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Abuse of Privilege

Congressman Andrew J. May is trying to explain his connection or deny his connection with a brace of boomers who engaged in manufacturing war goods. Photostat copies of checks passing from the manufacturers to a lumber company contribute to his embarrassment because they bear the personal endorsement of A. J. May. May denies any impropriety or personal profit and accuses the adverse witnesses with malice.

A former officer in the war department has testified how his rise was raised over the pressures put on him by May in behalf of those barnstorming manufacturers whose production record was very unsatisfactory.

Without passing any judgment on May's possible corrupt involvement in business with the government, one sees in the army testimony something of the way that congressmen and senators are used by private citizens, business concerns and organizations with a selfish interest at stake. Theoretically a congressman or a senator is a legislator, one who makes the laws. Actually he is forced by selfish constituents to beat in the doors of government departments in their behalf. In the past his influence was used to obtain government positions, and still is for the jobs not under civil service. Lately much of his time is spent running errands for constituents, trying to get contracts or get favorable rulings or concessions from regulatory bodies.

The Statesman believes that this practice of using senators and representatives is greatly abused; that the member of congress feels forced to deliver special favors to prove that he has influence. The result is that administrative officers are under heavy pressure from senators and representatives, which makes honest and competent administration difficult.

The cure lies with the people mainly, and with members of congress secondarily. The people have no right to ask their congressmen to breach propriety in their behalf; and congressmen would be justified in telling many of their constituents to go hire a lawyer or a Washington agent to do their stuff. Of course this will not happen. The public is too greedy, the senators and congressmen too defenseless against the custom. The May affair is merely an extreme case of abuse of congressional privilege.

Evolution

The Capital Journal bounces back at us with a declaration that the plan worked out for improvements at McNary field is not the one originally proposed by the United Airlines a year ago and asserts that the one adopted is an "evolution." That is true only as to location. For the rest, the plan is essentially what UAL proposed and which the Capital Journal and the airport committee of the city council opposed. The latter wanted the city to build its own administration building on the north side of the field. The Statesman opposed the city's building an administration building because the city's available funds were inadequate, and urged that city money be spent on improvements to the ground, allowing UAL to build a terminal which would revert to the city in 20 years.

That is the solution adopted, with the site selected on the southwest side instead of the westerly side of the field. It is an evolution all right—an evolution away from the Capital Journal's position.

Sticker Without a Sting

Here is a one police sticker for auto windshields that carries no sting for overparking parking near a fireplug or double parking. It's a friendly salutation for the out-of-state motorist, welcoming him to Salem, the capital city.

The Kiwans club is sponsoring and financing the gesture, and the police department is cooperating by doing the tagging. Just a little adventure in friendliness that should bring returns of satisfaction.

The Spanish government has warned papers, now that the summer is on, not to print pictures of girls wearing bathing suits. Humm, can't they print pictures with them off?

Behind the News

By Paul Mallon

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WASHINGTON, July 9.—Russia has moderated her obstructionist tactics against cooperative peace. More suddenly than she started they are expected to withdraw them. Her new ambassador submitted to a somewhat democratic form of newspaper interview, saying truthfully enough that neither of our peoples want war. Her Gromyko once again vacated his seat in UNO and its atomic bomb meeting, and she has been justly charged with warlike intentions for having an atom bomb test. Similarly her Molotov agreed in Paris to internationalization of Trieste and otherwise softened her attitude of cooperative peace treaties.

Why? These men were operating on strings from Moscow, no doubt the same strings. Their belated agreement to peace was swift. So swift that Washington has been unexpectedly confounded in furnishing the inspiration and background reasons.

The suspicion most widely held in official government circles is that Russia has now gained firm foothold for herself in nations she has conquered, and is about ready to withdraw her troops therefrom. Her stalling of the peace has not been in the same ground. The war has been over more than a year in Europe now, and she could not further delay a peace without giving her stalling tactics some degree of permanency. She has seized factories and organized politically, generally getting the interior secretary in charge of police and elections if not the entire cabinet. If she cannot now hold those nations firmly enough to permit withdrawal of her troops, she would have to assume world responsibility for blocking the peace. Between those alternatives, her inner choice walked—but not ran—to peace.

War Scare Evident in Capital
A war scare was evident inside this government just before Molotov dropped the Red bait at Paris. This government dispatched troops to Trieste in anticipation of what occurred a few days later, namely a clash of communist and Italian forces. The truth, however, runs deeper. Our government really expected a revolt, if not civil warfare in Yugoslavia from an adverse decision of the council of ministers. Together with the British we had about ten million dollars and sufficient soldiers to handle the affray (we thought). Their presence meanwhile worked effectively on the Russians in a language which they best understood.

In top of this, she was given a conciliatory bargain. An ethnic and internationalization of Trieste, are not a new formula for elimination of that stumbling block, especially when accompanied by a generous \$100,000,000 of reparations from Italy (we did not seek to get anything from nations conquered by Russians). When this bargain was offered by Bidault, the French Catholic middle-grounder who has a reputation of truthfulness among communists as well as among Molotov nearly snapped it up.

Hope for Peace Proves Evasive
Newspapers all this mean peace. I wish I could report that someone of our government authorities here thinks so, yet it is difficult to find sound or genuine basis for such a fond and hopeful deduction. Russia is like a Swiss watch politician of whom it was once said: "It makes no difference whether you have him for a friend or enemy, as you come out about the same, and perhaps it might be better to have him an enemy because then at least you can be sure of what he is doing." Peace can be authoritative only when it is genuine. We are not here dealing with genuine opposition, or even a genuine resistance to cooperative peace. Russia turned about without announcement to do these things. She ran them the opposite way tomorrow or even before this gets into print. A nation unfettered by principles, but interested in gain factors, is peaceful only as long as she is peaceful—as long as the extent that she is actually peaceful. Treaties and agreements of such forces are secondary considerations. Indeed a treaty made on such a basis may be more dangerous than obstruction. At least you may never count on the future in these circumstances because it may not be even what has been officially prescribed.

Thus, of the inside here, there is noticeable considerably less hope than may have been advertised.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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of the second district reversed the ratio of the first and second districts where labor unions and consumer groups are stronger.

While congressmen and senators often have convictions which no barrage of telegrams will alter, a larger proportion are alert to public opinion. Their difficulty is to determine what is the real drift of opinion and what is merely the braying of pressure groups.

A pretty good example of how a senator is inclined to hedge on this OPA business is revealed in a telegram sent by Senator Shipstead of Minnesota to Senator Wherry, republican whip, and printed in the Congressional Record. Shipstead was in his home state campaigning for his political life against Governor Thye (a losing fight, I am glad to say). Undoubtedly he was up against this OPA business whenever he met with his constituents. Shipstead has a reputation for skill in walking on eggs, and he must have used all his talent in this direction when he composed this telegram to Wherry after President Truman's veto of the first OPA bill.

"Think it a mistake to wipe out OPA entirely. In my opinion rents will go up too high. Reasonable allowance for cost of maintenance should be granted. Think speculation in real estate should be held down. Pair me for reasonable restrictions. If the president appoints administrator with sense and good judgment, public can be protected on certain items necessary for restriction on prices. Think OPA responsible for most of our shortages."

He makes a timid endorsement of a milk-and-water OPA bill with a flexible administrator, then in his last sentence gives OPA a kick in the face.

Well, the Washington marble halls are full of men like Shipstead who hardly know which way to jump. Right now they appear inclined under the multitude of messages from a frightened public to try to resurrect OPA. But the very indecision of congress has given price control an almost airless and even if it is revived it will be an anemic watcher of the calendar awaiting the return of the hearse a year hence.

The Literary Guldepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE HOUSATONIC: PURITAN RIVERS. By Chad Powers Smith (Rinehart, \$3).

The Housatonic, which, half way between the Connecticut and the Hudson, runs from north of Pittsfield down to the Sound and east of Bridgeport, doesn't make such a big splash among rivers either for length or breadth, but it has picturesque passages and a real historic importance, and easily rates a place in Hervey Allen's "Rivers of America" series.

Settlers advanced upstream in the course of the 17th century. The tiny little valley produced the Williams who gave his name to the college, and was a home for preacher Jonathan Edwards; Dalton and Lee manufactured paper, Danbury produced hats, and a school in Lenox helped educate the mother of Winston Churchill. Longfellow married into the valley, and so did Edith Wharton, whose Ethan Frome still dwells in Lenox. Josh Billings, Bryan, Holmes, and Melville also would immortalize the Housatonic, and Hawthorne named Tanglewood.

But the sturdy Puritans and the subsequent geniuses who came by the "Shanks' mare" yielded to an invasion by tallies. The new names were Whitney, Winthrop, Stokes, Diamond Jim Brady. They built vast estates in shingled gingerbread—there were 75 in Lenox in 1900.

Private schools and asylums took over the estates. Invention flourished, though industry was bashful. There is now possible the author believes, a Housatonic renaissance.

The book closes with a chapter for canoeist and cyclist who want to travel down the valley and down through the centuries, from Indian to machine age.

There is a lot of information here, useful for the country at large as well as for natives. But there's a sort of sanctimonious tone to it that you may resent. The author arranges his history, loosely to be sure, in five acts of a struggle between the Lord and the Devil, the former being Puritan and humanitarian, the latter greedily economic. It might be objected that it isn't necessarily the machine which has given this century its evil cast, and that a Puritan God wouldn't necessarily have preserved it from that evil.

FCC Hearing Set July 31 on Plea For Radio Permit

Representatives of FCC will hold a public hearing in Salem on July 31 on the application of Loring Schmidt for a license to operate a radio station here. Schmidt is applying for a license on AM frequency 1490. The station would be named KOCO.

Schmidt, former proprietor of the Grand theatre here, first filed an application for a Salem license before the war. Diversion of materials to the war effort caused the FCC to cancel all applications. Schmidt entered military service, but after his return from duty renewed his application.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Licht



"Working conditions here are intolerable!—It's utterly impossible to see the clock from the water cooler here!"

Intermediate Prison Urged For Youths

An intermediate penal institution for youths, plus indeterminate sentences "so that individuals can be treated instead of their crimes," were advocated by Hal Randall, state director of probation and parole, before the Kiwanis club Tuesday.

Randall said auto thefts "constitute one of the major reasons there are too many young people coming to the penitentiary," and cited figures showing that 42 per cent of prison inmates in Oregon are under 24 years old. Fourteen per cent are under 19.

"The core of the whole crime problem is in youth," he declared. He said present state prison population was 1044 "and growing."

Cites Parole Figures

Randall also cited the exhaustive check on persons paroled or placed on probation; said Oregon was supervising 130 such persons from other states and had 160 of its own residents being similarly supervised elsewhere, and added that only 3 per cent of persons under surveillance had their freedom revoked for new crimes.

Segregation and rehabilitation were stressed as all important in the penal picture.

As far as parole and probation is concerned in Oregon, Randall said there was no "mawkish sentimentalism" as mentioned by FBI-man J. Edgar Hoover in his criticism of some state systems.

Dr. Morris Continues Record

The Kiwanis club at its Tuesday meeting made arrangements to have 10 members go to Salem General hospital so that a formal meeting could be called to insure continuance of the 25-year perfect attendance record of Dr. Henry Morris, now hospitalized with a heart ailment.

Announcements also were made of the club's family picnic, to be held at 4 p.m. next Tuesday at Paradise island, and the hobby show set for the noon meeting at the Marion hotel Tuesday, July 23.

Dr. Booth Leaves For Lions Meeting

LEBANON—Dr. J. C. Booth, Oregon delegate at the international convention of Lions clubs in Philadelphia, Dr. Booth, district governor of the Lions club, went to Oakland, Calif., and joined California units. They plan to make a non-stop trip from Oakland to Philadelphia. While in the east Dr. Booth will spend some time with his son, Clarence Booth, in government service in Washington, D.C., and his daughter Margaret, in New York City.

Dr. David E. Reid is delegate to the national convention of the Osteopathic association in New York. He will represent the Oregon Association of Osteopaths and also the national organization of secretaries.

Dr. Reid was re-elected secretary-treasurer of this district when the associations of Oregon and Washington had a joint meeting in Paradise Inn, Rainier park, last week.

FILIPINOS MEET PRINCETON
PEARL HARBOR, July 9.—(AP)—The U.S. Princeton, en route to Manila with the body of former Philippines President Manuel Quezon, was met on its arrival here today by a delegation of Filipino leaders.

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Building May Be Allowed at Salem Airport

The possibility that portions of the Salem airport tract may be released by the government for private hangar construction prior to the official return of the property to the city was expressed by Wallace Hug, airport manager, at the Junior chamber of commerce luncheon Tuesday.

Hug explained the government has control of the land, part of which is being leased from Salem, until negotiations for disposal of the property have been completed. Government regulations prohibit private building on the tract.

"The present hangars are full," Hug stated, "and relaxation of the regulations will permit needed expansion."

Hug reported that Paul Morris, CAA regional airport director, had expressed confidence that such arrangements could be made.

State Guard Units Praised For Conduct

Co. K and Headquarters detachment of 12th battalion, both of Salem, Co. B of Dallas and Co. A of Silverton were commended for their conduct on a recent Oregon State Guard bivouac at Camp Whithycomb, Clackamas, in letters by Col. Alvie L. Merrill, camp quartermaster, and Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Olson, acting adjutant general.

Policing of the area occupied by the companies was especially noted, as well as camp administration and discipline. The kitchen staff of Co. K prepared meals for all personnel. Firing on the prescribed 30 calibre rifle range netted some high scores for officers and men.

Copies of the commendation were forwarded to the following officers: Maj. W. K. Graber, 12th Bn.; Capt. Vincent C. Neal, Hq. Det. 12th Bn.; Capt. Noel G. Holman, Co. K; Capt. Frank M. Powell, Co. A, and Capt. Kenneth C. Laudahl, Co. B.

Teachers Sign For New Jobs

SILVERTON—Miriam Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen, left Monday for San Francisco where she will teach next year.

K Evelyn Torvond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Torvond will teach at Hillsboro next year. She has been teaching at Stayton and is attending summer school in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Madsen and sons, Richard and Alvin, have returned to La Grande after visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. Madsen. Additional guests at the Madsen home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Madsen and Kay of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Madsen, Colleen, Roger and Loretta of Hillsboro.

The eastern Oregon folk also visited former neighbors in Sprng Valley in Polk county before leaving.

LeRoy C. Vesper, Portland, appears in the local justice court at 9:30 a.m. today for preliminary examination on a charge of impersonating a police officer. He has entered a plea of not guilty.

Sheriff's deputies who arrested Vesper in Salem Monday stated he asserted himself as an officer from Portland and that a check with Portland police department and Multnomah county sheriff's office indicated he was associated with neither. They said Vesper carried a private detection license issued in California.



Rev. F. H. Theuer

Rev. Theuer Leaves Salem For Puyallup

The Rev. F. H. Theuer, pastor of Christ Lutheran church since February 1940, is leaving Salem next week to become chaplain and director of the Puyallup home, Puyallup, Wash. The home is maintained by the Lutheran churches of Western Washington for the aged and infirm. A program of expansion in the immediate future is contemplated including a hospital unit and chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Theuer came here first from Colfax, Wash., in September, 1909 during the illness of the late A. E. Minneman, then pastor of Christ Lutheran church. Upon the pastor's resignation he became permanent pastor. The 50th anniversary of the local church was observed in the spring of 1944.

The Rev. Carl A. Schulz, recently discharged U. S. navy chaplain now living in Caroline, Wis., has accepted the call to become pastor of the Salem church and will arrive August 1.

Laundry Workers May Join Union

Negotiations with the Salem laundry and Wieder's laundry for organization of a laundry workers' union are pending. Herb Barker, business agent for the allied trades council, said Tuesday. A majority of the employees are said to have shown a desire to become members of a union by filing application blanks. The required minimum of 51 per cent of interested workers was certified by the Rev. Daniel K. O'Connell, a party not connected with the case.

Salem Firm Buys Silverton Business

SILVERTON, July 9.—Eastman Brothers, in business here since 1909, have disposed of the last of their business here. The manufacturing division owned by the two, L. C. Eastman and Austin Eastman, North Water street, was sold to several; the plant to Paul Noble of Portland, who will manufacture store fixtures, the furnace and freshets, departments to W. W. Rosebaugh and Son of Salem. The farm manufacturing business was sold to a Gresham firm, while Norman Eastman, son of the senior partner, bought the heating and sheet metal business.

Norman has opened his new plant on Fisk street, and a number of the former Eastman Bros. employees are working for him.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—The bureau of labor statistics commodity price index rose 3 per cent today to 227.8, bringing the index rise since OPA's expiration to 14.3 per cent.

TRUE ENOUGH

ABOUT METAL

MIRRORES OF COPPER AND TIN WERE CARRIED BY EBHATHIAN WOMEN IN THEIR LEFT HANDS ON VISITS TO THE TEMPLE...

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