb Stuart.

Grant was a titan indeed. But in youth there is a quality that admits a leader who fights gallantly in the face of almost certain defeat.

That is why the Southern commanders now hold such a glamor to boys growing up in Iowa as well as in Alabama. It also explains why young men make better soldiers than old men.

My own favorite of that period has always been Stonewall Jackson, who died and left an immortal name at 39. Field Marshal Rommel came over to the Shenandoah Valley to study Jackson's famous lightning marches of 1862.

Jackson had the rare ability to outmaneuver and destroy an opponent facing him with more and better equipped troops. That is the supreme test of military genius.

They still teach Jackson's tactics at West Point, but if they have produced another Stonewall he is hiding his light under a bush.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

Astonishingly large numbers of people suffer from vague discomfort and pains in the abdomen when this is accompanied by alternating periods of diarrhea and constipation, the condition is likely to be what is known as spastic colon, or irritable bowel.

Apparently this disorder is more common in modern civilization than it used to be and is tied up closely with the tense pace and nervous strain of city living.

Whether it is purely of nervous origin or not no one knows for certain. It does not last and the disease and is always made worse by emotional upsets or dietary indiscretion.

The pain and discomfort may be felt all over the abdomen or just in some sections, most commonly in the lower portion. All too often the symptoms go on for years with periods of partial recovery and then a worsening. Attacks may persist for anywhere from a few minutes to several months.

When pain is present, it is gripping and crampy in nature. People often complain of bloating and of gurgling sounds. The discomfort may be so bad that it disturbs the sleep. Many victims blame this condition on constipation and are likely to take a cathartic. This tends to make the symptoms worse.

Worry, emotional upset, or anxiety frequently come just before an attack. Exposure to cold, fatigue, tobacco, laxatives and certain kinds of food also bring on the symptoms.

An irritable colon does not mean that a disturbance is present. There is, rather, a disturbance in the action of the intestines and medical treatment rather than surgery is what is necessary.

Physicians try to get to the bottom of the mental worry or tension which is making the condition worse. Also, it is advisable to find out whether someone with spastic colon has anything wrong with his or her glands of internal secretion.

Several medicines may be helpful. The diet is also extremely important—vegetables and many fruits usually increase irritation. Cooked cereals, milk, or milk products, eggs and fish, custards and similar foods usually should make up the bulk of the diet.

Spastic colon does not have any influence on the duration of life in spite of the distress which it causes. It does not lead to cancer. Unfortunately many people who are afflicted with it also have a tendency to worry about their health too much and this makes it the more difficult to relieve the symptoms.

Actor Injured In Film Fight

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Alan Ladd will be wearing a cast on his right hand for a while.

He came over to a knife duel before movie cameras Wednesday with actor Joseph Calleia.

Ladd swung, saw he might hurt his opponent, and in averting his blow slammed his hand into the concrete floor.

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Secretaries Plan Classes

New officers of the Klamath chapter of the National Secretaries Association are to be installed June 6, 7 p.m., in the Blue Room at the Willard Hotel, Nora Hansen, ICC chairman, is to preside at the installation Medford chapter members are to attend.

Prof. A. V. Miller, chairman of the secretarial science of Southern Oregon College of Education, is to speak on "Theory of Secretaryship."

Miller is to instruct a special secretarial course here Aug. 6 to October 1.

The course, presented by the Klamath chapter, is to be offered in evening classes at Fremont school.

The course, designed for secretaries and other office workers, is to cover brush-up work in business law, finance and investments, statistical analysis, money and banking, economics, public relations, etc.

A \$12.50 tuition will be charged. Business houses are being asked to cooperate by furnishing the Klamath chapter with names and addresses of employees who might be interested in the course.

Persons interested should call Mary Mills, phone 8642, before June 3 for reservations at the no host dinner meeting.

Former Slave Dies at 114

INWOOD, N.Y. (AP) — Death of Mrs. Nettie Jenkins, one-time Negro slave, at the age of 114 was announced Wednesday by Nassau County health officials.

She died April 27. Officials said they deferred the announcement until family records convinced them that Mrs. Jenkins' age was given correctly.

She was born a slave at Edgermont, N. C., Aug. 29, 1837, the records showed. She was the widow of Jake Jenkins.

Why Is Friday Popular Day for Killing Men?

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Three men now are waiting to be executed in the Oregon Prison's lethal gas chamber, and that brought up this question: Why is Friday called Hangman's Day?

Many states execute their murderers on Friday, as do most European countries.

A search of state library reference books brought out the fact that the custom has existed since the Middle Ages, or some 800 years ago.

Some sources think that because Christ was crucified on Friday, the custom arose to execute criminals that day for what small comfort it might give the criminal to know he's dying on the same day as Christ.

Other authorities think Friday is the favored execution day because Friday has been considered an unlucky day. But they add that it probably became known as an unlucky day because of the Crucifixion.

SENTENCING

In Oregon the sentencing judge is the man who sets the date. He can pick any day of the week he wants. But among the 53 murderers who have been executed at the Oregon State Penitentiary, 19 have died on a day other than Friday.

The prison's grim execution book goes back to 1903 when the prison took over the execution job from county sheriffs.

Since then, 76 men have been sentenced to die. Fifteen got governors to commute their sentences to life, two beat the rap by committing suicide, and one died a natural death. There are still awaiting their trip to the gas chamber.

Oregon is one of eight states using lethal gas. The 1927 Legislature changed from hanging to gas, believing the gas chamber is more humane. Twenty-five states have the electric chair, eight use hanging, six don't have the death penalty, and Utah gives the victim a choice between hanging or shooting.

Executions in Oregon average about one a year, but it's been four years since the last one. It was on Friday, Jan. 23, 1948. The one before that, however, was on a Saturday—Feb. 2, 1946. The man had been sentenced to die on a Friday, but the governor delayed the execution for eight days.

HOUR

Executions are held at 8:30 a.m. but the new warden, Virgil O'Malley, wants it changed to midnight. He says it's better to have them when the other convicts are asleep, because executions give the convicts the jitters. Prison Supt. George Alexander will decide whether to change the hour.

The execution chamber used to be on the top floor of a cell block.

Food Prices Marked Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail grocers Thursday began computing new price ceilings on hundreds of food items based on government approval of higher profit margin for the industry.

The new ceilings can go into effect Monday. The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) issued an order Wednesday night authorizing increases ranging up to 25 per cent in the mark-up retail food stores can apply to their costs. OPS said this average about a penny an item on the selected list of foods affected.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall estimated the margin hikes will increase food costs to the public by from 100 million to 150 million dollars a year.

He said a minimum of 100 million is needed by the industry to assure fair and equitable earnings under the law and pricing standards.

There was a sharp difference of opinion between Arnall and his price agency officials on one hand, and industry spokesmen on the other, over the effect the adjustments will have on over-the-counter food costs.

Industry spokesmen said "The truth is, the adjustments being made by OPS and the adjustments sought by the grocers will have little effect on prices."

They added that if the industry got all the relief asked and could put new prices into effect the cost of food to consumers would go up "only about five cents per week per person."

Arnall said that translated into dollars this means the industry would like to have increases totaling about 405 million dollars a year compared with the 100 million OPS estimates grocers will realize from the higher margin.

KOREAN LOSSES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department Thursday identified 115 Korean War casualties (list No. 574). Of the total, 17 are dead, 86 wounded, seven missing and five injured in battle zone accidents.

DRIVER KILLED

EUGENE (AP) — A power shovel crushed a truck cab, killing the driver near Oakridge Wednesday. The victim was William S. Alvar, Portland, employed by Parker Schramm Co.

He was in the cab waiting for the truck to be loaded with gravel for use on the highway relocation project near Lookout Point Dam. The power shovel cable broke and the shovel dropped, smashing the cab.

Tele-fun
by Warren Goodrich

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