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## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Bernard Iddings Bell is a distinguished Episcopalian clergyman whose pulpit is his typewriter and his congregation the literate world of America. He is a penetrating and often severe critic both of institutions and of the current mores, and now serves as consultant on education to the Bishop of Chicago. In an article in the January Atlantic monthly he used for text, not a verse from Holy Scriptures but a program from the radio: The Aldrich family. When Bell gets through there is little left of Henry, his father and mother or of the great American people of whom the Aldriches are types.

He writes thus about Henry:

Henry is almost indecently adolescent. He never grows a day older . . . Henry is undisciplined, self-assertive, bewildered by life. Educationally he is the victim of a high schol system which underestimates him. He has acquired no facility in arriving at judgments social or artistic and he is apparently without religion of any kind. His time is spent chiefly in futile, pathetic, and undeniably laughable misadventures in the art of living.

And Henry's parents, thinks Bell, are "more tragiocomic." Vague in self-direction, incompetent to discriminate, essentially irreligious, "they too are adolescents, middle-aged adolescents, neither children any more nor able to grow up." And that "perennial adolescence," finds Bell, is by no means confined to the Aldrich family. The country is full of it.

In the slang phrase, he "may have something there." For ours is a superficial civilization. The wealth of material things makes us shallow, indifferent to the deeper pains of living out of which great thought, great art, great literature, great religious experience are born. Soap opera is our dish, entertainment tailored to mass taste. Manipulation of mass pressure is the convenient weapon in business and politics.

Will we mature? Well, maybe. Or we may remain victims of arrested development, ignorant of our own juvenility, or indifferent to it so long as creature comforts are satisfied.

## Eastern Snow Clogs Traffic, Closes Schools

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 21.—(AP)—New Yorkers plow through a heavy snow at 5th avenue and 42nd street as the heaviest snowfall of the winter disrupts traffic and made many late to work. (AP Wirephoto)

## 44 Die as Storm Rages Through Coastal States

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Declining temperatures and freezing winds laid their chilled grip on the east tonight, following in the wake of a raging snowstorm wihch took a toll of at least 44 lives, snarled air and surface transportation and impeded industrial operations.

The storm, heaviest in recent years, moved out to sea today after gripping areas from Maine to Alabama and continuing unabated in some sections for almost 24 hours. A record fall of 27 inches was reported at Dickenson County, Va.

Chief causes of death were overexertion from shovelling and traffic accidents. The toll by states: New Jersey 13; Pennsylvania, 16; New York, 3; Connecticut, 5; Illinois, 2; Massachusettts, 1; District of Columbia, 3; Delaware, 1.

In New York City, nerve center of the eastern seaboard transportation, an army of 10,000 men and removal equipment struggled to clear wind-shipped streets of nearly 12 inches of snow.

Trains crawled slowly in the vast metropolitan area of 7,000,000 persons with resultant absenteeism slowing industry. At least 350 schools were closed in the greater New York area. In Virginia, one of the hardest hit states, schools were closed in 28 of 100 counties.

The nation's capitol wallowed in 7 inches of unaccustomed snow, slowing activities in federal offices.

Even the stork had to fight his way. In Philadelphia, digging out of 10 inches of snow, police cars and emergency trucks succeeded in getting 25 momentarily expectant mothers to hospitals. In Saugus, Mass., the stork was a little too fast, however, and Mrs. Edward Lamier gave birth to a healthy boy at her snowbound home with two policemen acting as midwives.

## New Camera Is Announced By Inventor

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A new kind of camera, that delivers a completed photo or snapshot in one minute by the turn of a knob, was announced to the Optical Society of America today by Edwin H. Land, of Boston, world-famous discoverer of polaroid.

The camera can be carried by anyone. Land had two for demonstration, one of the portrait type and the other a size frequently carried by news photographers. He said the process could be adapted to any camera and probably to making movies.

The picture that emerges is fully finished and of the same quality as photographs that are developed and printed by dark room processes. But this one works in daylight with no need of darkness.

Land said several types have been made and that in a few months an announcement will be made of when the cameras will be available and what they will cost.

## Georgian Gets Prison Term

ATLANTA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Dapper Emory Burke, who gave up his job as a railroad draftsman to lead the Columbians, Inc., in their crusade against negroes and Jews, drew a three-year prison sentence today but declared "a few court cases are not going to stop this movement."

The 31-year old Atlantan, heard the sentence without emotion. He was convicted of usurping police powers in directing patrols to move against negroes in white residential areas. He made a $3000 bond pending argument on a new trial motion May 17.

Burke still faces prosecution on two other indictments.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

*"I know he's not much to look at, but gad what personality!"*

## Fishing Extension Request Refused

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Oregon state fish commission and the Washington state bureau of fisheries refused today to grant commercial fishermen's request for additional fishing days this season.

Arnie Suomela, Oregon master fish warden, said studies indicated that this year's salmon run, particularly in the Willamette river, may be less than one-half as great as last season's.

## $350,000,000 in Relief Abroad Is Requested

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Truman asked congress today to vote $350,000,000 for direct relief to "liberated" countries in 1947, now that UNRRA is going out of business. Chairman Easton (R-NJ) of the house foreign affairs committee immediately introduced authorizing legislation with a proviso that the nations receiving the aid must permit American newsmen to report on its use.

### LEGION HEARS OSBORNE

Jesse Osborne, state American Legion junior baseball chairman, discussed plans for baseball this spring at last night's meeting of the Marion county Legion council at the Salem Legion hall. Guests included Fred Lothrop, Oregon state department commander, American Legion, Ira Pilcher, grand chef de gere of the 40 et 8 and B. E. Kelly Owens, district commander.

### CATHOLIC VETS MEET

Combat films entitled "Fighting on All Fronts" and "The Third Fleet Shells Japan" were shown members of the Marion county chapter, Catholic War Veterans, at last night's meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall. The next meeting will be on Friday night, March 7.

## Crown Loraine Poindexter as School Queen

Loraine Poindexter, member of Snikpoh Dramatic club, dressed in a blue organdie, off-the-shoulder dress and carrying a fan of flowers in her hand, was crowned queen of the Salem high school annual Civics club "We're All Americans" carnival last night at the high school auditorium.

Crown princesses were Betty Jo Beardsley of the Vikettes and Lois Shepard of the Future Farmers club. George Griffith, portraying George Washington, placed a silver sequined crown on the queen's head and Caroline and Catherine Stadter were crown and scepter bearers.

Princesses of the carnival were Joanne Adolph, Que Dice club; Carol Ashcraft, Aesculapians; Truth Bartlett, Paleteers; Marianne Bonesteele, Latin club; Peggy Burroughs, Girls Letters club; Barbara King, Philhistorians; Audrey Merrick, Spanish club; Phyllis Mode, Commercial club; Nancy Morley, Science club; Beverly Nelson, Crescendo club; Jane Nichols, Biology club; Gwenn Rust, "S" club; Darlene Sullivan, Home Economics club, and Roberta Tussing, Stagecraft club.

Following the coronation ceremonies auditorium skit competitions were won by the Spanish and Paleteers clubs depicting the "Far West," in which Arlene Hilfike sang. The Home Economics club placed second; Aesculapians, third; Biology and Commercial clubs, honorable mention.

Prizes were given to Janice Middleton, for script writing; Dick Stewart, stage setting; Charlotte Alexander, general manager for the carnival.

## Two-Ton Vault Installed by City

A new two-ton vault was installed Friday morning in City Recorder Alfred Mundt's new office in record time, Mundt said last night.

By the use of a power winch at the top of the city hall steps the 4000-pound fireproof steel safe, to be used for city records, was moved a fraction of an inch at a time from the bottom to the top of the steps in about 20 minutes, Mundt said.

### GALLOWAY RITES MONDAY

Funeral service for Charles V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission who died Thursday in Portland, will be held at Macy & Son funeral parlors, McMinnville, at 2 p.m. Monday. Rites will be conducted by the Elks lodge. Burial will follow at the Masonic cemetery, McMinnville.

## Weather

| | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salem | 39 | 28 | .00 |
| Portland | 57 | 40 | .00 |
| San Francisco | 60 | 44 | .00 |
| Chicago | 26 | 18 | trace |
| New York | 22 | 15 | .01 |

Willamette river 2.8 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with occasional very light rain beginning tonight. Little change in temperature with high today 37, low 28.

## Court Orders School Merger, Three Revotes

Three school districts in the Woodburn area — Woodburn, West Woodburn and Jonhston—which voted affirmatively in a consolidation election February 13, are declared consolidated in one district by action of the Marion county boundary board yesterday.

The board set March 19 as an election date for Belle Passi and Hall districts, which voted against consolidation, and for Woodburn, all three of which had petitioned the board for a re-election. Other districts which voted the consolidation proposal down in the Woodburn area are Grassy Pond, Union and McKee.

March 10 was set as a hearing date on a petition to the board from Shaw and Rocky Point school districts asking that a small section of the Shaw district be included in the Rocky Point district. By adding the strip to Rocky Point district's southern border that district would become contiguous with the Aumsville school district, thus facilitating a proposed merger between the two districts, the board explained.

## Car Shortage To Close Mills

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 22 (CP)—Five hundred sawmills in the interior of British Columbia, employing 10,000 workers, tonight faced the possibility of a prolonged shutdown due to the shortage of box cars.

The railways advised millmen today that an embargo has been placed on box cars to the interior. There will be no cars for shipping lumber for the next six weeks. There is little or no storage space in the mills and the embargo will force an almost immediate shutdown, it was reported.

## Salem Pilots Search In Vain for Lost Plane

Local airmen, joining army and civil air patrol planes, searched in vain Friday for Douglas Locke, 22, Arcadia, Calif., missing in a single-engined plane since Sunday on a flight from Los Angeles to Beaverton, Ore., according to officials of the Salem airport. The last word from him was received at the airport in Eugene three hours after he took off from Red Bluff, Calif., Associated Press said.

## Bridge at Stayton To Be Altered by New Steel Section

Plans to alter the Marion-Linn county bridge over the Santiam river at Stayton were made by representatives of the two counties at a meeting in Albany.

County Commissioners Roy Rice and Ed Rogers and Engineer Hedda Swart conferred with the Linn county court and decided that a steel bridge would be brought from Baker county to replace a section of the present span on the Marion county side.

The change will greatly increase visibility on the approach to the one-lane bridge, the county court said.

## Taft Against Appointment Of Lilienthal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Influential Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) came out against David E. Lilienthal tonight, declaring his confirmation as atomic energy commission chairman would be "a real threat to our national safety."

Taft's announcement of his position could be crucial for Lilienthal if some dozen republicans reported on the fence follow his lead.

It also could bring an open split in the GOP senate leadership if Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) who has appeared friendly to Lilienthal during his questioning before the senate atomic committee, formally declares in his behalf.

Taft, chairman of the GOP policy committee, is regarded by many republicans as their mentor on domestic policies.

Vandenberg read today to the atomic committee considering Lilienthal's qualifications a letter from Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Masschusetts Institute of Technology, who declared that "I would know of no one as well qualified and possibly available" as Lilienthal.

But Taft issued a statement branding Lilienthal "temperamentally unfitted" and "too soft on issues connected with communism and Soviet Russia." He declared that "there is no doubt that a communist cell was tolerated for a while by Mr. Lilienthal" in the Tennessee Valley authority when the latter was its chairman. Taft added that no party issue is involved.

## Boy Suicides As Dog Lost

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 — (AP) — "Blackie," a black mongrel puppy, came home today after its first overnight disappearance, but his 13-year-old master was not there to greet him.

The youth, Joey Craig, had hanged himself with Blackie's collar, despairing that the animal ever would return.

Blackie was Joey's first dog. The two became inseparable companions. The dog waited for Joey at school and the lad often let Blackie sleep with him.

Yesterday, the dog didn't meet Joey and the apprehensive lad and his two younger sisters searched the neighborhood in vain. Back home, Joe took Blackie's collar and length of clothes line and stepped into the bedroom. The sisters, terrified, notified a neighbor who found the boy's body and cut it down.

### ELECT McMINNVILLE MAN

CORVALLIS, Feb. 21—(AP)—Jack Wright, McMinnville, will head the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association this year. Wright was elected at the annual meeting, which urged codification of all Oregon laws pertaining to dairying.

## American Quota Up For Sugar

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—America will get about 17 pounds of sugar per capita more this year than last under international allocations announced tonight.

The international emergency food council, charged with dividing the world's supplies of scarce foods, allotted the United States enough sugar to provide 90 pounds of refined sugar per capita. Last year's supply was 73 pounds and pre-war consumption averaged 96 pounds.

The American share will be used to supply individual consumers as well as industrial and institutional users. No announcement was made as to how the allocation will be divided among these classes of consumers. This decision rests with the agriculture department and the office of price administration.

Last year individual consumers got 25 pounds through ration stamps, with the remainder of the 73 pounds going to institutions and industrial users. The latter include food manufacturers, candy makers, soft drink bottlers and others.

The OPA already has announced, however, that the individual ration allowance will be increased five pounds effective April 1. Food officials have indicated that the individual consumer allowance will be at least 35 pounds this year.

The United States was allocated 6,800,000 short tons raw value. This compared with 5,433,000 allocated last year.

## Vandenberg Favors Small Budget Slash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) said today that slashing army-navy funds would put Uncle Sam's arms in a sling and might "jeopardize our winning of the peace."

His speech on the senate floor appeared to clinch the prospect that the senate will vote for only a $4,500,000,000 slash in President Truman's $37,500,000,000 budget, instead of the $6,000,000,000 cut approved by the house.

But with senators demanding more time for debate, republican leaders gave up hopes for obtaining a vote today on a resolution recommending a ceiling on expenditures for the fiscal year starting July 1. The vote is now expected to come Monday.

Vandenberg's decision to support the smaller cut lined him up with about half of the republicans and most of the democrats.

Chairman Bridges (R-NH) of the senate appropriations committee, sponsoring the larger reduction, conceded to a reporter that it has no chance.

## LA Blast Blamed On Acid Mixture

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 —(AP)—Three experts declared tonight that a mixture of perchloric acid, a highly unstable explosive, and acetic anhydride, an oxydizing agent, caused yesterday's explosion that wrecked a downtown electroplating plant and killed 15 persons.

They estimated the blast, felt throughout much of the city, was equivalent in explosive force to that of a wartime one-ton blockbuster aerial bomb. Meantime, workers continued to search the wreckage for the bodies of other possible victims, besides the 15 killed yesterday.

## Joins Senate Action In Overriding Veto, OKs Fireworks Ban

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman

House proponents of private power rights overrode the governor's veto and wrote into law Friday a bill prohibiting the state from taking over a private hydroelectric project during the life of its license, except by condemnation.

It was the first instance since 1931 wherein the legislature has overridden a veto at the same legislative session in which a bill originally was passed. The final house vote Friday, after three hours of argument, was 43 to 17. Forty votes were necessary for the two-thirds margin to override. The senate had taken similar action 27 to 3 two days previously.

Rep. J. E. Bennett of Portland, who led the battle against the measure, said after its re-passage Friday that he had "no doubt" but that it will be referred to the people.

**New Dam Sought**

The power measure (senate bill 99) was introduced by eastern Oregon legislators to encourage the Idaho Power company to build a $10,000,000 dam on the Snake river. The bill amends Oregon's 1931 statutes under which the state could take over a private hydro-electric project anytime on two years' notice.

Legislators favoring the amendment contended the 1931 law had prevented private power development, which they said would have been undertaken if private utilities had been certain they could have retained such properties during the period they were licensed to operate (20 to 50 years).

Opponents contended the new bill would emasculate the state's rights provisions of the 1931 law, give monopolies a foothold in Oregon's natural resources, and take away a protection of the people's heritage—water power.

**17 Members Opposed**

The 17 "nay" votes, with all members of the house present, were cast by Reps. Fred Adams, Alex Barry, J. E. Bennett, E. H. Condit, Frank Doerfler, Robert Duniway, Anna Ellis, Carl Francis, Joseph Harvey, Donald Heisler, Fred Hellberg, Paul Hendricks, J. O. Johnson, William Niskanen, Lyle Thomas, Harry Wiley and Manley Wilson.

(In a telegram from Boise Idaho to The Statesman last night, C. J. Strike, president of Idaho Power, said "it is our purpose, in building a power plant in Oregon, to fill the growing needs of our customers in a wide area," and that "we could not proceed under the former law, which permitted condemnation of a power plant upon two years notice, because it is impossible to design and construct another plant to replace it within that length of time.")

The prolonged debate on the power issue slowed action on the house calendar Friday and the final vote on several bills was postponed. The senate, too, moved hesitantly through a long list of measures up for final passage, and for the first time this session both branches of the legislature decided to hold meetings on Saturday.

**Fireworks Ban Passes**

The house Friday passed 14 of its own bills, one of which would bar all fireworks and firecrackers in Oregon except those used at exhibitions by permission of the state fire marshal. The vote was 41 to 11. Others provide for deer tags separate from hunting licenses; authorize naming a school lunch program director, levy a tax on income from out-state; create a state irrigation board, and allow school bonds for teacherages.

Twelve new bills were introduced in the house, including those designating a river as a common boundary between cities (an enabling measure for possible Salem-West Salem merger), and setting up new size specifications for egg grading.

The senate passed nine of its own proposals including a bill prohibiting the connection of an outside water system to a municipal water system without inspection and safeguards, and a memorial asking congress to continue the maritime commission permit to operate intercoastal ships until rate adjustments permit private ship owners to take over.

**Nursery Tax Approved**

Ten house proposals were passed by the senate including a bill which levies a $1 an acre tax on nurserymen to establish a research fund, and memorials asking congress to appropriate funds for agricultural marketing research; to provide more power for development of northwest phosphate, and to give payments to counties on U.S. forest lands based on fair value.

One of four bills introduced in the senate Friday would make it unlawful for doctors or hospitals to discriminate against sick or injured persons subscribing to hospital associations and against employers furnishing medical aid to their employes.

Up for final passage in the house today are senate-approved bills to create a state parks department, allow dancing in schools and let cities acquire off-street parking facilities. House bills up include those to authorize spending $2,000,000 on a state office building, and require mudguards on trucks and trailers.

Among four senate and two house bills up for passage in the senate today is a proposal to reduce the daily limit on non-commercial smelt from 50 to 25 pounds.

The house will resume at 10:00 a.m. today, the senate at 10:30.

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## Income Tax Audits Said Three Years Behind Schedule

Audits of state income tax department accounts are now approximately three years behind schedule with little prospect of any improvement unless more funds are provided for operating expenses, Sen. Rex Ellis told the joint ways and means committee Friday.

A report is being prepared by a subcommittee of which Ellis is chairman recommending a larger appropriation for the income tax division and more adequate operating quarters.

## More Pinching Of Belts Due For English

LONDON, Feb. 21. —(AP)— The British people were told today in a stark directive for 1947 that they are in for more austerity, more pinching of belts and harder work if they are to rebuild "the foundations of our national life" and escape enduring national poverty.

Prime Minister Attlee and his cabinet, outlining the nation's economic position in a white paper which they called a "working pattern," said the British must dig more coal, put up with their present thin diet and go without luxuries for a long time to come.

Outlining the uphill future, the white paper declared Britain must: Increase coal production, continue rationing, forego hopes of shorter work hours, do with a smaller army, bring in foreign workers, attract housewives to the factory, hold veteran workers to their jobs beyond normal retirement age, build up the industrial plant, increase individual production in mine, mill and factory and export one-fourth of the industrial production.

The reason, the government explained, is that the nation faces a deficit of at least $1,400,000,000 this year which must "be met by borrowing from abroad."

"The central fact of 1947 is that we have not enough resources to do all that we want to do and barely enough to do all that we must do," the white paper said.

## Banks, Courts, PO Close for Holiday

In observance of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, first U. S. president, Salem banks and state, county and municipal offices will be closed today.

Stores and business houses will remain open all day. The Salem postoffice also will be closed today and no mail deliveries will be made. An early mail pickup in the downtown area will be made this morning, Postmaster Albert Gragg said.

## Counties to Receive Amusement Tax Fund

Distribution of $16,912 to Oregon counties, based on their share of the state amusement tax revenues, was announced Friday by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr. Shares are based on the amounts counties expend for old age assistance. The apportionment included: Benton $171.55, Linn $429.18, Marion $1,396.67, Polk $402.16, Yamhill $375.60.

### BARBARA HUTTON TO WED

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Feb. 21 — (AP) — Barbara Hutton's secretary said tonight that the 34-year-old American heiress "expects to be married soon" to Prince Igor Nikolaiewitsch Troubetzkoy, 34, a French citizen described as a descendant of Lithuanian royalty. He will be Miss Hutton's fourth husband.

### EXPECT PGE DIVIDEND

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 —(AP)— Independent trustees for Portland Electric Power company, parent company of Portland General Electric, said today they expected Portland General Electric to pay dividends for the first time in years.

## Public Hearings

**Unemployment compensation hearings (cont.)** — Monday, February 24, following afternoon adjournment, room 309, statehouse, before senate labor and industries committee.

**Insurance association bill** (HB 302) — Tuesday following afternoon adjournment, room 321, statehouse, before house committee on financial institutions.

**Water control districts and department of justice** — (SB 188, 229) — Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., room 300, statehouse, before senate judiciary committee.

## Salaries Bills Readied, Including Boosts for State Police; Governor Would Get $10,000

The state police salary bill and other wage-increase measures — including those for the board of control—held the do-pass recommendation of the joint legislative ways and means committee today.

The committee - approved bills constitute a uniform salary schedule for state officials, worked out in relation to scales in other states, committeemen said.

The governor would get $10,000 annually and $100 a month expenses, compared to $7500 annually now paid.

Five other officials would get $7500. They are the secretary of state and treasurer, who now get $5400; the attorney general, who now gets $5000; the public utilities commissioner, who already gets that much; and the state highway engineer, who now gets $7200.

The state health officer would be boosted from $6720 to $7000.

The following would get $6600 a year: Superintendent of public instruction, liquor administrator, public welfare administrator, budget director, tax commissioners, unemployment compensation and industrial accident commissioners, state foresters, director of agriculture, state police superintendent, and superintendent of state hospitals.

The following would get $6000 a year: Superintendent of Fairview home, superintendent of tuberculosis hospitals, deputy state hospital superintendents, state engineer, adjutant general.

These would get $5,520 a year: Labor commissioner, prison warden, unemployment compensation administrator, industrial accident administrator, director of veterans affairs, secretary of retirement, deputy secretary of state, deputy public utilities commissioner, deputy state treasurer, superintendent of banks, corporation commissioner, insurance commissioner, state printer, and deputy superintendent of Fairview home.

The assistant adjutant general's salary would remain at $5400.

Those who would get $4800 a year: Secretary of the board of control, land board secretary, secretary to the governor, state librarian, parole director, real estate commissioner, assistant budget director, assistant superintendent of banks.

The committee said the increases would cost $56,640 a year, of which $39,640 would come out of the general fund, and $17,000 paid by self-sustaining departments.

The state police salaries would be raised as follows:

Recruit, $1200 to $1800; private, $2400 to $3000; sergeant, $2700 to $3600; lieutenant, 2820 to $3900; captain, $3600 to $4500; deputy superintendent, $4000 to $5500; and superintendent, $5000 to $6600.