

## Reds Get Grip in Czechoslovakia

The Slovak end of Czechoslovakia has been predominantly conservative in politics and Roman Catholic in religion. Something of a separatist movement existed there before the war which Hitler encouraged. After the war Slovakia had its own local government which was composed of eight democrats (conservative) and six communists. In the current effort at consolidating strength across Central Europe the communists in the central government at Prague have forced the issue and the communist premier has been granted authority to reconstitute the government of Slovakia.

Czechoslovakia's government has maintained a precarious balance in its attempt to bridge east and west. Under the eaves of Russia and indebted to Russia for liberation the country likewise has strong affiliations and sympathies with the west. But communist leaders seem determined to erase dissident parties and leaders, and one-by-one the coalition cabinets have yielded to communist pressures. In Hungary the small-holders party was forced to submit to communist domination. In Bulgaria the opposition leader was executed. In Romania the head of the peasant party is on trial charged with crimes against the state. In Poland the opposition leader, Mikolajczyk fled because he felt his time of freedom was getting short.

The ready explanation is that fearing possible war the communist friends of the USSR want no foes within the borders of the satellite countries. The one-party system will be established; dissent will be made dangerous. The cordon sanitaire will be revived, but designed to block penetration from the west, not the east.

The world suffers with this drawing of tense lines, and particularly in the darkening of the "window on the west" which Czechoslovakia has sought to remain. However the communist bosses are correct in their strategy in that country. To consolidate their power they must destroy the semi-independence of Slovakia. In fact communism works that way: it never tolerates political or economic freedoms.

## Need for Bigger Hospitals

Visitors to Salem hospitals find beds in corridors and hallway ends because regular room and ward space is all occupied. Patients seeking admission to hospitals are often subject to delays until a bed is vacated. Even emergency cases may have to be kept in the surgery or other special room until some better provision for them can be made.

It is because they have been up against this overcrowding for several years that the board of directors of the Salem General hospital have decided to undertake to raise \$1,500,000 for a new and larger hospital. The directors of the Deaconess hospital, which faces the same problem, have been preparing for a similar building project at their institution.

Growth in population in the area has not been matched with increase in the number of hospital beds available. Also there is more frequent use of hospital facilities than formerly. Few children are born in private homes now. Pooled health services and hospital associations finance hospital care and more people demand such service when they become ill.

The sums required to erect new hospitals will be large because the buildings must be of fireproof construction and be equipped with modern hospital facilities. Yet there can be no argument as to the urgency of the need, and there is little doubt that this community can finance the costs if the people respond generously to the appeals that will be forthcoming.

Hospitals are not money-making institutions. While rates may seem high, patrons should understand that the charges include "hotel" accommodations (room and board) and special services such as trained nurses and availability of highly specialized equipment. For capital investment the hospitals must depend on private philanthropy or public subsidy.

## Making Up with Peron

The United States seems to have gone all the way in appeasement of President Peron of Argentina. After reading extracts from a recent address of our present ambassador in Buenos Aires all that seems to be left is for President and Mrs. Truman to invite Eva Peron up for a visit at the White house.

James Bruce, who succeeded George Messersmith at the Argentine capital, in a speech to the American Legion post there called Peron "a great leader of a great nation," and praised him for his "extraordinary ability to understand quickly complicated business transactions."

Bruce included Foreign Minister Bramuglia in his sugary eulogy, referring to him as a "great patriot, a very honored and able man, and a hard-working ambassador."

With these compliments Peron must feel a bit like the canary that swallowed the cat. Spruille Braden, our former ambassador, who felt very differently about Peron and his government, doubtless feels that once more democracy has been deserted in the house of its friends.

## Withholding Tax

A bulletin to editors from F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, makes the suggestion that newspapers publicize the approaching imposition of a withholding tax. This will be effective on the first payroll on or after Jan. 1, 1948. Employers are required to deduct one per cent of the gross wage (including value of emoluments such as board and room) of every employee.

The only exceptions in the law are: no deduction unless the aggregate wage paid an employee exceeds \$50 in a month; wages paid to persons in active military service or to employees of common carriers not residents of Oregon who perform service within and without the state.

This tax is under attack in a suit sponsored by organized labor, but will be imposed starting in January unless held invalid by the courts.

## No Jade from China

No jade is coming out of China. Prices are higher for it in Shanghai than in New York. Its value mounts with each surge of Chinese inflation, for those who hold it know they have something of assured value, like gold in this country—only the people can't have gold.

In fact, so disorganized is China's economy that very little is being exported from that country. People prefer goods to paper money. What is exported is routine merchandise; curios, Chinese foods, camphorwood chests.

The wartime dream of a great revival and expansion of trade with the orient is still a dream, only it is a forgotten dream.

A California judge has ruled that a girl who broke her engagement must return her engagement ring to her former fiance. He dug up a precedent in old Roman law where the decision was that an engagement ring was only a symbol and didn't become the woman's property until marriage. Generally the girl gives the ring back voluntarily, which may explain why the judge in California had to go so far back in history to find a precedent where the ring was sued for.

## 'Country Club' Label Put on Hughes Plant

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—(P)—A discharged plant manager today called Howard Hughes' aircraft plant in California a "country club" in which he was unable to speed production on \$40,000,000 worth of wartime contracts.

Charles W. Perelle, the airplane production manager, also told the senate war investigating subcommittee he personally fired John W. Meyer, Hughes' free-spending publicity man, by letter in September, 1945. Meyer, however, has been shown to have stayed on the payroll.

But by December of the same year, Perelle said, he himself had been discharged from his \$75,000 job by Hughes for "insubordination."

Worked at Boeing (Perelle is a University of Washington graduate and worked for the Boeing Aircraft Co. at Seattle a number of years. He was production manager when he resigned prior to World War II to take an executive position with the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co.)

Perelle's long recital of "internal bickering" in the wartime aircraft plant came after the senate group put aside for the time being a committee contention that Hughes and his companies owe a "tax deficiency" of \$5,919,921.

Tom Slack, Hughes' attorney, protested to newsmen that he and Noah Dietrich, executive vice president of the Hughes Tool company, were being denied a chance to answer the tax issues. Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich) said the committee must maintain its witness schedule and that Hughes or his aides will get a chance to explain the tax and profit angles later.

Ferguson said he considered these angles "material" to the committee's general inquiry as to what the government received for \$40,000,000 in contracts for a huge wooden flying boat and a photo reconnaissance plane.

## Revisions in Foster Creek Dam Act Asked

WENATCHEE, Nov. 6.—(P)—MEMBERS of the Columbia basin commission sought army support today for a proposal to rewrite or amend an act of congress authorizing the Foster Creek dam on the Columbia, at the first joint meeting of the Columbia river inter-agency committee and the commission.

Commissioners expressed fears that the multi-million dollar project might be turned down in the courts, on the grounds that it is primarily a power generating dam. Reclamation of an estimated 15,000 acres of land could be accomplished only if the Foster Creek act is changed by congress to provide a subsidy from power sales to offset irrigation costs, leaders said.

The question arose as Lieut. Col. W. H. Shuler, army engineering officer for the Seattle district, completed a review of army suggestions for Columbia river development. In his review, he said that the Foster Creek dam, designed to generate 960,000 kilowatts of electricity, was considered the No. 1 project. He also described Priest Rapids, south of Vantage ferry, as the next most favorable site along the upper Columbia.

## REALTORS HEAR SCHUSS

Speaker at the Salem Board of Realtors luncheon this noon at Marion hotel will be Al Schuss, business manager of station KOCO. His topic will be "Advertising and Radio."

## SALEM GIRL TO SING

Denise Murray, Willamette university faculty member, will sing at a dinner tonight at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, honoring President and Mrs. Henry Gunn, the college reported Thursday.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



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## Exploding the Burned Child Theory

## Opera Troup Finds 'Addicts' to Gilbert and Sullivan 'Plentiful'

By Robert E. Gangware  
City Editor, The Statesman

The American-Savoy Comic Opera Co. came to Salem Thursday, relaxed on one of its all-too-occasional nights off and prepared to give this city its first professional performances of Gilbert and Sullivan in many a year.

Still fresh and enthusiastic after 15 continuous months on the road, Director Edgar Iversen and his 21-member troupe leaned back last night in the somewhat comfortable assurance that Gilbert and Sullivan operettas are as popular as ever with the American public.

"Why? Well, for one thing, most everyone remembers the time he sang in the school's production of Mikado or Pirates, points out Director Iversen.

## Fun to Watch Audience

"And it's fun to look from the stage into your audience and see how many mouths are following you word for word -- and in perfect time," added topnotch soprano Blair who will sing Mabel in "Pirates of Penzance," and Josephine, the captain's daughter, in "HMS Pinafore" here on Friday and Saturday.

What's more, put in Company Manager Richard P. Stevens at a gabfest in one of the troupe's rooms in the Senator hotel last night, "school audiences take to Gilbert and Sullivan like ducks to water, even at their first hearing -- and they want more of it."

Miss Blair ventured that confirmed Gilbert and Sullivan admirers are "addicts, not just fans," but that they are still enough in the minority that advance promotion is still a "must" for some of the lesser-known, albeit best, Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas, like "Ruddigore," "Patience" and "Gondoliers."

## Towns Must Be 'Warmed Up'

These satires in song -- for all G&S are musical satires on familiar and timeless topics -- are in the regular repertory of the American-Savoy company, but usually are played in a town which already has been "warmed up" by standbys like Mikado and Pinafore.

## By Lichty



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only "occasionally toyed with branching out into other operetta," Iversen said. One reason for this, the director added, is the number of return requests they get -- and fill -- for G&S.

Mentioning the latter, Iversen said the company returns this month to Coos Bay to play "Pirates of Penzance." And considering the Coos Bay Pirates," he said, "that's like carrying coals to Newcastle."

**Piano Team Accompanies**  
These Gilbert and Sullivan players are accompanied by a two-piano team, Antone Milos and Helen Botello. Last year after playing the northwest (but missing Salem) the company toured the entire belt of southern states across the country, then returned to play all summer at the Utah centennial. After this fall's tour of the northwest, the American-Savoy singers have high hopes of getting home long enough to perform for a month or so in their San Francisco theatre.

**Leading Roles Alternated**  
"Everyone's a star," Manager Stevens said of his troupe last night, explaining that lead singing roles are alternated and all sing in the chorus, including himself.

For their performances here lead roles besides Miss Blair's will be sung by Iversen himself, as Sir Joseph Porter in "Pinafore" and Frederick in "Pirates," by baritone Marsden Argall as the pirate king, Dick Deadeye (in Pinafore) and Pooh-Bah (in Mikado) and by Sheri Mason as Pee-Bo in Mikado and Cousin Hebe in Pinafore.

Manager Stevens said last night he regrets the troupe is not playing for a school or prison audience here -- explaining that both are invariably so enthusiastic the singers are entertained as well as the audience. Recent performances at Washington and Idaho state penitentiaries were popular, he said, with the convicts specially delighted over "The Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy One."

**Has Own Company**  
The American-Savoy company organized three years ago in San Francisco where it has its own theatre. It has specialized in Gilbert and Sullivan completely and

### Public Records

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
William Owens vs. Richard E. Scott and Bette Scott: Demurrer by defendants.  
Claude H. Herring vs. Roxie A. Herring: Complaint for divorce alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Nov. 22, 1925, at Chickasha, Okla.  
Edith Lelia Lundquist vs. Fayne Edward Lundquist: Order of default.  
H. R. Ochse vs. F. M. Stout: Amended answer by defendant.  
William C. Welch, jr., by Sybil V. Teausaw, guardian, vs. Victor Knuth and Robert Knuth: Judgment for plaintiffs of \$2,500.  
Frances Louise McLaughlin vs. Carl E. McLaughlin: Complaint for divorce alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Feb. 18, 1939, at Salem.  
Alice E. Conley vs. Mitchell H. Conley: Order of default.  
Blandina K. Davis and others vs. Maurice R. Dunigan and Idyle Dunigan: Reply by plaintiffs.  
E. W. O'Brien vs. Loren Dunigan and others: Accident damages trial recessed until 9:20 a.m., when jury to receive instructions; involuntary non-suit granted as to defendant, Mrs. Arlie Skiller.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Marion Joe Fernau, 196 N. 23rd st., driving without headlights, fined \$5 and costs.  
**PROBATE COURT**  
Frank Lynch estate: Decree of final settlement.  
Albert E. Schaefer estate: Order permitting administrator to assign contract of sale.  
George E. Hurst estate: Order discharging administratrix.  
Wilford E. Beard guardianship estate: Order discharging guardian.  
Amelia Gerig Bickell guardianship estate: Order confirming sale of real property.  
Edward Hari guardianship estate: Order directing guardian to execute mortgage satisfaction.  
Louis H. Ruth and Calvin Hill-

Guardianship estate:  
Guardian's final account.  
Carl Edward and Lelia Mudge Beach guardianship estate: Order appointing Pearl Ruddell guardian.  
Velleda W. Ohmart estate: Order directing further distribution.  
Joseph Hughes guardianship estate: Final report and order discharging guardian.  
Mary E. Denton estate: Order closing estate.  
William O. Bennett estate: Hearing on final account set for December 8.  
John W. Crane estate: Orders appointing Hal Flora, Leo Childs and Arthur W. Smith as appraisers; authorizing continuance of business of Valley Oil Co., and allowing claim of creditor to payment of notes.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Ellis E. Cooley, salesman, and Velma Mae Franks, stenographer, both of Salem.  
Lloyd F. Walker, 26, farmer, Mt. Angel, and Betty Fay Gottenberg, 21, 3397 N. River rd., Salem.  
Wayne P. Allen, 30, farmer, Rickreall route 1, and Betty Campbell, 26, housewife, Independence.  
Lloyd Vinyard, 44, painter, Carrollton, Ill., and Sarah McElroy, 51, housewife, Whitehall, Ill.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
David King, 1963 N. 4th st.; Lyle Young, 365 S. 16th st., and Virgil T. Keller, 312 Water st., all charged with malicious destruction of property, cases dismissed following preliminary hearing.  
Truett J. Owens, 565 Highland ave., violation of the basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.  
Clarence N. Hammer, 1488 State st., violation of the anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5.  
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