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#### **Closed Meetings**

Eugene Allen, who campaigned for the Portland school board on a platform of open board meetings, introduced the resolution, which the board adopted, providing for closed meetings when the board considers the election of a city superintendent. Now some of the papers are panning him and the board for shutting out the press.

The papers are wrong. They are making a fetish of "open covenants openly arrived at." On matters as intimate as personalities of candidates the board members will not speak freely if reporters are on hand to set down every word. It may be dandruff on one applicant's coat collar, or halitosis in another, or a silly wife in the case of a third. Trivialities, yes; but factors that are taken into account. The bigger the job, the more impeccable must be the man who is chosen.

The rule for business only at open board meetings may work to make private deals more secretive than in closed board meetings. The way is open for the clever or designing to build up a following which can rush through a deal when the board does meet. A telephone call, a luncheon, a private session in an office or hotel room-there are many dark alleys for communication.

When the board meets privately the whole field can be canvassed and members can speak their minds freely. The interchange of opinion is more natural, and hence more healthy. There are sure to be leaks, but the information hits no headlines, and causes no injury.

All of Oregon has an interest in the choice of the Portland school board, because the city superintendent of Portland becomes, by virtue of his position, one of the leaders in education th the state. Upstate is therefore interested that a man of ability and high character be chosen who will be a source of strength in the cause of public education in Oregon; and we don't care how many closed meetings the board holds if it finds the right man for the job.

#### Peace Brokers

There is buzzing at every corner groceryor shall we say bazaar?-in the neutral Mediterranean world. Ankara, Istanbul, Madrid, Spanish Morocco become listening posts and trading posts; to say nothing of Berne and faroff Stockholm. The diplomatic fixers become active; and the whisperers in chancelleries, the buttonholers in corridors, the gentry on the fringes of power who swarm like bees when the seats of the mighty are overturned. Everyone wants now to become the broker in the deal between bankrupt Italy and the triumphant United Nations-and each expects the broker's

Volunteer negotiators and cafe gossips buzz with a fresh air of importance or mask their faces in a disguise of self-importance. Rumors of peace fly as thick as rumors of war, most of them born of the wind and borne on the wind.

The world has seen the death of an era-Italian fascism; but the estate remains to be administered. Its debts exceed its assets; but the assets are considerable. And Italy wants to continue as a going business; wants quickly to hang up the sign: "Open for business under new management." The clerks and flunkeys want to stay; so they grope for new patrons and cast off the labels of past affiliations.

We are suspicious of all the go-betweens and in-betweens. Too often they serve themselves as they seek to serve the principals, one or both. The best suggestion noted is that negotiations be left with General Eisenhower. If "unconditional surrender" is the gateway to peace, let the Italian king or premier address his plea for a truce to the general. Then it will be known as a surrender to military power, not a "negotiated peace" with the victor traded out of his gains.

The foreign section of OWI failed to shift gears fast enough, so Pres. Roosevelt gives it a rap for referring to the king of Italy as a "moronic little king." But OWI wasn't far off the beam. He is an insignificant individual, with no force of character, commanding respect only because of his title. Temporarily he serves as a constitutional symbol of government, but that is all. He may be useful in preserving order in Italy now; but with any strong and representative government he would be merely a decoration, and not very pretty at that.

The state highway commission suspended for ten days the log-hauling permits of 12 truckers who were guilty of overloading. The crackdown is timely for such offenses have been frequent and flagrant. If we are going to keep our roads in decent condition during the remainder of the war this overloading will have to stop. About the best repair job the highway department can do now is to enforce the weight laws.

Sicilian wine, says the guidebook issued to the invading Yanks, is more potent than it seems to the taste, and goes to the head and the feet. We hope the wine of quick success in Sicily will not go to the heads of Americans, making them think the job is as good as over, nor to their feet so they slow down or stagger.

Doris Duke Cromwell, richest woman in the world, has gone to Reno "to see the scenery and mioy the sunshine," she says. After six weeks he can leave with a suntan, some picture postcards—and a fresh divorce.

This country ought to have the best government in the world-it has the most people in the business of telling officials how it ought

The radio announcers make Orel sound a little like oriole; but the Russlans are making it ound like the word it ought to rhyme with.

Best crack on final Hitler-Mussolini meeting: "Heil and Farewell."

### George R. Hyslop

The fact that the angel of death overtook George R. Hyslop when he was out in the state working for Oregon agriculture will occasion no surprise. For George Hyslop has been doing just that since he came to Oregon in 1908, a young man to became instructor in agronomy at Oregon State college. He went on to become professor of farm crops and since 1933 head of the department of plant industries. But his was no academic chair in the ivy towers of a college. His field was the state. With unlimited energy and a vision always held within the limits of the practical George Hyslop crossed and crisscrossed the state, sowing the seed of diversification. The gospel he spread bore fruit to the great profit of the state and its farmers.

What a change there is in Oregon farm cropping from 1908 when the chief emphasis was on grain and hay with fruit and hops as specialty crops; or even with conditions 15 years ago. Growing of flax, of small seeds, of sugar beet seed, of grasses, of potatoes, and certification of products to obtain the best markets have been in large measure the result of the encouragement of George Hyslop. Recently he urged the growing of highly specialized crops for drug or other uses, formerly imported.

There is not a farm community of any size which George Hyslop did not know, and no group of Oregon farmers, scarcely, who did not know him and depend on his advice. That is why there is from Dead-ox flat in Malheur county to Clatsop plains on the coast a great sense of loss and of personal grief over his

In some way a memorial to George Hyslop should be established, preserving the name and fame of one who quietly yet efficiently labored to help Oregon agriculture.

The raid on Wake island was just enough to wake up the Japs now in possession. We hope it will not be long until our navy puts them to sleep for good.

### **Editorial Comment**

From Other Papers

#### A PLANNING LIST

Speaking again of planning we call attention to check-list for post-war planners prepared by Fred A. Cuthbert, Mr. Cuthbert was formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon and planning consultant for the league of Oregon cities. Now, as those who have kept in touch with local housing programs will remember, he is with the national housing agency and is known to many in Bend for the assistance he has been giving in the promotion of new housing developments here. Here is Mr. Cuthbert's list:

1. Land Planning

a. Parks and parkways. b. Replatting unbuilt land and blighted areas into neighborhoods for better living.

c. Centralized parking. d. Airport development.

e. New streets, arterials, by-passes. 2. Public Building Planning

a. City hall.

b. Fire stations.

c. Police stations.

d. Library.

e. Auditorium.

f. Schools.

g. Community buildings. h. Jail.

3. Commercial Development

a. Transportation terminal facilities. b. Hotels.

c. Amusement centers.

d. Hospitals.

e. Store groupings and market centers. 4. Industrial Development—Required Research

a. Locality resources: climatic, agricultural, timber, mineral, power.

b. Transportation facilities-traffic studies.

c. Potential labor supply. d. Housing facilities.

5. Civic Beauty

a. Civic ornament.

b. Street tree plantings.

c. Clean-up, paint-up.

d. Street lighting.

e. Removal of poles and signs. 6. Public Utilities and Facilities—Extensions and

improvements a. Transportation facilities.

b. Light, power and heat.

c. Water supply.

d. Sewer system.

e. Sewage and garbage disposal. 7. General Improvements and Repair

 Sidewalks. b. Street paving.

c. Recreation equipment.

d. Street grading and drainage.

e. Street widening. 1. Street intersection improvements.

8. City Planning and Zoning a. Preparation or restudy of master plan.

b. Preparation or restudy of zoning ordin-

c. Preparation or restudy of building code. d. Consideration of urban, rural fringe prob-

e. Study and detailed plans for parks, school grounds, street improvements, and parking facilities.

f. Study of housing problems. 9. Budget Planning

a. Estimates of costs of future developments and repair.

b. Methods of financing plans and developments and repair.

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ment work. c. Budgeting of funds for planning and pro-

posed projects. The list is an extensive one. In it, we believe, virtually every project that a city might undertake

in a program of municipal improvement is to be found. If the compilation has a fault it is in the inclusion of projects that should be undertaken by private enterprise and the failure to develop a better classification of projects as between construc-tion and study. These are only mechanical faults, however, and easily cured by a rearrangement. Efficiency and clarity do demand that the rearrangeat be made.

We recommend a study of the list by everybody interested in the progress of this community.—Bend

# SEATUTE MILES USTICA July 25

Allies' Progress In Sicily Is Rapid

From beachheads established July 10 on the southern coast of Italy, United Nations troops have advanced rapidly until they control all but the northeastern tip of the island. The front line (broken) is traced as of July 25; it has been pushed back further since that date.—AP Telemat.

## Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-THURSDAY-1300 Ko. Next day's programs appear on comics page. News Morning Moods 11:45—News.
12:15—Bob Andersen, News.
12:30—William Winter, News.
12:45—Bachelor's Children.
1:00—Home Front Reporter.
1:30—Uncle Sam. 8:00—News, 8:30—Tango Time, 9:00—Pastor's Calls, 9:15—Uncle Sam, 9:30—Marion County Uncle Sam.

- Marion County
Program.

9 15 - Music.

- News.

- A S 2:00—Newspaper of the Air.
2:30—This Life is Mine.
2:45—Keep the Home Fires Burning
3:00—News.
3:15—Traffic Safety. 10:05-A Song and Dance 30—Concert. 345—News. 300—Raffles. 4:15-News. 4:30-Easy Aces. 4:45-Tracer of Lost Persons. 5:90-Stop, Look and Listen. 5:15-Mother and Dad. 5:30-Harry Flannery, News.

8:55—News. 9:00—For You. 9:15—Gardening This Week. 9:30—Mayor of the Town. 10:00—Five Star Final. 10:15—Wartime Women. 10:30—Music. 1:30-Manny Strand Orchestra.

11:55-News. 12:00-6:00 a m.-Music and News. KEX-BN-THURSDAY-1190 Ec. 6:06—We're Up Too. 6:15—National Farm & Home. 6:45—Western Agriculture.

7:00—Excursions in Science.
7:15—Music of Vienna.
7:30—News.
8:30—Breakfast Club.
9:30—My True Story.
9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:00—Baukhage Talking.
10:15—The Gospel Singer.
10:30—Christian Science Program
10:45—The Baby Institute.

11:00-Woman's World. 11:15-The Mystery Chef. 11:45—Ladies Be Seated. 12:00—Songs by Morton Dow 12:15—News Headlines and

### Interpreting **The War News**

War Fronts in Review.

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6:00-Northwest Farm Reporter. 6:15-Breakfast Bulletin.

7:15—News.
7:26—Dick Joy, News.
7:35—Nelson Pringle.
8:06—Consumer News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:36—Stories America Loves.

9:15—Big Sister.
9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.
9:45—Our Gal Sunday.
10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful.
10:15—Ma Perkins.
10:30—Vic and Sade.
10:45—'he Goldbergs.
11:00—Young Dr. Malone.
11:15—Joyce Jordan.
11:35—We Love and Learn.

8:45—Lawless Twenties. 9:00—News.

9:30-Music. 10:00-Serenade. 10:30-News.

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON AP War Analysist for The Statesman

An Italy completely purged of fascism and on its way back to "constitutional normality" but with its ties with nazi Germany as yet unbroken, was pictured to the world yesterday in Rome broadcasts.

Not only has the author of fascism, Benito Mussolini, gone down, unwept, unhonored and unsung, but the whole one-party, totalitarian structure he reared has been dissolved by Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio and his council of ministers within three days of Il Duce's fall. Thus the first if not the most urgent allied demand on Italy voiced by Prime Minister Churchill as the price of escape from new allied attacks has been met. Yet a revolutionary situation is reported developing in Milan and elsewhere in Italy against the new Rome regime because it is not moving fast enough to get out of a fascist-made war the Italian

people did not want. If an armistice with the allies on surrender terms sternly sketched to parliament by Churchill is the objective of the Italian king and Marshal Badgolio, the time is ripe for overtures to London and Washington.

Not weeks, but days, even hours, must see the Badoglio ministry reveal its intentions both to the Italian people and to allied leadership or take the consequences that could see it also collapse under public pressure for peace in Italy.

Another major allied stroke is close at hand in Sicily, General Eisenheiver's APC Eisenhewer's ABC army (American, British-Canadian) is pos-ing for a death blow to axis resistance there. American and Canadian forces in the center of the long, looping allied line from sea to sea across the neck of the Messina peninsula seem slated to With American capture of Ce-

Southward, American forces, at shoulder touch with Canadians on the British left flank, have stormed through half a dozen

axis defense lines.

towns on the Termini-Nicosia highway, with the Canadians pressing in on Agira from the The fall of any of these towns, S. Stefano, Nicosia or Agira, but particularly Nicosia, would crack the center of the axis defense front ringing the inshore base of

tal communications junction of

towering Mount Etna from Catanaia to S. Stefano. General Montgomery's powerful British Eighth army, held up for days south of Catania, is deliberately marking time. It is pinning powerful and highly mobile axis armored forces to that flank by patrol operations, while Patton's lunging American Seventh army storms down the north coast route to a like mission and the American and Canadian troops in the vital center

At the rate American forces have been pushing forward both along the coast and the inshore Termini-Nicosia lateral, the final test cannot be long delayed and the fate of all axis forces rallied along the inshore slopes of Mount Etna must soon be decided.

dicated from any source, their plight seems desperate. Their Italian allies are far from dependable, and rumors of German withdrawals on the Italian main-land to form behind the Po river in the far north, giving up the whole Italian "boot," if true, would leave nazi elements in Si-cily doomed to sacrifice in any case. It is also clear in that eve however, that the bulk of the Italian mainland itself is to be sacrificed by the nazis, and that falu, officially confirmed, Gen-eral Patton's fast-moving army surrender on allied terms with-is already knocking at the gates out delay than any other known of S. Stefano Di Camastra, a vi- circut

:45—Archie Angre-6:00—Hop Harrigan 6:05—Hop Harrigan.
6:15—News.
6:30—Spotlight Bands.
6:35—Sports.
9:00—Swing.
7:30—Red Ryder.
8:00—Watch the World Go By.
8:15—Lum and Abner.
8:30—Oregon On Guard.
9:00—Wings to Victory.
8:30—News. 230-News.

2:30-News.

9:45-Down Memory Lane.

10:00-America's Town Meetis

11:00-This Moving World.

11:15-Bal Tabarin Cafe Ord

11:30-War News Roundup.

-Blue Frolics.
-Those Good Old Days.

KGW-NBC-THURSDAY-429 Kg. 4:00 Dawn Patrol. 5:55—Labor News. 6:00—Everything Goes. 6:30—News. 7:15—Labor News. 7:18—Labor News.
7:15—News
7:30—News Parade.
7:45—Sam Hayes.
8:00—Stars of Today.
8:15—James Abbe, Ne
8:30—Rose Room.
8:45—David Harum.
9:00—The Open Door.
9:15—Larry Smith.
9:30—Music 10:15-News. 10:30-Gallant Hear 10:45-For You Too

10:45—For You Today.

11:30—The Guiding Light.

11:15—Lonely Women

11:30—Light of the World.

11:45—Hymns of All Churches

12:30—Story of Mary Marlin.

12:15—Ma Perkins.

12:30—Pepper Young's Family.

12:45—Right to Happiness.

1:30—Backstage Wife.

1:15—Stella Dallas.

1:30—Lorenzo Jones.

1:45—Young Widder Brown.

2:30—When A Girl Marries.

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2:30—Just Plain Bill.

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2:45—Front Page Farrell.

3:00—Road of Life.

3:15—Vic and Sade.

3:30—Indians Indigo.

3:45—Judy and Jane.

4:00—Dr. Kate.

4:15—News of the World.

4:30—Music.

5:00—Personality Hour.

5:00—Personality Hour. 5:30—Commentator. 5:45 Louis P. Lochner. 6:00 Music Hall. 6:30 Life With Fred Brady.

7:30—Hello. 7:30—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time. 8:15—Night Editor. 9:30—Music at War. 9:00—Blind Date. 9:30—Ellery Queen. 0:00—News Flashes. 0:15-Your Home Town News.

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6:45—Uncle Sam. 7:00—News. 7:15—Texas Rangers. 7:30—Memory Timekeeper. 8:00—Haven of Rest. 9:45 US Navy Band. 8:00—News 8:15—Stars of Today. 0:30—This and That. News; 1:30—News.
1:15—Music.
20—Joint Recital.
90—Sheels Carter.
15—Texas Rangers.
9—All Star Dance Parade.
—Wartime Women.
—News.

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Unless German forces are far more numerous in Sicily than in-COAC-THURSDAY-580 Me.

## Death Goes Native

By MAX LONG

Chapter S, Continued "Certainly." He came toward me. "Excuse me, please, Turva."
"But—but what's the matter?"

I almost despaired of her feminine curiosity, but I had my hand on Budd's arm, fairly pulling him away. After a few steps I blurted out in a whisper: "Delmar - Delmar is out on

my boat-dead!" He stopped short. I couldn't decipher the expression on his face, but he was shocked, that was certain. He said, "Are you

"My Lord, yes! I even got down in my ice locker where he'd been dumped, to make sure. He was stabbed to death.

Murdered, I tell you!" "No, no, Mr. Hoyt," he remonstrated, "that can't be. Not

"Come and see for yourself." I pulled him on down the path. "He must have gone out to my sampan while I was at the Wests'. He rumbled in my cabin and stole my whiskey. Somebody followed him and stabbed him from behind and threw him into my ice locker."

"Stabbed?" Budd asked, still in an unbelieving tone. "With a knife?"

"No, a fish spear-"I stopped, realizing too late that I had made a bad break, since I had removed the spear.

"Yes?" he questioned, bringing his face closer to mine. "A spear in his back?" "We-ell," I temporized, "the

hole had four edges. It looked as if it might have been made by a fish spear-one with four cutting flanges." "I see," he said, with something like relief in his voice.

"Mr. Hoyt, I can smell the liquor on your breath. That explains everything." "What do you mean?" "I'm not against drinking, mind you," he said leniently.

the head, I don't think it was wise." "Are—are you saying I d-did it?" I stuttered, quick anger trip-

"But on top of that blow on

ping my tongue. "No, no, my friend. I think you've been seeing things, that's all. But I'll be glad to go out with you."

We had arrived at my dinghy.

I said emphatically, "I want you to get him off my boat as soon as possible." "Yes, of course-" "Look there!" I whispered ing finger at the shadowy outline of a canoe just leaving the

side of my sampan. "Maybe it's the killer!" I pulled Budd down

behind the dinghy and doused the light. "Try not to get excited, Mr. Hoyt," he advised. "We'll soon see who it is. Look, he's head-

ing directly in here." While we waited, motionless, something happened which Mr. Budd could not charge to my alleged drinking or excitability. A

## Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Question: Will you please repeat the remedy for the spotted leaves on rose bushes and also if camellias require barnyard fertilizer? Mrs. B.

Answer: Sulphur dust will take care of the blackspot on roses. Be sure that all portions of the roses are reached. There are also a number of good commercial sprays and dusts which will care for this. You will have to inquire at the seed stores as several remedies which can be had are now off the market for the duration-or at least for the

time being. Camellias appreciate some well-decayed barnyard fertilizer placed beneath the bushes as a

E. F. P. sends a sample of an undeveloped bunch of grapes but gives little description of how the bush is affected. If he would call at the county agent's office at his local post office, he would receive reliable advice.

The first requisite in controll-ing all grape diseases is the es-tablishment of the vines in a location Lavorable to grape growing. The rows should be sufficiently far apart to permit air circulation. Healthy stock should be procured from inspected nurseries. The plants ould be sprayed carefully with bordesux during their dormant season, just before the foliage begins, and dusted with sulphur as they begin to bloom. Your county agent has a grape bulletin which will be of use to you.

long-drawn groan came from one of the beached canoes near

"Good Lord!" Budd started up but I yanked him back.

"He's tried to kill someone else," I said grimly. "Don't make a racket now-we've got to find out who's in that canoe!"

"I'd better see," he insisted getting to his feet in spite of me and taking a step or two. Then suddenly he was crouching beside me again, clutching my shoulder. "Listen!" he whis-

From behind us in the palm grove came an ominous sound in the darkness. Someone hiding there had stepped on the dry midrib of a fallen palm frond. It snapped loudly, then there was a long slow rustle of its crackling side ribs as the foot was cautiously removed.

There was no time to find out who was moving under the palm trees behind us, or who was groaning somewhere there in the dark, for the small outrigger canoe nosed in and bumped the sand almost in front of us. Budd wrenched his arm from my grasp and rose.

(To be continued)



to take proper care of the extra thousands of workers and their families who have crowded into the metropolitan area. Temporary makeshifts are employedflimsy housing, cheap busses, slow ferries, congested schoolhouses. The newcomers are strangers, unassimilated, and welcomed chiefly for their spending. The boom is a war phenomenon; and it ought to end when the war ends.

A "quick freeze" would send thousands of these workers back where they came from, back where they belong, back where they are needed. Their draw from the unemployment fund will tide them over the transition period. Post-war development ought to be extended all over the country and not concentrated in the few war-congested areas.

We may just as well face realities as build air castles. There is not in Multnomah county any prospect of full employment of all the war workers in peacetime production. A survey of the Portland chamber of commerce shows there are only 107 industries employing 50 or more workers apiece. Leaving out the five in the top bracket of 4500 and over, there are only 102 firms with a total number of employes of only 28,056. Shipyards would be included in the top group; and no one anticipates continuance of shipbuilding in the Portland area on any

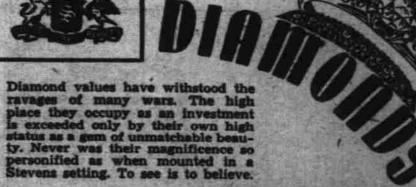
such scale as at present. I do not mean that when the war orders stop, employers should shut up shop and forget about their employes. They ought to endeavor to make a healthy readjustment and provide as much employment as possible, but they should at the same time encourage many of the migrant workers to return

to their home communities. It is expected that there will be a great deal more employment in this state than there was before the war, and without doubt there will be many who will want to remain here. But it is of prime importance that we effect a readjustment of population with resulting betterment of conditions all over the country. Portland and Vancouver will be better places to live in when their growth occurs in more orderly manner, when community facilities can be extended to keep pace with popu-

Salem has been most fortu-nate. It has had no boom; its industries are running steadily; its houses are all occupied and it has no "housing projects" which are the embryos of future

blighted areas. When it comes to post-war planning the minus communities have more incentive to promote projects that will provide employment than the plus com-munities. I hope they get busy so the redistribution of population can come as quickly and with as little distress as possible.





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Sept. 16 Final Mailing Date for Overseas Christmas Gifts