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Why Not a Judge?

Latest gossip about the supreme court vacancy is that President Truman is looking outside the present membership for a successor to the late Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone. Advancement of a present associate justice is regarded now as improbable because if that had been the president's intention the announcement would have been made before this. Former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, invited in by the president for consultation, is said to have urged an outside appointment. At best, however, all this is largely audible speculation. Truman evidently is looking over the whole field—he may return to the court for his chief justice after all.

Unmentioned in the press but very highly esteemed in legal circles is Judge Orlie Phillips of Denver, senior judge on the circuit court of appeals, tenth circuit. He has been regarded as of supreme court caliber, but whether he is being considered for the chief justiceship is probably doubtful. His name is not widely enough known.

It does seem that it is time for a president to promote some judge from the lower courts, either federal or state, and not draw on the senate or on politicians. Only one of the recent appointments went to a sitting judge.—Judge Rutledge, who had served just a few years on the circuit court of appeals for the District of Columbia. Burton, Black and Byrnes, who later resigned, were named from the senate. Reed was solicitor general, Douglas chairman of the SEC and Jackson attorney general at the time of their appointment.

Murphy was a political lame duck, having been defeated for reelection as governor of Michigan. Frankfurter was professor in Harvard law school and writer and lecturer on law subjects when Roosevelt appointed him to the court. None on the list was a jurist of long experience.

Surely it is time to bring to the highest court a man with ripe experience as judge, and to leave off for awhile picking someone because of his political slanting. After all, the court has to decide many questions on the basis of law. Not all issues are ones of political ideology. All the present members are "liberals" but their liberalism divides sharply. A man of recognized qualifications as jurist would be a wholesome addition to the present contentious court.

No 'Juice' for Toledo

The city of Toledo, over on the coast, learns that Bonneville Administration, which has power to burn—and to sell—will not sell it electricity. Although Dr. Raver, the administrator defends his promotion of public ownership on the text of the law which says that preference shall be given to public bodies and cooperatives, the regional representative of Bonneville has written city officials of Toledo who are trying to establish a municipal system that Bonneville will not supply them. He says that Bonneville agreed with Central Lincoln PUD not to furnish Toledo with power. The intended effect of the ruling of course is to force Toledo which voted against joining the PUD from breaking away and setting up its own system. This Toledo wants to do because of dissatisfaction with PUD service.

Bonneville of course follows a different course with private utilities. It encourages public bodies or cooperatives to break away or take over private systems, supplies industries within the delivery zone of private companies, refuses to make long term contracts with private companies though authorized by law to do so. The private utilities have to take this discrimination because they are sinful, being privately owned and managed! But it does fly in the face of our conception of fair treatment by government to have Bonneville pick and choose among public customers.

By the way whatever became of that old political war cry: Equal rights for all, special privileges for none?

Alcatraz Rioting

The marines have done it again. Called to subdue the rioting convicts in a cellblock at Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay, they went at it in marine manner, landed on the rocky islet and starting lobbing grenades and bombs into the concrete "pillbox." The convicts endured the siege for many hours, supplied as they were with food from the prison kitchen and with arms and ammunition from the prison arsenal; but the work of the marines and of prison guards finally brought the situation under control.

Compared with the rioting at Alcatraz the recent "over-the-wall" escapes at OSP were indeed minor. We have had riots here in the past but none recently. A prison warden sits always on a powderkeg and never knows when someone may touch a torch to the powder.

During the war prison populations were reduced. Even inside, attention was concentrated on the war, and prison troubles were comparatively few and mild. The ending of the war has brought an increase in enrollment. Many of the prisoners are young desperadoes ready to lunge for freedom at the least opportunity.

Society may expect escapes and outbreaks and even riots at penal institutions. The mood of restlessness, of disrespect for law, of recklessness which prevails on the outside penetrates the prison walls and provides a fertile soil for sprouting rebellion inside. Prison administrators have to be tough to maintain discipline, and guards have to be trained to shoot first in event of trouble. Good prison administration is a combination of good food, fair treatment, ample work, some recreation, and strict discipline. Even with all that there will come occasional

escapes and at longer intervals riots. Alcatraz is merely the rarer instance of violent rebellion born of desperate and utterly lawless minds.

Wings of Song

Today starts another annual music week, the 23rd since the observance was started. Preparations have been made to have this annual music event recognized in schools, churches, clubs and organizations. Foster American music again is the theme of the occasion, with attention to music from the Latin-American countries as well as from the United States and Canada.

Oregon, under the faithful chairmanship of Mrs. Walter Denton has been outstanding in the attention it has given to music week. This year, undaunted by an accident, a broken hand which incapacitated her for a time Mrs. Denton again is heading the observance for the state, and particularly for Salem.

Music speaks a universal language; surely its harmonies are needed now. Music week is a time when the people may enjoy music in varied forms, generously provided by those trained in the art.

Funeral Procession Etiquette

A caller at this office suggests we put in a piece about the proper etiquette for a funeral procession. It has long been a recognized custom for cars or pedestrians not to cut across a funeral procession. So other users of the street may know when the procession has passed, all cars in the procession should turn on their lights. When the last car with lights on has passed, traffic may flow again.

If you are in a funeral procession, turn on your car lights. If you meet a procession in the street do not attempt to pass it or to cut across its line of travel. Thank you.

Met a man Wednesday morning whom we had seen at the ball game the night before. "Wasn't it a bore," he said. "I'd rather go to a funeral." Well, when you can see a ball game like that Tuesday night when it's the visiting team's funeral, we don't think it a bore.

Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, May 4.—Behind the UNO investigation, of course, is the purpose of Russia to bestir revolution in Spain, so as to strengthen the Latin front of communist activity —France, on one side, Italy on the other and the three together.

Inner portents suggest the communists will not get away with it. Chairmanship of the UNO commission went to Australia. Spain sits with both paws on Gibraltar, and Gibraltar paws protectively the British lifeline, the main sea traffic route from Britain to Australia. During the war Spain made no move against the Rock which General Eisenhower, fearful of Spanish action, used as his headquarters to launch the North African invasion. The published diary of Eisenhower's aide, Harry Butcher (which incidentally shows the side went off on other duties at times when the action became most interesting and thus furnishes great lapses in the military accounting) shows Spain kept the Nazis off, and did not interfere with operations of the British airfield there, which was the key to inauguration of our war action.

Spain today is impotent. Britain or Australia will hardly wish to renew their exposed condition on the Rock during the war, by permitting a new communist-pressured government in Spain the same easy access, which Franco did not use, and the Nazis never were able to employ.

Authorities Differ

Others on the UNO commission are China, Brazil, France and Poland. I would judge the vote then would be about 3 to 2 against a revolution in Spain or acquisition of communist or Russian power there. Some authorities are interpreting this matter the other way. They are saying that inasmuch as Brazil is the only commissioner with diplomatic relations to Madrid, the vote would be 4 to 1 for Russian moves to eliminate Franco. Diplomatic relations are not concerned here. This issue gets down to utmost fundamentals. Russia occupies two-thirds of Europe today. She has political agitation alive in the other third, excepting only Spain. In the matter of allowing further encroachments up the Rock, I suspect China and Brazil would join Australia, although possibly France would side with Russia's Poland.

In action, however, these UNO commissions have been required, for the face of things, to move only by unanimity. A divided vote will be avoided if possible. The investigation will necessarily, then, require much time. Technically it is concerned with the question whether Spain is a threat to the peace of the world. A look at any geography, comparing the size of Spain and Russia could have dispelled this charge, except that the Spanish exile government charged German scientists were in Spain making an atom bomb. This appears preposterous as not even the British, our collaborators in its development, have one, or the wherewithal to one—yet the charge must be investigated.

Visit to Spain

Some authorities here have thought Franco would not allow the commission to come into Spain, because Russia's Poland is represented on it. His dangers from thwarting the investigation, however, might be greater than from welcoming it. Yet that is a relatively minor matter in the major stakes on the table in this issue.

Personally I suggest Spain let in an American army man, who is beyond politics, to make the inquiry.

A military man who does not care what the Spanish government is in this transitional moment of the greater world, but who does actually want to know whether any atomic threat to peace exists there, might, by undertaking an investigation, solve the difficulty. Otherwise the issue may be blown up into unrealistic importance for Russian purposes in world politics.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Sundries, electera, miscellaneous! Isn't there EVER anything specific in your budget?"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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more as the diplomat buttering up the British (sometimes to the costly delay of armies in the field). Eisenhower had to put up with Churchill who was forever butting into military affairs, prod Montgomery who, somewhat like McClellan in our civil war, was always calling for more troops and supplies. To Ingersoll, Eisenhower functioned rather innocuously as a "chairman of the board." Even General Marshall's portrait is diminished in Ingersoll's deft retouching.

The appraisals of top commanders by Ingersoll will provoke much argument. At best his view was partial. Only when the reports and comments of others in position to observe and perhaps more competent than Ingersoll to draw conclusions in military matters will the final estimates be made—if history ever leaves anything as "final."

Edward Mead Earle reviewing the book for the New York Times calls it "an argumentative, opinionated and provocative book, written with assurance and punch." It is clear, however, that he discounts Ingersoll's judgment, noting that as a military critic the author must be accepted "with reserve." The best part of the book, Earle thinks, is where Ingersoll takes on his old role as reporter: "But as a reporter he is superb. He has recaptured the mood of May and June, 1944, in Britain, just before the Great Adventure — an unforgettable experience for its participants."

Well, we shall have to put up with a lot of debunking in this period of ebb from the enthusiasms of the war. Even great leaders have "feet of clay." The fact remains, however, that Americans accomplished some of the greatest feats in military history—the organization, training,

transporting and supplying of huge armies; and then smashing out victory over an enemy possessing great advantages. This victory could not have been won by poor soldiers; nor could it have been won with incompetent, fuddling, bewildered generals. There was magnificent teamwork under great obstacles; and the credit must be widely dispersed among leaders at the top—and that's no secret.

Practical Religion

—by Rev. John L. Knight, Jr., Counselor on Religious Life, Willamette University

All too often we look upon history as a cold, dead subject of interest only to the scholar. Actually, however, we ourselves are greatly involved in this thing called history. History is meaningless without reference to persons, past and present.

Each person plays a significant role in the drama of history. Scenes, issues, battles, crises, events occur only as they are created by individuals or groups of individuals. As Carlyle put it, "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." How important it is, then, to consider where we stand and what role we choose to play!

OSC Dean to Talk at High School

Dean U. G. Dubach, dean of men at Oregon State college, will address a senior assembly at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday in the senior high school auditorium.

Other school activities listed for the week include, besides numerous Music week programs, a special meeting of elementary principals at 3 p.m. Monday in the administrative office, sophomore assemblies at senior high Monday and Thursday mornings, and a mothers' meeting at Highland school at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

PLAN GRANGE MEETING

Salem grange will hold a no-host dinner Wednesday, May 8, at the H. D. Smithsons, 235 N. 15th st., at 6:30 p.m.

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BUILDING PERMITS

Issued Saturday by the city engineer, building permits authorize a \$3500 house for Wayne L. Weston at 2425 N. 4th st., \$2500 house for C. R. Lee at 2218 N. Commercial st., \$650 house for Milton Larson at 2265 Claude st., and minor alterations to a house at 632 N. Liberty st. for Sylvia M. Schupp.

Special this week winter grown pansy plants \$1.00 dozen. Hollywood Florist, 2075 Fairgrounds road. Phone 21863.

FILE FOR CLINIC

An assumed business name certificate for Salem Clinic was filed Saturday with the Marion county clerk by C. A. Downs, D. R. Ross, Frank E. Brown, Hugh A. Dowd and Ralph E. Purvine, to replace the previous name held by C. A. Downs, D. R. Ross and Hugh A. Dowd.

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FACE CUT BY AXE

Melvin Lauding, 1182 Center st., cut himself between the eyes Saturday with an axe, according to first aid who treated the case. He was cutting wood and the axe glanced off a clothesline, he told firemen.

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RIDING EVENTS TODAY

Calf ropers of Salem Saddle club will stage their weekly roping competition at the fairgrounds at 11 a.m. today, and later today will go to Turner to take part in the Turner Trail Riders' horse show.

Is your basement full of rubbish? Have it cleaned and disposed of by Leo's Cleaning Service. Ph. 2-4443.

DEACONESS DISCHARGES

Five people went home from Salem Deaconess hospital Saturday. They were: Mrs. Pauline Keck, Hubbard; Mrs. Gladys Bedford, 845 Ferry st.; Miss Edith Reynolds, 1645 S. Cottage st.; Mrs. Janice Newcomb, Stayton, and Mrs. Ralph Mattison, Hubbard.

Lutz Flower Shoppe, 1276 N. Liberty, phone 9592.

RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Hulga Raybell, a one-time resident of 140 North 23rd st., died on Friday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Entriken in Grants Pass. Mrs. Raybell had been ailing for some time and when her condition became serious recently was removed to her daughter's home. The funeral will be held Tuesday in Grants Pass.

Discharge service lapel buttons now available at Brown's Jewelers and Opticians. Bring discharge certificates.

YM BIKE TRIP HELD

Thirty boys biked to the Brush college district under YMCA direction Saturday. They returned after games and picnic lunch there.

HOTEL MEN HERE

A dinner meeting of the Southern Oregon Hotel association will be attended by many hotel managers and owners this evening at Hotel Marion. Cedric Reaney of the Senator hotel is president of the association.

JUNIOR CHAMBER SPEAKER

Salem's Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon will hear a talk on "Life in Berlin" by Lt. Robert Medley, airborne combat veteran now on terminal leave here.

WINDOW SERVICE FILED

An assumed business name certificate for Stone's Salem Window Service was filed with the Marion county clerk Saturday by W. B. Stone.

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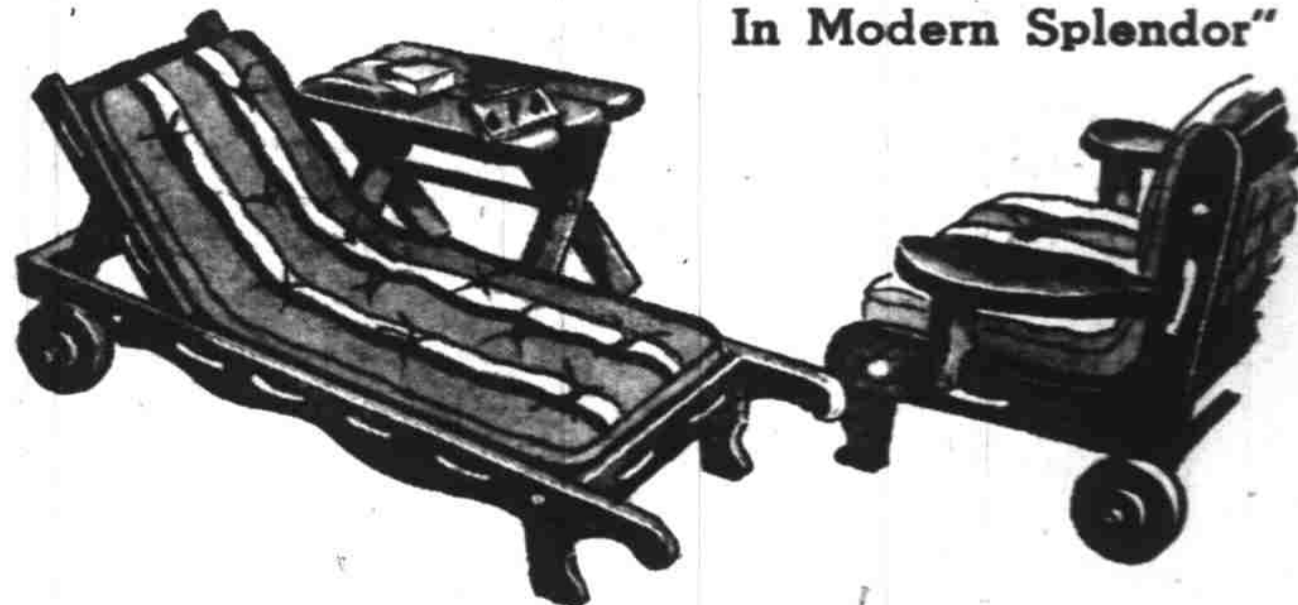
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