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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

There's good news today in the announcement from Senator Cordon that the air base here will be reactivated to serve as a base for some sort of interceptor squadron. Sure, they're a noisy, smelly lot of modern equipment which do little to improve either the acoustical value of the esthetic charm of a country, but with the planes come crews of men who will be stationed here, draw their salaries here and, we hope, spend 'em here.

A shot in the arm which we can very well use.

Apparently the theory is that there is a hole in the western defense line through which enemy bombers could swing in and turn either North to blast Portland and Seattle, or South to hit at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

With the incredibly fast jet planes, in all probability armed with Nike, our air defense crews could be on the back of any intruder within a matter of minutes. And minutes are what count in these modern wars.

Why is it that our magnificent Upper Lake always looks smaller when it's frozen over than it does when the wind ruffling the waves? Drive out along it any of these days when it is snow covered and you'll see the difference.

Notice that the big flood up above Algoma is slowly going down. Scott Warren was telling us the other day that the pumps were going after the big puddle left by last spring's break-through. And that the land will be ready for crops this year.

More good news.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

In our last column we left Joaquin Miller following Gibson in the Battle of Castle Crags, after abandoning the post assigned to him by Mountain Joe, Joaquin writes:

"Gibson led, or crept hastily on, his head below the chaparral. No one dared to speak. But when we got into position, right in the thick of it, our men opened. Then the arrows, then the yelling, as they came before! The women and children prisoners down with Joe set up the death song, as if it was not already dismal enough. The savages banded us and bullied us, saying we were all going to be killed before the sun went down; that we were already covered with blood, and that they had not lost a man. I had not yet fired a shot, since I was Gibson, and, rising up to look for a target, he told an Indian to 'pull the fool down by the hair,' which he promptly did.

"The battle lasted for hours. The men were choking, and the sun went down. We must kill or be killed, and that soon. We must do our work before dark. The white man has little show with an Indian in battle at night.

"Gibson gathered all who could or would go, and took still another place by storm. Then Lane fell, mortally wounded by an arrow in the eye. I saw Gibson's gun fall from his hand from the very degree of arrows; then all was blank, and I knew no more of that battle.

"The fight was over when I came to my senses, and it was dark. A young man by the name of Jamieson was trying to drag me through the brush; and it has always seemed to me that a good many people walked over me and trod on me. I could hear, but could not see.

"An arrow had struck the left side of my face, knocked out two teeth, and had forced its point through the back of my neck. I could hear, and I knew the voices of Gibson and Joe. They cut off the point of the arrow and pulled it out of my face by the feather end. Then I could see. I suffered no pain, but was humbled and cowed as we lay under the pines. Joe held my head all night expecting that I would die.

"Gibson had the squaw prisoners carry his wounded down to the pack trail on the banks of the Sacramento. They laid us down under the pines and pretty juniper trees on the west side of the swift, sweet river. And how tender and how kind these heroic men were! I was a brother to them now their boy hero. Only the day before I had been merely 'Mountain Joe's boy.'

Joaquin was nursed back to health by friendly Indian women.

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

Several readers have recently asked for a discussion of mucous colitis, saying that this is a subject which they have never been discussed in this column. There is actually no material difference between this condition and what is also known as irritable bowel or plastic colon, a subject which has been commonly discussed here, and which is an extremely widespread disorder.

I do not like to call it disease because some may feel that it constitutes a menace to life, which it really does not.

Diarrhea followed by constipation, often accompanied by discomfort in the abdomen and growing sounds, are the most common signs of this uncomfortable ailment. Most of those who have a plastic colon think they are constipated because, after a period of fairly loose movements, there may be a delay of a day or more before another occurs.

The idea is wrong. The waste material is passing through the bowels too fast rather than too slowly. The wavelike motions of the intestines, which carry the waste matter downward, occur too often and produce discomfort. When there is nothing remaining in

the intestines there can be no bowel movement no matter how often the wavelike motions occur.

People who are nervous, thin, and easily upset are particularly liable to plastic colon. The nervous system sends unconscious messages to the bowel which causes the intestinal waves to move more frequently. This, of course, makes the symptoms of a spastic colon worse. Nearly all who have it notice that the symptoms are worse when they are angry, anxious, or annoyed.

Some foods, particularly raw fruits and vegetables, irritate the bowels and stimulate the intestines to increased peristaltic waves. Cathartics do the same thing, only more so.

The strain of modern living has an unfavorable effect, and the diet is important. The laxative foods and laxative and cathartic drugs should be avoided. A diet, which contains a high proportion of what are called bland foods, is therefore desirable.

A disappointing feature of this



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By Jimmie

THEN THEY THROW A PARTY... ARE YOU INVITED? (XNAY!) THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU'RE ALIVE!!



HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (U) — The slaying of Maxwell Bodenheim, a future poet and novelist, is a flamboyant epitaph to a Greenwich Village life that is gone.

It is a kind of mortal farewell to a Bohemianism that died long ago, and for almost 22 years has become to the outsider a Manhattan tourist attraction. The tourists still feel they have to see Greenwich Village just as they used to visit Grant's tomb.

They go to Radio City now or visit the top of the Empire State instead of calling on Gen. Grant. But time doesn't dim the magic of some names. And so they still like to beam at the bums on the Bowery, gawk at the law-abiding chop suey dens of Chinatown, and they like to go to Greenwich Village, hoping to see the mad, bad, Bohemian artists at play.

The passing of poor Max Bodenheim is only the irony of the death of a symbol. He came here out of the Chicago literary school, as did his arch rival, Ben Hecht, who co-authored "The Front Page," with Char's MacArthur, another Chicago newspaperman.

At one time they all were regarded as midwestern Bohemians. Then the roads went different ways. MacArthur married Helen Hayes after, so the legend goes, winning her heart by holding out some peanuts and saying, "I wish they were emeralds."

But both MacArthur and Hecht went on to hit the literary jackpot. Bodenheim never became popular. His life resolved itself, according to many critics, into a victory of alcoholism over a fine talent.

He settled in Greenwich Village and became a character in an out-of-date Bohemianism. He died of a .22 caliber bullet through the chest, and the saddest and perhaps the truest thing you can say of Maxwell Bodenheim is that the guy who pulled the trigger picked the right size gun to measure his final stature as a writer. Max pulled the trigger on his own life long ago, or at least on the premise that his life held. And why he did it is his own secret, and our mystery.

John Masfeldt mopped a bar-room floor in Greenwich Village, and later became famous. Eugene O'Neill dreamed and loved and probably drank there. So did Edna Millay. Alexander Hamilton, Edgar Allan Poe, and a very eloquent living friend of mine named John Lardner, and a hundred talented others.

My wife, and I, when young, lived for seven happy years next door to the home where once had dwelt Richard Harding Davis (the Ernie Pyle of his day) and three floors from the apartment house where Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt lived for a time, too. As a matter of fact, Ernie Pyle lived in Greenwich Village briefly, and was unhappy there.

Greenwich Village today is one of the nicest residential communities for some of the most solidly respectable people in America. It has a few of the finest restaurants in the land. It also has a few cheap tawdry night clubs that are a disgrace to it and the people

uncomfortable, but not dangerous condition, is that even when recovery seems to be complete, almost any emotional strain or indiscretion in eating will start it off again. Spastic colon does not predispose to cancer or other serious complications.

U. N. Commander To Attend Conference

TOKYO (U) — Gen. John E. Hull, commander of U. N. Far East forces, said today just before leaving for Washington that he does not anticipate renewed fighting in Korea.

Hull and U. S. Ambassador John M. Allison left in Hull's private Constellation plane for top-level conferences at the Defense and State departments.

Hull said he was taking an "encouraging report" on Korean conditions. Both described the trip as strictly routine.

Training Dummy Causes Furore

BUFFALO, N. Y. (U) — Two men carried a five-foot-long object wrapped in a white sheet into the lobby of the United States Court-house yesterday.

Spectators gasped when they saw blonde hair protruding from one end of the bundle.

The men waited quietly for an elevator. Then they rode up to the office of the FBI.

A body? No, said the FBI. A department store mannequin used in a police training course.

Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (U) — "Love is in the air," carols an Indianapolis store in its windows filled with valentine pretties.

"Win his heart with home bar accessories," a New York hardware merchant chimes in.

"Show her your affection with a diamond platinum heart," pleads a New York jeweler—price \$5.175. That's affection? What price love?

And a Fifth Avenue store builds a window display around zebra undies nestled in outsize heels.

Merchants around the land echo this amiable hope that love will fill the hearts of the nation this week as never before—and move a wide variety of articles from the stores to the object of your affections.

That loving impulse couldn't be more welcome than this year when so many are a little unsure as to the trend of sales in general.

Greeting card makers appear confident that this will be their biggest valentine season. They predict some 300 million cards will be exchanged. That could mean that every American old enough to read and write would send one and get one.

Florists always find the patron saint of lovers a big aid to sales. The telephone and telegraph companies count on business from those separated by the miles, or by those who forget until the last minute.

Candy makers are stuffing heart-shaped boxes with sweets and hoping this year, in spite of the high price of chocolate, will see their biggest sales volume. If a swain is in the chips he can pay as high as \$35 for a box.

Heart-shaped bottles are being filled with perfume. And this year a California vineyard is touting similar bottles for sherry and port. A New York delicatessen has heart-shaped salami, just in case that's the direction your affection takes.

A Chicago store reports that valentine promotions on lingerie have been bringing in a lot of customers.

A South Bend, Ind., shop reports the same for women's blouses, but fails to state whether the sales were to women taking advantage of price mark-downs or to their admirers who think a new blouse might perk up the girls a little.

Hosiery and gloves are also being pushed as fitting gifts.

The men aren't forgotten. "Give your beau a pink-and-black shirt and socks ensemble," a merchant counsels the girls. Necktie makers plug their wares as a surprise gift for a male who by now may have got over the shock of his Christmas cravat. Jumbo-sized cuff links will bowl him over Feb. 14, a jeweler's trade group is confident.

Merchants outside the usual path of Valentine's Day shoppers are trying for the market this year. Lovers can find an appropriate gift, one says, among his stock of percolators, chafing dishes, toasters, silent butlers and ash trays.

And an imposing number of merchants apparently have decided this is a good week for their ads to feature convertible love seats.

FIRE

PORTLAND (U) — Damage was estimated at \$14,300 in a fire which swept through rooms in a second floor apartment here Tuesday. Three tenants were driven out by the blaze.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (U) — While President Eisenhower stands aloof from the day-by-day political strife, his Republicans go around knocking the Democrats' hats off. It's getting on the Democrats' nerves.

Now they're calling on Eisenhower to halt the Republican attacks, if he disapproves, or say openly he endorses them, if he does. In this effort to put him on the spot, the Democrats' relationship with him has taken a sudden turn.

In his public statements dealing with Democrats Eisenhower has practiced the precept—"with malice toward none"—laid down by Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday Friday the Republicans are busy celebrating.

Because of this, or because they have a healthy respect for his popularity, Democrats generally have said nothing mean about him.

It's a rare relationship which seems in danger of disappearing in this election year for, if the Republican attacks continue along their present line, the Democrats may not let Eisenhower stand aloof from partisan brawls.

The Democrats started calling on him to say where he stood after a weekend blast at them by his No. 1 White House assistant, Sherman Adams.

Adams in a speech Saturday night climaxed the Republicans' own growing irritation over the Democrats' harping on the present business downturn. He said:

Democrats who talked about depression were a bunch of political "sadists" trying to hand the country a "Fear Deal." This, coming from someone so close to Eisenhower as Adams, set the Democrats afire.

But it wasn't the only match the Republicans had applied to them. The Democrats were ablaze over another question.

After all the Republican talk in the 1952 campaign about Communists - in - government, just how many Communists did the Republicans find when they took over from the Democrats?

Eisenhower himself announced 2,200 government employees had

been "separated" from their jobs under his security program. Under his security program. Under that program a person could be fired not only for being a Communist or Communist sympathizer but for being a drunk, homosexual or a gossip.

How many of the 2,200 were found to be actual Communists or fellow travelers or otherwise subversive and how many were let out for the various other reasons? Eisenhower didn't say.

In spite of demands by Democrats in Congress, and repeated questioning of the President by newsmen, the administration still hasn't said how many of the "separated" people were subversive.

Democrats protested in the Senate that Republicans inside and outside the White House have been implying most of the "separated" employees were Communists.

The question about the number of Communists uncovered by the Republicans is not academic. Some powerful Republicans have insisted Communists - in - government would be a main issue in this year's congressional elections. Eisenhower has said he hopes any fear of Reds "actively undermining" the government will have disappeared by November.

If the administration ever provides a breakdown showing none or only a handful of the 2,200 were subversive, the Republicans will have lost a lot of ammunition. The Democrats will have gained it. If it turns out the other way, the Democrats will be sorry they ever raised the question.

Last year Democrats helped Eisenhower on certain pieces of legislation. Even more this year, when the Democrats outnumbered Republicans in the Senate and are almost even with them in the House, Eisenhower will need Democratic help on his program.

But while the Democrats may mutter about not giving him continued support, on a matter of national welfare the Democrats will have difficulty opposing an Eisenhower program on partisan political grounds.

AFL Leaders Finish Meet; Beck Plans Big Drive

By NORMAN WALKER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (U) — AFL leaders have come forward with a compromise plan for settling job rights among rival AFL unions but their remaining considerations doubt today how well it will work out.

The AFL Executive Council gave tentative approval to the plan before winding up a winter meeting yesterday. It was obvious that several AFL unions were reluctant about going along.

George Meany, when installed as AFL president little more than a year ago, embarked on a campaign to establish machinery for settling feuds between the AFL and CIO as a preliminary to a merger. Then he was instructed by the AFL to try for a similar peace plan within the AFL itself.

Neither plan has matured, although Meany still is pushing both, and it is hopeful they can be accomplished.

The rub comes mainly within the

AFL, among unions jealous of their often conflicting jurisdictional claims that a particular union's members should perform a certain type of work.

The Teamsters Union, for example, headed by Dave Beck, has announced plans for doubling a present membership of nearly 1,500,000 within five years. The Teamsters are reportedly reluctant to abandon the possibility of expanding work opportunities in fields now occupied by members of CIO or other AFL unions.

The Teamsters will decide on both plans at a meeting of that union's international executive board here next week. On their decision will largely depend whether Meany's hopes for orderly settlement of interunion rivalries can be accomplished.

It was with this underlying conflict that the AFL council yesterday approved a plan to let whatever unions desire to go along agree in advance to submit their job-right disputes with other AFL unions to a binding decision by an outside judge, or arbitrator.

The whole plan must be reconsidered, however, at another AFL council meeting in Chicago next May when all AFL union presidents also will decide the plan. It then can be put into effect for unions subscribing to it, or the whole matter can be put over to the next AFL convention.

Meany said he believed "a substantial number of AFL unions" will subscribe to the AFL's own peace plan. He said only about 40 out of the AFL's 110 unions have agreed to go along with the AFL-CIO "no raiding" pact.

There appeared good cause for doubt that Meany's plans will go into effect. While CIO President Walter Reuther has pledged that virtually all his unions want to endorse the "no raiding pact," some of them are known to qualify their OK on most AFL unions also agreeing.

The AFL council advised all AFL unions to establish safeguards on union help and welfare funds to prevent "abuses" and excessive administrative costs. The move was widely regarded as an attempt to counter President Eisenhower's recommendation that Congress investigate union handling of these eight-million dollar funds and enact legislative curbs on possible abuses.

BPW Drive For Equal Rights

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Inc., through its 165,000 members, is launching an all out drive for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, by the 83rd Congress.

The move has been dubbed "Operation Buttonhole," and every member of the United States Senate and House have received visits from representatives of the club, with appeals for a vote in favor of equal rights for women.

There are 76,064,000 women in the U.S. and 74,633,000 men but only the 74,633,000 are citizens with full equal rights.

Business women are protesting the present inequalities; court decisions that have ruled that women are not "persons"; men would profit if certain benefits now "for women only" applied to both sexes; United Nations agreements granting equality cannot be ratified by the United States until the constitution contains a guarantee of equality; in some states women cannot serve on juries, dispose of separate property, be appointed guardians of minor children or select hours of work.

Members of the Klamath Falls Club are organizing a program here to contact all members of Congress from Oregon.

Atom Power Planned For Railroads

SALT LAKE CITY (U) — An atomic locomotive that would run for a year on only 13 pounds of uranium will be described today to railroad and manufacturing representatives by a University of Utah nuclear scientist.

The scientist, Dr. Lyle B. Born, yesterday made public plans for what could be the world's first atomic-driven locomotive. He said the plans were developed during his advance physics course at the university.

Today he will outline the plans to representatives of the five railroads and nine industrial concerns which cooperated with the project.

At a press conference yesterday, he said the locomotive would be driven with steam-produced electricity and would cost an estimated \$1,200,000. It would look much like the diesel locomotives now in use and would develop 7,000 horsepower.

The scientist said the engine could run for a year on approximately 13 pounds of uranium. He said that even if the uranium cost \$11,000 a pound the fuel expenditure would be about \$150,000, compared with the present \$240,000 that is spent annually on a diesel locomotive.

He said he did not know the cost of uranium but said a recent published report estimated it at around \$9,000 a pound.

He emphasized that the project was still in the classroom stage but predicted that "we will have atomic locomotives before we have atomically produced electric energy on an industrial scale."

Winter Continues Mild Over Nation

By The Associated Press

The northern states got light snow or snow flurries and a little cooler air but generally mild winter weather continued in most parts of the country Wednesday.

The cold air from Central and Western Canada headed into the border states and temperature drops were predicted for most of the Midwest by Thursday.

Light snows or flurries fell Wednesday in sections of New York State and New England. Light snow also was reported in the Northern Rockies.

It was cloudy in the Eastern Great Lakes region but generally fair weather was reported in other areas.

U. S. Atomic Stock Believed Large

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (U) — The Swedish army chief of staff reported today that the United States is believed to have a stock of "considerably more than 1,000 atomic bombs" and the Soviet Union "might have some 100 atomic weapons of both light and heavy types."

The statement by Gen. Richard Akerman, made in a survey of East-West resources in the event of war, was published on the front pages of several Swedish papers.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



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