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What Did They Want?

The Salem Chamber of Commerce comes in for an unwarranted rap in regard to the recent Cook's tour of newsmen sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers and Columbia Empire Industries.

In fact, the comments in the May issue of Western Industry published at San Francisco would make a person wonder just what the tour was for, anyway. The magazine says that of the 17 cities visited "only two (Aberdeen and Wenatchee) made any real effort to sell the newspapermen on their local food products."

Of Salem it comments: "But at Salem, home of the famous tart Oregon prune, this tasty fruit was ignored. Even the waitress in the hotel didn't know the difference between an Oregon and a California prune! And as for Willamette cherries, even less was said."

Here's what the magazine might have said: That Salem was one of a few places in which the banquet-talks did not constitute almost exclusively nothing more than a round of condemnation of the OPA. Instead, the visitors were treated to a fine and comprehensive review of the Willamette valley project and the potentialities it held for industry.

If the NAM wanted a free box of prunes or cherries, the idea was unseasonable. If they merely wanted the newsmen to hear high praise of the area's products, why didn't they say so. It's true that the valley probably doesn't blow its own horn enough, but it's nobody's business except our own.

Behind the News

By Paul Mallon
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WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Russian program for world political action is being, and a change of front may eventuate from the Browder talks in the Kremlin.

Severest setback to communist plans for postwar political aggression was defeat of their new constitution for France. Moscowites controlled the spirit of the French government since they defeated DeGaulle's policy of a strong army, and secured collaboration of the socialists. Their constitution proposed a single center of government authority in the chambers of deputies with a sub-servient president and cabinet.

Facially this appears like utmost democracy—something like the superiority of the British parliament you might say. The majority of the French electorate was not fooled. Democracy rules by checks and balances. It gives no unbounded control to a single authority anywhere. What the communist constitution intended was to centralize the power of government so the communists could use it, without the usual democratic restrictions. By restricting it could give its industrial centers the greatest representation, and otherwise (do not forget that French politics is notoriously amenable to cash payments, both foreign and domestic) solidify its power beyond redemption.

Every time the communists go to the electorate, it seems, they are being rejected. In the French referendum on the subject last October, their proposal for a weak executive was defeated, although they succeeded in electing the largest bloc of delegates to the convention. In the conveniences of international conferences and domestic political battles, communists have won the most ground, but at the ballot box they have proved weak.

Less conspicuous events than the French election disclose their forced retreat with even greater clarity. A spare three paragraphs in the London Times recently revealed the decision of the British labor party to change its constitution so as to deny memberships to communists. This decision follows the disclosure made in this column three weeks ago, and not yet generally published, that the leftwing unions in CIO were taking similar action. In many of the communists' party members, and unquestionably labor in the two democracies is attempting to purge itself of the communist influence. How far it will succeed is not yet evident, but the intent is genuinely significant because CP had made its deepest inroads in the labor movement.

It was in the light of these world-changing events that Earl Browder flew to Moscow on his unexplained mission. The CP postwar political action in this country has been in the hands of the communists who oppose cooperation with capitalism. Browder was ousted from party control here because he brought CP into cooperation for production during the war. Will the Moscowites now order a period of cooperation again with capitalism here and in the rest of the world?

I doubt if Lenin at the matter the way Moscow looks at it, if you would find the answer in capitalism was the first enemy chosen by communism. Fascism became a later enemy. Fascism has now been eliminated as a world power. Communist aggression against capitalism can stop only through a genuine reorganization of its totalitarian ideals, and this is hardly to be expected now as the Russian government, flushed with victory and new-won power throughout the world, sees its greatest opportunity for world achievement.

But there is another stronger reason for doubt. Democratic capitalism is struggling to its feet, following the war. If the communists cooperate and we get production, we may grow strong again. Therefore the Browder mission is likely to succeed only if the Kremlin becomes convinced capitalism will fail anyway and a period of false cooperation is justified as a temporary strategic retreat. The decision could favor CP and superficial cooperation, but could hardly run into genuine depths.

In these fundamental currents, some are saying the ultimate conflict will be between socialism and communism. But socialism is a word which has lost more of its original definition than communism. The name were socialists. So were the fascists. So is Russia. The name of that communist nation is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. British socialism, on the other hand, clings to law, the parliamentary system and democratic forms.

Events therefore are shaping the world conflict into a clash of stalin, dictatorship, communism on the one hand versus democracy, capitalism, socialism on the other.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries
"A SHIRT THAT ISN'T WHITE"

One of the phenomena of our times, bright and dismal at the same time, is the Sport Shirt. Just how this garment came to be a leading article in retail stocks, and often the only offering resembling a shirt, is a story buried somewhere in the facts of price control versus manufacturers. To hear the manufacturers tell it, OPA made it impossible to make ordinary men's shirts and stay out of the limelight of the sport shirt slipped through a loophole in price-control regulations: being forced to observe their 1942 prices on articles they had previously made. OPA says, manufacturers shifted to production of shirts on which there were no price precedents. According to this version, fabric manufacturers gladly joined in, concentrating on development of iridescent fabrics called "Sun"-this and "Glo"-that, and the chromatic revolution was on.

The result was stores full of high-priced "shirts," cut as jerkins. Mother Hubbards or anything but shirts; colored firehouse red, shocking yellow, booming brown or anything but white; finished with saddle-stitch, cowhand embroidery or anything but a common hem, and adorned with buttons of leather, lucite, chromium or anything but ordinary white plastic. To make quite sure that none of these regissh camisoles could be made to simulate a shirt, the collars are cut just at the sternum, unswerving Adam's apples which have been decently covered since the McKinley Administration. The result is to lend to the appearance of grizzly settled middle-aged men a terrible coyness, the considerable exposure of brightly-colored front suggesting geraniums in the bay window of a comfortable home built in 1917 and the Buster Brown collar implying a morbid reversion to childhood.

The situation imposes upon those no longer coltish a heavy handicap in the transaction of their affairs. A businessman cannot enter upon a serious conference with strangers without either brazening it out and being taken for a superannuated rug-cutter or explaining about his enforced resemblance to the wood duck, a silly note calculated to build no confidence in the speaker's ripe business judgment.

An English visitor to America last year was struck by the masculine plumage around him, and when someone explained that it was a wartime development, he said: "I see. Those are your austerity shirts."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Hitler Still a Winner
PROMOTED HATRED OF JEWS AND LIBERALS
ENLARGED GERMAN POPULATION
REDUCED POPULATIONS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
V-E Day Was One Year Ago

The Literary Guidepost

By Joe Wing
CHARLES DICKENS, by Una Pope-Hennessy (Howell, Soskin; \$4).
If you have shied away from Dickens' novels because they are long and full of extraneous as well as pertinent detail, you had better shy away from this biography.

To get the well publicized new information that Charles Dickens put his wife aside after 22 years and took a showgirl mistress, the reader must wade through 476 pages jam-packed with minutiae on what Dickens did, read and said on most of the days of his 58 years. And there isn't much information on the showgirl, Ellen Ternan, except that Dickens found her weeping because she had to display herself too much in her act. Dame Pope-Hennessy has sifted thoroughly for the first time the voluminous Dickens letters but her selectivity, writing ability and insight have fallen short of her industry.

It's an important biography nevertheless that will repay any student of Dickens or of genius in general.

Starting as a factory boy, becoming an ace reporter through his own industry and ability, Dickens was a celebrity with five servants and Pickwick to his credit at 28. It's hard to realize the hold he had on the English and American publics. Not only did his novels and Christmas stories sell by the hundreds of thousands (he could get a thousand undepreciated pounds for a short story at the drop of a hat), but he packed them in at theatres and halls here and abroad to hear dramatic readings from his own works. He had more fun at that than at anything and he almost literally laid huge audiences in the aisles.

The creator of Scrooge and Mrs. Gump and Oliver Twist and Little Nell and half a hundred other classic characters was a fop who dyed his hair, also an earnest and successful social reformer as certified by Karl Marx. He fathered 10 children, supported whole houses full of relatives, was one of the most successful magazine editors of the day, a chronic traveler, and an intimate of the great. And the quantities of food, drink and sedatives he consumed make it a wonder he survived as long as he did.

Lignite is a dark brown coal with low carbon and high oxygen content.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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this change is to make the administrator the responsible executive, with authority to "hire and fire" personnel except those under civil service.

Dissolved if the amendment is adopted would be the park board, public playgrounds board and the water commission, their functions being assumed by the administrator.

Principal duties assigned the administrator are: "To supervise and control all administrative and business affairs of the city, and generally to manage its affairs and concerns, except the legislative and appointive powers vested in the council and the judicial functions of the municipal judge."

To organize the work of the departments under his control and to assign assistants, deputies and employees from any office or department to perform work or services in connection with any other office or department in the city, or to work in more than one department or office.

To act as purchasing agent for the city. To control the purchase, storage and distribution of all supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services required by the city, or any department or agency thereof, in the manner provided by ordinance, and to establish and enforce standard specifications with respect to such supplies, materials and equipment.

To prepare and submit to the council the annual budget estimate and such reports as may be required by that body, including the annual reports of all the city departments. Salem's business affairs need better management. The city has outgrown the cumbersome method which it has labored under for many, many years. There is lack of coordination among the several departments. Administration is not controlled by the appointed officers but by committees of the council. Busy men and women are called on to leave their business and go out to look after minor details of administration, which often means delay.

The city's government has been conducted honestly and unpaid officials have devoted much time in city service. But the city's affairs have grown to a point where full-time central-

ized management should be provided. No business of the size of Salem's would attempt to operate without an executive head. The universal experience in business and in city government is that a competent manager saves many times his own salary.

There is little prospect that the administrator will become an autocrat. He is responsible to the council whose members are elected by the people, a majority being up for election each two years. Moreover, like any other person dealing with the public, he knows he must give satisfactory service if he is to hold his job.

Several times before Salem has voted on some form of manager plan, but not before on just this plan. There has been a growing sentiment in favor of having a smaller council and a more compact administration. The trend in other cities is all in the same direction. Now is the time to put over this change and provide the city with a type of government better designed for getting the most out of our tax dollars.

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT
Merlin Glenn Burdick, no chauffeur's license, fined \$1 and costs.

Roy Livingston, charged with creating a disturbance while intoxicated, trial set for May 8; charged also with threatening to commit a felony, trial set for May 14; released on \$150 bail.

Joe, William and Merlin Giggers; charged with disorderly conduct, released on \$250 bail each.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Roy Livingston, creating a disturbance, released on \$150 bail.
Thomas G. Hastings, 336 State st., violation of basic rule, \$750 bail.

Clinton Cooler, 161 S. 14th st., violation of basic rule, \$750 bail.

PROBATE COURT
Julia Steinkamp, estate: Estate appraised at \$500.

Doris McIlwan, guardianship estate: Order authorizes Rollie A. McIlwan, guardian, to accept \$625 as settlement for alleged injuries suffered by ward in auto accident.

Albert Oehler, estate: Estate appraised at \$37,716.

William L. Bishop, estate: Estate closed and Elsie A. Bishop, administrator, discharged.

Milly E. Hilborn, estate: Nile W. Hilborn appointed executor and R. R. Ribson, lawyer, R. Fisher and Margaret L. Johnson appointed appraisers.

Wayne C. Graft, estate: Forrest U. Graft appointed administrator and Henry S. Barnes, Jr., Henry Jungwirth and J. Ray Ribben appointed appraisers.

Kittie H. Graver, estate: Ellen Morley appointed appraiser in place of Keith Powell.

Jennie H. Michell, estate: Order sets aside sale of real property negotiations by Ralph C. Zimmerman, administrator.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
John D. Storm, 23, carpenter, and Marjorie Laverne Ruch, 19, checker, both Salem.

James Clement Butte, 21, student, 1675 S. E. 1st, and Janet Marie Halick, 20, file clerk, 1850 S. High st., both Salem.

CIRCUIT COURT
Delta Ray vs Deena Hart: Defendant answers admitting and denying.

Mack E. Beck vs Pacific Greyhound Lines and others: Defendants Jack D. Matheson and Melvin L. Stinson answer admitting and denying.

Maurice D. Dickinson vs Mrs. Charles Duval and others: Defendant Duval files motion to strike.

Samuel W. Atkinson and Alice E. Atkinson vs D. N. Foy and others: Complaint to quiet title.

Melvin F. Learman, doing business as Pacific Decorators and Supply Co., vs Mike Steinbeck and Harry M. Steinbeck, doing business as Leonard's Supper Club: Complaint for judgment of \$1798 from each defendant for service and materials allegedly rendered by plaintiff.

Raymond Rabenu and Reva C. Rabenu vs Gene Wilbanks and Lohree H. Wilbanks: Suit dismissed without cost to either party as settled.

NEWMAN CAR TAKEN
Dale Newman, 1935 N. Capitol st., told police Tuesday that his car was taken from near his residence after 11 p.m. Monday.

Engineers Are Pallbearers At Rites Today

Active pallbearers at this afternoon's funeral service for C. B. McCullough, late state highway department bridge engineer and chairman of Salem's long-range planning commission, will be engineers and other executives of the highway department: R. H. Baldock, E. A. Collier, J. M. Devens, S. H. Probert, W. A. Reeves and H. C. Smith.

The Rev. George H. Swift will officiate at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal church. Rev. D. Barton will sing and Ruth Bedford will be at the organ.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chief Justice Harry Belt, Justice Arthur Hay, Justice James T. Brand, Justice Hall Lusk, G. S. Paxson, William Tugman, Clay Cochran, George Putnam, Harry N. Crain, Charles Sprague, James McFarland, Ray Furrow, George Arbuckle, Ralph Cooley, T. H. Banfield, Merle Chessman, Arthur W. Schupp, James A. Davis, Sam D. Brown, J. G. Gundersen, B. McDaniel, E. G. Ricketts, A. G. Skelton, O. A. Chase, J. W. De Souza, Sam Murray, H. B. Glaisher, Joseph A. Weber, William E. Chandler and M. Stephenson.

Surviving McCullough are his widow and son, John R. McCullough, both of Salem.

Chemeketas' Annual Outing To Be Planned

First public meeting for persons interested in the Chemeketas' first postwar annual outing has been scheduled for Thursday night in the YMCA basement. The outing is to be held August 3-18 in the high lake country south of Willows lake. Varied activities will include boating, fishing, swimming, hiking and climbing of "the Matterhorn" and "Eagle" cap.

Exhibits of outdoor equipment are to be on hand for the Thursday night meeting. Walter Morse will discuss proper handling of photographic equipment for outdoor vacations. Luther Cook, chairman of the annual outing committee, said Tuesday that the Chemeketas would welcome at the meeting any person interested in joining the outing.

Rites Today For Minister

Graveside services will be held at historic Jason-Lee cemetery at 11:30 a.m. today for the Rev. R. E. Dunlap, member of the Oregon Methodist conference for 40 years, who died at his Forest Grove home May 4 at the age of 77.

Coming into the Oregon conference in 1895, he served it continually except for some years as assistant in the world service and centenary agencies of the church. His wife preceded him in death in 1942. He is survived by two sons, Herbert M. and Leonard E. Dunlap.

Dr. Thomas Yarnes of the First Methodist church of Forest Grove will officiate at today's rites here, the Rev. Roy A. Fedie assisting. All Methodist ministers in Salem have been asked to participate in the services.

Tax Ballot Title Appealed to Court

The ballot title for the basic school support initiative measure was appealed to the state supreme court Tuesday by F. H. Young, Portland, manager of Oregon Tax and Research, Inc. Young contends that the short ballot title prepared by the attorney general does not give a true and impartial statement of the purposes in said measure, that it is argumentative and fails to indicate to the voters the true purpose, purpose and extent of the measure.

MARINE LEAGUE MEET
Salem Marine Corps League will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at Normandy Manor. All ex-marine corps personnel are invited to attend, said David Ringland, league chairman.

RETIREES FROM GROCERY
John G. Marr filed a notice of retirement with the Marion county clerk Tuesday from J. G. Marr grocery.

NOHLGREN'S FILE

An assumed business name certificate for Nohlgren's Restaurant, 440 State st., was filed with the Marion county clerk Tuesday by Ralph S. Nohlgren, Fanny S. Nohlgren and August H. Nohlgren.

Shotgun shells, scopes, sights, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

JUDGE AT MEET
The Marion county budget committee recessed Tuesday while Judge Grant Murphy attended an executive board meeting of the county officers' association in Portland and M. G. Gundersen, another committee member, attended a cattle sale.

Sleeping bags, tents and tarps, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

PROGRAM OF MUSIC
A program in keeping with National Music week is scheduled for presentation this noon before the Hollywood Lions club, meeting at its Lions Den. Al Crose is chairman of arrangements.

Archery sets and boys cut 50%, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

CLOUD CHASERS TONIGHT
Salem Cloud Chasers model airplane club is to meet at 7:30 tonight at the Salem chamber of commerce.

Aluminum and plywood boats now on display, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

SPUR TRACK GRANTED
Southern Pacific's spur track from Trade street to Valley Packing Co. received franchise renewal from the city council Monday.

MISSING FROM HOSPITAL
Phyllis Hamilton was reported missing from the state hospital at 6 p.m. Monday by hospital authorities.

NEW TAXICAB APPROVED
City council Monday approved DeLuxe Cab Co.'s application for a license for an additional taxicab in the city.

ATTEND POLICE SCHOOL

Sheriff Denver Young and Col. H. G. Mason, assistant superintendent of the Oregon state police, are attending the opening sessions of the police administrative officers' school in Portland Tuesday. The course will continue through Thursday.

"Cyn" Cronise Photographs and Frames, 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg.

TO TALK CITY PLAN
H. E. Barker, secretary-treasurer of the Salem central trades and labor council, will preside at an open forum for all city residents at 8 tonight at the labor temple. The purpose of the meet is to discuss various kinds of city government available to Salem's voters.

Auction Friday. See classified.

THREE RETURNED
Three students reported as missing from Chemawa Indian school were located by city police near Highland and Fairgrounds road late Monday night. They were turned over to school officials.

Hollywood Florist, 2075 Fairgrounds Rd. Phone 2-1863.

PETERSON NOMINATED
Charles Peterson has been nominated for commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Salem chapter No. 6, for the election to be held June 7.

We have the most complete gunsmith shop in the Northwest with complete line of parts, sights, and scopes. Rebluing of all types of guns, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

TWO CABS COLLIDE
Two cabs were damaged in a collision at High and Mill streets Tuesday afternoon. Drivers were Emil Stewart, 1990 Frederick st., and Keith F. Rabe, 1394 N. Sumner st.

Tennis and Loafers shorts, assorted colors, Maple-Keene Sporting Goods.

STEVENS "Gifts for Mom"
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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Just think! Next month they promised us our new car. It's as exciting as waiting for a baby, isn't it?"