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Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

TRUMAN REVEALS THE POLITICS OF HIS CVA

(Salem Capital Journal)
 A couple of days ago Senator Morse made a cautious "non-political" appraisal of the controversial Columbia Valley administration. He described the issue as too important to be dumped into partisan politics. He said the development projects should be built first "so we have something to administer."
 But President Truman doesn't see it that way.
 In a typical squeeze-play move, the president has bluntly told congress that if he doesn't get his CVA, then the funds for development of the Columbia river basin, Truman's stand came out in a communication to the chairman of the senate public works committee. The president asked congress to defer approval of a billion dollar development program of the region by the army engineers and the reclamation bureau, the existing federal agencies in the field.
 This is playing politics with the future of the Columbia river area. If Truman doesn't get his pet project out here, he doesn't want the region to get any further development.
 By taking such a stand, the president will force a showdown on the controversial issue. With the veto power in his hands, he could kill off any appropriation measure that congress might pass despite his threats.
 This is just what the Capital Journal has feared and fought against. This newspaper has contended all along that development of the Columbia river basin was the most important thing. That was what the people of the region were interested in. Too many backers of a CVA appeared more interested in setting up their pet scheme than in seeing that the region got developed. Truman has now shown such to be the case.
 By trying to sidetrack development for the sake of establishing a bureaucracy, the president has made the politics of a CVA clear. Truman and his crowd, and that includes many "fair dealers" in Oregon, want a bureaucratic administration for the region. They are more interested in that than they are in developing the Pacific Northwest—or else they wouldn't take the stand they do.
 The CVA now stands unmasked—unmasked by its creator, President Truman. The politics of a CVA are as bad and dangerous as suspected.

Anchor to Windward

(Pendleton East Oregonian)
 "I'm tired of this. I am going out and get me a job."
 This remark was made by a young man who had been in line for a half hour waiting to apply for unemployment insurance because he had lost his job.
 When a man or woman can find another job that is the best thing to do. They will make more money, they will enjoy working rather than being a burden on others and they will find a new type of employment for which they are better fitted than for the job they had held.
 Unemployment insurance is a good thing because it spreads the risk and provides a reserve that can be called into use during a period of hard times. But there are workers who, because of their age or other conditions may find themselves out of work and impoverished during a period of prosperity. They may have several children depending on them and there may have been illness in the family. For such people unemployment insurance is quite a blessing and it is often quite beneficial to others who may be out of work and short of money.
 What is provided may be likened to a steady shelter where people have a degree of security during a period of stress. But a storm shelter is not a good place for anyone to live permanently. They will like it better and will fare better if they "go out and get a job."

SACRIFICED BY THE ARMY

(Astorian Budget)
 The bottom fishing industry on the Pacific coast, built up during the war years to a large size to provide food for the armed forces in the Pacific, is gradually being strangled to death by the government.
 First the government made things tough by admitting large quantities of foreign-produced fish fillets under the reciprocal trade program. Now the army, the prime beneficiary for which the industry was built up in the war years, has dealt another severe blow by its decision to buy Japanese fish in preference to west coast American fish for its forces across the Pacific.
 Perhaps British devaluation could be accompanied by attempts to stimulate British trade with continental European nations, now that British money isn't too expensive compared with other European currencies.
 One of the best ways European countries could help themselves, as required by the Marshall plan,

would be by increasing their mutual trade toward the point where western Europe could become an almost self-sufficient economic unit.

In the Day's News

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parliamentary election has to be called immediately so that the voters may have a chance to elect a NEW HOUSE of commons.
 That is what will happen now if the Labor government fails to get its vote of confidence.

Is there any chance that it will fail?
 HARDLY ANY, I'd say. Here is the set-up:
 Of the 640 seats in the house of commons, the Labor party holds 393, or about 60 per cent. It seems quite improbable that these Labor members will vote themselves out of their jobs.

It is a fair guess that when the vote is taken the Labor party will have its vote of confidence.

THE harried British, looking national bankruptcy in the eye and not knowing what to do about it, are facing another crisis.

It seems that the Marquess of Milford Haven, a member of the royal court circle and a cousin of King George, is about to follow the example of his cousin Edward and marry an American divorcee, not only that but an American divorcee by the name of SIMPSON. The British royal family in this current generation seems to have an affinity for Simpsons.

One gathers that in the now more or less extinct institution known as the British aristocracy this crisis overshadows the fate of the British pound.

THINGS are certainly in a mess over there.

This young sprout of royalty, the Marquess of Milford Haven, is a SALESMAN FOR A BRITISH HEATING CONCERN. That is to say, he makes his living selling stoves and furnaces and things like that. He met his fiancée in New York while on a sales trip, the dispatches tell us.
 How are you going to sustain an aristocracy out of heater salesmen? Just CAN'T be done. An aristocracy, in the very nature of things, just has to be snobbish and a heater salesman can't be snobbish and make a living.

NO SALESMAN can be a snob and make a living. Suppose, when the bell rings and you answer it and open the door, it turns out to be the Fuller brush man and he is wearing a morning coat and striped pants and a monocle and LOOKS DOWN HIS NOSE AT YOU.

Would you buy anything of him?
 YOU WOULD NOT! Period! You'd die first. Salesmen just can't be that way and sell things. It's against human nature.
 It looks to me like the British aristocracy is in a bad way and getting rapidly worse—just like British finances.

Christmas Seal Sale Institute Scheduled

A Christmas Seal sale institute will be held at the office of the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health association, 205 Pacific building, for all volunteer district seal sale chairmen at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday.

The morning session will be followed by an informal luncheon at noon, according to Mrs. William F. Annot, executive secretary.

Miss Jean Le Neve, Portland state seal sale chairman, will be here to conduct the institute. All volunteer chairmen are urged to attend.

Mrs. Annot also announced that six women interested and willing to donate a small amount of time are asked to come to her office any day to assist in tiding Christmas seals to be placed in envelopes for distribution.

HOSPITAL ASSN. SUES
 National Hospital association has filed suit in circuit court against E. L. Merritt, doing business as Merritt Logging company. Judgment is asked for \$306.65 and \$332.00 on two separate causes of action allegedly employee's wages but not remitted to the plaintiff, in accordance with terms of a contract dated April 2, 1945.



Juvenile Home Matron Beaten By Girl Inmates

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 30.—(P)—An elderly Matron beaten by girl inmates of the Klamath county juvenile home was in a critical condition at a hospital here today.

Two girls being held as material witnesses in a coming felony trial were accused of administering the beating and were taken to the county jail. They are Ardith Stark, 16, and Audrey Jean Mendy, 17. They were picked up here 10 days ago as traveling companions of two men arrested for car theft. They said they lived in Kellogg, Idaho.

The victim, Mrs. Zerish M. Houghtaling, about 70, was reported to be suffering from a broken nose, black eyes and severe bruises on her head and chest.

The juvenile office gave this version of the attack:
 About 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night the Matron caught two girls smoking in their room at the detention home. She ordered them to throw their cigarettes away, saying smoking was prohibited.

An hour later Mrs. Houghtaling was resting on a bed in her room when the two girls came to her door and asked permission to take a bath. The matron refused, telling them they were supposed to be in bed.
 At that, the girls entered the room, jerked the matron to the floor and started pummeling her with their fists, feet, and a shoe belonging to one of the girls. One of them tried to cram a washrag down Mrs. Houghtaling's throat. The clinic cook, Minnie Morrow, heard the aged woman's screams and called police. Police caught both girls as they left the room. The bedroom Mrs. Houghtaling's clothing and the girls' night clothes were bloodspattered.

Police quoted one girl as telling Mrs. Houghtaling: "I didn't

Escapes from the MENDING BASKET

An item from a reader: (M.B. September 16—the tenth grader's letter).

"The librarian of the Piney Woods school in Mississippi is someone I have known, and known of, for a long time. She was high school librarian when I went to school (Salem). She 'retired' rather early, a couple of years ago, so she would have time to do what she wanted, and she finally decided to donate her services to the Piney Woods school. . . ."

So, it seems, that 'trained librarian we have now' is an Oregonian imbued with that desire to serve, so characteristic of most librarians.

Recently a mention was made in this column of the huge state maps available from the U. S. Geological Survey for twenty-five cents ("coin—not stamps." But they took a check for an order over a dollar). Miss M. writes: "Thanks so much for telling about the maps . . . which will interest my father greatly. He has surveyed and worked over much of this state and

Washington when it was yet in tall timber—was telling me just this noon he remembered the Northern Pacific running a road through to Everett, Wash., and it took two days for the crew to advance a half-mile, there was that much heavy timber to fell. He once walked from Everett to Seattle—through tall forest all the way!"

Letters from readers are always such a pleasure. However the postmaster in Cottage Grove is allergic to mail with "insufficient address" and says so with a rubber stamp. There are many Martins hereabouts, it seems, even another "Mrs. Ernest"; but I'm sure there isn't another "Vlahnet Martin" in the whole blessed country. However, if you think of it, please add "Lorane Route." For that matter, mail sent to the Curtin P. O. right here in Douglas county would reach me all right. My friend, Mrs. Holt, is postmistress down there, and service to the community is her daily endeavor. She makes sure EJ receives the school clerk's mail—why not some for me, too?

Morris will stand trial. The girls were held as witnesses in this trial.

GETS PERU ASSIGNMENT
 PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(P)—Dr. David L. Piper, director of education for the state board of health, has resigned to accept an assignment in Lima, Peru. The work will be under the U. S. State Department.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems
 By KEN BAILEY

QUESTION: In a recent discussion of various types of insurance covering damage and theft of things like jewelry, furs and luggage, one of our friends with some insurance experience kept comparing "regular" fire and theft policies with what he called "floaters." Can you tell me what difference there is between these policies?

ANSWER: There is a basic difference in these two kinds of insurance. Under the "regular" policy, the insurance company states the various types of loss for which it will pay and it is not liable for losses not specifically mentioned in the policy. In the "floater" the company is liable in all losses not specifically excluded by the policy. Any good insurance agent can tell you which is best in your individual case.

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Dr. John McLoughlin Died Wealthy, Papers Reveal

PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(P)—Dr. John McLoughlin, the founder of Oregon City and the virtual ruler of the Oregon country from 1824 to 1843, died a wealthy man, the Oregon Historical Quarterly reported Wednesday.
 That, it seems, settles a point which has been in dispute among historians for nearly a century. Some biographers had reported McLoughlin died a poor man. Others thought differently.
 An article in the Oregon Historical Quarterly disclosed that the actual papers of McLoughlin's estate had been found. They showed that his estate was appraised at over \$170,000, a fortune in the 1840s. He was Hudson's Bay company factor at Vancouver, Wash., and later settled at Oregon City and applied for U. S. citizenship.
 Dr. Burt Brown Barker, a director of the Historical society, found McLoughlin's will, inventory, and appraisal of the estate tucked away in the Clackamas county courthouse records at Oregon City.

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 between 6.15 and 7 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.
 Ask for Harold Mobley.

Efforts To Settle Railway Strike At K-Falls Fails

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 30.—(P)—The Oregon, California and Eastern railway was tied up as tightly as ever today for all its 65-mile length and efforts at ending a 30-day strike which has idled the road were at a standstill.
 Conductors of the Klamath Falls-to-Bly freight line walked out August 29, drawing with them all 13 operating employees of the road.
 I. E. Manion, OC&E president and Great Northern general manager, returned to his office in Seattle Wednesday after spending five days here in discussions with the union aimed at settling the strike.
 In a telegram sent here to the Herald and News, Manion declared that the conductors of the road had refused to join with the company in seeking interpretation of a disputed working rule by the National Railway Adjustment board.
 The rule, catching point in discussions, involves a formula by which railroaders are paid for certain types of work, and the dispute is over whether certain types of work shall be termed "roustabouting" or switching.
 If the latter, a higher pay scale would be paid.
 Manion asked the strikers to return to work while the rule was being pondered by the adjustment board, but the union declined.

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