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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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You Can Help Halt Inflation

President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon helped launch a crusade against inflation recently and told how everyone can help. Their advice boils down to this: Make yourself heard. Write to your congressman. Wire your senator. Send your opinions to the White House and to other federal officials.

A chorus of millions of voices will have an effect. They will, that is, if they are in some kind of harmony. And they must say some things that Congress and the federal government is not used to hearing. They must urge against deficit spending; against new and costly government services; against subsidies and grants in aid and for debt retirement; tax reduction and a balanced budget.

The voice of the people all too often is a divided and selfish voice. It is a voice of wants. One group wants one thing and another wants another. But every want is expensive. Only recently has the tax pinch been acute enough to bring expressions of that were for less government spending and less inflation.

Maybe this sort of crusade will get somewhere, though similar efforts in the past have not. Ike made a dire prediction of what will happen, if inflation is not checked through a curb in government spending and in other ways. He said the alternative is "economic dictatorship." That, incidentally is what Khrushchev confidently predicted for us.

Study Shows Fluoride Beneficial To Teeth

A strong case for fluorides in water supplies to prevent tooth decay is found in a western research report, now available at Oregon State College.

The five-state study shows that beneficial amounts of fluoride in water supplies reduced tooth decay as much as 55 percent among teenagers. A total of 2,068 youngsters between 14 and 16 years of age were examined in Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana and Idaho in the study.

Youngsters examined were native-born. They were reared in the areas included in the study. None had received any oral applications of fluoride. Such "treatments" reached them only through water supplies in their home communities.

Almost all the youngsters needed dental care. Ninety-five percent of those living in fluoride-free areas needed attention compared with 77 percent of those who lived in areas with fluoride in the water.

In the fluoride-free areas, less than one percent of the children were free from any past or present dental troubles. Only 4 per cent had their dental work adequately completed.

Girls in all age groups had a higher number of decayed, missing and filled teeth than boys—but girls' teeth had received better care.

Oregon youths had a high number of "bad teeth." But they ranked below some of the other areas studies, especially in Yakima and Snohomish counties in

Washington and Couer d'Alene in Idaho.

Youngsters living along the Oregon Coast and in the Willamette Valley have worse dental records than those in Central Oregon, the study revealed.

Is it possible that altitude and climate may be factors in tooth decay or preservation? Researchers considered that angle. They compared dental needs of youths living in areas of the same altitude and climate in the five states. Youths living in higher altitudes, above 2,800 feet, seemed to have fewer dental worries than those living at lower elevations.

But sunshine, annual temperature range, relative humidity and rainfall did not appear to have an appreciable effect on youngsters' teeth in any of the areas studied.

Results of the five-state study have been compiled by two researchers, from OHSU, Dr. Gertrude Tank and Dr. Clara A. Storvik. Their report is in pamphlet form, "Variation in Dental Caries experience among Children in Five Western States."

There is no charge for the pamphlets. They may be obtained at any of the county extension offices.

In the area, we are sure, are many persons who will be directly interested in the studies that show "beneficial amounts of fluoride in water supplies reduced tooth decay as much as 55 percent among teenagers in five western states."

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Important Election Being Held In Philippines Today

WASHINGTON — While Panamanians are rising against the United States and while Cubans for whom we once fought a war of independence are damning the United States, the Philippines for which we also fought, held an election today.

It will be quite a contrast to the attitude of our onetime friends in Cuba and Panama.

In the Philippines they held elections; they don't postpone them as Fidel Castro has done in Cuba. Also they don't go in for dictatorship as do some Caribbean countries. They held heated and intense elections in which about 90 per cent of the people got out and vote. They don't have to be urged. This is in direct contrast to the people of New York who last week didn't turn out in sufficient numbers to pass a school bond bill to help their badly sagging educational system.

In the Philippine Islands, people will vote for mayors of cities and for governors. Judging from the intensity of the campaign you would think they were voting for president. There will be some shooting, but there's also been violence from time to time around the polling places of Kentucky and Harlem.

Throwing her arms around President Sukarno she exclaimed:

"I'm so pleased to meet the president of India."

"I'm president of Indonesia,"

prompted President Sukarno.

"Never heard of it," said the

Frank Marijnn.

A friendship thereupon ended

In addition to carrying out the democratic principle of free elections, Filipino candidates are vying with each other to claim friendship with the United States.

Greeter Marilyn Monroe

Out in Hollywood, Marilyn Monroe, the voluptuous blonde, has become more important as a greeter of official dignitaries than Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles or Ambassador Dick Patterson in New York.

Though her welcome to Nikita Khrushchev was well publicized, her welcome to President Sukarno of Indonesia failed to hit the headlines.

Sukarno is famed around the world for his keen admiration for feminine beauty. Miss Monroe not only was in the reception line to meet the president of Indonesia but she had been carefully coached to give him a hearty welcome. At first she was equal to the occasion.

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Before it began.

While the public has been watching the headlines on big TV shows, an important but less spectacular issue of public interest—radio—is before the Federal Communications Commission. It's the allocation of 23 clear channel radio licenses—perhaps the last which ever will be allocated in the USA. The FCC has given until Nov. 20 for interested parties to file comments as to who should get these channels.

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allocation of these 23 remaining clear radio channels for a clue as to whether the FCC really plans to enforce the public interest statute in the communications act.

U.S. Alleged Spy

The world was mystified when the American Embassy security officer in Moscow, Russell Langelle, was suddenly ordered deported on the charge that he had tried to spy on Soviet Russia.

The American Embassy, in turn, charged that Langelle had been seized by a group of Russians, roughed up, held some time, and finally released. Neither of these was the correct story. Here is the inside story of what happened.

Langelle is an electronics expert whose job it was to make sure that the American Embassy in Moscow was not bugged or wire-tapped by Soviet intelligence. The Russians have long been anxious to get hold of one of these experts. They want to know what devices the United States uses to safeguard its embassies abroad.

So, some months ago they approached Langelle about the idea of working as a spy for the USSR. Langelle promptly reported this to his superiors in the embassy, who instructed him to play along with the Russians and see what happened. Langelle did. Plans were discussed whereby he was to come over to the Red side. But at the big meeting where the Russians expected Langelle to make the final

jump, he told them he had changed his mind. Soviet policy agents were furious. They were so irate that they roughed up Langelle, even threatened to announce publicly that he was a secret Russian spy. Langelle stood his ground. Eventually the Russians gave up, turned him loose, but ordered him to leave Moscow on the excuse that he had been trying to seduce Russian spies to work for the USA.

Dog Loses Bark After Halloween Lark In Wallowa

WALLOWA (Special) A serious aftermath of Halloween has been averted.

"Scampie" Morton was fully aware of the festivities about to develop. When the first numbers started down the walk of Mrs. J. R. Morton's home, "Scampie" began a series of barks, accompanied by bounds up and down on the davenport.

At 11 o'clock, "Scampie" maintained her greetings, but the climax had been reached, she was growling hoarse.

When the third "tricker" advanced and retired, "Scampie" was growling a trifle fainter, and on the fifth and she retired with what was feared to be a case of laryngitis.

Taking her to the Wallowa Veterinarian Hospital at Enterprise was considered, but rest and care at home was all that was needed.

WE'RE MAILING OVER
\$2,000,000,000
to Oregon people this week!

This week, people who joined First National's Christmas Club a year ago will receive checks totaling more than \$2,000,000!

This extra holiday money (averaging over \$85 per check) will make Christmas more fun for thousands of families. You can be prepared for the season next year, too... by joining First National's 1960 Christmas Club. It's open for membership now. You save a little each week (50c, \$1.00, \$2.00, etc.), and next year you will receive a check for the full amount saved... plus interest! It's a sure way to a merrier Christmas!

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Grand Jury Holds Special Meet Here

The Union County grand jury was expected to meet again this morning to complete information from witnesses, presumably on the fatal auto accident east of La Grande city limits Aug. 26 when a local youth was killed.

terday and heard witnesses before adjourning.

Michael C. Lynch was the victim of a two-car accident just east of town last August. State Police investigated at the accident scene.

Gavin Attends State Cattleman's Meeting

Charles Gavin, Union County Extension agent, left today for

Portland where he will attend the annual convention of the Oregon Cattleman's Association.

The conference opens on Wednesday and concludes early Friday. Gavin will travel to Corvallis Friday for a special sheep and wool school to be held on the Oregon State College campus Friday and Saturday.