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Effects of Ban on Recordings

What's with music this year? How will Petrillo's battle against "the replacement of men by a technology which as yet makes no provisions for the men it replaces" (from Down Beat) affect the music-loving public?

A consensus of reports in Down Beat, jazzsters' pet pro-Petrillo dope sheet, and The Billboard, apparently less-biased spokesmen, outlines what probably will happen.

The public in urban areas will get more chances to see big names in person because the disc ban may force more bands to hit the one-night circuit or make concert tours, many of them with top sidemen drawn back to the big orks. Kenton has already found concert pickings good; although profits per stand may be less, long-run returns are better. On the other hand, record combos need records to build their reputations, and if they don't get across Petrillo's AFM may net a drop in operating revenue. That income derives from the 10 per cent tax levied on traveling outfits.

Symphony orchestras will be hurt because most of them depend on record sales to make the grade.

If the disc ban lasts up to two years the major record companies will be sitting pretty with terrific profits—all income, little outgo. Last year the waxeries signed much new talent and inked an 18-month backlog of pops and standards. The hard-hit small companies may as well throw in their towels—can't hack the storing process and the biz is frozen with its current names. But if Petrillo holds out longer, even the big operators will feel the squeeze.

The ban is a setback to fresh talent and to Negro artists faced with Jim Crow which is minimum at the disceries. Publishers will curtail activities, lay off staffs and plug tune-revivals and longer life expectancy for pops.

There is talk the 1000 (approx.) musicians who do almost all the recording and transcribing may bolt AFM and join a CIO union or they may sponsor their own splinter union and risk blacklisting if the ban continues long enough.

Bootlegging is inevitable. Bands may record undercover under fake names as in 1942. If American musicians continue to make master records in Mexico to beat the ban, the AFM plans to make a deal with Mexican unions to curtail waxing there.

ASCAP will try to juggle the copyright act so fees can be collected from juke boxes and wants to regulate use of music on television. In New York nickel juke-box television with music has been introduced. Petrillo should be getting apoplexy, yet?

Disc jockeys will continue to get in everyone's hair. The jocks will be big time this year, raking loot as the only media for promoting "hits," especially if Petrillo yanks musicians off radio after February 1.

The Billboard predicts that AFM will settle with Petrillo coming away top man. Odds on the terms are even: may be a big-pay deal with radio or a brush-off to Taft-Hartley royalty restrictions. Those in the know say the solution will have to come out of Washington, perhaps in conjunction with copyright act hearings.

This review of what goes for 1948 shows clearly how the strength of a minority can raise hob. No one blames the musicians for howling because everyone from disc jockeys to network bigwigs has hands in the musicians' pockets. But the fact remains that the ban will punish neither the jockeys nor the big record companies nor the promoters most responsible for exploiting the musical minority. It is always the general public who pays through the nose—only this time through the ears.

A German Economic Administration

In the late snarl of the foreign ministers' conference in London, Foreign Minister Molotov kept taxing the western powers over planning a separate government for western Germany. He wanted them to agree not to start such a thing until a peace treaty was framed. Britain's Bevin denied any agreement for a separate government but refused to commit his government against it, saying Britain could not let Germany sink in chaos.

The conference having ended in complete failure Britain and the United States are moving toward getting their zones to functioning. They are setting up a German Economic administration which will have a cabinet, an upper and lower house legislature, a supreme court and a central bank to regulate currency and credit. The American and British military governors insist that it is not a "state," because it will have no army, no ministry of foreign affairs and its actions will be subject to review by the occupation authorities. Certainly though it will be a long step toward a government.

But that is necessary and inevitable. The regrettable thing is that a government is not being set up for all of Germany. In course of time probably the French will bring their zone into the new administration; but Russia will make no such move. In fact eastern Germany may be regarded as "lost" to western Germany for an indefinite period.

As further indication of the determination of our government to renew normal life in Germany is the announcement that next summer the state department will relieve the war department of responsibilities of administration in the American zone. Ever since the war the military has been in command. In a few months the military will yield authority to civilian officials, though the army will remain to sustain the occupation. This is a normal move in the plan for Germany.

Presumably the Americans and British will be able to get along in the management of affairs in their two zones. Heretofore they have been able to compromise their differences and agree on their decisions. Not so with Russia. Latest tiff is in Berlin where a stalemate has arisen over textbooks for the Berlin schools. Americans objected to a reader the Russians wanted to put in containing speeches by Stalin highly critical of the "bourgeois" constitutions of western nations. As a result the soviet representatives refuse to approve of certain western books, among them "Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Life has to go on, and lacking a unified program for Germany it is wise to start consolidating as much area as is possible under a new German administration. If it succeeds that in itself will be the best argument for it, which may even have some effect on the Russians. But it is a big and risky, even with aid from the United States because of the physical destruction, the loss of morale among the Germans and the splitting of the country. The new administration does not divide Germany; that is already done. It seeks though to make alive two important segments of Germany.

New York state democrats have been criticizing Governor Dewey for "hoarding" a \$700,000,000 state surplus. If they are smart they will pipe down, for if the rest of the country hears about it the voters may decide Dewey is the man they want in Washington.

Governor Warren of California spurns second place on the republican ticket; and James Roosevelt, also of California, says he would not accept a democratic nomination for vice-president. That's California for you—nothing less than first.

Now that the "new look" has become trite what do the style designers have cooked up for the ladies—and the public—for spring? Perhaps the "newer look."

Linn County 4-H Club Leaders, Members Convene in Albany

By Marguerite Gleason
Statesman Valley Editor

ALBANY, Jan. 10 — Four H club work is setting the pattern for all farm and home extension work of Oregon State college and long range results of club work are judged not by how much the former club members are worth in dollars and cents but in the kind of men and women they are, by their standing in the community and the attitude of their fellow residents in the community toward them.

These were the summaries of the Linn county "family 4-H club" leaders and members meeting at Albany high school auditorium today. Summaries were made by Calvin Monroe, assistant state club leader, who attended all meetings but took no active part and by Bob Schmidt, president of the Linn County 4-H Club Leaders association.

Told of Chicago Trip
Small boys and girls with but a year or two of club work to their credit, heard Linn county's two 1947 national winners, Loraine Prokop and Billy Swink tell of the Chicago trip, reward of several years of club work. Billy urged the young club members to work toward the goal of a trip to Chicago to keep good records, scrap books, and pictures and closed with the comment "No matter what business you are in, farming or housekeeping, records are important."

Talked of Younger Members
H. John Hansen, Linn club agent, who was also on the Chicago trip, talked to the younger club members. He said Linn county had more 4-H club exhibitors at the Oregon State fair than any county but Marion and that each county's pile of entry blanks "felt the same size" and no one wanted to count them.

When Hansen asked the youthful members about progress on their projects, two small girls raised their hands to indicate they had each finished "half of their project" in cooking and sewing. Hansen inquired as to the name of their club. "Oh we are from Marion county," the girls said. They were Bernita Jeskey, daughter of Elmer Jeskey, president of Marion county Club Leaders association, and Eileen Tharp, Aurora, visitors at the Linn county meeting.

No Dollar Sign
"We must all remember never to replace the 4 leaf clover of 4H clubs with the dollar sign," Linn county farm program director of KALE warned the more than 350 club members, leaders and parents present. Parents and leaders realize how quick youth is to copy and govern themselves accordingly, the speaker indicated referring to criticisms of the "How much did you win" attitude of some parents.

Among the state and county workers at the Linn county meeting were Viola Schafer, Polk demonstration agent; Anthol Riney and Constance Hampton, Marion county club agents; Mable Mack, state leader.

Order Places Phone Rates on 'Sound Basis'

(Story also on page 1)

George H. Flagg, state public utilities commissioner, said Saturday in connection with a telephone rate-increase order that the recently-concluded proceedings constituted "a great step toward establishing a sound basis for rate-making," but emphasized that the order was designed for "temporary or interim relief."

Flagg said the PTA had made the proceedings "difficult" by the "refusal to make any estimate of future business," although there were "plenty of figures regarding future need for money," but that in all other things local officials were most cooperative.

Of the \$1,560,000 annual increase granted, it was estimated \$963,733 would accrue for operating expenses and the rest would be absorbed in federal taxes. Working capital on which return is earned was ordered reduced from one-twelfth to one-eighth of annual operating expenses.

Flagg said that the increase granted was less than in California and Washington but that "there is no question but that earnings of the telephone company have been higher during the past few years in this state than in the other two."

The commissioner's conclusion in connection with the increase order criticized heavy payments by PTA to the American Telephone and Telegraph company for use of patents and instruments and said that all future payments to the patent company (which owns nine-tenths of PTA's common stock and almost that much of the preferred) "should be based on actual cost."

It was declared also that "Oregon operations have been unduly penalized in the allocation of federal taxes" but that a new formula was being worked out "which will prove more equitable."

Radio Program Honors Salem

Salem, the home of the Cherry Festival, was honored in a radio broadcast from Hawaii over station KSLM Saturday night at 8:30 p. m.

During the broadcast Joseph Farrington, Hawaii's congressional delegate, saluted the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce, and made reference to the recent flood. Also mentioned was Oregon's U. S. Senator Guy Cordon of Roseburg, who will soon arrive in Hawaii to conduct the senate public lands committee's hearing on a bill providing for adoption of Hawaii as the 49th state. The measure has already been passed in the house of representatives.

Camp Pioneer Schedule Set At Five Weeks

Camp Pioneer, Cascade area council Boy Scout camp in the foothills of Mt. Jefferson, will open for five weeks this summer starting July 4, with an extra week to be added if necessary, it was decided at a meeting of the council camping and activities committee at the Marion hotel Friday night.

Gardner Knapp of Salem, council camping chairman, sponsored the dinner meeting, which outlined the council's camping activities for the coming year. In addition to Knapp, 12 scout leaders from over the council were in attendance.

Approved activities for this spring included a senior scout unit dance, a council-wide waste paper drive to finance overnight camp sites and a scout week—February 6 to 12.

A patrol leaders' camporee will be held April 3 and 4 at spots yet to be selected. It was decided Friday night. Camporees for all scouts in each district will then take place on April 17 and 18. This year, emphasis of the camporees will be on scout crafts rather than on camping only, as in former years, it was announced.

The annual work week, to ready Camp Pioneer for the summer camp season, will begin on June 20. A senior scout summer camp will be held at Camp Pioneer, with a committee with details to be handled by the camping chairman.

Fall activities outlined are to include the annual initiation of the Order of the Arrow, scout honor society, at Camp Pioneer, and a round-up of all district in September. The usual scout winter camp at Camp Pioneer will again be held during next Christmas holidays.

It was also reported at the meeting Friday night that the council now has a total of six "circle camps" available for use. These camps are for brief over-night or week-end camp trips by scout troops.

The camps include Dorn Peak in Polk district above Buell on Goose Neck creek; Peavy Arboretum in Benton county on highway 99W just south of Camp Adair; Camp Peterson on upper Abigau creek about 13 miles above Silverton; Elk Lake forest camp on Elk Lake above Mehama; camp site between Swegle and Middle Grove about five miles east of Salem, and the Presbyterian church camp south of Aumsville.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

SPEDDING THE RUNOFF
To the Editor:

While thousands of people are now cleaning out the mud and debris from homes and business houses in the Willamette valley, I believe it would not be amiss to make a suggestion which might be very logical, plausible but probably very unpopular in some quarters.

Army engineers now are working on plans to build dams at a cost of some millions of dollars to hold back Willamette flood waters. It will be only a question of time if they are all built until other measures will have to be taken to stem the tide.

Denuding of forest areas continues with the subsequent water runoff and all of it carrying an exceptionally large and constantly increasing amount of silt.

What would be wrong with blasting out the Oregon City dam thereby lowering the Willamette channel level? Only injury would be done a couple of industries using the water power from the dam. The state could reimburse for the power bills of these same industries and still save money.

This is in case the service to the people has never been discussed. That however would not be sufficient, because the channel would have to be deepened all the way up to take care of the flood waters.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Supposing I am guilty, as charged, of using double talk? I am merely giving my constituents twice as much for their money."

MATTER OF FACT

Democratic Opponents to Truman's Price Control Return Plan Converted

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 — In the speech-making of the last few days, Secretary Marshall represents the substance, and President Truman, the shadow. Marshall was substantial, because he was discussing all too grim realities with men who know these are realities and also want to do something about them. In President Truman's otherwise admirable performance, there was something shadowy, because he was urging upon an obstinate congress a course of action which the congress neither understands nor wishes to pursue.

The time has gone by, however, when the republicans could be sure that their candidate, no matter how stodgy or unacceptable, would occupy the White House after next November. For those interested in the political future of the United States, President Truman's message on the state of the union therefore possessed a more than shadowy import. For it told the kind of things he wants. And if he is elected, he will be able to transform a good deal of what he wants into laws of the United States.

In all his proposals—for tax revision and inflation control, welfare legislation, resources conservation, labor policy and social security—Truman has now come clearly down on what may be called the New Deal side. This is the result partly of the president's own inclinations, partly of the competition of Henry A. Wallace and partly of the recent victory of a tiny band—a regular Gideon's army—over the administration majority. This victory was the turning point.

Asked Controls Restored
The real struggle over the way Truman would go occurred last November, when he requested congress to restore controls and rationing in defiance of the almost unanimous opinion of his cabinet.

On that occasion, he took the advice of the little band, among whom his counsel, Clark Clifford, and the members of the President's economic advisory council are perhaps most conspicuous. In the President's opinion, his decision to take this advice paid off rather handsomely. The same feeling exists among many of the cabinet members who so strenuously fought the November decision.

Thus there was little opposition within the administration to the present message, although the row over it would have raised the White House roof six months ago. Even the treasury, always friendly

to business, interposed only the mildest objections to raising the corporate profits taxes. This means, in effect, that the President is at last making his own domestic policy, on moderate New Deal principles, and that his subordinates have the choice of going along—or else. This must not be supposed to imply, however, that the President's moderate New Dealism is of the Roosevelt brand.

There are two obvious differences. First and least important, he does not call upon the hosts of his supporters to stand at Armageddon and do battle for the Lord. He puts forward what, by present standards, is a rather left-wing program. But he does not, now, and will not in the future, denounce the malefactors of great wealth.

Second, and more important, Truman may become personally more and more a New Dealer, but his administration grows, in other way, less and less like the New Deal. For two years, the maritime commission has had a most un-New Dealish aspect. The same transformation seems likely to occur at the civil aeronautics board, as a result of the distinctly forcible retirement of Chairman Landis. The securities and exchange commission appears to be next on the list. And while these lesser instruments of the government are filled with men friendly to business, the same process is also at work on the higher levels. The President is perfectly sincere in what he says. But what the President's words will mean in terms of actual performance if the President is re-elected must inevitably be something a little different.

Truman has, in fact, arrived at a kind of queer governmental compromise which might actually work very well. He proposes New Deal policies. His own party in congress may hate his proposals, and many of its members do. But if Truman is elected in November, many of these policies will go into the statute books. On the other hand, the men to administer the policies are chosen from the opposite camp, so that the method of administration is temperate, to say the least. It is not such a bad recipe for a regime intended to be both middle-of-the-road and reasonably forward-looking.

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CITY TAKES OVER AIRPORT
PENDLETON, Jan. 10.—(P)—The city of Pendleton took over control today of the Pendleton army

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