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Why Shelter?

By BILL JENKINS

It is somewhat comforting to assume that as a race we have perhaps calmed down a little bit over the once torrid subject of bomb shelters.

At least I am able to find some encouragement in the fact that the newspapers, the only public media of news dissemination with which I am in any kind of contact, have not carried as large a volume of hysterical warnings about what is going to happen come the day when "the bomb" is turned loose on an unprepared populace.

To my mind there has always been a surplus of defects in the thinking so rigorously pursued by the bomb shelter enthusiasts.

In the first place if we are to believe what we read the new bombs will come without warning and we wouldn't have time to dive down into our basement tomb anyhow.

Presumably the only visible things will be the planes of the offender nation cruising around to see how things are progressing. And since we are also told that our massive retaliation setup is already on a pushbutton and standby basis it is to be presumed that these investigating aircraft will have no home field left to return to anyway. Even a dead finger attached to a falling body will be enough to trigger revenge on a cosmic basis.

Secondly, if the bomb is going to kill off everything and poison what's left what use is it going to be to huddle in the pump house until you run out of food? When you come creeping out the silent death, as the high placed purveyors of doom please to call it, will be waiting to pounce. And your chances will go up the spout in exactly the same ratio as did those of the chap who was caught visiting friends who didn't have a bomb shelter either.

Nope, it seems to me that worry about fallout and what may or may not happen when the attack comes is something we can do without. And without a twinge of conscience at that. We are not shirking our civil defense duties one whit if we cleanse this worry from our minds. In fact, we are probably helping it. After all, about the only way the layman can help the space age defense effort is by working even harder and longer hours in order to pungle up the enormous tax bill necessary to support such artifacts of our time as missiles loaded with H-bomb and other unclean things. And every one knows you can work harder and longer if you aren't worried.

Time and Lunik One have forced us to abandon the old idea of every American grasping the family deer rifle and preparing to defend the home and fatherland.

About all we need to do now is keep that same spirit bright and untarnished and put our faith in the slender hope that international sanity may be regained before it is too late.

And if it is too late we might as well go with free minds.

If it isn't, after all, we haven't lost anything.

Savings accounts and human hope are two things that seldom spoil with age.

Radio-TV Czar

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

I have to again find myself in opposition to Sen. Richard Neuberger, but it doesn't have a thing to do with politics.

In a recent speech, he commented that this country needed honesty in politics. With that I agree. However, he reached quite a ways in stating that politicians who use teleprompters on TV speeches are not being honest. In the first place, many persons are not gifted with the ability to speak fluently without having direct references to notes or speeches.

If we made it a qualification of political office that the person be able to speak off-the-cuff with assuredness and suavity, we would considerably cut down on the people eligible for political posts.

I don't think using a teleprompter for a TV speech is any worse than women using girdles, or men using padded shoulders or single-breasted suits, toupees, shaving lotion or deodorant.

Let's be honest with ourselves when we admit that all these things tend to improve on nature, even speaking with non-visible teleprompters.

However, it was not this that drew my fire. It was the senator's statement that TV and radio needed a czar like baseball.

Certainly, in his past statements he has defended the right of free speech. Establishing a czar over these medias of expression is tantamount to a dictatorship and would be but the beginning of thought

control—that would be extended sooner or later to cover the printed word as well.

No, thank you. We won't buy it. Radio and TV may need policing, but in my book the public is the best one to police these things. Legislating against an evil is one thing, but setting yourself or anyone up as a one-man or one-person censorship board for the public is something else.

I think the senator's remarks need a great deal of clarification.

Smokey

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Tomorrow is the deadline for submitting a name for the new little black bear at the Moore Park Zoo. (Send the suggested name, preferably with a voluntary contribution to the bear pen building fund, to George Price, park director, Box 1200, Klamath Falls.)

We hope the judges, when selecting the winning name next week, will count the number of times that Smokey is suggested.

Probably more Oregon youngsters know about Smokey than about any other single animal, including the Easter Bunny. The Keep Oregon Green Association has made Smokey a mighty important little figure in the minds of children and adults as well.

Smokey is about 17 years old, the brainchild of the Advertising Council, a non-profit organization which promotes action on many of the nation's most serious problems. Smokey was adopted as the U.S. Forest Service's top-ranking firefighter, while he was just a cub. Back in 1942, before Smokey started his appeal to every man, woman and child to be careful of fire in the woods, nearly 30 million acres of timber was destroyed by fire. In 1958, only one-tenth of that volume went up in smoke. The Forest Service might put it this way: Last year, 27 million acres did not burn, more than 110,000 fires did not start, and a billion dollars-plus in damage was not lost.

Not only does the Forest Service recognize the impact of the campaign, but all other forest protective agencies remark on it. These forest protective associations maintain a fire guard over privately owned timberlands such as those of Weyerhaeuser, Crown Zellerbach and even the small operators. They stand ready at all times to work with and cooperate with federal and state forestry departments. The local organization is Klamath Forest Protective Association.

George Wardell, district warden of KPFA, after a tour of the vast timber holdings under KPFA protection, said recently that 1959 might have gone down in history as the year of the most disastrous forest fires ever—had it not been for the care and consideration exercised in the woods by tourists, campers and sportsmen.

Smokey's message is being heard.

Rail Rebuttal

Mount Shasta (To the Editor)—Hundreds of pages of misinformation are being circulated on the subject of having a second man on the diesel engines.

The most glaring example is the oft-repeated statement made by the railroads "that the head brakeman always rides the engine." This simply is not true. If a train has 100 cars, the head brakeman is responsible for the fifty leading cars. He is often required to be out on top of the train.

The engineer must check, and clear all trains of superior class. He may be running against one, and running ahead of another. One of the first things impressed on the rookie engineer and/or trainman is "do not rely on memory for timetable information." Well, the timetable may have 12 or 15 pages

about 12 to 24 inches in size. It is a physical impossibility for a man to scrutinize the schedules in the timetable, and keep his eye on the track ahead.

One can easily use up two minutes placing a train ahead, and one in the rear. In that two minutes a train traveling 60 miles an hour will have made two miles. To overlook either of the superior class results almost invariably in stiff penalties, and often in dismissal from service.

The railroads base their charges on train tons per mile of commodities hauled. Where then is the penalty if the train and engine crew is moving that hundred pounds of freight over 100 miles of railroad in less time. They have simply gotten better, and cheaper service for the same money, and have released the equipment for the return trip.

Have any of you ever noted the railroads offering to cut the freight if the men are compelled to haul that 100 pounds 200 miles for the same money?

I speak from nearly 30 years actual service as brakeman and conductor. To tell the brakeman to ride the engine at all times simply takes a man away from the train crew.

To operate with one man on engine lays everyone subject to being the victim of an accident over which the engineer could have no control.

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White House Notes

By MERRIMAN SMITH

UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House:

Now there's a story going around that it was so wet on the golf course in Augusta, Ga., one day last week when President Eisenhower was playing that the Secret Service men with him qualified for sea duty.

A woman reader of the Muskegon (Mich.) Chronicle who signs herself "Mrs. A. Public," writes to "Backstairs at the White House" to object rather bitterly to a recent paragraph which said "from all external evidence, Eisenhower on his 69th birthday was in good health."

"I don't believe this," the lady writes. She goes on to say how she reacts these days when she sees a picture of the President: "He looks as if one of his legs is in the coffin and the other on a banana peel. He looks haggard and like a ghost or a very tired old man."

Mrs. Public's letter was mailed from Spring Lake, Mich., just in time to be delivered to "Backstairs" in Augusta on the day the President played 36 holes of golf last week.

The crowd that turned out at the Augusta Airport last Sunday afternoon to wave goodbye to the President as he took off for Washington was amazing in its large size. This was the end of Eisenhower's 22nd trip to Augusta as President and his goings and coming should be somewhat old hat by now.

Yet, on a sunny, but chilly and very breezy afternoon, the largest crowd ever to collect at the Augusta Airport for the President turned out and cheered loudly as he went up the ramp of his plane. The turnout had old Augusta hands puzzled. There was no particular publicity buildup in the local newspapers beyond a routine story giving the time of his departure.

The President seemed happily surprised when he stepped from his limousine that brought him to the airport from the Augusta National Golf Club. Eisenhower took off his hat despite a stiff breeze and walked toward the people

who were collected along a rope barrier.

He lifted both arms in the air and the crowd howled with the enthusiasm normally associated with political rallies.

The President started toward his plane and passed a relatively small sedan which contained, by actual count, 10 shrill young girls.

"Well, would you look at that?" he said with a chuckle.

He stopped again as he went up the steps to his plane, threw his arms up in a characteristic gesture and turned on his best 100-watt smile. The crowd whooped again. From the ramp, it was easy to see that several thousand people were along the ropes and many more sitting in their automobiles.

And most of the people remained until the slipstream from the engines of the President's plane sent them scurrying for cover.

The President has never been a wallowing drawing card in Augusta, which made the size of the crowd even more interesting. There seemed to be two logical theories. One was that with only a little more than a year left in office, Eisenhower won't be making many more presidential trips to Georgia. This may have stimulated a turnout to "see him while you can."

Also, winter is approaching and the time is near when Sunday afternoon drives will not be too comfortable. Last Sunday was a fine day for getting out in the country.

Vets Mail Bag

Approximately 277,000 new persons will become eligible for pensions on the effective date of the Veterans Pension Act of 1960, next July 1, the Veterans Administration estimates.

Of these, 74 per cent will be widows and children of veterans made eligible by the widows equalization clause, and 26 per cent will be living veterans, widows and children made eligible by increased income limitation, the VA added.

If you are one of these veterans, a widow, or the guardian of a child not now eligible for pension administered by the VA, but you believe you may become eligible after June 30, 1960, what should you do? The VA suggests you do nothing until after the first of the year.

If you wait until the early part of 1960, both you and the VA will benefit. The VA will avoid premature correspondence and interviews. And after the first of the year you will be better able to estimate your income for the calendar year 1960.

Do not worry about a delay at this time, the VA says. File an application with the Veterans Administration within the first few months of 1960. This will allow ample time for processing by the July 1 effective date.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Friday, Oct. 30, the 333rd day of the year, with 62 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning star is Venus. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this date in history:

In 1735, John Adams, later our second president, was born.

In 1751, the Irish dramatist Richard Brinsley Sheridan was born.

In 1847, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Evangeline" was published.

In 1929, heavy selling marked the first days transactions after the bottom fell out of the Stock Market.

In 1938, Orson Welles caused a national panic when he broadcast that New Jersey was being invaded by creatures from Mars.

In 1941, a German submarine sank the American destroyer "Reuben James" despite the fact that America and Germany were not at war.

A thought for today: The Irish dramatist Richard Brinsley Sheridan said, "Tale-bearers are as bad as the tale-makers."

Quotes

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, commenting on a telegram from President Eisenhower extending birthday wishes to a "dear and lifelong friend of mine":
"The rascal."

MEXICO CITY — Gen. Daniel Galvan, reporting after a flight over Mexico's storm-stricken region that a landslide had buried the mining town of Minatitlan: "Minatitlan has ceased to exist."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Retiring Pro Diplomat Says 'Must Keep Power'

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's top professional diplomat, now retiring, says the United States and its allies must maintain their military power not only for defense but also to have a strong position from which to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

Undersecretary of State Robert D. Murphy also thinks Premier Nikita Khrushchev has been a liberalizing influence inside the Soviet Union. But he says there has been no change under Khrushchev's leadership in the Kremlin's aim of eventual world domination through communism.

Nevertheless, Murphy holds that there is hope for improving relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. In his view "There is actually no substantial conflict between the Russian people and ourselves—whatever conflicts exist have been created by the Communist party and are clearly artificial."

Murphy expressed these views Thursday night in an interview in which he assailed reports that he decided to retire because he disagreed with the way United States foreign policy is now being run.

"If I had been worried over policy differences," he told this reporter, "I would have stayed to fight them out."
Specifically, he said that he was completely in accord with the decision to have an exchange of visits between President Eisenhower and Khrushchev—a decision that has sometimes been interpreted as a softening of United States policy toward the Soviet Union. Murphy has had over the years the reputation of being a "tough policy" man.

"At a time when the issues of war and peace are so starkly drawn," Murphy said, "I think the President of the United States could not do less than his utmost to see whether he can find new ways toward peace."
Murphy cited two factors which in his view will have a vital bearing on the outcome on the summit diplomacy approach which President Eisenhower determined upon last summer.

One of these is the influence of the Soviet people on Soviet policy. He said it was wrong to consider

said that in various problems, such as the recent Chinese Communist ruthlessness in Tibet, Moscow and Peking were probably out of step with each other and this kind of thing gives the Soviet "a lot of problems."

He said Khrushchev's uncertainty about Red China's future intentions might make it desirable for him to improve relations with the Western powers.

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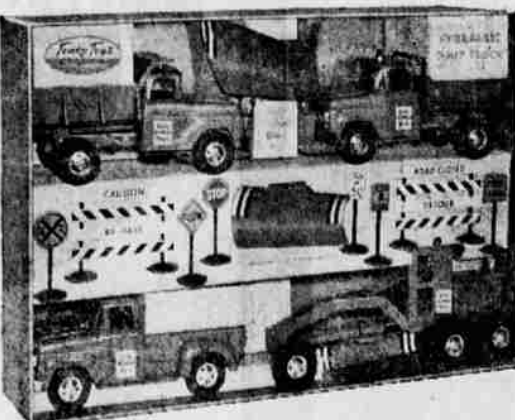
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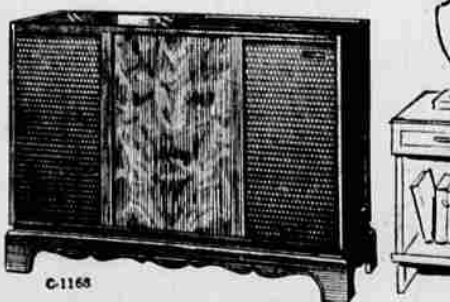
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