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Freedom Is Everybody's Job

"How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of..." Thomas Jefferson remarked nearly 200 years ago. And since 1776 when he wrote the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson's countrymen have continued to take for granted — except when they fought in four great wars to preserve their heritage of freedom — the advantages of democracy outlined in that fountainhead of documents of liberty.

Today, when the menace of totalitarianism again threatens democracy, there is a national non-partisan citizens' movement dedicated to enlightening Americans to the significance of our traditions. The American Heritage Foundation — for that is the name of the movement — is based on the principle that preserving freedom is everybody's job.

The Foundation affirms the basic credo that the essence of our republic is the sanctity of the individual. Its objective is to make this concept the credo of every American. It can reach through the modern techniques of education, advertising and community action. "Thus may the American body politic be immunized against subversive propaganda and strengthened for the constructive tasks ahead," Winthrop W. Aldrich, chairman of the Foundation's trustees hopes.

The tour to 300 cities of the Freedom Train in this year of rededication is part of the Foundation's effort to arouse in Americans full appreciation of their heritage. For most Americans, the extent of the nation's most precious historical documents carried by the train will be their first, perhaps their only, opportunity to see the legal cornerstones of the republic.

Hand in hand with the program to make Americans aware of their tradition, the Foundation has launched a program based on the principle that the price of liberty — of keeping the American tradition alive — is eternal vigilance. That means that every American must live the American faith, practice the credo of democracy, and participate personally in the affairs of his government and the responsibilities of citizenship.

Salem's own Week of Rededication, beginning today, follows the theme and principles set forth by the American Heritage Foundation. The Foundation, its great patriotic program, and the local part of that program deserve the wholehearted, thinking support of every individual. Jefferson's comment on the apathy of his countrymen should no longer apply to Salem after April 6.

Free Press—Here and Abroad

The constitutionally-guaranteed legal right of the press to comment on anyone in public life, even to dictatorial militarists, was reaffirmed by Secretary of the Army Royall when he said newsmen in army-controlled areas are free to criticize the army or individuals.

This victory for a free press is particularly appropriate now: just last week the United States delegate to the United Nations conference on freedom of information at Geneva proposed a code of rights to assure to news correspondents free access to sources of information throughout the world. And Americans always point to the press of this country as an example of how a free and responsible press is necessary and desirable in a democracy governed in principle by an informed public.

The Soviet delegate at the Geneva conference snapped back with accusations of "secret" censorship in America and cited domination of the U. S. press by a few individuals (like Hearst and McCormick). He claimed, of course, that the Russian press was truly free and responsible.

The censorship that was imposed on correspondents in Japan by General MacArthur is the sort of thing the Russians use to taunt us. That muddle over accreditation of newsmen is only one of the results of such undemocratic practices as "news regulations" issued by the armed forces. The military should confine their bullying to their own mouthpieces, public relations officers, who can be ordered to release only such information as the armed forces want the public to have.

But the public is entitled to be represented by newsmen whose only allegiance is to truth and accuracy and whose practice, generally, is to report what they learn as impartially as possible.

Of course, when "security" enters the picture that changes matters. But it is hard to understand how the general in Japan can consider such legitimate news as the organization of anti-MacArthur-for-president clubs as censorable.

Royall's statement not only does a service to the American public but it also adds weight to our delegate's argument in Geneva that the press in this country remains unimpaired by general or politician or anyone else.

Salem's 'Black Snow'

The Klamath Falls Herald & News has an article by Mac Epley on Klamath's "black snow," cinders from the town's central heating plant. Epley reports that the manager of the plant is going to make a trip to Eugene and Salem "to look over similar operations where successful efforts have been made to stop black snow production." We send this word for him to stop at Eugene. He will not need to come on to Salem, for the black snow is with us again, and has been these many months.

The cinder-arresting device installed years ago at the paper mill after prodding by Councilman Hal Patton and threat of action by Judge L. H. McMahan went haywire a good many months ago; and the cinder showers were resumed. Perhaps the quantity is not so great as in the old days but it is enough to block drains (one storage house suffered serious loss when its roof drain became blocked with cinders and the water leaked over stored furniture) and to send swirls of sooty black stuff along the walks and into doorways downtown and cover auto tops and cushions.

Salem has been patient anticipating that repairs would be made, but that patience is wearing thin, especially among those on the lee side of the big plant. We hope a new installation can be completed before the rains of next winter.

Publishers and printers employing members of the typographical union are pleased that the executives of the union have decided to abide by the federal injunction and negotiate contracts on a one-year basis. Their previous holdout threatened chaos in the industry. Employers could not under the Taft-Hartley law agree to a closed shop which the types insisted on. The dispute caused walkouts of printers in Chicago and New York, while other cities waited for the litigation to be settled. In Salem the old contract had one more year to run, so no local controversy on the question arose. Other printing crafts were willing to write contracts which complied with the law and with the printers now ready to make contracts the recent serious disturbance in the industry should come to an end.

In an election in Romania the communists got 92 per cent of the votes. That's better than American bosses like Hague and the late Tom Pendergast were able to do.

Chairman Lillenthal tells a house committee that the government has "an adequate supply" of atom bombs on hand. Adequate for what — a croquet game or a knock-down-drag-out war with Russia?

SEEMS TO ME

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and helps to sustain the dignity of courts and of the state. It seeks to put the procuring of divorce on an honest basis, keeping the proceedings in the normal place of residence of the parties, subject to the laws of their domicile, in which the rights of parties may be determined with a better measure of justice. That is social and moral gain. The decision may cloud some subsequent remarriages but the Oregon legislature will probably enact a validating law as it has often in the past.

There still is plenty of fraud in our own divorce cases—allegations of "cruelty" (which is loosely defined in our court interpretations) which are largely fiction. Oregon's ratio of divorces to marriages puts it well at the top of states going in for free-wheeling matrimony. We can't do much finger-pointing at Nevada.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT
Archibald J. Elliott vs. Portland General Electric Co., and L. Dewey Howell: Order allows certain of plaintiff's motions to strike and denies others.

Audrey L. Wittenberg vs. Leonard G. Wittenberg: Complaint dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Floella M. Hudson vs. Phillip A. Hudson: Default of defendant entered.

Reta M. Beard vs. W. H. Foster: Defendant files answer admitting and denying.

PROBATE COURT
Jacob H. Dunlap guardianship estate: Roy Harland, Madonna Prinslow and Arthur M. Roethlin appointed appraisers.

Frank Rokos estate: Estate appraised at \$1,792.

Eva O. Hicks estate: Order authorizes administrator to execute deed of conveyance to real property.

T. M. Hicks estate: Order closes estate.

Antoinette B. Hermans estate: Estate appraised at \$4,278.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
John W. McDonald, 44, gas station owner, Rena C. Fredricks, 38, button hole maker, both of Oakland, Ore.

Robert Tompkins, 22, carpenter, 1644 S. Capitol st., and Helen P. Elmund, 20, typist, 745 N. 18th st., both of Salem.

DISTRICT COURT
Albert G. Nerison, Silverton, charged with driving while intoxicated, continued for plea to April 1; posted \$350 bail.

Sheridan S. Shoemaker, Asotin, Wash., charged with uttering a forged check, continued for plea to April 1; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Ollie Cecil Wiles, Sedro Woolley, Wash., charged with burglary, continued for plea to April 1; held in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Alfred Klein, Salem route 2, no clearance lights, \$10 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Clair Northrop, Wilkes, 595 Hansen ave., no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Gene M. Munger, 1640 Berry st., driving without operator's permit and violation of stop sign, fined \$2.50 on each charge.

Alvin N. Severson, Salem route 3, charged with illegal possession of liquor, fined \$25 and committed to jail in lieu of fine.

Kenneth D. Ahrenkiel, 320 Elma ave., charged with reckless driving, illegal possession of liquor and driving without operator's permit, fined total of \$230 on all charges and given 30-day suspended sentence.

Ernest Alvin Krieger, Woodburn, violation of stop sign, posted \$2.50 bail.

Axel I. Lund, Crescent City, Calif., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Carl E. Bassler, Mineral, Wash., charged with reckless driving with liquor involved, fined \$200 and given 30-day suspended sentence; held in lieu of payment of fine.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"We may as well wait until tomorrow to tell him — he won't believe it today!"

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing it in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence indeed will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that

the Freedom Train exhibits Thomas Jefferson's original manuscript draft of the Declaration of Independence. This manuscript, known as the "Rough Draft," is one of the truly precious documents of American history. In many respects it is more interesting than the final, polished copy with all its signatures, for the "Rough Draft" contains all the changes and additions that were made from its inception to its final presentation to the Continental Congress.

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MATTER OF FACT

Signor Pajetta Returns to Italy With Secret Orders from Moscow

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, March 31 — In the background of the Trieste incident, a curious figure has now begun to loom up with some importance. Some time prior to the American, British and French proposal to return Trieste to Italy, the Italian communist deputy, Signor Pajetta, journeyed to Belgrade and Moscow.

With Longo and Secchia, Pajetta belongs to the so-called "shadow leadership" of the Italian communists, much closer to Moscow than the official chiefs, including even the official chief, his mission in Yugoslavia and Russia was to arrange a gesture of Soviet generosity toward Italy.

Since Pajetta went to the headquarters of Marshal Tito, as well as to the Kremlin, it was suspected that this gesture might be a promise to transfer Trieste to an Italy under communist leadership. The suspicion at least helped to stimulate the American, British and French governments to take immediately the step which the local situation in Trieste had already rendered desirable. And the extremely weak and embarrassed response of the Soviets and Yugoslavians is taken as indicating that the suspicion was correct.

Nor is this Signor Pajetta's only significance. If the Soviets still desire to make a gesture toward Italy, they can waive Italian reparations on behalf of themselves and their satellites. They can also send wheat shipments just prior to the voting. On the other hand, they may prefer force to gesture. If the Kremlin's decision is to meet an unfavorable ballot in Italy by precipitating civil war, Signor Pajetta is the man who

has carried the orders back to Rome. There is some fear that orders include the use of force, since Pajetta's partner in the Italian communist shadow leadership, Luigi Longo, has already menaced Italy with communist resort to arms.

Not Quite So Much Gloom
Meanwhile, it is also worth reporting that Rome, Washington, London and Paris are no longer enveloped in quite the pall of impenetrable gloom which fear of the Italian elections was generating two or three weeks ago. At Rome, Premier Alcide de Gasperi is talking with firm confidence, both to his own people and to foreign observers.

Not long ago, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault returned to Paris from a meeting with de Gasperi and the Italian foreign minister, Count Strozzi, in Italy. Bidault had previously been the most alarmed of all the western leaders and the strongest in pressing for quick action on Trieste. De Gasperi's assurance and mastery of the situation deeply impressed and greatly encouraged him. And Bidault's encouragement, reported in the other capitals by the usual diplomatic round robin, has had much to do with the more cheerful atmosphere here and in London.

It is also felt that the proposal to return Trieste to the Italians has been even more effective than those who made it dared to hope. Milan, for example, is probably the most completely communist-controlled of the big Italian cities. Yet soon after the Trieste offer, communist demonstrators in Milan had to be protected from the angry populace by the Italian police. Again, de Gasperi, who was formerly received in stony silence, has recently been loudly cheered in working class districts.

There have also been several significant, though not decisive, defections from the communist-bought Nenni Socialists, to the independent group headed by Giuseppe Saragat and Ivan Matteo Lombardo.

Incidents on Debit Side
Such is the credit side of the ledger. On the debit side, unfortunately, there are also a number of items to be noted. First, the bumbling incompetence of the United States maritime commission has wound up the plan to give Italy 29 American landings, how many more pigs, etc., the family needs. The needs, of course, are generously stated. The communist takes careful notes, and goes away promising that the pigs, acres and all will be delivered when the communists are in control at Rome. Third, and last, the likelihood of gestures by Moscow and Belgrade continue to exist, and is perhaps greater than ever.

In short, while it is possible to be encouraged, it is no time to become complacent about the Italian situation. De Gasperi's danger is not merely a heavy communist and bought-socialist vote on April 18. It is also an increase in the neo-fascist vote of the extreme right, which would render it impossible to form a government. And it is the civil war which Signor Pajetta may well have brought back orders to start. If the Italian crisis is peacefully surmounted, everyone can breathe more easily. But the peace will be a mere lull before the storm unless the western powers, led by us, make themselves strong.

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Aeronautics Board Member Talks at Exchange Lunch

An airplane pilot's license will be an employment requirement in many industries in the near future, it was predicted Wednesday by W. M. "Jack" Bartlett of Salem, director of the state board of aeronautics, speaking to the Salem Exchange club's noon luncheon meeting.

Pointing out that air express shipments in Salem for 1947 had increased 600 per cent over 1946, Bartlett emphasized that aviation was merely a new method of transportation and that transportation was the "red corpuscles of business."

"Special industries on the west coast have taken advantage of air transport to rush products to markets and to speed goods to consumers here from eastern and European manufacturers," he said.

April Cancer Control Month

Officially designating April as Cancer Control month in Salem, Mayor R. L. Elstrom issued a statement pointing out that early detection and prompt treatment could reduce cancer deaths by one third.

The mayor continued, "I urge all Salem citizens, businesses and organizations to cooperate and assist the American Cancer society in its campaign to reduce the deaths from cancer."

In behalf of the American Cancer society which finances cancer education and research, a Salem fund campaign is in progress with members of the Salem Exchange club in charge.

RULING ON EPILEPTICS

Epileptic persons, even though they are not feeble-minded, may be admitted to the state Fairview home for feeble-minded persons, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Wednesday. Most epileptics are sent to the Oregon state hospital.

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Conference off Courthouse Set With Architects

Interviews with three more architects concerning the proposed new Marion county courthouse will take place at a meeting of the courthouse building commission April 23 at 10 a. m.

Purpose is to secure additional information, opinions and views on the proper type of structure, the Marion county court said Wednesday. Two architects were interviewed at a previous meeting.

Members of the building commission include the county court, County Clerk Harlan Judd and Charles A. Sprague, both of Salem; Karl Steiner, Jefferson, and Ray Glatf, Woodburn.

POMONA COLLEGE MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Friday, 8 P. M.
First Presbyterian Church
Everyone is Invited.
A Free Will Offering Will Be Taken.

DAV Commander To Speak in Salem

The national commander of Disabled American Veterans, John L. Golob of Hibbing, Minn., will be in Salem to address a meeting of Salem chapter 6, DAV, and other veterans April 15 in the Woman's clubhouse.

James Callaway, local DAV commander, said Golob is expected to discuss the need for dependency allowances for families of disabled veterans as well as employment opportunities and an expansion of the veterans administration hospital program.

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