

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In the obvious effort to avoid the proscribed sales tax the interim commission studying state tax problems has tipped the beam which may cause numerous bee stings from fresh interests that are disturbed.

For example the report proposes the repeal of taxes on tangible personal property. Since the proceeds of this tax now go to local units of government, the elimination of this tax deprives the units of revenue from this source.

Another item sure to encounter opposition is the proposal to reduce the exemptions on personal income taxes. This is evidently an effort to apply a substitute for the sales tax in reaching persons of little income.

Damon Runyon, Famed Author, Columnist, Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Damon Runyon, 62-year-old author and columnist, died tonight in Memorial hospital.

Runyon was famous for his short stories, many of which became motion pictures. He once said he made half a million dollars writing about "one little section of New York."

His breezy fiction, with its big stem jargon, its dialogue, merrily, the king's English, was the epitome of Broadwayesque.

After publishing books of verse, he authored "Guys and Dolls," "Blue Plate Special," "Money From Home," "Best of Runyon," "A Slight Case of Murder," "My Wife Ethel," "Take It Easy," and "My Old Man."

Runyon was born in Manhattan, Kas., Oct. 4, 1884, and during the Spanish-American war, served in the army in the Philippines for two years, enlisting when he was 14. After the war he returned to Colorado and entered the newspaper work.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Now close the door and go to sleep!"

Comment From U.S. Lacking

By Larry Hauck

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Great Britain's joint policy with Russia, "the principle" tonight on a merged world arms reduction and troop census program with international inspections which, if approved by the United Nations assembly, might force the United States to divulge the atomic secrets almost immediately.

The main point at issue remaining the veto, with Britain insisting that an international commission to receive troops and arms and report must be kept out of range of the security council veto and the Soviet Union insisting as usual that the special voting right must apply.

Paul Henri-Spaak, assembly president, suggested that a decision on the entire question be deferred and that the new British proposal be sent to the 54-member UN sub-committee on arms reduction. The big powers agreed to this.

Most delegates believed the veto would operate only before the verification and inspection commission is established. Once the commission is established, they said, the veto could not operate since the major powers have already agreed that the arms reduction program once set into operation would be free of the veto.

In Midst of Debate

The apparent agreement came in the midst of a three-hour debate in the United Nations assembly marked by a series of maneuvers between Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and Sir Hartley Shawcross, chief British delegate.

Shawcross twice called it "an historic occasion" and once shook hands with Molotov to seal their agreement.

The question before the 54 national delegations — a world-wide census of troops — was snowed under in the intensity of the discussions and the final effort was to merge this issue with the whole broad problem of arms reduction.

No Comment from U. S. The United States, whose atomic bomb secrets would be offered to the world almost immediately under one section of tentative accord, did not directly comment on the British proposal that paved the way for agreement in principle.

The assembly president, Paul Henri-Spaak, of Belgium, cautioned that "the whole system of arms and disarmament would be established by January 15 if the proposals were adopted. This would include full reports on all phases of the atom bomb; Agree to inspection

The unexpected and fast-moving action started with the Russians agreeing to accept a system of international military inspection which would allow agents to make spot checks within Russia and elsewhere, but on condition that the United Nations demand a full report on all troops and armaments, including the atomic bomb.

Police Host to Small Christmas Shoppers

Two small boys, lost in the Christmas rush, were safely returned to their parents Tuesday through the courtesy of Salem police.

Eric Myers Shrewsbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shrewsbury of Scotts Mills, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sage of 2385 Hyde st., were the kids who happily hugged their parents at the police station as their sad eyes were displaced by bright, happy ones.

Columbian Racial Hate Group Said Planning Nazi Coup in U.S.

By Paul Simmons ATLANTA, Dec. 10 (AP)—A charge that leaders of the local Columbians, Inc., sought by terrorism and hate, "obviously inspired by Hitler's early beginnings," to seize power in this country and set up a Nazi form of government was made today by Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook.

After disclosing his file to newsmen, Cook notarized it and transmitted it to Gov. Ellis Arnall as an official act of the state. The record, compiled with the aid of a prominent anti-Nazi league of New York, contained charges of dynamiting a negro home, a plot to "beat up or lynch" prominent Georgians, drive out the negro population and grab power by fostering racial hates.

Solicitor General E. E. Andrews, one of a dozen or more prosecutors and police officers who heard the disclosures, immediately announced that the evidence would be presented to the grand jury Friday and "prosecuted vigorously."

President Emory Burke of the anti-Jewish Columbians could not be reached for comment but Secretary Homer L. Loomis, Jr., said the attorney general's charges were "a pack of lies."

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32 on Plane Lost in Northwest

Secret Societies Reported at End State Tax Revisions Proposed

17 Sign Affidavits to Dissolve Groups

The apparent end of boys' illegal secret societies in the Salem public schools was at hand today, after more than 30 hectic years.

22 Courteous Drivers Up for Prizes Today

Twenty-two license numbers are in the hands of the secretary of state's office today for judging as to which 10 will get the initial day's prizes in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign.

The license numbers were noted by Salem police officers, primarily, and some by the Statesman Courtesy car and assisting observers. It was noted that some of the drivers of the cars listed were women, but as several of the incidents occurred at night it was not possible to ascertain the proportion.

The 10 license numbers of cars adjudged to have best exemplified the spirit of the courtesy driving campaign will appear in The Statesman tomorrow, and owners or drivers may call at The Statesman office for their prizes any time after 8:30 a.m. The top winner also will be eligible for the grand prizes at the end of the campaign December 21.

"We in good faith agree to, and pledge ourselves jointly and severally, to the following terms: Permanently Dissolved

Violation Punishment

"1—We herewith permanently and completely dissolve the organization in the Salem public schools.

"2—We will in no way endeavor to continue its existence or in any manner to solicit new members.

"3—This affidavit carries the signatures of each and every member and pledgee thereof now in the Salem public schools, and we will show to the board satisfactory documentary evidence of this fact at the final acceptance of this affidavit.

"4—In case of violation of any of the above agreement, by our organization or any member or pledgee thereof, the status of all or any club signatory to this affidavit will be subject to treatment by the school board as secret society members as required by law.

March of Dimes Campaigners Hold Kick-off Meeting

An urgent need for funds to combat infantile paralysis was cited last night by Dr. W. J. Stone, city-county health officer, at a kickoff meeting for the March of Dimes campaign sponsored by the Salem Shrine club.

Heading the Marion county drive for dimes are Roy L. Houck, chairman, and Barney Van Ongebroeck, director. Director for Salem is Joe Land.

Heading divisions are: Clarence Shrock, automotive; Harold Walling and Rollin Lewis, builders and contractors; Loyl Warner, general gifts; Floyd Seamster, industrial; Ted Medford, mercantile, and Daughters of the Nile, led by Mrs. Harris Leitz, professional.

The pre-campaign work starts December 16 and extends through December 21. The general drive is from January 15 to 31.

Burned Trying to Save Baby

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10—Mrs. Gracie Hazelton fights back tears as she looks at her husband, Benjamin, a war veteran who was severely burned in a vain attempt to save their three-month-old baby, Katherine Jean, from a fire which destroyed a converted chicken house in which they were living in Los Angeles.



Commander Duke asked residents of the intervening territory to report to the navy, the coast guard or to the army at McChord field any clues to the whereabouts of the big plane. He said it had fuel for some eight hours' flight.

The plane disappeared during a day of rain and strong winds. Commander Duke said the last contact was when the pilot made a routine check with the Toledo range station, south of Chehalis. Silence closed in then, despite frantic efforts of army, navy and civil aeronautics administration wireless stations to contact the plane. Identity of its occupants was not immediately made known.

Search for Missing Girls Ends With Report of Wedding in Reno

The mystery of two Silverton girls missing from a Burlingame, Calif., boarding house over the weekend ended last night when they both turned up safe—and one married.

Beverly Davenport, 18, a freshman at San Mateo junior college, daughter of Mrs. Ronald Craven (the former Mrs. Ed Davenport), now of Salem, informed her mother by phone last night that she and Robert Green of Antioch, Calif., also a student at the college, were married during the weekend which saw a coast-wide search being launched by police after the boarding house operator reported their disappearance.

Following is the list of prizes in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign:

MAJOR GRAND PRIZE: Seventeen-jewel wristwatch, choice of men's or women's (Stevens & Son).

1st: New tire and tube (State Tire service). 2nd: Dishes, service for 8 (Salem Hardware). 3rd: Sandwich grill and fry rod (Sears Roebuck).

4th: Permanent wave (Larsen's Beauty Studio). 5th: Wool auto robe (Bishop's Clothing). 6th: Airplane suitcase (Miller Mercantile). 7th: Table lamp (Edstrom's). 8th: Electric room heater (McKay Chevrolet).

9th: Table lamp (Court Street Radio). 10th: Andirons (Doughton Hardware).

DAILY PRIZES 1st: Camellia (F. A. Doerfler & Sons). 2nd: Three pair nylon (Army & Navy store). 3rd: Ten gallons gasoline, oil change, lubrication (General Petroleum).

4th: Umbrella (J. C. Penney Co.). 5th: Car vacuum (Hamilton Furniture). 6th: Album of records (Heider Radio). 7th: Auto flashlight (Yeater Appliances). 8th: Half gallon ice cream (The Pike).

9th: Two tickets Elstino theatre. 10th: Two tickets Elstino theatre. In addition, every one of the prize winners (daily and grand) will receive a certificate entitling him or her to an 8 x 10 brown-tone photograph (Bishop-Moderne).

All prizes are being made available at The Statesman office, with the exception that certificates instead of actual merchandise will be issued for the photographs, gasoline, oil, permanent wave and ice cream.

Planners Endorse Division Street Bridge

street. The resolution had been prepared earlier in the day by the city planning and zoning commission.

Division street bridge plans of the state highway department would divert through traffic from the busy Center street bridge three blocks south and would prevent Salem-West Salem traffic to continue using the existing bridge.

The chamber-sponsored commission also acted favorably on a resolution to the city council that the pending ordinance for overall city zoning be adopted as drafted after omitting a rezoning from residential to business area of certain eastern blocks of State

street. The commission discussed general plans for future highway and railroad traffic developments in the city, including Southern Pacific Co.'s tentative plans favor-

How to Win Courtesy Driving Award 1. Drive courteously! 2. Watch this space, starting tomorrow, to see whether your car license number has been noted as a winner!

Marines On Board Airplane

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (AP)—A marine corps B-3C transport plane, with 32 men aboard, was reported tonight by the Sand Point naval air station here as missing on a projected non-stop flight of six planes from San Diego, Calif., to Seattle.

Commander P. D. Duke, Sand Point operations officer, asked public aid in tracing it.

The naval public relations officer at San Diego said the plane had a crew of three—a major pilot, a lieutenant colonel-copilot and a master sergeant. Passengers included 28 marine corps privates and a marine sergeant military policeman. Their names were withheld pending word of the plane's fate.

It was unreported since 4:13 p.m., when it reported it was flying at 9000 feet elevation, south of Toledo, Wash. It was cleared to Everett, Wash., and was due at 5:06 p.m.

Commander Duke asked residents of the intervening territory to report to the navy, the coast guard or to the army at McChord field any clues to the whereabouts of the big plane. He said it had fuel for some eight hours' flight.

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Commander Duke asked news services to publicize the feared mishap and to ask that all residents along the air route report any unusual airplane behavior by calling Sand Point, McChord field or the coast guard immediately.

May Be Forced Down Flyers said that because of the thick weather, it was feared the plane might have been forced down in some isolated mountainous region south of here.

If this plane had crashed, some of the men may be alive. Every minute counts in a situation like this," added Commander Duke.

An R-5C is a twin engine plane, known to civilians as a Curtis Commando. The missing plane was painted standard marine dark color, almost a black.

It was one of six which left San Diego at 10:36 a.m., on a projected nonstop flight. Four turned back after hitting bad weather in southwest Washington. A fifth landed at Sand Point.

Being Transferred At Portland, one pilot told interviewers each plane was carrying some 30 marines, with sewing bags and full back packs, who were being transferred from San Diego to Seattle. He declined use of his name.

Flaming Meteorite Soars Over Kansas MCFHERSON, Kas., Dec. 10 (AP)—The pre-dawn Kansas sky from here to Garden City, nearly 250 miles to the west, was turned into brilliant daylight today by what residents reported appeared to be a flaming meteorite traveling so close to the earth as it passed over McPherson that it left a long white smoke plume in its wake.

A ground search party and an army plane failed to locate any trace of a meteorite.

TO RESCUE LIBERTE LE HAVRE, France, Dec. 10 (AP)—A large repair crew, including divers rushed here from most major French ports, stood ready tonight to try to save the partially submerged liner Liberte, formerly the German Europa, resting on a mudflat in the harbor after a three-day storm.

12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The Weather Salem, Max. 53, Min. 46, Precip. 0.0. Portland, Max. 50, Min. 40, Precip. 0.0. San Francisco, Max. 52, Min. 40, Precip. 0.0. Chicago, Max. 50, Min. 40, Precip. 0.0. Willamette river 3.6 ft. FORECAST: From U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain showers today and tonight. Highest temperature 53. Lowest 45.