

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Transit System Should Use Modern Developments

We hope that broad interpretations being placed on rapid transit engineer Walter S. Douglas' report to the Bay Area Rapid Transit Commission are in error.

According to some, Douglas indicated that neither monorail nor "any other unproved" method of transit will be recommended for the Bay Area by his firm, Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, which is making a \$600,000 study for the commission.

If that means that for \$600,000 we are going to get a suggested "modern" rapid transit without making use of any modern developments, engineering design or inventions, we will be more than disappointed; we will be incensed.

We have said it in these columns before, and we say it again: No transit system can be even moderately successful today unless it catches the imagination of the riders. If it just offers the same old thing in transportation, it will run as empty as a mid-day bus to Olinda.

We can not think that Douglas, who apparently has caught the ineffective challenge of building a transit system from scratch, will come up with the same old thing. Yet in his report last week to the commission he did say that all aspects of "any untried equipment" must undergo tests costing several million dollars "prior to any firm commitment for adoption in a total system."

Putting these two things together leads us to the conclusion that rather than recommending some conventional system other than monorail-aerial transit or derivations that the engineering consultants are not going to recommend any specific kind of transit at all.

This would be unfortunate. We feel the Bay Area Rapid Transit directors definitely are expecting to be told not only where a transit system should run, but what kind of transit it should be. We believe the public expects that.

But if the engineering firm is interested in producing a "modern" transit system, and if they are not going to recommend "any untried equipment," they are going to have to waffle out somewhere. Perhaps they will recommend a certain type equipment "providing tests prove it to be efficient and safe."

Of course Douglas' remarks may have been interpreted far too widely, is monorail "untried"? It has been in operation in Germany for 50 years. Is aerial transit, rubber-tired trains automatically operated, "untried"? Practically every one of its parts is in operation in this country today, although never assembled in this manner before.

We are putting great hope and faith in the current study. We trust we, and the other residents of the nine Bay Area counties, will not be disillusioned.

WALTER LIPPMANN

World Insists Big-4 Must Avoid War

THE KREMLIN has been so to it that not even for one day did the Western allies stand alone in the limelight as the champions of peace by negotiation.

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NO BIGGER THAN A MAN'S HAND



COLD WAR REPORT

Big-4 Parley Tops Cold War News

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
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Last week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. The United States, Britain and France invited Soviet Russia to take part in a meeting of the Big Four chiefs of state. The participants would be President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, French Premier Faure and Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin. In a note to Russia, the three Allied governments said they believe that the time has now come for new efforts to resolve the great problems which confront "us."
2. The Allied proposal is that the chiefs of state meet jointly to discuss the global situation. Then the four foreign ministers would start business negotiations on specific issues. Mr. Eisenhower said at his press conference Wednesday that he thought three did would be enough for the chiefs of state meetings. He said he thought it ought to be held in a neutral country. The President had resisted for two years pressure by Allied leaders to attend a Big Four meeting. He said at his press conference that he did not believe it would be possible to settle the Cold War in a few weeks. But some good might come of a conference at this time, he said.
3. The West German Federal Republic, now a sovereign country, was formally admitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at a ceremony in Paris. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer pledged that his country will be "an able and reliable partner" in the community of free nations.
4. U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and French Premier Edgar Faure reached a pactwork agreement in Paris on policy toward the state of Southern Viet Nam. In Indochina, it was a victory for Dulles insofar as Faure withdrew his opposition to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, whom Dulles favors. Diem was increasingly unpopular with the United States. The possibility was seen that Menon's visit would lead to a new round of negotiations and toward French withdrawal from Indo-China, which was a victory for the Reds in violation of the Korean armistice.

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Marin City May Resemble Heaven

EDITOR, Independent Journal:

It may be of interest to the readers of this publication to learn that Marin City, just prior to the beginning of her redevelopment, has shown a spirit of progress as well as unity by standing behind the state.

Marin City was nominated by the Marin City Municipal Alliance for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Since her nomination, Marin City has been endorsed by the NAACP, The Neighborhood Christian Aid and Civic Service Society as well as numerous well known in the community.

Owing to past controversies with some of our neighbors who apparently opposed our very existence, it is needless to say that our spirit for self preservation has been awakened to the extent that activity at the polls in Marin City will be interesting to the future, to say the least.

A secret survey shows that Marin City has worthwhile friends in every community in Marin County, and that the average citizen of Marin City is falling in line with the Ten Commandments and the leading businessmen in a determined effort to push forward and make Marin City a progressive community in the state and county will be proud of.

At this time churches, clubs, organizations and businessmen, are awaiting the sound of the gong.

And welfare of their local citizens.

There appears always to be the inclination, when either an individual or a government act on top, to continually or unconsciously usurp more authority than it was ever intended they should have. On the other hand, if the people are not alert to the usurpation, they are then responsible for the eventual failure of a system of government which originally was contemplated for the maximum benefit of the people.

Infant Becomes A Giant

Benjamin F. Fairless, who retired early this month as chairman of the board of United States Steel, was, quite understandably, a champion of big business.

But he often emphasized the fact that big business is not a law unto itself. "The true bosses of every American business," he said, "are its customers. And unless those customers are satisfied as to the quality and price of the product, there will be no business and there will be no jobs."

An analysis of why some firms thrive and grow bigger while others stand still or decline

will show almost invariably that it's a matter of products and service. Those who make the better products and give the better service will get most of the business. That's the way it should be, and we certainly wouldn't want a setup designed to protect the indifferent and inefficient.

One of the best things about our American economic system is that the infant industry of today may become the giant of tomorrow; the small businessman of 1955 may be the big businessman of 1960, just as it is possible for the man who starts at the bottom of the ladder in a company to reach the top.

HAL BOYLE'S COLUMN

This Fly Trap Is First Designed With Fly's Own Preferences In Mind

NEW YORK (AP)—Everone knows American people are getting healthier. But did you know that American houseflies are getting tougher and more durable, too?

They are so tough now that Herbert P. Tomasek, of Pittsburgh is employing a variant of a German wartime nerve gas as the killing agent in a new fly trap he developed.

Tomasek, who spent a year perfecting his trap, known as the "Fly-Charmers," learned a great deal about houseflies during experiments in which he raised, then trapped and killed more than 150,000 insects at the rate of \$500 a week.

"WE FOUND, for example," he remarked, "that it is easier to trap male flies than female flies, and that flies are somewhat color conscious. They are attracted to a black landing surface but repelled by a yellow colored one."

Ten years ago the world was hopeful that DDT promised to spell the doom of the household fly. Unfortunately, DDT resistant strains of flies have developed.

"It is doubtful if any one chemical agent will ever prove the final answer," Tomasek said. "Twenty years from now we will still be looking for new ones."

There'll never be a surer way to exterminate a fly than to kill him with a sweetener, but that does take a lot of time and manpower."

OVER THE YEARS inventors have probably come up with as many different kinds of fly traps as they can open.

Tomasek's general manager of the Pittsburgh Coke and Chemical Co. Agricultural Chemical Division, set out in September, 1944, to design still another fly trap using as the initial ingredient a new insecticide called 1-13-59 or DDT. It is an organic phosphorus developed by Dr. Gerhard Schrader, a German scientist. Operating on the same principle as nerve gas, it destroys the fly by attacking its central nervous system.

"But it is only mildly toxic to human beings," Tomasek said. "A 200-pound man would have to drink 60 bottles of the insecticide to get a fatal dose."

EARLY IN THE 20th century glass fly traps baited with beer and sugar were common. Tomasek experimented with the same principle, but sought to employ psychology to create a trap that would be even more attractive to flies.

He feels his fly trap is the first that has landing folds especially geared to the fly's own preferences. In essence it is a bottle with a prism in the center around which are four flat black traps to attract the fly. The flies are baited with insecticide mixed with a perfumed sugar to attract the insects.

"We discovered the fly preferred horizontal landing surfaces rather than vertical or sloping surfaces," he said.

"FLIES LAND, ingest the bait and die within 40 seconds. Fly traps are easy to use. We found it harder to kill a four-day-old fly than an eight-day-old one. But only a 13-day-old fly was harder to trap than either."

His explanation for this anomaly is that the older flies are more likely to be attracted to a fly trap by agreement, upon carefully prepared foundations.

The popular view, which is now in the ascendant, is that the fly will never be built at all unless the ground on which it is to stand is cleared by a general agreement which reduces radically the danger of war.

As long as that danger is as great as it is today, every kind of negotiation will be thought of as an agreement and every agreement as a surrender.

The popularity of a negotiation at the summit depends on the belief that Bulgarians and Eisenhower face to face may do something for peace which Molotov and Dulles will not, which Molotov and Dulles dare not, do.

WHAT CAN THAT something be?

From the summit, let us remember, the details are inevitable and the only big things that can be seen are the details.

Can we find the Soviet proposals published on Wednesday a clue to what is in fact to talk about at the summit?

Their document is a compilation of all sorts of things, of proposals, treaties, pacts, propaganda, and the kitchen sink.

But I think that it contains also an indication of the kind of East-West bargain that the Kremlin is most interested in.

In section 3 of the Soviet resolution they propose that "except for strictly limited contingents of troops left permanently on the territory of Germany pending the conclusion of an agreement on their full withdrawal" there should be the "immediate withdrawal by the four powers . . . from the territory of

Germany to their national frontiers."

If these words mean what they say, they provide a withdrawal of the Red Army from Poland and back into the Soviet Union. If the American forces are withdrawn from the continent of Europe.

SECTION 4, which follows in the Soviet resolution, states that the Soviet Union has particularly in mind the "overriding question of whether these issues should be to be settled with military bases on foreign territory."

We may read this to mean not the destruction of the air bases in Europe but the transfer of these bases from the American Air Force to the Soviet Union.

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HENRY MACARTHUR

Legislator fears State's Rights Are Being Usurped By Washington

SACRAMENTO (CNS)—The effect of resolutions adopted by the California Legislature and sent to the Congress as a guide to what the Congress should do is debatable. It does not seem reasonable to expect that the

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BENNET CREEP

Movie premieres are jam-packed with synthetic excitement, whipped up by the press agents, plus hundreds of thousands who do all but tear the seams off their jackets as they fight their way into the

theatre. The King lights turn, the band plays, the star enters, the movie starts. The picture moves on the way in as they do after the picture.

To John Crosby, a high in a film of this sort, when Virgil Liden arrived in Atlanta for the premiere of "Gone With the Wind" he was the star of the show. The picture was a band was rendering "Dixie."

"How darling of them," she purred. "They're playing my song!"

With "Gone-With-the-Wind" books still better than the movie, Farnold suggests three new titles: "Hush Hush Baby" new title, "How do you like Your Own Swamp" and "Tied Striking for Fun and Profit."

THE CYNIC'S CORNER

By Interlandi



Dulles To Give TV Report To Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will make a television report to the nation Tuesday night on the recent NATO meeting in Paris, the signing of the Austrian treaty and the proposed Big Four meeting.

"It's been very critical of the administration's foreign policy, but he's said to be in public . . . this is a Republican neighborhood . . ."