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Involvement in Greece

The collapse of the Greek cabinet a week ago, the difficulties encountered in forming a new government, and the obviously transitory character of the ministry finally set up reveal the tragic condition of Greek politics. Split into numerous factions whose political coloration covers the full spectrum from red to deep black, Greece is hopelessly divided. In such an atmosphere the Athens government is unable to restore national unity and the American mission labors under heavy handicap.

These troubles are by no means new to Greece. Revolution and intrigue have kept the country upset for many years. Monarchs made exits and entrances on cue, power has alternated between tough dictatorship and fairly decent liberalism. The post-liberation strife is a continuance of the struggle for power with the two extremes, the communists and the monarchists or rightists, in violent conflict. The British moved troops in to free Greece from the nazis, and gave their backing to the right-wing element. Communists joined anti-monarchist groups in virtual civil war, suppressed in the centers only with British support. The subsequent election returned a majority in favor of the king's return and the rightist party won a plurality but not a majority in the parliament, but many abstained from voting.

The present crisis arose when the four liberals in the coalition government resigned. Subsequent efforts to form a new coalition failed. Friday the right-wing populist (royalist) party set up a cabinet under Constantin Tsaldaris. As it lacks a parliamentary majority and has no liberal representation its early defeat seems inevitable.

In such a state of political confusion and with the police repression exercised by the former minister of the interior, Napoleon Zervas, no headway has been made in composing the country, ending guerrilla warfare and the border raids inspired by neighboring communist states. In fact besides clamoring for food and munitions the Greeks have been asking for American troops to police their country and for a larger share of the \$350 million grant to be spent for military supplies.

These developments confirm the fears expressed by The Statesman over our involvement in Greece. At the urging of President Truman we have gotten away out on a limb in the eastern Mediterranean, dabbling in a political pool of whose currents we are ignorant, risking military involvement or else humiliating loss of face through defeat of our policy. The Truman doctrine may cost us more than the \$400 million. We shall lose prestige if the Greek situation continues to crumble.

Be Careful and Live

Oregon's ominous record of 15 traffic fatalities last week may or may not lead to a reduction of travel over the Labor day week end but it certainly should give pause to those who do use the highways.

No single factor apparently can be blamed for the sudden volume of death crashes, but speed and liquor still figure heavily in some of them. An admonishing word should be spoken, too, for those drivers who day-dream along at 20 miles an hour and eventually so infuriate drivers behind them that chances are taken on too-close passing.

Eternal vigilance is the price of life as well as liberty, in regard to the highways, and if such vigilance is coupled with good sense, courtesy and a decent respect for the law a marked decrease could be effected in the expectable accidents these next two days.

The same general rules hold true also for swimmers, six of whom have been drowned in Oregon within the last few days, and carelessness apparently gets the nod in regard to blame for a sudden increase in fire casualties, too.

Oregon sets the pace in many things, but topping the state-by-state list of violent deaths is not a record to inspire pride.

State Fair Week

"Heigh Ho, Come to the fair, Maidens and Men." Time to sing the old song again, for it's state fair week. The second show following the war-time suspension should see a distinct improvement in exhibits, particularly of livestock as exhibitors get back into the swing of showing their stuff. But the prime exhibit at the fair is the people themselves. The human animal is gregarious; he loves crowds. And state fair brings 'em all out. One may tire of the grind of the hurdy-gurdy, of the sideshow barkers. His feet may get weary tramping along the aisles in the pavilions; even the races may prove boring. But there is always relief in watching the people. The state fair is unique in this respect too, that you are part of the exhibit: other people look you over.

Anyhow, weather permitting, it is bound to be a great week in Salem. The state fair is on again, authentic, colorful. It is Oregon on parade.

Alternate Exemptions

Discussing the sales tax which will be voted on next Oct. 7 the Albany Democrat-Herald says:

If the sales tax is passed each single person will enjoy an exemption of \$900 instead of the present \$500 and the head of a family will be exempted up to \$1,800 instead of \$1,000 as now. Furthermore sales tax approval will bring forth a \$400 exemption for each dependent, instead of the \$300 now prevailing.

This is not correct as to present exemptions, which are \$750 for single persons, \$1,500 for married persons and \$300 for dependents. If the sales tax is defeated exemptions will be lowered to \$500 for single persons and \$1,000 for married persons.

A few days ago the Capital Journal editorialized at length over the reported effort of left-wing democrats in Oregon under the leadership of Monroe Sweetland of Molalla to capture the Oregon delegation for Henry Wallace for president. The assignment evidently is news to Editor Sweetland for we note in an editorial in his Pioneer this comment: "Obviously President Truman will carry the endorsement, probably unchallenged, of Oregon democrats and democrats in every state and territory." So the Pioneer goes on to discuss vice presidential possibilities and gives Justice Douglas the call. Evidently the C-J got its signals mixed, though we doubt if Sweetland has much heart for the Truman nomination.

In her question and answer column in a national women's magazine (well, it's the L.H.J. if you want to know) Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt confesses that she is "deeply grieved" to find that Jim Farley "is not the person I thought him," and doubts the accuracy of Farley's quotation of her remarks "since I have never had such thoughts." This much is true, Mrs. Roosevelt is always the lady.

The public which contributes to the infantile paralysis fund is naturally interested in what happens to its money. And it is pleased to see visible evidences of beneficial spending at local levels. However the spate of publicity respecting a Salem case and the use of special equipment seems like press agent stuff, as though the purpose was to maintain the flow of dollars rather than render the service.



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rich and bought up a section of river-front "patrolled by Doberman Pinschers." Or be a Texan who has made a wartime killing and can buy out the guy who got the river fish. The other alternative is to fish the reservoirs for bass, crappie, perch, chubs—"thoroughly abominable fish." The final solution he offers is to follow the fish tumbler (a magnificent, oxygen-conditioned, plastic baffled, glass aquarium mounted on a huge truck bearing the legend "Colorado Game AND Fish Department") laden with legal-size fish for dumping in the rivers. Then this happens:

"The frightened fish scurry for shelter and the dry-fly fishermen now take over in the grand tradition: perfect costume, hip-boots, automatic reels, aluminum-tubed rods, and wondrous belts holding more gadgets than a telephone lineman packs around in his belt—plastic containers for each kind of fly, trick boxes and loose-leaf books, gut leaders, nylon leaders, tweezers, vials of oil to keep the flies floating, and even DDT bombs. Some go in for thermometers and barometers. In no time most of the planted fish are in the basket, trundling back down the same road they came up."

The oldtimer who really caught fish grieves over the changes which are due to "the universal predicament of too many people, good roads, motor cars, airplanes and too easy access to what little wild country we have left," plus stream pollution and sluicing fish in irrigation ditches. But as Ferril writes:

"Yet for the new fisherman, who doesn't miss what he never had, the emotional rewards of going fishing, even if he brings back little, may be just as satisfying. He is repaid by group activity, or organization, totem paraphernalia, and that universal wampum of our culture, personal publicity. Western dairies run fishing columns as impressive as the society columns. They work in cahoots with sporting goods dealers. Everybody wins."

And after a weekend of that the sports-togged fisherman can talk just as loud at the meeting of the fish conservation club as anyone, about something he knows nothing about.

The Colorado author has told the fish story of the whole west vividly and entertainingly. We wonder though if part of the trouble isn't due to catching those "hundreds of trout" in the South Platte. The early-day fishing orgy helped destroy the stock in the streams and all the scientific hocus-pocus can't build it back again.

Vancouver Sun Out of Print

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The Vancouver Sun went out of business today, the third newspaper to leave the hands of Sheldon Sackett since he bought or optioned the three last spring. The Sun blamed the newsprint shortage, increased costs and limited advertising revenue for suspension of publication. The paper said its circulation of 7,900 would be taken over by the Vancouver Columbian.

Sackett, who still publishes the Coos Bay Times, acquired the Vancouver Sun, Portland East Side Post and Seattle Star last spring. Since, he has re-sold the Post to its former owner, and allowed the option on the Star to lapse shortly before the Seattle newspaper suspended.

Holiday May Aid Car Lack

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(AP)—Box-cars, so scarce that nearly 200 small lumber mills have closed briefly for lack of shipping space, may catch up a little with Oregon lumber production during the Labor day holiday.

Lumbermen expressed hope that the usual holiday mill closure, slowing the flow of lumber into crowded mill yards, would ease the boxcar crisis.

The Southern Pacific railroad, only line serving the western Oregon area where the pile-up is worst, foresaw no hope of entirely meeting the intense demand for cars.

Mill operators said prices of certain types of lumber had been upped slightly by competitive bidding.

Registration Said In Lieu of Taxes

The state board of aeronautics announced Saturday that under an opinion of Attorney General George Neuner the payment of registration fees for registration of aircraft is in lieu of personal property tax on these planes. The board also reported painting of 84 markers throughout the state progressing satisfactorily. Those now completed includes ones at Mill City, Mt. Angel, Scotts Mills and St. Paul. Registration of pilots, according to the board, is not progressing as rapidly as expected.

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Marion FFA Show Awards Compiled

Three vocational agriculture classes in Marion county held the annual county show at the state fairgrounds Saturday. Exhibitors were from the Salem, Silverton and Woodburn high schools. Displays were made in farm crops, livestock and poultry.

W. M. McKinney is Salem instructor and was in charge of the show locally. Leonard Hudson is Silverton instructor and Richard Schoenborn is Woodburn instructor.

Awards were as follows:

FARM CROPS
Fescue seed, Floyd Fox, Jr. 1st; Guy Scott, 2nd; Lawrence Fischer, 3rd; Bent Grass seed, Dale Lee Miller, 1st, all of Silverton.
Flax, John Singer, Woodburn, 1st; row barley, Donald Kuhn, Salem, 1st; Ralph Underth, Woodburn, 2nd; Elvin Goode, Silverton, 3rd.
Wheat, Don Bassett, Salem, 1st; gray oats, Carl Jarnagin, Silverton, 1st; Bassett, 2nd; Honey, Donald Kuhn, 3rd.
Potatoes, LeRoy DeJarden, Woodburn, 1st; Pears, Kuhn, 1st; Rose, Bartlett, Charles Saucy, Salem, 2nd; Bartlett.
Prunes, Saucy, 1st; also list on three varieties of apples.
Field corn, Ken Waymire, Woodburn, 1st; sweet corn, Joe Hess, Silverton, 1st.

LIVESTOCK
Jerseys: aged cow, Harold Watts, Silverton, 1st; Keith Nelson, 2nd; 3-year cow, Bob Barnes, 1st, all Silverton.
Senior yearling, Bassett, 1st; Barnes, 2nd; junior yearling, Nelson, 1st; Dan Potter, Silverton, 2nd; senior calf, Bob Cooley, Salem, 1st; Nelson, 2nd; Potter, 3rd; junior calf, Barnes, 1st, Bill Ford, Woodburn, 2nd.
Guernseys: aged cows, Hess, 1st; senior yearling, Edwards, Kappel, Silverton, 1st; junior yearling, Kappel, 1st; Hess, 2nd; Marvin Jahn, Silverton, 3rd; Fox, 4th; senior calf, Tom Stamper, Woodburn, 1st; Howard Klopferstine, Silverton, 2nd; junior calf, Bassett, 1st.
Ayrshire: aged cow, Albert Williams, 1st; senior calf, Leonard Perlick, 1st; junior calf, Williams, 1st; Perlick, 2nd and 3rd, all Salem.
Holstein: 2 year old cow, Gerald Brog, 1st; senior yearling, Jim McDowell, 1st, both Salem.

SWINE
Duroc Jersey, junior gilt, L. Fisher, 1st; Bassett, 2nd; gilt, senior gilt, Hess, 1st; Allen Dahl, Silverton, 2nd; sow, Barnes, 1st; Fisher, 2nd; Chester White, sow, Harold Watts, 1st.
Poland China, sow, Jarnagin, 1st; Duroc Jersey, fat hogs, Fisher, 1st; Spotted Poland China, fat hog and junior gilt, Arthur Girod, Salem, 1st.

SHEEP
Hampshire, yearling ewe, James McDowell, 1st, 2nd.
Suffolk, ewe lamb and ram lamb, Fisher, 1st and 2nd for each.
Romney, yearling ewe, Barnes, 1st, 2nd.
Corriedale, aged ewes, Gene Mulkey, 1st and 2nd; ewe lamb and ram lamb, both firsts, Gene Mulkey, Silverton.

POULTRY
White Leghorn, pen pullets, Goode, 1st; Bob Williamson, 2nd.
New Hampshire, breeding pen, Willis Meisenheimer, Woodburn, 1st; Arthur Girod, Salem, 2nd; utility pen, Ed Lepper, Salem, 1st; Girod, 2nd.

Seabee Reserve Chooses Libby

Hollis W. Libby, Salem route 9, chief locating engineer for the Oregon highway commission, was elected leader of Salem's Seabee naval reserve unit at an organizational meeting Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce.

Seventeen former Seabees attended the meeting, second held in preparation for formal activation which may take place October 10.

A. W. Marquiss, Roy Webber and W. C. Hill were elected to the program committee.

The unit, Hill said, would be

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Swimming Pool Attendance Low In Active Playground Summer

Attendance this summer at the city's seven neighborhood school playgrounds equaled that of last year, but cool weather cut patronage at Olinger and Leslie swimming pools nearly one-half, Vernon Gilmore, playgrounds director, estimated Saturday.

Incomplete attendance reports indicate that this summer's peak day at the two pools registered about 1400 swimmers. Last summer, Gilmore said, nearly a dozen days reached the 2000 mark.

The pools closed for the season Saturday and the neighborhood playgrounds wound up their 11-week program Friday afternoon with picnics attended by about 300 children and parents.

Attendance figures for each of the schools during the past 11 weeks include Bush 4713, Washington 7977, Richmond 5865, Highland 9386, Englewood 13,449, Grant 5037, and McKinley 9104.

At West Salem grade school, in its first year of operation as a

playground, the attendance reached 3677. The playground there was sponsored jointly by the city of West Salem and school district 24. No Salem city funds were used on the project, Gilmore said.

Approximately 40 adult supervisors, attendants and instructors took part in Salem's summer program. The playground schedule will continue into the fall and winter months with a basketball program and other activities. Also contemplated, Gilmore said, is supervised use of school playgrounds during after-school hours and on Saturday mornings.

Sunset Highway Marker to Honor 41st Division Men

A marker dedicating the Sunset highway to Oregon's famous 41st division was completed Saturday, Oregon national guard headquarters and the state highway commission announced.

The cedar marker, four feet high and six feet wide, is located at the intersection of Mechanum and Sunset highways. Known as Wolf Creek highway, the latter route from Portland to the coast was renamed last year in honor of the thousands of Oregon men who fought under the Sunset division insignia in both world wars.

For 173 days the 41st division was in continuous combat against the Japs in World War II. For the first world war, it was organized in 1917 and fought in engagements at Chateau-Thierry, Sisme-Marne and St. Mihiel.

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