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"Keep Living"

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—On Memorial Day you might as well put the moral at the start:

"Keep Living!"

The purpose of the dead is for us to be. They ran out of breath for us.

On this day of national recognition of mortality, time gives us a pause. This pause gives us time to reflect. We jubilate the past and hold a heart-coming for the dear dead.

Memorial Day is an opportunity. It is an opportunity to admire your ancestors... there under known stars they glimmer unknown forever. They put us here.

It is a day to honor a husband, brother, son, or a friend, dead or away—and absence is a form of death.

The whole problem of Memorial Day is one of transportation. You are transported by your loyalties... and remembrance.

Life hesitates... the eternal glow of ambition is reduced to a grumble. Yet a son as he sheds a tear on the grave of his father wants to step farther and be buried near.

There on the hill of a moment, a humanity afraid of itself flies the flag all people salute—the one that waves for the ones who went before.

It would be nice on Memorial Day if neither the dead nor the living were altogether alone.

Vivacious Colonel

By LOWRY BOWMAN
United Press International

Col. R. G. Bradley is a regular Army officer who has a yen to leave the routine of third Army headquarters in Atlanta... and get back into action.

Usually, a desire for action is not surprising. But in the case of Colonel Bradley almost everything is surprising. The "R" stands for Ruby... and Col. Ruby Bradley is one of only three permanent full colonels in the Army Nurse Corps. She holds the highest rank available to women.

A small, dark-haired woman, the vivacious colonel looks something like the traditional school teacher. She certainly doesn't look much like what she is... the Army's most decorated nurse. Colonel Bradley has seen action in two wars and she spent three years as a prisoner in a Japanese prison camp.

Now, Ruby Bradley is head of the Army Nurse Corps in the South... but she says she's not the type for desk work.

Colonel Bradley says: "I'd like to go back to Asia, or to Europe, and return to the ground floor of nursing."

When World War II broke out, the sparkle-eyed brunette was in the Philippines. She was captured on Luzon shortly after outbreak of the war, and was taken to Santo Tomas Prison at Manila.

The Army nurse tipped the scales at a trim 110 pounds when she was captured. Three years of a starvation rice diet, however, pared her down to 86 pounds by the time she was released. While in the prison camp, Ruby Bradley delivered 13 babies and helped in more than 200 operations using only primitive instruments and few medical supplies.

Colonel Bradley was named chief of Army combat nurses at the beginning of the Korean action. Throughout the fighting she stayed near the front lines. The diminutive nurse set up casualty hospitals throughout South Korea and stayed near the wounded night and day—even sleeping with ordinary field equipment in a tent near the wounded.

Her work, and her devotion to duty, has been noticed. Colonel Bradley was the first woman to be given an international honor guard... holds the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and was presented the Florence Nightingale Medal by the International Red Cross.

And the president of Korea's Association of Nurses, thanked the American Army nurse for her efforts and prophesied: Your undying glory will be recorded in our history, and in the history of the world.

De Gaulle's Approach

By PRESTON GROVER
AP Paris Bureau Chief

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle's approach to the doorstep of power in France seems to have happened fast. But there is a wide belief that it was planned in advance.

Correspondents returning from Algiers have seen officers there who talk freely of the preparations for it. Preparations ran back at least six weeks before De Gaulle's declaration last week that he was ready to assume the powers of the republic, the officers say.

In the French Assembly the 596 seats are divided among at least 12 major political groups—ranging from far left to far right—and a number of splinter factions.

The French have wanted this broad representation for varied viewpoints to prevent one man, or one party, from dominating. This stems from their historical recollection of, and their distaste for, dictatorships.

The Communists have the greatest number of Assembly seats: 142 out of the 596 total. Next most powerful are the Socialists, with 97, and so on down to nine members not connected with any party.

When there is a major issue the Premier—or for that matter anyone in the Assembly—can call for a vote of confidence in the Premier and the group around him running the country at the moment.

If a premier falls in the vote of confidence, The President (merely a figurehead in France) must find someone else who can get enough support from the various factions to form a new government.

That support, as the history of these past 13 years shows, has never lasted long. The result has been instability that has brought the republic tottering to the edge of chaos.

The British don't have that kind of trouble. In the House of Commons the two big parties—Conservatives and Laborites—dominate the House of Commons. They hold almost all the seats between them, with the Conservatives in a majority.

There a party is chosen to run the government for five years. The leader of the party becomes prime minister. If he faces a major issue where he loses a vote of confidence, or thinks there's doubt he has such confidence, he can ask the Queen to dissolve Parliament and order new elections.

In this country, because of the provisions written into the Constitution, there is more stability than under the British system although it may be argued the American system may not be so responsive to public feeling as the British.

Here a president and vice president are elected for four-year terms, to run the government. They can't be ousted in that period except for gross misconduct, no matter what members of Congress feel about them.

To allow the people to express their views during that four-year period, the Constitution calls for election every two years of the entire membership of the House and a third of the Senate.

This illustrates how completely the two big American parties dominate the American governmental system: in the 1956 presidential election, over 62 million votes were cast. Although a number of other parties ran candidates, altogether they got less than 1 per cent of the vote.

And there are only Democrats and Republicans in Congress now, with the Democrats in charge because they outnumber the Republicans.

Pogo

WHY MISS LULU ARFFIN MANNY, WHEN I FELL OUT OF THE TREE I DON'T MEAN, HEH HEH, TO FALL ON, HEH HEH, YOU HEH HEH.

YOU DO IT ON PURPOSE, YOU PUPPY-LIVERED CHICKEN PLUCKER!

SOH, MISS LULU, YOUR ARDENT FIVE IS LIKE WHEN YOU WAS PLAYIN' GIRL OF THE LUMBERWREST IN '30 OUGHT TWENTY-ONE.

SHOW YOU!

OH, I LOVES THE ADAGIO, I GLED DANCE DANCE.

AAARGH

ROWW!

Vets Mail Bag

Veterans Administration has explained the provisions of a new law permitting a reservist drawing nondisability retired pay for military service, to receive Veterans Administration compensation equal amount of his retired pay.

The law, which is widely misunderstood by retired reservists and other interested persons, is Public Law 85-375, and it became effective May 1, 1953.

Under previous laws, the waiver privilege was open to all retired members of the regular armed forces, but to reservists only if they were retired for physical disability.

The new law now gives equal waiver privileges to all veterans receiving retired pay for either regular or reserve military service.

VA emphasized, however, that reservists must be otherwise eligible for compensation or pension to take advantage of the waiver.

Full information on the law can be obtained at any VA office.

Opinion Expressed

Klamath Agency (To the Editor)—I have read the views and opinions of many wise and learned men on what is good and bad for the Klamath Indians. Now with your kind indulgence I would like to express my opinion, that of a lower grade Indian Service employee.

I have worked with the Klamath people for the past three years. Among them I have seen good ranchers, businessmen, artists, and athletes. I have seen pride, initiative, and tolerance. I have also seen rascals. These people seem to me a typical American cross section.

As to termination, I have a pet theory that I probably share with no one else. Also one that will no doubt provide grounds for a good many arguments.

No doubt it was necessary to create reservations at the time of settlement, but I believe the termination should have been started a long time ago, and should have been a long gradual process.

The argument put forth by most people is that the Indian is irresponsible and lacks incentive. Now let's take a look back through the years. The Indian was a proud, independent man who fought for what he believed was right. Outnumbered and overpowered by the white man, he was relegated to an area called a reservation, and an invisible barrier built around it. He was told to forget his Indian ways, even his language, and learn the way of the white man. Schools were built and teachers were brought in to educate the Indian, and instruct him in farming and trades. Unfortunately, the government did not always screen these instructors thoroughly, and incompetence and tactlessness brought disrespect not only for them but the government as a whole. Then as the Indian did learn the white man's ways, the government continued to hover over him like a doting mother over an incompetent child, rather than giving him his independence and making him feel an equal. There is little wonder that after nearly a hundred years of such protection, the Indian may have lost some of his incentive, as would any group under similar circumstances.

Segregation is usually considered a nasty word, and generally associated with the southland and the Negro peoples. Although few of us would admit it, segregation has existed here. It has never existed to the extent of Jim Crow law, but deep down inside many white men feel that the Indian is not quite his equal. Fortunately, I believe this way of thinking is on the way out. But the Indian is a proud, sensitive person and it will take many years, perhaps generations, for the ill feelings to be erased.

The present termination bill was initiated by a man who sincerely believed it was for the good of the people. What the outcome will be is anybody's guess. There will be a good deal of cash involved, and there will be people waiting to relieve the Indian of it. Frank, sincere, honest counsel by businessmen and investors could not only affect the basic economy of the county, but could also help to cement relations between the white man and Indian.

Sincerely,
Nelson Sharp

Community Hospital Construction Men Walk Off

Editor's Note—This is the second in a series of articles discussing the need for a community hospital.

By BILL DECKER

The early steps in planning for a new hospital in Klamath County may not be as involved as the later, more technical problems, but they are the most important. First the need must be determined. How big a hospital should be planned? With our population growing at the rate it is, how many beds should be provided? The Chamber of Commerce reveals that the county has seen an increase in population of over 1,000 a year for the past several years. If we continue to grow at that rate we would be wasting our time and money to plan too small a hospital which would be inadequate by the time it was completed.

Harry E. Palmer, who is director of hospital planning and construction for the Oregon State Board of Health, has assured this writer that agency's complete cooperation in determining the needs of Klamath County for hospital facilities. He has pointed out the importance of a very careful study of the situation and the future when approaching a project of such magnitude.

Oliver Larson, who is present industrial manager for the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, took an active part in helping both Lebanon and Springfield complete their hospital projects. He is of the opinion that professional advice and guidance are essential to the success of any hospital campaign, particularly in the preliminary survey stage.

We must not only determine the number of beds to be provided but we must consider the services a new hospital should offer. When these two elements are decided a program can be drawn up which will show with reasonable completeness what each department of the hospital will require in terms of area, major equipment and personnel.

Too much emphasis can not be placed on the importance of this preparatory work. If the program is clearly thought out at this stage a great deal of time and money will be saved and a better hospital will result.

Graham Prays For France

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Evangelist Billy Graham led 16,000 persons in the San Francisco Cow Palace in a prayer for the people of France Thursday night.

Graham began his evening meeting with a request that his audience rise and join him in praying for France in the "darkest hour" that country has faced in many years.

"France has paid a greater price for freedom than any country in the world," Graham said. "Her leadership for today lies on the banks of the Marne among the dead of World War I, and along the German border among the dead of World War II."

He prayed that the French people might avert civil war and that they emerge "stronger and more united than ever before."

On his topic for the evening, "Christ As a Teen-Ager," Graham pointed out that Jesus spent no time "lying around watching television or listening to Elvis Presley."

28 MILLION TO ONE

CINCINNATI (AP)—Somebody in the U.S. Bureau of Statistics figured out that the odds against three members of a family being born on the same date were 28 million to one.

Meet the Cincinnati boys who met those odds—Bruce Bardes, 19, and his brothers Dale 17, and Todd, 11, who celebrated their birthdays yesterday.

STRICT JUDGE

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—A vandal altered the letters on a sign pointing to Dist. Judge Carl A. Hatch's office so that it read, "U.S. Strict Judge." Moments before the judge had meted out sentences totaling 13 years to three men.



COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Construction Men Walk Off

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—Some 270 construction workers have walked off the job of building a flight engine test facility for America's aircraft nuclear engine.

No reason could be learned today. The men walked off late Wednesday. About 30 laborers and iron workers were all who showed up yesterday morning.

The facility, scheduled for completion next year, is designed to test an aircraft nuclear engine in conjunction with the frame of an airplane, a typical crew compartment and aircraft control systems.

Robert Good, a spokesman for Wright, Cheney and Burch, Inc., a combine of three construction firms from the state of Washington, said he had heard only rumors on the cause of the walkout and was not at liberty to say what the cause was at this time.

The facility is located on the National Reactor Testing Station west of here in eastern Idaho. It is part of the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion project operated for the Atomic Energy Commission by the General Electric Co.

Sailor's Graves Now Shipshape

QUINCY, Mass. (AP)—The graves of 150 long-forgotten sailors were shipshape this Memorial Day because of Siegrid von Hartenstein, 87, retired gunner's mate.

Six years ago he came across a desolate, weed-grown cemetery with rotting wooden crosses. He embarked on a one-man rehabilitation project, with watering, gardening tools and tulip bulbs.

His efforts through the years attracted the attention and cooperation of the American Legion and the Quincy Veterans Bureau.

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Ex-Con Faces Prison Term

CHICAGO (AP)—Paul (The Wailer) Ricca, who took over as one of the leaders of the old Capone crime syndicate when Scarface Al went to prison, was convicted yesterday of evading nearly \$100,000 in income taxes.

The 60-year-old ex-convict, who is facing possible deportation, may be sent to prison as long as 15 years and fined \$30,000 on the income tax evasion verdict. A jury in U. S. District Court deliberated more than 16 hours before returning its verdict.

Ricca served four years in federal prison when he and other leading Chicago hoodlums were convicted in the million-dollar labor extortion of the Hollywood movie industry. He was paroled in 1947.

The government accused him of holding back some \$99,000 in taxes in 1948, 1949 and 1950. The government said the money came from syndicate operations Ricca then controlled.

Ricca's attorneys said Ricca's lavish spending in 1948-1950 came from \$300,000 he had hidden in the attic of his suburban River Forest home.

Ricca, tight lipped at the jury's verdict, was released on \$10,000 bond pending arguments June 12 on a motion for a new trial.

The jury acquitted Ricca and his tax attorney Joseph P. Bulger, of conspiracy. This verdict exonerated Bulger completely.

Pilots Told To Report

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Western Air Lines pilots are under company orders today to report for duty Sunday.

But the line—strikebound by the Air Line Pilots Assn. for 97 days—has not set a date for resumption of service, and an ALPA spokesman termed the announcement "just a pressure move."

The union said pilots won't show up unless arbitration and back-to-work agreements are signed in the meantime.

Western and the ALPA agreed Saturday that after five further days of arbitration they would submit unresolved issues to binding arbitration.

But a union spokesman said this agreement was contingent on the signing of the two agreements—and that neither has been signed.

Western ceased operation when the strike began. Yesterday the line said it had sent special delivery letters to pilots to report at 8 a. m. Sunday at WAL bases at Los Angeles, Denver and Salt Lake City.

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