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Behind the Facade in France

France is in the throes of organizing a government under its new constitution, adopted by a small plurality for government of the Fourth Republic.

Some weeks ago an article appeared in which the author predicted that France would rise again to become a great power in Europe and the world.

In fact the picture of postwar France as painted by Arthur Koestler, one of the great writers of our time, in a recent issue of the N.Y. Times magazine, evokes fears whether France itself may be able to survive as political entity.

The surface is the old charming Punch and Judy show of French parliamentarism, with its chan of cabinet crises, French referendums; of party coalitions forming and breaking up like couples in a polonaise, and above all that sparkling, inexhaustible stream of oratory sustained by 280 weekly and twenty-five daily papers in Paris alone.

But around this neon-lit carnival stalks the black death of mass misery and economic collapse; and underneath the earth is mined by preparations for the real showdown.

The basic facts as he has found them are that France, has lost her national sovereignty in the sense that it is militarily impotent, second, that the strongest political party in the country owes its allegiance to a foreign power; third, that France has lost its internal sovereignty, in the sense that the executive lacks the real power to govern the country.

The communist penetration has been developed by transition from the resistance movement, by use of familiar tactics of liquidation and intimidation, and by the method boring from within which gives the party cells in government offices and workers' unions. To quote:

The party's five million voters, its public pronouncements, its acrobatic parliamentary maneuvers, are merely the facade for the underground activities of a revolutionary movement with an old conspiratorial tradition, a neo-Machiavellian philosophy and a clear grasp of the power factors that really matter.

What props up France at the moment is the unwillingness of the communist party, probably on counsel from the Kremlin, to take over power because that might result in civil war as the Spanish model and lead perhaps to another world war as the nations true to western culture opposed the progression of Byzantium to the English channel.

There is no hope in a De Gaulle type of leadership which in turn might provoke civil war. The English socialists have "lost both their courage and their following."

The very crisis of the new France should serve to divert attention in that direction. The world has been wondering about what kind of Germany might emerge from the wreckage of war. It needs also to be concerned over whether an independent France may emerge from a humiliating defeat and internal discord.

"Worst Commentator"

Those who bust a suspender button or start a runner in their nylons getting to the radio on time for the Fulton Lewis broadcast will not be interested in this comment on Lewis by the Chicago Daily News: "Worst commentator of the year 1946—Fulton Lewis, jr. who is perhaps the most reprehensible creature on the national scene today, and the only man who can make us searick on dry land."

We can't verify the verdict because we never listened to Lewis or any other radio "commentator." Among newscasters Jim Wyatt of KOIN is tops. He's good enough to be a newspaperman.

Politics is major business in the south; and serious business too. Elections are frequent, rotation in office is the rule. In two men claim the office of governor. The governor-elect died and the legislature elected his son, Herman Talmadge as governor. Ellis Arnall, governor for the last term, still holds the executive office which he swears he will yield to the lieutenant governor as soon as he is sworn in.

The sergeant-at-arms "bank" in the national house of representatives is short \$121,000. This institution operates as a bank for house members. Whether the shortage is due to overdrafts of members or to embezzlement of employees is not made clear.

The California legislature has a bill which would make mandatory a jail sentence of 30 days or not more than six months, a fine of \$50 to \$500, or both for persons convicted of driving while drunk.

An unsigned letter to the editor complains of the dog nuisance—dogs digging up plants and bulbs. This frosty weather is no time to revive the dog-garden controversy, but come warmer days and it will be easy to start a hot argument over which comes first: the dog or the garden.

They say times have changed in the New York apparel markets. No longer do the out-of-town buyers have to take the apparel dealers out to ritzy night clubs to gain the favor of a little merchandise.

The Albany Democrat-Herald, commenting on the increase in juvenile crime, expresses the opinion that the remedy lies in education. Not the kind though that is poured into the head but applied at the other end of the juvenile anatomy.

Oregon has hired a new athletic director and head football coach, James W. Aiken of the University of Nevada. The choice was a surprise. The new coach has the advantage, he does not start with the handicap of a big reputation.

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Mr. Truman revised many categories in his new budget and gave them higher sounding names—for instance he had a new one he called "social welfare, health and security" (which is really about all I want out of life or government or God, as a matter of fact.)

But the significant and obliterated truth of the budget matter was increased variety of new or old, except two. No matter what you call them, they all went up, except two, over the three year period of his budgetary figures.

You housewives who figure budgets for living at these prices know a budget these days is a hope expressed in figures, within which you hardly can hope to live.

The federal budget is a little more complicated because of a time element. Mr. Truman is figuring income and outgo for a period beginning six months hence and not ending until 18 months from date. He was therefore forced to make as you might be under those circumstances in these times, particularly as he can largely fix his income by tax adjustments—of which he will have none, he says.

Only Two Cases Less But to make the figures real as of today he submits them for three different years, each time, and this time for the current fiscal year of the government, the last one, and the far-off next one. Now in only two of his categories are his expenditure proposals less for next year than for last year.

Those two are national defense and something he calls (not significantly I hope) as finance, commerce and industry. (I have not included a third account which has been reduced called "refund of receipts," which is purely technical repayment of taxes already collected.)

National defense had to be cut because you cannot spend as much for it in wartime as in war, even last year's partial war year. This he cut from last year's \$11 billion down to next year's \$5 billion. The thing he called "finance, commerce and industry" was cut 215 million down to 112 million, nearly in half.

But look at his figure chart and you will see "labor" went up from 104 to 117 million. That category I mentioned as ideal, "social welfare, health and security" went up from \$11 billion to \$16 billion. But you may summarize the general truth by saying his new category called "general government" (this is much better than saying the White House, or congress, or any individual part of general government, the mention of which might be odious)—as I say general government went up about a third from \$988 million to \$1.4 billion.

So you must conclude from a budget analysis that the president proposed financial scheme is generally this: To cut down on nothing really except finance, commerce and industry, but to take the opportunity to increase everything else, and have no tax reduction whatever from the high wartime rates, making these high taxes balance a budget of unprecedented peacetime proximity to reasonableness of \$37.5 billion. For this excuses may be plentiful. They always are in budgets. He may cite higher costs, needs, many other things. I am saying this is the residue result.

Upon this newly excavated financial ground the president, you may have noticed stood firm—but firmly in the position of (strange as it seems) an economist. He dared the republicans to find one cent in his \$37.5 billion budget for tax reduction.

At this, the republicans have publicly laughed, and scorned. Even reluctant Republican Leader Taft has come around since he got advance word on the budget to advocate a 20 per cent tax cut, thereby joining house ways and means Knutson who demanded 20 per cent from the top. Both Taft and Knutson on figures but say 20 per cent can be cut from the expenditure and the relief proposed from wartime rates. Budgets Always Wasteful

My personal experience from 26 years of government budget reporting is that there never was a budget from which 20 per cent could not be cut. That much could be made up in government waste alone, without going into other savings categories including "wise expenses," "necessary expenses," "politically advisable expenses," etc. which terms could well move be devoted for advocacy of new savings categories.

If the republicans cannot cut 20 per cent out of that budget without interfering with any wise and necessary government expenses, they could not cut a piece of soft cake.

Lyons Home Nursing Class Is Organized

LYONS—A home nursing class was started here Tuesday under direction of the American Red Cross, Albany chapter, with Edna Venberg, instructor.

Enrolled are Mrs. Harley Scott, Mrs. Paul Johnston, Mrs. William Prichard, Mrs. Glen Julian, Mrs. Albert Julian, Mrs. Gordon Heineck, Mrs. Roy Huber, Mrs. Alex Bodeker, Mrs. Arthur Next meeting will be in February and those wishing to register may see Mrs. Alex Bodeker, local Red Cross chairman.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We had no idea television was practical—until the man told us we could have the set on 12 easy payments!"

C. Evensizer Of Jefferson In Minnesota

JEFFERSON — Charles Evensizer left Saturday for Cando, N. D., called there by the death of a relative. He will also visit in Bemidji, Minn., before returning.

Past Matrons club met with Mrs. Earl Phelps. Twelve members and two guests were present. The Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Bashford and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meyers attended services at the Albany Evangelical United Brethren church last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rehfeld and two children visited with Mrs. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Gerig at Fruitland, Mrs. Gerig went to San Francisco where her husband is in a hospital.

A. C. Powell's Cash and Carry grocery is being improved by the installation of a two-section 20 foot frozen food cabinet.

Gervais Lodge Has Installation

GERVAIS—Harmony Rebekah lodge 75 and Odd Fellows lodge No. 121 of Gervais met Saturday for joint installation of officers.

Installing officers were Mrs. Jessie Coomler, district deputy president, and Al Collins, district deputy grand master. Assistants were Mrs. Florence Oddie and Albert Lengren, grand marshals; Mrs. Edna Manning and Kenneth Coomler, deputy grand wardens; Mrs. Anna Dunlavy and Robert Massey, deputy grand secretaries; Mrs. Marie Massey and Duke Ballbeber, deputy grand treasurers; Mrs. Kate Rogers, deputy grand guardian; Mrs. Marie Massey, deputy grand musician.

Officers installed were Mrs. Frances Morgan and Ed Rogers, noble grand; Al Collins and J. S. Coomler, vice grand; Mrs. Marie Massey and Robert Massey, secretaries; Mrs. Florence Oddie, financial secretary; Robert Massey and William Alsop, treasurer; Mrs. Long, warden; Mrs. Margaret Jones, conductor; Mrs. Frances Collard, inside guardian; Mrs. Gladys Martin, outside guardian; Mrs. Dillie Bliven, Mrs. Minnie Alsop, supporters of noble grand; Mrs. Jessie Coomler, musician.

Mrs. Marion Wilson of Bandon, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, will pay an official visit to Harmony Rebekah lodge Saturday.

Portland Couple Visit With Aumsville Folk

AUMSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Elliott of Portland spent Wednesday at the Fuson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Clark of Portland visited Wednesday at the Higberger, Gildon and Fuson homes.

Mrs. Warren of Turner is conducting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Holmquist, after serious injuries in an auto accident.

Mrs. Johanna Brown is recovering from a serious cold.

Buena Vista Woman's Club Elects Officers

BUENA VISTA — The Womens club held an all day meeting in the community hall last Friday. Following dinner the past president opened the meeting with the flag salute and singing "America."

Edwards Popping Club Formed by Pedee Group

PEDEE—Four-H cooking club under the leadership of Mrs. Glen Edwards has been named the Edwards Popping Club. Officers are Alma Birchell, president; Marlene Condron, vice president; Wanda Blankenbaker, secretary. Other members are, Phyllis Ruitter, Dorothy Birchell, Lorna Van Den Bosch, Joyce Ruitter, and Beverly Davidson.

Services for Mrs. Peary Set Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Vivian Peary, route 2, Salem, who died Wednesday at the Providence hospital in Portland, will be held Friday at the Clough - Barrick chapel at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Joseph Adams officiating. Interment will follow in Belcrest Memorial park.

Mrs. Peary, wife of Harry L. Peary, had been a patient in the Portland hospital since December 10. She had been a resident of Salem for 23 years.

Mrs. Peary was born in Roseburg, Oct. 13, 1900, daughter of Mrs. R. W. Marster and the late Judge Marsters. She was married to Harry L. Peary at Roseburg, June 22, 1926.

Following her education in Roseburg public schools, Mrs. Peary was graduated from Oregon State college in 1923. She joined the faculty of Salem senior high school in 1923 and taught for four years. She was a member of the First Methodist church of Salem and of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Surviving besides the widower are two daughters, Ruthann Peary, Oregon State college student, and Martha Jane Peary, route 2, Salem; her mother, Mrs. R. W. Marsters of Salem, and a sister, Mrs. Kermit Johnson of Corvallis.

Valley Briets

Idanha—All mills and logging operations are closed down because of the heavy snow fall.

Roberts—Roberts grange will meet Monday, January 20, at 8 p.m. when the new officers will be in charge.

Pratum — Community club meeting will be held Friday night and Future Farmers of America will present the program. Pie and ice cream social will be held.

Aumsville — Home extension unit meeting will be held at Ivan Putmans, Thursday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. Color in the home will be discussed.

Brush College—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKinney, visiting the Fred L. McKinneys, have returned to their home in Prineville.

Aumville—The Vernon Roberts have purchased the Arthur Lowe place where they have been living since October.

Turner—Ray Godwin is in the Veterans hospital in Portland. Leo Klockstad is confined to his home with a back injury received while working at Peter Mshelles.

Aumville—Ray Tullius, Aumsville Coffee shop operator, is in Salem General hospital and Bill Roberts is taking his place in the Coffee shop.

Brush College—Paul W. Harris, first class, U. S. navy, has been spending 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Harris, and has returned to San Diego.

Miller Faces 3rd Indictment Over Accident

DALLAS, Jan. 15—The third indictment charging Albert Miller with negligent homicide in connection with an automobile accident last May 24 in Independence has been returned by the Polk county grand jury.

Miller allegedly was driving one of the cars involved in the Independence accident in which 10 persons, mostly Oregon College of Education students from Monmouth, were injured. Two, Nancy Temple of Eugene and Virginia Lee Fretwell of Portland, have since died allegedly as a result of injuries received.

Following the death of Miss Eke in July, Miller signed a waiver of indictment. R. S. Kreson, Polk district attorney, filed an information charging him with responsibility for Miss Temple's death, to which Miller pleaded guilty.

Miller was convicted and the grand jury convened and returned the first indictment, it was quashed by Circuit Judge Arlie for failure to correctly specify particulars. The second indictment was then brought in by the grand jury. Miller's attorney asked dismissal because of prior jeopardy and hearing on the matter was set for late in January.

All of this occurred before Miss Fretwell died in Portland December 18. The third indictment returned this week charges Miller with responsibility for Miss Fretwell's death.

C. A. Moisan Dies in Brooks, Rites Thursday

Charles A. Moisan, 58, veteran of World War I and a lifetime resident of Brooks, died Tuesday at his home in Brooks.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Vincent de Paul church, Salem, and interment will follow at Belcrest Memorial park. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7:45 o'clock Thursday morning at the Clough-Barrick chapel.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn C. McNeef of Portland, two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Nys of Brooks and Mrs. Rose Nash of Salem; six brothers, Thomas and Albert Moisan, both of Salem; L. A. Moisan of Patton, Calif.; G. J. Moisan of Gervais; Cys Moisan of North Bend and Fred Moisan of Portland.

Communications Technician Jobs Said Available

Veterans who were communications technicians are wanted for employment by a large communications company in Oregon. Robey S. Ratcliffe, veteran's employment representative, has reported at the Salem Oregon state employment service office.

Army and navy men who were trained and who worked as communications technicians and maintenance men are needed for positions that will take them on jobs all over Oregon. The company will place a man on a salary in keeping with his actual service experience. Ratcliffe said.

Those who wish to apply for the positions must be 20 years of age or under, single, free to travel, and qualified in radio, radar, or telephone equipment. To apply the applicant must bring his army form 100 or navy form 553, separation qualifications records, and discharge forms, and may apply at any OSSZ office. Ratcliffe said.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 15—(AP)—Oregon State college had 6,909 students today, a record for the school.

Rolling today 200 smaller than the fall term's record high. Seventy-three percent of the students are men.

Daik, chairman of the school board, presided at the request of Leonard Nelson, club president. John Olson of Auburn outlined the proposed plan. Hostesses at the social hour were Mrs. George Kufner, Mrs. Charles Jayne and Mrs. William Hartley.

Mill City—Grade schools were closed Monday afternoon because of lack of heat. Snow which began falling Sunday continued through Monday and Tuesday at intervals and the temperature dropped to 30 degrees Tuesday morning. Snow cleared 9 inches Monday night and another inch and a half fell Monday night.

Monitor—Annual meeting of the Monitor Telephone company resulted in reelection of E. Zealand, Ted Rosvold and Mrs. Peter Erntson to the board. Ray Davis named to replace Lee Sargent, resigned. Investigation of the advisability of installing dial telephones is to be investigated. If such change is not made a new switchboard and a new residence for the operator must be built.

Swegle—Garden Road Neighborhood club will meet Friday 1 p.m. with Mrs. Walter Swingle, 1220 North 16th st., in Salem.

Brush College—Mrs. Sam Patrick will be hostess for Brush College Helpers January 23. Polk county federation of Rural Women's clubs meet at Perrydale January 29.

Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gnuschke returned Saturday after three weeks' visit with relatives near Everett and Wenatchee, Wash.

County Nearing Chest Drive Goal

Marion county to date has raised \$91,585 of the county's total budget of \$93,435 on its community chest quota, the Oregon chest news reported Wednesday.

The county lacks \$500 of meeting its quota of \$15,725 for the Oregon chest share. The 36 participating counties have raised a total of \$369,751 of the \$392,835 goal set aside for the Oregon chest budget, the bulletin showed.

Labor Council Re-Elects Keith As President

F. M. Keith was re-elected president of the Central Trades and Labor Council and H. E. Barker was re-named to the post of executive secretary at the council's meeting Tuesday night.

Other officers elected include F. J. Boehringer, vice-president; Leroy Kruger, reading clerk; Austin Kruger, guard, and Harry Jones, W. J. Entress and Art Peters, trustees.

More strict adherence to health laws for food handlers and rigid enforcement of local ordinances were proposed for study by a special committee at the meeting. Barker heads the committee which will study existing laws and present conditions of health examinations of food handlers in Salem and Marion county.

Plans for a benefit dance to raise funds for the proposed new Salem first aid car were placed in the hands of a committee headed by Art Peters, Barker said. Local unions throughout Salem are being called upon this week to aid in collecting contributions for the new aid car, Barker said Wednesday.

Turner Couple Visit Seaside

TURNER—Mrs. Ben Wipper and Mrs. Art Kirschner were in Seaside visiting their sister, Mrs. Albert England last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mitchell have returned from a business trip to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Webb are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson at Malibu Beach, Calif. Steven and Johnnie Parrent are at home with mumps.

Mrs. Joe Brown is ill with pneumonia.

Marshall Dana Talks to Club

"The Issues We Must Face" was the title of an address by Marshall N. Dana, editor of the editorial page of the Portland Journal before the men's brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night. Dana pointed out the problems arising from such scientific developments as aviation and the atomic bomb, and the problems of human relations. He made a plea for tolerance and the application of the Golden Rule in the affairs of men. The Christian church, he said, can be the real powerhouse for direction in right living.

5-Year Scouting Program Formed

Plans for a five year scouting program were launched Tuesday night at a meeting of the Cascade area executive board members at the R. L. Johnson home. William Hamilton was named chairman of the planning committee.

Rex Wuger, Portland, national council representative, was on hand to help review the council's charter for 1947. The charter was approved by members of the executive board, which included W. L. Phillips, R. L. Elfstrom, Gardner Knapp, Floyd Bowers, Carl Aschbrenner, Dent B. Reed, Lyle Leighton, and Marton Mockford, all of Salem; L. A. White, George Phillips, and Harry Michaelson, all of Albany, and E. P. Oppinger, Independence.

Valley Obituaries

GEORGE NELSON GREEN — ALBANY, Jan. 15—George Nelson Green, 78, died suddenly Tuesday following a heart attack. Funeral services will be held from the Fisher Funeral Home, 2 p.m. Thursday, January 17. The Rev. Roy D. Strong will officiate. Burial in Riverside.

Born in Benton county on October 4, 1868, he spent all but two years of his life in Oregon, 73 in the Albany community. He was in Missouri for two years. On September 29, 1897, he married Lila E. Berwick in Albany, and they had planned on celebrating their golden wedding next September. Member of the United Presbyterian church, he was a retired farmer, at the time of his death he was custodian of Maple school.

Survivors are the widow, two children, Mrs. Vera M. Soderstrom of Lemoore, Calif.; Mrs. Altha E. Harrison of Albany; a sister, Mrs. Louie Wooten of Portland, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Swegle—Garden Road Neighborhood club will meet Friday 1 p.m. with Mrs. Walter Swingle, 1220 North 16th st., in Salem.

M. Sgt. Riddle Assistant ORC Unit Instructor

M. Sgt. Donald A. Riddle is in Salem by appointment of the Oregon Organized Reserve Corps as assistant unit instructor for three local reserve units, he announced Wednesday.

Sgt. Riddle is operating ORC headquarters in Portland under the command of Col. George D. Wahl. He will instruct the 369th Engineer Shore and Boat regiment, commanded by Col. George Spaur; the quartermaster company of the 409th, commanded by Maj. Homer Lyons, and the third battalion of the 410th Infantry which has not yet been activated.

Sgt. Riddle's duties consist of aid in training and handling of organizational correspondence for the three outfits. His temporary headquarters here are with the army recruiting staff in the post-office building Sgt. Riddle, whose wife and small son are now living in Tacoma, Wash., will move his family down here as soon as he locates a house.

Stevens Talks To Rotarians

Methods of establishing standards for aptitude tests were discussed at Rotary club Wednesday by Chandler Stevens, specialist in occupational testing with the Oregon State Employment Service. Illustrations of the tests used were shown and demonstrated by the speaker.

The local membership was augmented by a large group of Oregon legislators. Stevens was introduced by S. A. Gaiser, administrator of the State unemployment commissions.

Frieda Carlson of Salem high school student body, played two violin solos accompanied at the piano by Shirley Dean.

Jefferson Star Has Installation Of New Officers

JEFFERSON — Euclid chapter, Jefferson Star, installed officers Friday. Vivian Hoening, of Salem was installing officer. Veda Russell of Turner, installing organist; Edith Wall, installing chaplain; Rex Hartley, installing patron; Ella Johnston secret.

Bill Schweitzer of Independence, past patron of the grand chapter of Oregon and Rex Hartley, grand sentinel, Edith Wall, grand representative of Utah; and Ethel Edwards, grand representative of South Dakota were present.

Officers installed were Josephine Getchell, worthy matron; John Terburne, worthy patron; Ruth Anderson, associate matron; Edwin Swartz, associate patron; Fae Smith, secretary; Frances Kelly, treasurer; Virginia Plagmann, conductress; Virginia Sweet, associate conductress; Minnie Riley, chaplain; Ella Johnston, marshal; Louise Taylor, organist; Dorothy Boyer, Ada; Ann Gabrielson, Ruth; Elizabeth Terhune, Esther; Wilma Crow, Martha; Margaret Hendrickson, Electa; Hannah Wright, warden; Rola Shelton, sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kelly's 30th wedding anniversary was observed.

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