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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Morality of Expediency

American over-extension with diplomatic commitments in comparison with available and effective military power has brought about closer integration between foreign policy-makers and military chiefs, and it has necessitated the new American policy of expediency.

The policy switch on Palestine and the Trieste maneuver are both examples of action motivated by expediency.

John M. Hightower in an analysis for the Associated Press explains the intensity of conflict between America and Russia has made the United States very anxious to avoid all the trouble it can anywhere else in the world, including Palestine. That is why every diplomatic move is now first checked in detail with the military to see whether it fits in with military plans for dealing with the Russian situation.

That makes sense. But it does not explain how the United States expects to stay out of trouble in the Near East. Or how the Trieste move dovetails with military plans. It merely shows that these moves must have seemed, at least temporarily, expedient.

The trusteeship proposal seeks to confine the Arab-Jew clash to Palestine and puts the whole problem squarely in the lap of the security council; it does not excuse the United States from its position of responsible leadership in the United Nations or anywhere else. As long as this country places premium value on essential Near Eastern oil, this country will be diplomatically involved in that area. And if trusteeship doesn't produce peace, we may be militarily involved too. That is likewise true of Trieste.

All this worries the San Francisco Chronicle which asks editorially:

"Does this mean that we are launched on a permanent policy of subordinating minority rights, human rights, civil rights, integrity, and those other lofty principles, to expediency? Can we return along the road we are now traveling?"

That question of the morality of our new foreign policy may well be pondered now because nations, as well as individuals, are called upon by history to account for their actions. The United States has done much preaching about the dignity of the human being and the rights of individuals and nations to determine their own destiny as long as they do not interfere unmorally in the destinies of others. Now the United States is interfering, for better or worse, with the destinies of many people. It is undoubtedly true this country has spread its favors too thinly, but it cannot very well withdraw the bets already placed. Instead, expediency now demands that the country's military strength be brought up to par with those commitments.

Reluctantly, but with due regard for a realistic approach to a situation that has grown too large and complex for simple judgments of right or wrong, we must agree with the Chronicle:

"We only know that this ruthless course of expediency appears to contain the only hope of turning back a Russia devoted exclusively to a philosophy of expediency... if the history of free peoples, including ourselves, has taught us anything it is this paradox as to human dignity: that it must occasionally be violated in order to be saved."

Draft Veterans?

The chance that congress will revive the draft in an election year is about 50-50, depending on how far Russia tries American patience. Prospects for universal military training are less. Thus, as the world situation worsens, there is considerable speculation among veterans of World War II who wonder whether they might peremptorily be called back into service.

The national emergency proclaimed in 1939 is still technically in effect. In an emergency or in case of war, the president has the power to call out the national guard but only an act of congress can send national guardsmen outside the country. And, since congress alone can appropriate funds to train and equip troops, the people themselves virtually hold a veto power over any presidential decision to mobilize.

A revived draft, probably, will affect non-veterans between the ages of 18 and 25, with liberal exemptions for married men, skilled workers, fathers and boys in school. But, if the world situation gets very precarious (for instance, if Russia tries to force Americans out of Berlin), there may not be time to build the armed forces to authorized strength through draft machinery. In that event, some veterans would be back in O.D.s.

The U. S. News and World Report magazine this week carefully explains the status of veterans should the United States mobilize. Technically, most World War II veterans have reserve status, even if they did not sign up when discharged. The army cannot order reservists back into active duty on its own hook; that takes an act of congress. Either congress or the president could order naval officers and enlisted reserves into uniform. The exact status of army officers is indefinite, but it seems that either a presidential order or an act of congress is needed to press them into service.

Evidently, then, veterans are in little danger of a sudden call to arms. Threat of a draft may encourage the necessary enlistments to fill out the empty ranks in the armed forces now. But the effect on congressional discretion in a political year of a rapidly deteriorating world situation is anybody's guess — in the event, all bets are off.

'Take the Cash'

To President Truman goes the bill to reduce income taxes. He is expected to veto it, but the prediction is made that the congress will repass the bill over his veto. That is certain in the house, and probable in the senate whose draft was accepted by the house. Enough democrats are expected to go along with the solid republican majority to put the measure on the lawbooks.

In many ways the tax cut is belated. War expenses have been scaled down, revenues at existing tax rates have been huge. The people really do want a tax reduction.

The X factor in the fiscal equation however is what the cost of the expanded "cold war" will be. If congress revives selective service, institutes universal military training, expands the air force and restocks its war equipment and supplies then tax reduction will be at the expense of debt reduction, which would not be good business.

The people really can't solve this problem because they don't "take the cash and let the credit go," trusting that the budget will somehow get itself balanced.

The proposed school budget and bond financing if approved by the voters would add 7.2 mills to the present school district tax. That's a big saving from the 15 mill-increase threatened by the late bond proposal. The present program provides for maintaining schools at a good level, giving a 15 per cent increase in salaries to teachers and taking care of early needs for school housing. It deserves public approval at the election on April 16th.

Senator Wayne L. Morse offered one amendment to the tax bill which deserved support, that was one committing the government to a \$5 billion debt reduction instead of half that. He was correct in saying we ought to whittle the debt down faster in good times. Considering the complaining the republicans did over the new deal's mounting debt in the 1930's they hardly rate A for consistency in this instance.

6 Persons to Give Blood for Miss Adlard

Six persons are to go to Portland today in a Marion County Red Cross car for the purpose of replacing blood in the blood bank at St. Vincent's hospital which has been used for Katherine Adlard, of Salem, and who are to go on Saturday morning.

A request is being made for two or three additional donors Saturday, according to Mrs. Louise Arneson of the Red Cross nursing service.

The doctor who will perform major surgery on Miss Adlard Friday has given her a good chance for recovery and health according to Mrs. Arneson. The patient has thus far been transfused with 24 pints but is expected to need 10 more pints during the time and following surgery.

Unusual interest has been shown in Miss Adlard's case because of her activities during the war as a nurses' aide. She donated 2,777 hours of free service to the Red Cross during the war years, which placed her far above other aides in this area and on the national honor roll. Under a hundred are on this roll, which included nurses aides who gave 2,000 or more hours.

Prospective donors may contact the Red Cross offices here if able to go to Portland in the Red Cross car Saturday. It will leave here at 9:30 a.m. and return after lunch. Blood, explains Mrs. Arneson, is being given Miss Adlard from the blood bank, so any type will do. The amount used must be replaced from local donors.

Prof. Milton D. Green of the University of Washington law school and 16 Willamette university pledges to William Inn, Phi Delta Phi, law honorary, were honored at noon luncheon Wednesday at the Golden Pheasant restaurant.

The pledges who will soon be initiated are William D. Croghan, Howard N. Kaffun, Joe Meier, Eddie Reed and Richard W. Piccoli, all of Salem; Berkeley Lent and Stuart H. McIntyre, both of Portland; Roger B. Todd of Dayton, Ore.; Glenn F. Stevens of Elk, Wash.; Glen V. Sorenson of Lyle, Wash.; Cleo R. Pomeroy of Hoxie, Kan.; Miles R. Matson of Sunnyside, Wash.; Peter M. Gardner of Riverside, Ore.; Craig C. Boyer of Bend, and James F. Cudde of Clinton, S. C.

Prof. Green, who addressed the group, was in Salem Wednesday to inspect the law school and the Inn's records.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

On Morse & Taxes

To the Editor:
It is refreshing to read that our honored Senator Morse has at last become convinced that the grass roots back home were demanding some reduction in taxes and that he has discarded the donkey head on the elephant upon which he rode into the U. S. senate and has right about faced on the tax bill and says he will even vote to override any presidential veto that may come. Of course there was as much demand for some tax relief a year ago when he voted against it and for the veto as now, but it required a year for him to learn this fact. In the meantime, because of his action, a lot of hard pressed low income citizens had to dig up excessive taxes on March 15. Strange how an intelligent man can be elected by the republicans on a republican platform and then in congress turn his back upon them and talk and vote with the new dealers. Under such conditions, don't you think that when the time comes to elect his successor some questions would be in order as to his loyalty to the party that elects him?
Fred C. Taylor.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I never ask Smedley for money till he's done listening to all the news commentators — after that he feels that nothing matters, anyhow!"

In Your Hands

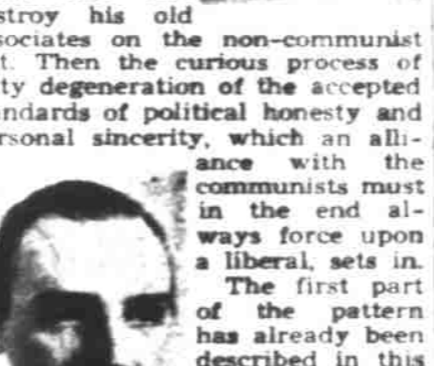


The Freedom Train will be in Salem April 6

MATTER OF FACT

Communist Backers Tighten Grip On New Wallace Political Machine

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, March 24.—The pattern holds, whether for a Nenni or a Fierlinger or a Wallace. Always an alliance between a non-communist liberal and the communists leads to the same ends. First the liberal finds himself so captured, so bound and gagged, that there is no escape short of political suicide. Then he must turn and destroy his old associates on the non-communist left. Then the curious process of fatty degeneration of the accepted standards of political honesty and personal sincerity, which an ally finds himself since with the communists must in the end always force upon a liberal, sets in.



Joseph Alsop

The first part of the pattern has already been described in this space, but Mr. C. B. Baldwin, chief Wallace manager, has just intelligently supplied further evidence. Few of the perfectly honest people who perfectly honestly believe that Henry Wallace points the way to peace would grasp the significance of a little-noted announcement by Mr. Baldwin this week. Mr. Baldwin has announced with some pride that Mr. Seymour Linfield has been appointed to "direct veterans and youth work" for Wallace, in response to a "grass roots" demand.

Mr. Baldwin points out that Mr. Linfield is a combat veteran and an associate general counsel of the United Electrical Workers, which happens to be run by the communists. What Mr. Baldwin fails to point out is that Mr. Linfield was one of the most active members of the Young Communist league, and that there is no reason to believe that he has changed either his political opinions or his political affiliations. Thus the tight grip of the communist machine on the Wallace movement is further tightened.

Political Assassination
The second part of the pattern — the political assassination of old New Dealers and non-communist liberals to which Wallace has now lent himself — has also been described in this space. Examples of the third part of the pattern, the development of a curious double standard of political honesty, abound: the Baruch

episode, the Steinhardt episode, certain incidents on Wallace's trip abroad and so on. But perhaps the most striking example is the story of Wallace's relationship with his successor as secretary of commerce, W. Averell Harriman.

Some months ago Wallace came to Washington to make an open air speech attacking the administration's foreign policy. Before and during this rally there was much Wallace talk that Washington had become a police state, that government employees were threatened with dire retribution if they listened to Wallace and so on.

No mounted Cossacks, however, appeared to ride down the innocent populace which somewhat apathetically gathered to hear Wallace speak. On the contrary, Harriman somewhat anti-climatically urged employees of the commerce department to attend the Wallace rally, so that they could "hear the other side."

Wallace heard of this gesture, and wrote his successor an admirably generous letter. "You are certainly a good sport," he wrote. "I was 'deeply touched,' he wrote, when despite their disagreement on foreign policy he discovered a number of 'people from the commerce department whom you had encouraged to come.' Wallace concluded, 'This is still America and you are doing your part to keep it so.'"

Public Affairs
That is the private Wallace version of Harriman — a good sport, who is a friend and protector of American liberties. The public Wallace version of Harriman differs markedly — indeed, it is strikingly similar to the version of "The New York Daily Worker," in which Harriman is portrayed as a Wall Street imperialist, busily dragging the United States down the road to war, presumably for the personal profit of W. Averell Harriman. Morse over to Wallace, Harriman is no longer a friend of civil liberties. He is, rather, one of the three chief enemies of civil liberties. "The departure from the cabinet," Wallace shouted at a recent rally in Harlem, "of Messrs. Royall, Fierling and Harriman would be welcome evidence that the president really means what he says when he speaks of civil liberties."

The bare-faced dishonesty of this sort of thing is underlined by the fact that Wallace, on know, that Harriman is a consistent and passionate defender of civil liberties. Indeed, he was so enraged by the threat to civil liberties implicit in the handling by the Thomas committee of the Condon case that he had to be restrained by his associates from calling the gaseous but powerful Representative J. Parnell Thomas anything more insulting than "un-American."

Yet Wallace cannot give his successor credit for his stand on civil liberties, simply because to do so would displease the new allies who have now become his captors. The story of the Wallace captivity would be merely pathetic if it were not also so intensely dangerous. For the constant repetition by Wallace of the magic word "peace" is undoubtedly leading many anxious and sincere Americans down Wallace's path of appeasement, which can lead in the end only to a total American surrender, or to the most terrible of all wars.

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More than 1,000 wildcats were caught by licensed California trappers last year, according to state figures.

Thursday, 8:00 P.M.
Candlelight Communion Service
First Presbyterian Church
Chemehohai at Winter

WU Library Receives 200 Gift Volumes

Over 200 gift volumes were received by the Willamette university library last month. Dan Graves, librarian, reported this week. The gifts augmented the 1200 biography volumes given to the university a few months ago by Mrs. Bruce Baxter, widow of the former university president.

Among recent donations were 125 volumes contributed by the school's International Relations club, on international relations. Other mass contributors were the war surplus office, which sent books of a scientific nature; the Jewish Chautauque society, which sent books on Judaism which include the history, legends and beliefs of Jews; and University of Oregon, College of Puget Sound and the state library, who sent several files of periodicals to the university.

Special items were donated by High McGirt, class of 1928, Mrs. G. N. Woodley, Portland, and George H. Ruches, Salem. The men presented books on northwest history and Mrs. Woodley presented a diary of Mrs. Bennis, 1848 and Donald Woodruff, Salem, to Mrs. Bennis from John Wesley.

Additional useful and valuable gifts were received from students, former students and friends of the university. They include, students, Annabel Peterson, San Francisco, Frank Lockman, Salem, and Donald Woodruff, Salem. Others were Stuart Bush, Mrs. A. C. F. Perry, O. V. Matthews, Col. Glen Anderson, E. C. Sydney, Col. Ralph W. Wilson and Dr. Arthur Burton Clark Moore willed the university a contribution.

150 Events to Draw Tourists

More than 150 entertainment events ranging from territorial centennial celebrations and beauty pageants to roundups and fishing derbies are scheduled during Oregon's 1948 tourist season, the state highway commission, travel bureau announced Wednesday.

The events cover virtually every section of the state.

The Portland Rose festival will be held June 9 to 13 and the Pendleton Roundup September 15 to 18. Both of these events have received national recognition.

Several celebrations will be based on Oregon's territorial centennial which will also serve as a background for all 1948 events, headlined from a centennial point of view by the big celebration August 13 to 15, inclusive, at Oregon City.

At Seaside July 23 to 25, inclusive, the state will pay tribute to the beauty of its young women at the Miss Oregon pageant. Winner of this event will go to the national Miss America contest at Atlantic City.

Schools to Get Religion Rule

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, this week is sending to all Oregon school districts copies of the opinion of Attorney General George Neuner interpreting the recent decision of the United States supreme court, declaring it unconstitutional to hold religious training on public school property.

Putnam said Neuner's opinion was self-explanatory and it was not his place to direct the school district officials what to do. A large number of inquiries have been received by Putnam, he said, asking for an interpretation of the high court decision. Most of these inquiries are answered in the attorney general's opinion, Putnam averred.

Bus Line Agrees to Maintain Schedule; Suspension Voided

Oregon's public utilities commission Wednesday dismissed a suspension order against Oregon Motor Stages when the bus firm agreed to restore twice-a-day bus runs between Portland and Salem via Dayton.

Oregon Motor Stages last month has sought permission to reduce the schedule to one daily trip. The PUC pointed out that only one schedule a day would work a hardship on its riders without other transportation who wish to visit Salem or Portland and return home the same day.

John H. Carkin, new state public utilities commissioner, issued the order of dismissal Wednesday.

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GREYHOUND

Virile, Varied Piano Concert Presented by William Kapell

No man of weakness was William Kapell, youthful pianist, as he thundered through a program of Bach, Mendelssohn, Prokofiev and Chopin at Salem high school auditorium on Wednesday night. His selections were tremendous, his strength and energy limitless. Beginning with three sonatas by Scarlatti, Kapell followed with the vigorous Fantasia and Fugue in G minor by Bach. Then came three melodious Mendelssohn songs without words.

Startling in its modernity was the next, a sonata by Prokofiev, which, according to the program notes, brought to the composer the coveted Stalin prize. A positive juggernaut of tones, this dynamic number was played with unsuspected strength from the pianist.

Light Airy Number
Contrasting a group of children's numbers by the Brazilian composer, Pinto, displayed the artist's ability to play the lighter striver numbers.

Two Chopin numbers, the nocturne in B major and the much favored Polonaise, completed the programmed numbers and the pianist played as a pleasant and less disturbing ending to this concert three encores, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach, Rejoice, Beloved Christians, a Bach-Bussoni arrangement, and finally Balcetto by Buchardo.

This is Salem's only piano concert this winter, and Kapell's audience seemed highly pleased with his program, performance and personality.

Concert Re-scheduled
Announcement was made during intermission of the change of plans of Bidu Sayao, due to an extended contract with the Metropolitan, which has made it impossible for her to appear in the five cities of the northwest. The mezzo soprano Gladys Swarthout, will make the tour in her stead, appearing in Salem Monday, May 3, instead of the date originally set for the final concert of the series. The membership drive was announced for April 26 to May 1. Also revealed was the resignation of Mrs. Max Rogers as secretary of the Community Concert association and the appointment of Mrs. R. D. Blatchford in her place. Persons requesting information should contact Mrs. Blatchford, 8047, instead of the former secretary, the announcement said.

Rites Set for Mrs. Hughes

Private funeral services for Mrs. Maebelle Baker Hughes, late resident of 480 Vista ave., will be held from the W. T. Rigdon chapel this week.

Mrs. Hughes, city police said, died February 12 when she jumped into the Willamette river from the Marion-Polk county bridge.

Her coat and purse were found near the railing near the center of the bridge that evening, police said.

Her body was recovered from the river near Oregon City Wednesday and sent back to Salem.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by a son, John Hughes of Salem; her mother, Mrs. Lila May Hughes of Eugene, and a sister, Mrs. P. S. Chase of Eugene.

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