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### The Case of Italy

Italy remains in a state of suspended animation. It is neither dead nor alive. Recognized as a co-belligerent of the allies it is an occupied country. Once an enemy, the allies withhold terms of a treaty of peace. The result is stalemate.

The reason for the diplomatic paralysis is the failure of the foreign ministers to agree at London. They fell apart on a question of procedure though the terms of new treaties with Italy were not in dispute. The conference adjourned in deadlock; which leaves Italy neither buried nor resuscitated.

Foreign Minister Alcide de Gasperi demands for Italy that the allies "cease living and breathing an atmosphere of armistice and unconditional surrender and give Italy a peace. It is a timely demand which should be heeded. Italy has suffered grievously for Mussolini's sins. At best its prospects are poor. But Italy has a population of some 40,000,000 whose suffering should not be prolonged.

At long last the terms of Italy's surrender in 1943 have been made public. They were severe; but the numerous rumors that floated about concerning them are shown to be false. In fact, no reason is apparent why the secrecy was maintained for years and for many months after V-E day.

The allies ought to proceed promptly to get a peace treaty for Italy drawn and signed. There is no need to compound Italy's punishment by postponing the conditions of settlement. Italy shorn of its grandiose ambitions can resume a place among the decent nations; and it is time now to assist its leaders in getting on with the huge task of Italian reconstruction.

### Costly Adventure

Another chapter in the famous Biddle-battle with Montgomery Ward was written Monday when the supreme court, at the request of the department of justice, refused to consider the case of the Ward seizure and kicked it out of court. When the war ended the army surrendered the Ward stores—the only record of surrender in this war since Bataan. The court then declared the issue of the seizure "moot" and refused to hear the case.

However, we haven't heard the last of it. The treasury is to be called on to pay the \$800,000 in wage increases to Ward employees which the army allowed. Quite a costly adventure this attempt to beat down Sewell Avery's resistance proved to be.

Sam Garland who died at Lebanon Saturday was an example of a man whose fame far out-ran the limits of the city in which he spent most of his life. A man of imposing presence, his powers of mind equalled his fine physique and he was recognized widely through Oregon as a lawyer and as a leader in affairs. A democrat from the old south, he cherished deeply the principles of Jeffersonian democracy. His name is one to hold in high respect in the history of Oregon.

John L. Lewis began throwing his weight around in the labor-management peace conference. He won out over opposition of Philip Murray of CIO to get his United Mine workers represented on the executive committee of the conference. It really seems as hard to get labor leaders to agree as to get employers and labor representatives together on a bargain.

### Editorial Comment

#### UNCLE TOM IN A CHANGING WORLD

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom" has again become the center of a national controversy, after four-score quiet but flourishing years as one of the hardest stalks of corn in the field of American literature and drama. Only this time poor old Tom is on the other side of the controversy.

We may be striking at a press agent's baited hook in mentioning the matter. But even if the current Uncle Tom's publicist has encouraged the discussion, its origin seems to have been spontaneous.

It all began in Bridgeport, Conn., a few weeks ago, when a trade union council, a Negro organization, a group of ministers and local members of the communist party objected to a forthcoming theatrical performance of this beloved chestnut. They said in effect, that it held the Negro up to ridicule, recalled his former degradation, pictured him as irresponsible and subservient, and tended to promote anti-Negro sentiment.

Similar groups in New Haven asked that the show be banned there. By good luck or good press agency, official bans in both cities were lifted in time for the scheduled openings. The free advance publicity doubtless created a happy echo at the box office, and that should have been the end.

But now the revolt against Uncle Tom seems to have spread all over the eastern part of the country. The Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have stepped in to defend the play against the threat of "an epidemic of censorship."

This is all a little mystifying to those of us whose first book-reading and play-going fell somewhere between the end of the Civil War and Henry Wallace's discovery of the Common Man, and included an early acquaintance with Uncle Tom. We may have been told then that Mrs. Stowe's classic fanned the flame of abolition and stirred up Northern sentiment for war, but we never suspected that her fanatical liberalism of 1852 would be called reactionary 93 years later. We may have realized then that her most famous work was anti-Simon Legree, but we never dreamed that it was anti-Uncle Tom.

In this troubled world of today there are other jobs for the well-meaning liberals more important than banning this museum piece of the liberal, slavery-hating Mrs. Stowe as anti-Negro. With a little searching they can find several dozen flesh-and-blood characters, more menacing to our way of life than Topsy or Uncle Tom.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

### Waiting for Santa Claus

The city council has decided to wait for Santa Claus. The agents of the civil aeronautics board have been whispering that Santa Claus will be along soon with a bagful of greenbacks to spend on airports. Then Salem can hold out its tincup and get it filled with enough to build an administration building at the airport. Hence the tender of United Airlines is turned down.

The Statesman holds no brief for UAL, but it has felt that an early solution of the problem was important to accelerate fuller use of the airport by commercial lines. The city lacks sufficient funds to do the work, and the proposition submitted by UAL seemed one to begin bargaining on. It gives us real pain to see the city waiting for Santa Claus, and eager to share in federal prodigality. We know of no reason why the federal government should build Salem an administration building; and many reasons why such government spending should be curtailed.

The protests against federal regimentation and extravagance and deficits seem quite hypocritical when communities line up to participate in federal bounties.

### Walkie-Talkies

The walkie-talkie radio sets were good for the army, but we cringe a bit with word they are to be produced for general sale. The cost of from \$50 to \$100 a set will be no deterrent; so we may expect many sales of this new device to tie a man with communication.

Office to doctor or home to automobile may be spanned by these walkie-talkie sets; also house to tractor or camp to fishing boat. In other words a man can't shake himself free even when he hunts ducks or takes a walk in a crowd. The lariat of communication will loop around his ears and pull him in.

The telephone has done much to bind the world with wires; but Marconi's wireless is doing a tighter job with impulses on the ether. Maybe there is practical value for these magnavoce audiphones, but they help destroy the great silences, which is where and when the heavy thinking is done.

The retail price of butter went up five or six cents a pound. This does not mean more profit to the retailer, the creamery or the milk producer. It simply means the government has quit paying a five-cent subsidy to hold up production. The department of agriculture, very wisely, is seeking to terminate food subsidies. It's a step in the right direction.

Now that Manchukuo can go back to being called Manchuria (even though their boundaries aren't synonymous), if they'll just let us say Abyssinia instead of Ethiopia we could take our 25-year-old geography out of the attic.

Big Steel and Little Steel must have red faces, for miniature Oregon Steel, a teacup-size war baby plant in Portland, picked off the first postwar foreign orders for steel—\$2,000,000 worth. The explanation seems to be that Oregon Steel had a salesman who didn't wait for WLB or OPA or XYZ but went out and sold steel.

### Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White  
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—(AP)—The White House yesterday indicated how seriously the situation in China is regarded in Washington.

It was the White House, not the navy department, which issued the denial of Chinese communist charges that American marines already had become involved directly in China's "civil war."

Chinese communists today toned down their accusations, but did not retreat from their fundamental stand that merely by being in north China the marines represent American meddling in China's internal affairs.

Hard on the heels of the White House's denial, today came a dispatch from Tientsin, one of the marine-occupied cities in north China, which quoted "unofficial sources" to the effect that the marines, having just about completed their work of disarming Japanese troops, would be leaving soon and expected to get out by early in December.

One seems to sense a collective sigh of relief on the part of the leatherneck commanders, who have something like 70,000 troops strung out along the north China coast in an area where a nervous patrol or sentry could touch off in the darkness a very serious incident.

When the marines leave, central government troops will be in possession of the ports, cities and railways which they helped secure. These further evidences of American aid to Chungking, among others, will remain in China.

Services of the U. S. army air forces in moving thousands of central government troops into areas often claimed by the Reds.

U. S. fleet services in ferrying other Chungking troops by sea to advanced points.

Lend-lease equipment sent to China during the war to fight the Japanese.

Surplus American material in China destined to be sold to Chungking, including more than 15,000 trucks, jeeps and cars.

This is enough to indicate the concreteness with which American policy has been implemented. This policy was for war against Japan and the disarming of Japanese troops. General Wedemeyer expressed one American interpretation when he admitted it inadvertently aided Chungking in its dispute with the Reds.

There is little doubt that the fruits of this policy can be turned by Chungking against the Reds, who received no lend-lease.



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### Guardians of the Peace

## The Literary News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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By W. G. Rogers

THE BOSTONIANS, by Henry James, with an introduction by Philip Baruch (Dial; \$3); THE SHORT STORIES OF HENRY JAMES, selected and with introduction by Clifton Fadiman (Random House; \$3).

The Fadian edition contains 17 stories, the first, "Four Meetings," dated 1877, the last, "The Jolly Corner," 1909, and those in between arranged chronologically. "The Bostonians" was done in the 1880s.

In "The Tons of Time" two women compete for a man, but for a portrait of him. In "Four Meetings" a New England spinster wants desperately to visit Europe, but less the Europe in fact than the Europe of her imagination. In "The Beast in the Jungle" a man learns, but too late, that the most precious thing about life is that it requires to be lived. "Booksmith" is the servant who, rather than be himself, reflects the society in which he is a mental. In "The Real Thing" an elderly couple fallen on hard times presume they can serve an artist better, as models for genteel, than professional models. And in "The Bostonians" the cause of woman's emancipation, a movement that isn't made wholly absorbing, is betrayed by a girl who merely seems to fall in love with a man who is merely said to be in love with her.

In other words James' problem was precisely the problem of the real thing. Even in the remarkable "Birthplace" he deals with a subject far removed from the ordinary. He wrote, as it were, with mirrors, or with dictionaries. Instead of producing fiction, he produced books which might be called an intelligent man's guide to personality. He was one step removed from life, too much the gentleman to be the great novelist, though he was indubitably one of our greatest writers. As he was an expatriate from America, his characters are expatriates from this world.

The measure of his novelistic failure may be seen in a comparison of his Mrs. Tarrant's salon to the Verdun salon in Proust, to whom he is often likened. If you want to get on the James bandwagon, you could pull yourself up easily by the help of these volumes, one for each hand. You would be joining a distinguished company.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The Baruch letter to congressmen lured the veil about a foot on the whole inner picture.

Without mentioning the labor-management conference, the Attlee visit, the New York and Detroit elections or any other matter specifically, this now unattached elder advisor of the nation penetrated these and all other current economic arguments filling the papers with at least one fresh ray of light.

His flashlight beamed on the problem of production as the root of all economic evil. Delay and curtailment of it by strikes and otherwise boosts inflation, he said (as it does, because slack production makes more critical the shortage of goods, which in turn causes higher prices, which must continue until production satisfies demand.)

Should Make Us Wary

The current brakes upon production also should make us wary of giving away what goods we have to foreign nations, especially those like England, Czechoslovakia, France and Russia (he mentioned these specifically in his meagerly reported letter) because by giving-away, we reduce what production we have available to fight inflation.

He got off his own beam on two other points, it seems to me. He said tax reduction also threatens inflation, without recognizing that a reduction in the vast Truman spending budgets projected publicly for the next twenty months, is the first logical way to curtail the government fiscal threat.

A spending reduction in an inflationary period like this is certainly more important than the meager tax reduction which continues war levies at nearly 90 per cent of war levels.

Need Deficient Materials

Also he lit once upon a rubbish argument when he worried about our farm and mineral resources

Personally, however, rather than climb aboard, I shall be content to walk along beside it.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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and at Hassuna the foundations of buildings made of brick have been found, as well as the tools of husbandry.

In addition to artifacts like the sickle and fragments of ceramics which have been pieced together in earthenware pots and jars and ewers, graves of the Hassuna man have been found. The skeletons show very little difference in size and brain cavity from modern man.

Well, there is something in this news of a civilization 8000 years old which smags one's reflective processes. For one thing, man is old; and in physical form and mental capacity he has changed little in 80 centuries.

Another thing is that though men and their communities die and are covered with the dust of time their "civilization" shows remarkable power of survival. Between old Hassuna and the present, millions of sickles have been made and used and destroyed, but the idea of the cutting tool for the harvest has survived. The Hassuna sickle merely informs us of how early such a tool had been devised by man.

In 80 centuries flood and famine and pestilence and wars have plagued the human race. Empires have flourished and collapsed. Conquerors have risen and died. But the human race has kept going and its discoveries and inventions have kept on accumulating.

Maybe these reflections will comfort those who are now jittery and see in the atomic bomb the possible destruction of civilization and of the human race.

Man is really a tough animal, measured by his capacity to survive.

### Supreme Court Affirms Verdict Upholding Will

The state supreme court Tuesday affirmed Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters, Tillamook county, in a suit attacking the will of the late Margaret Walther, valued at approximately \$12,000.

The suit was filed by Johanna Zenger and others, appellants, against Ulrich Myss, executor of the estate. Judge Peters upheld the will.

The court also upheld Judge Franklin C. Howell, Multnomah county, in the case of Eueidias K. Scott, appellant vs. Robert T. Platt and others, a suit involving partnership funds.

### Supreme Court Hears Disbarment Proceeding

A disbarment proceeding involving Ronald L. Reilly and Tom Kerrigan, Portland attorneys, was heard by the state supreme court here Tuesday on complaint filed by the Oregon state bar. The complaint and subsequent hearing resulted from attorneys fees and settlement of the Plimpton-Kelly estate in Portland. A decision in the proceeding was expected within a few weeks.

### Over Oregon

(By the Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 6.—Charging that OPA practices increase rather than decrease inflation, the Oregon Food Merchants association today asked the bureau be abolished, because "inflationary pressures through artificially produced scarcity" are declared endangering business and retarding production.

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 6.—An Inglewood, Calif., minister and his wife escaped death last night when their automobile left The Dalles-California highway north of here but was stopped from plunging 75 feet by a tree. The Rev. Herman S. Ray, a Baptist minister, suffered bruises and his wife severe back injuries and lacerations.

ST. HELENS, Nov. 6.—The wooden steamer Multnomah, launched here in 1914 and acclaimed the largest ship ever built in this area, will be sunk as a breakwater soon just 1200 yards from where she was built.

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—Police Chief Harry M. Niles said today he would ask city council for addition of 50 men to the force. Niles wants another 50 next year.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 6.—Workers at the Kaiser Shipyard here will go on a two-shift day next week. Graveyard shift workers will be transferred to other shifts.

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—Long Bell Lumber company, Longview, Wash., will build a retail lumber yard here.

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—Plans for construction of a sawmill of 20,000 board feet capacity near Gales Creek was announced today by E. O. Lessard.

### Peace Must Be Organized If It Is To Be Enforced

Peace is more than an absence of war, it must be organized and enforced and the United States must do its share in the organization and enforcement. This was the statement of Dr. R. Ivan Lowell in a talk to the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday.

"V-E or V-J days did not bring peace, nor did Pearl Harbor begin the war," the Willamette faculty man said. "People are less optimistic for the future now than they were immediately after the World War I, but that is because this war ended with little atomic bomb leaving problems to which no one knows the answer."

### 12 New Members Are Initiated by Graphic Art Club

The Salem high school Graphic Art club initiation dinner was held Tuesday evening at the Spa with 12 new members accepted into the club. Officers of the club are: president, Peggy Hedges; vice-president, May Erickson; secretary, Elsie Douglas; and treasurer, Coral Nelson. The adviser is Mrs. Ruth Sillinger.

The new members: Doreen Hanon, Ellen Wriglesworth, Virginia Bowers, Velda Ammon, Jahola Keyes, Irene McLeod, Donna Jane Macklin, Jean Lee, Roma Nelson, Dorothy Goldsby, Alice Stewart, Eta Jo Dodd.

### Four Willamette Classes to Meet For Nominations

Meetings will be held on the Willamette university campus this noon by the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes to nominate class officers for student elections Friday.

In addition to the nominations for class posts, freshman must choose a representative for the student council and one upper-class student will be selected for the office of student body secretary to fill the vacancy left when last spring's nominee did not return to Willamette.

### Nips Charged With Cremation of Fliers

SHANGHAI, Nov. 4.—(Delayed AP)—The army disclosed today that nine Japanese soldiers and a civilian had been arrested and charged with cremating three American fliers after parading them through the streets of Hankow last Dec. 16 and beating them into insensibility.

Maj. Willis A. West, Portland, Ore., who made the announcement said there was some doubt whether the Americans were dead when cremated.

The atrocity first was reported two weeks ago, but the victims' names never have been announced. They were on a Superfortress that crashed near Hankow, central Chinese city.

### Mrs. Roosevelt Speaks In Favor of Training

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Nov. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today she favored a year of universal training and added: "Boys and girls should spend that year in learning the meaning of democracy."

"I would like to see the camps established near great centers of learning," she said at a meeting of Dutchess county school teachers. "It should not be a year taken out of their lives, but a year of opportunity."

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### W. W. McKinney New President of Salem Kiwanis

W. W. McKinney was elected president of the Salem Kiwanis club at the annual meeting Tuesday. He will succeed Frederick Klaus. Other officers are Guy Hickok, first vice president; Phil Schnell, second vice president; Glenn McCormick, treasurer.

The four directors elected for the next year are: Dr. Charles Burden, Roy Rice, Berney Van Onsnoord and J. M. Devera.