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## AERIAL TRAFFIC AIDS

By Charles V. Stanton

Radio operators at the Eugene airport recently heard the voice of a private plane operator frantically appealing for aid. He was above clouds and had lost contact with the ground. He was unable to inform the Eugene station of his approximate location. The signals ceased. A futile search has been made for a plane occupied by two Medford men—a plane apparently in wreckage on some mountain peak.

A few years hence (it could be now if funds were available) private or commercial fliers will have greatly improved navigational aids available to assist them in such emergencies.

Soon airplanes will be marked by all-direction high frequency radio signals. A flier will be able to follow a radio beam, just as an auto driver follows the yellow line of a highway. Regardless of his flight path, he will be able to tune in on a beam leading him to an airport, where additional aids will bring him safely into port through darkness or dense fog.

Only a comparatively few years ago, while serving as correspondent for a nationally-published aviation magazine, we reported the installation of revolving airways beacons on the Pacific coast route. These flashing, rotating lights have guided planes through the darkness. Now we are told they are on their way out. They are to be replaced with radio beams as rapidly as funds are supplied to purchase necessary equipment. Already 271 "omni-range" stations have been built in the country and plans are developing for a 4380-mile route through Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas and New Mexico.

First installations will be made in areas carrying heaviest aerial traffic. Because air travel is light along the Pacific Coast airway, compared with some other routes, it may take considerable time to complete "omni-range" facilities for this area. But eventually there will be no necessity for such tragedies as the one which occurred recently near Eugene.

# Ballot Measures

## PAY FOR LEGISLATORS

By Charles V. Stanton

From time to time we propose to discuss in this column the various measures appearing on the ballot for the Nov. 7 general election. Our discussions will be opinionated. We ask no one to accept our opinions. We hope we may stimulate study of the measures, that voters will better understand them when they go to the polls.

Today we will discuss the first measure on the ballot, a measure to provide annual compensation for legislators.

At present legislators are paid \$8 per day with a limit of 50 days. The last session of the legislature ran 100 days, which gave our state senators and representatives the "munificent" sum of \$400 per day. It is proposed that legislators be paid a flat salary of \$600 per year. No additional compensation would be given for special sessions.

California pays its legislators \$3600, plus \$15 per day while in session. Washington pays \$1200, plus \$10 per day expense money during sessions. Only two states in the Union pay less than Oregon.

Compensation paid legislators is an exceedingly small part of legislative costs. For instance, the 1949 session incurred \$315,136 in wages. But legislators received only \$36,400 — \$12,200 for senators and \$24,200 for representatives — or slightly more than 11 percent of the total wage cost. Had the proposed annual compensation measure been in operation during the last session, legislators would have received \$72,400, or approximately 22 percent of the total wage expenditure.

Compare the pay of legislators with the \$32,425 paid Senate clerks and \$143,981 paid House clerks or even the \$22,744 paid janitors. It is a rather sorry commentary, in our opinion, that the State of Oregon pays a state senator less than a janitor or the senator's clerk during the period of the session.

**Must Use Own Funds**  
 It is surprising that the calibre of our state legislature has remained so high under our unappreciative method of compensation. A senator or representative cannot begin to pay his expenses at even \$8 per day and certainly not at \$4 per day. It is impossible, in view of the state's continued growth, to keep sessions within the 50-day limit. As population increases, legislation becomes more complex. Thus a member of the legislature must be willing to sacrifice several hundred dollars of his own money at each session in addition to what he might be earning during the period he is absent from his business or office.

This situation makes it obvious that only men of more than average income can afford to serve the state in its legislative department. Either that or a legislator must be subsidized by special interest. Many well-qualified and interested men could be brought into the legislature if less personal sacrifice were involved.

It is certainly true that legislative sessions will become progressively longer, rather than shorter. As this situation grows, the number of men able to afford legislative office will become more and more limited. On the other hand, the opportunity for subsidized legislators will increase.

Carried to its ultimate, this situation could eventually result in a legislature composed almost completely of legislators working for the selfish interests of pressure groups, subsidizing their expenses. A few such cases already are in evidence. Fewer, however, than would be expected. We cannot expect that the high calibre of our legislature will be retained much longer unless the personal sacrifice required of men who serve us is reduced.

**Phony Doctor Reaches End Of Trail Of Bad Checks**  
 PORTLAND —(AP)—A self-styled doctor is in jail here and police said he had led a trail of bad checks throughout the Northwest.

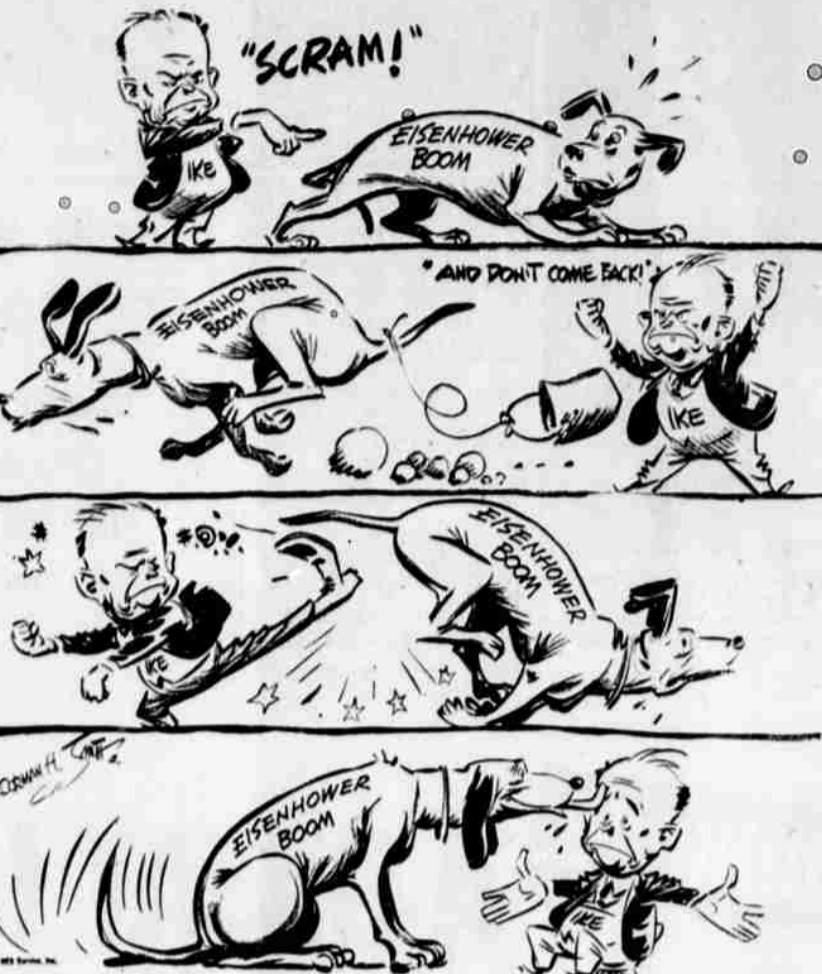
His medical knowledge, Detective Arthur Schermerhorn said, came from service in the army medical corps and work at a drug store soda fountain.

He was jailed as Harry W. Jones, 34, Portland. Schermerhorn said his bride of three weeks thought he was "Dr. Charles A. Allen of Castle Rock, Wash."

A minor traffic violation at Centralia led to his arrest. Because he had no driver's license and knew he was wanted in Portland on a bad check charge, the detective said, Jones fled when a Centralia policeman stopped him. He took a taxi to Olympia, chartered a plane to Portland, and was arrested Thursday shortly after arriving at Troutdale airport.

His wife was brought here for questioning but was released. Police said she had no knowledge of her husband's record of activities. Police records here show he

# The Love That Passeth All Understanding



## Guest Editorial

### THE UNITED NATIONS

By DR. JOHN L. HASKINS  
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This week marks another birthday of that well known infant, the United Nations, an infant born in the comparative calm that followed World War II, and an infant in whom we place the trust that he would lead us to peace among nations. That youngster has had a pretty tough time during his babyhood, most of the ills that could befall a youngster have been his in his first five years, his foes have treated him badly and his friends have done worse, at times.

Many people have suggested that his case was hopeless and that he might as well let him die, as his elder brother, the League of Nations, died years ago. But he has not given up the battle for existence, and today he seems to be able to stand on his own two feet and start to take care of himself. In the past few months the youngster has begun to exert himself in Korea and to show evidence that there is more than a little hope that which his sponsors promised for him will be lived up to in the not too far distant future.

**U. N. Pattern**  
 There has been a tremendous amount of misconception among us as to what the United Nations is actually. First, it is not a super-state, but it is composed of sovereign states that have given it only limited power. It has not been designed to replace the ordinary machinery and pattern of two-way communication between nations. It cannot adequately settle disputes safeguard collective security or effectuate projects designed to remove the causes of war without the cooperation of the countries that make up its membership, and particularly without the cooperation of the "Big Five". It has, as yet, no permanent armed police force to enforce its mandates.

To quote from Armed Forces Talks, "The United Nations was set up for three basic purposes: First, to remove the causes of war by creating conditions necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations—higher standards of living and wider guarantees of fundamental human rights. Second, to provide machinery for adjusting differences endangering international peace when the normal machinery of diplomacy should fail. Three, to provide collective security against threats of peace, breaches of the peace and acts of aggression; and as a last resort, military measures to avert hostilities or prevent their spread."

There have been many factors that have worked to prevent the full development of the ideas stated in the charter, first it faced tremendous problems before it was fully organized, the problem of atomic energy, the question of refugees, food crises in much of the world, dislocations of trade, unemployment and the health situations, as well as localized problems such as Palestine, Greece and Indonesia. The allies who were so friendly in 1945 have now split into two great groups among whom suspicion, fear, and mutual distrust have done much to weaken the effective action of the United Nations and slowed progress toward world peace.

**Successes Noted**  
 Despite all of these hazards on the road to peace much has been accomplished before the Korean situation developed. Let's look at a few of these before we think of Korea. Entirely through the action of the United Nations was the fighting between Jews and Arabs stopped in Palestine. The Indonesian situation was one in which the spark of a terrific conflagration smoldered, but the Security Council of the United Nations stepped in on December 27, 1949, the Independent Republic of the United States of Indonesia came into being. The near war between Pakistan and India, over Kashmir, was averted by United Nations action. Greece, which had been torn by

**More Teachers Shifted In School Merger Feud**  
 LOGANSPORT, Ind.—(AP)—Another group of teachers is being pulled out of the merger-fighting school at Onward.

Township trustee Virgil Turner announced three more teachers would have the choice of shifting from Onward to nearby Walton or else be fired.

Previously Turner fired William Helms, Onward principal, on grounds Helms didn't cooperate in Turner's plan to merge the schools of two Tipton township towns. Turner also transferred four Onward teachers to Walton at that time.

Five more Onward pupils also reported at Walton school, where Turner ordered all classes held until the Onward rebellion ends. Turner's consolidation order called for one township high school in Onward. Onward citizens have been fighting since last spring to keep a high school of their own, open in the point of standing off 40 state troopers on Oct. 14.

**NURSING HOME TARGET**  
 PORTLAND —(AP)—Court action was taken here to force the state board of health to prosecute nursing homes and hospitals operating in Oregon without licenses.

A petition for a writ of mandamus to force prosecution to show cause why such prosecution should not take place, was filed by a group of licensed nursing home operators.

The petition listed 28 homes as unlicensed.

**France Rejects Peace Talk Idea**  
 PARIS —(AP)—France's national assembly has voted solidly to turn down any immediate peace negotiations with Indochinese Rebels. Leader Ho Chi Minh and endorsed the government's policy in that key southeast Asian spot.

In supporting Premier Plevin's Asia policy, the assembly beat back by 408 to 171 votes a Communist motion urging immediate peace talks with the Moscow-trained guerrilla leader.

Instead the assembly adopted, 353 to 215, a motion assuring the forces fighting the Indochinese rebels of French solidarity and expressed confidence in the government's ability to handle the situation, despite recent setbacks.

In a speech before the assembly, Plevin said it seemed established that Red China has trained and armed a good part of the Communist-led Nationalists who are plastering the French in Indochina.

If it is found that foreign troops have joined Ho's forces, the Premier said, France will have 150,000 further support from her allies. This was interpreted as a threat to call for United Nations aid.

**VOTE!**

# In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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states represented a his Prague meeting surround Tito's Yugoslavia like a tent.

Tito is rank poison so far as the Kremlin is concerned because he refuses to take the Kremlin's orders—insisting on being a TITO communist instead of a Kremlin communist. That is heresy of a sort that mustn't be tolerated.

It is fairly well agreed that the Kremlin would like nothing better than to liquidate Tito and his Yugoslav followers. If liquidation of Tito were decided upon, it would be Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania that would be ordered to do the job.

Here enters a horrible thought: What if Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania, after watching Korea, should get the idea that after being sacked onto Tito they might be ABANDONED by Russia if they made a flop of the liquidation business? That is exactly what happened to the North Koreans. When they failed to carry out orders, they were left to their fate.

Tito has a reputation as a tough henchman. He has a trained and competent army of a half million or more men—which is guessed to be somewhat more than the COMBINED strength of the Poles, the Hungarians, the Rumanians, the Bulgarians and the Albanians. Moreover, it seems likely that if Tito is jumped on we'll have to go to his rescue.

It isn't surprising, you see, that the Kremlin might want to stiffen the backs of its stooge gangsters. It doesn't want them washing out on the job.

There's another interesting little fact in the news this morning. A Frankfort dispatch says: "Ukrainian sources reported today that Lt. Gen. Taras Tschuprynka, COMMANDER OF THE UKRAINIAN UNDERGROUND ARMY RESISTING COMMUNISM, HAS BEEN KILLED BY THE RUSSIANS in battle."

What does that mean? The Ukraine is a part of Russia. The Ukrainians have an "underground army resisting communism." This resistance army is BIG ENOUGH TO FIGHT BATTLES WITH THE RUSSIANS.

All you see, may not be sweetness and light and brotherly love behind the iron curtain. That, if true, would be MOST important.

## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Dipping into "Of Men and Mountains" by Justice William O. Douglas in the U.S. Supreme Court (Harper's 1950) which I'm reading with considerable enjoyment, I noted this passage on page 143: "This Indian was justly proud of his race; he had discovered an important secret of success. He knew that a Douglas fir cannot possibly become a cedar or a sugar pine; similarly he could not be recast into another image. He could be only himself. Once a man accepts this fact, his yearnings become geared to his capacities. He knows his strength as well as his limitations."

He may be unknown and unsung; but being wise, he has found the road to contentment. Like the mountain laurel, or snowberry, or sage, he pretends to be no more than he is. By being just what he is, and no more, he contributes a unique and distinct flavor to his community. He is not likely to have a nervous condition that produces physical ailment or social maladjustment. Thus did I have a lesson in philosophy."

Other tantalizing "dips" into this fascinating book showed it to be filled with nature lore, and my word—talk about fishing! It's a textbook on that! Judging by what I have read so far, the above passage would not by any means suggest we should slump, be apathetic, and "not care"—nor spend our days in regretful acceptance of a lesser achievement because we feel handicapped by this, that, or the other. No, indeed! If anybody ever used his stumbling block as a stepping stone, it was a boy named William O. Douglas.

In his boyhood fight to overcome the limitations of infantile paralysis he most certainly did not waste time on any ifs that part of the book holds for the mother of a child seemingly handicapped an enlightening picture of the effect of a mother's attitude upon the very one whom she seeks to help. The book offers to any convalescent the challenging inspiration: "Well, he did it. Why can't I? I can!" To have a goal, an objective, is such a long step forward when one is lying on a bed, helpless physically.

"Of Men and Mountains" is a fine book! I wish every "teen-ager" lad might read it. It would be a fine gift for son, brother, husband, dad, or friend.

## Lt. Col. Irving Off To Meet Lana Turner Again

Lt. Col. Robert L. Irving, who commands the 1st Bn. 138 Inf. Oregon National Guard, left Oct. 18 for Washington, D. C., to attend the National Guard association conference from Oct. 23 to 25.

Other delegates from Oregon include Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Olsen, assistant adjutant general; Brig. Gen. G. Robert Dodson, commander Oregon air national guard, and Col. Hugh Adams, United States property and disbursing officer for Oregon.

This conference is being held in lieu of the annual convention which was canceled due to the world situation and the inadvisability of having many high ranking national guard officers absent from their state due to impending inductions of units.

Prior to departure, Col. Irving was notified that he will serve on the resolutions committee at the conference.

Mrs. Irving will accompany her husband to Washington. They expect to return to Oregon the first week in November.

## Lana Turner Again Loses Expected Child

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)—For the second time in two years actress Lana Turner has lost an expected child. She and wealthy Bob Topf were married in 1948.

Her studio said she slipped and fell yesterday at her Bel-Air home and lost a baby expected next January.

A similar misfortune befell her in New York Jan. 13, 1949, Miss Turner's daughter, Cheryl Christine, by a previous marriage to Stephen Crane, is now six years old.

## TWO DRIVERS FINED

Two reckless motor vehicle drivers paid fines Monday in the court of Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes. Floyd Carl Khot, 20, of Dillard paid \$50, and Roy Thompson of Winston was assessed \$100. State police made the arrests.

## Wouldn't It?

Wouldn't this old world be better  
 If the folks we meet would say,  
 "I know something good about you"  
 And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
 If each handclasp warm and true  
 Carried with it this assurance?  
 "I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
 If the good that's in us all  
 Were the only thing about us  
 That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
 If we praised the good we see?  
 For there's such a lot of goodness  
 In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
 That fine way of thinking, too?  
 You know something good about me;  
 I know something good about you.



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