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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Alsops' Fable

The brothers Alsop, Joseph and Stewart, familiar to Statesman readers for their matter-of-fact columns on this page, are not given to idle flights into fancy. Yet, because they are sufficiently concerned with talk that republicans can win with any candidate and that a convention deadlock will force nomination of some dark horse, the Alsops have written an imaginary history called "The Decline and Fall of the U.S.A." It appears in the May Coronet magazine.

An alarming prediction of what could happen here, the outcome of this sequence of events is almost mathematically predictable if the series is ever permitted to start at all.

It all began when the convention in June, 1948, was deadlocked for eight hot, angry days. Finally a number of Old Guard habitués of the smoke-filled room settled on a compromise candidate. This senator was thoroughly "regular" and solidly conservative and never committed himself on anything but God and the American home—of which he approved.

The keynote of his campaign was "give business the green light." And he was elected president. Then his (and his backers') true colors appeared. Free enterprise was the only important project; taxes were cut to the bone; American occupation troops withdrawn; aid to "them furriners" stopped, and the European Recovery program dropped.

In Europe there were bread riots and strikes, and soon the people lost hope. In May, 1949, Zacharyades, guerrilla leader, became Greek premier. Togliatti's March on Rome delivered Italy to the communists in August. After a run on sterling, the Bank of England could not meet its foreign obligations and the labor government fell. Winston Churchill tried to hold together the remains for a while, but the British negotiated a treaty of peace and mutual assistance with the Soviet Union in 1950 after Chiang Kai-Shek fled China.

Late in 1949, Maurice Thorez was installed as premier in France and the terror and trials began after bitter partisan fighting.

Life in the United States became a feverish song-and-dance. Everyone was mainly interested in three-dimensional television and helicopter-cars. Gloom merchants like Walter Lippman wrote, "we have all buried our heads in the sand," but the President continued blase: "We have the atom bomb," he said, "nothing to worry about."

In 1950 an army Geiger counter in Nome, Alaska, detected atomic bomb explosions in northern Asia, and Russia announced perfection of a stock-pile of "People's Democratic Atomic Bombs."

The American press admitted America was frightened, so congress ordered total national mobilization. Industries began to build underground plants. Labor as well as military personnel was drafted and strikes were outlawed. The entire economy was government-regulated. An "internal security department" (secret police) was set up and began to arrest and sentence dissidents.

In 1951, the President completed terms of a peace and non-aggression treaty with Russia limiting America's sphere of influence to the western hemisphere. Americans began to invade South America. And the President declared that all powers rested with him during this state of "permanent emergency." In 1953, the great series of People's Trials began. Editors and publishers who disagreed with the administration, Taft, Dewey, Stassen, MacArthur, Vandenberg, Warren, Martin, Truman and Wallace were among those convicted of conspiracy against the New America and sentenced to corrective and educational camps in Alaska. Most of them did not survive the rigors of imprisonment.

Even the literary magazine editor who dared to quote T. S. Eliot's "... This is the way the world ends. Not with a bang but a whimper," was indicted and condemned.

Thus freedom died.
The moral: The future of free men everywhere in the world depends on the perpetuation of freedom in the United States of America.

Several Things New

Exhibits at the industries fairs in Britain and France are indicators of what we can expect to import, the foreign manufacturers should have no difficulty selling their novel products in this country where "something new under the sun" is often the main criterion for sales appeal.

Some of the oddities (culled from Newsweek's list):
Cigaret lighters to wear on the wrist; cigarette cases with inset magnifying glass that becomes a sun-powered lighter; leather-covered fountain pens that ink can't stain; an almost-flat eight-pound typewriter; wall tiles with suede finish; collapsible wheelbarrow; collapsible motorcycle; coat hangers with a hollow bar to be filled with moth-killer; combination pram and high chair; a bed that fits into a diningroom sideboard, and so on.

And for hot-rod fans, automobile manufacturers and scientists, the British had a special treat to show off: gas turbines to power automobile motors. This engine would be started by an ignition button, and a single lever connected to the fuel supply would control speed and acceleration. The little turbine is supposed to run on anything from cheap oil to candle ends or coal dust and its promoters think it will revolutionize the automobile industry.

If so, today's "entirely new" car models may soon be relegated to the same spot the model-T Ford now occupies—in fond recollection.

Another Ferdinand

Judges must be learned in the law and in the facts of life. Federal Judge Richard M. Duncan of Kansas City in a recent decision showed he is a realist when he ruled that J. C. Penney, famed chain-store merchant, and his associate O. L. James in a dairy farm did not have to pay for a bull they bought at a sale.

It seems that the bull, Eileenmere, 627th, was bought with the warranty that he was a good breeding animal.

He had won grandchampionships at 11 shows before he was two years old. But when he was taken to the Penney-James farm he proved another Ferdinand—he smelled the flowers and ate the hay, and failed to live up to his warranty.

The judge realized that such an animal wasn't worth the \$10,600 he had been bid in for, and in his opinion soliloquized as follows:

"Alas, while his meretricious charms have made him a champion in the show ring, they were unavailing in the mating pen. The cruel hand of fate destined the great Eileenmere 627th, to be celibate."

"Never would he (Eileenmere) know the proud, chest-expanding pride of seeing his own flesh and blood walk the green pastures among a herd over which he would majestically preside. There would be no Eileenmere 627th."

So Eileenmere, 627th, appears destined for the slaughterpen.

A CIO picket was killed in a strike riot at a Waterloo meat-packing plant. Such bloodshed is most regrettable; but the strikers have been resorting to violence themselves. In St. Paul they broke into a plant and overturned several automobiles. Peaceful picketing is legitimate in bona fide disputes, but not mass picketing that precipitates riots and violence.

As republican presidential hopefuls move out of the Oregon scene others move in: Henry Wallace of the No-name party here Monday; Harry Truman, democrat, coming to Portland in June. Neither one plans to work Oregon like a Fuller brush salesman.

Primary Ballot Candidates, Issues Listed

Ballots which voters of Marion county and the city of Salem will mark today in the state and city primary elections will present choices in a majority of the offices to be filed. (Local judicial ballots are not listed since there are no contests).

Here are the official ballot names (with one in each group to be voted on unless otherwise noted):

MARION COUNTY AND STATE, REPUBLICAN

National Committeeman — Ralph H. Calk.

National Committeewoman — Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett.

National convention delegates at large (vote for four)—Charles L. Paine, John Y. Richardson, Ray Smith, Talmadge F. Staley, Lamar Toozie, Peter W. Welch, Robert A. Bennett, Henry Black, Harry B. Cokrum, Richard Deich, Robert A. Elliott, Robert S. Farrell, J. O. Johnson, Phil Metschan.

National convention delegates, Oregon first district (vote for two)—Harry Joseph Anderson, Robert L. Elfstrom, Frank M. Farmer, Carl W. Hogg, Frederick S. Lampert, John R. La-tourette, Francis E. Marsh, Mrs. James W. Mott and Wallace R. Telford.

President of United States—Thomas E. Dewey, Harold E. Stassen, Presidential electors (vote for six)—Marion B. Allen, Niel R. Allen, Mrs. Howard Conlee, Robt. D. Lytle, Ruth Rose Richardson, James A. Rodman, J. O. Stearns.

U.S. Senator—Guy Cordon. U.S. Representative — John Taft Hensley, Walter Norblad.

Governor — Glenn C. Ackerman, John H. Hall, Douglas McKay, John Peyton.

Secretary of State — George H. Flagg, Earl T. Newberry.

State Treasurer — Ormond R. Bean, Howard C. Belton, Sigfrid Benson Unander.

State Representative (vote for four)—E. S. Benjamin, W. W. Chadwick, Frank A. Doerfler, Ray J. Giatt, Paul Hendricks, Mrs. Eldon Hoss, Roy L. Houck, H. R. (Farmer) Jones, W. J. LaRoche, Richard H. Spooner, John F. Steehammer, Douglas R. Yeater.

District Attorney — M. B. Hayden, Edward O. Stadler, Jr.

County Judge — Grant Murphy.

County Commissioner — Roy S. Meison, Roy J. Rice, Alfred Zielinski.

Sheriff — I. N. Bacon, S. W. Burris, Denver Young.

Clerk — H. A. Judd.

Treasurer — S. J. Butler, Gene Ma-lecki.

Assessor — R. Shelton.

Surveyor — A. D. Graham.

Coroner — Lester W. Howell, Ben Ramseyer.

Constable — Earl Adams, Jim Garvin, Ervin A. Ward.

MARION COUNTY AND STATE, DEMOCRATIC

National Committeeman (vote for one)—Henry C. Aiken, Mike M. DeCicco, Monroe Sweetland, W. E. Wilkins.

National Committeewoman — Nancy Honeyman Robinson.

National convention delegates at large (vote for eight)—Byron G. Carney, William A. Delzell, George W. Friede, Ashley Greene, Emery C. Ingham, E. P. Ivory, Carroll D. Irving Johnson, Oliver Carl Larson, Thomas R. Mahoney, Charles T. McPherson, Edwin J. Welsh, Henry C. Aiken, Carl Anderson.

National convention delegates (vote for two)—Kenneth W. Bayne, Margaret Coates, Roy R. Hewitt, Tom Long.

President of the United States — Harry S. Truman.

Electors of president and vice-president of the United States (vote for six)—Alton John Bassett, Lena M. Hewitt, Albert T. Kemmer, William M. Langley, Jesse Z. Smith, Harvey G. Stark-weather.

United States Senator (vote for one)—Manley J. Wilson, Louis A. Wood.

Representative in Congress — Edward E. Gideon.

Governor — Lew Wallace.



"Alps of America"

Secretary of State (vote for one)—Byron G. Carney, A. M. Sil-verman.

Treasurer — Walter Pearson.

Attorney General — William B. ray.

Representative, 12th district (vote for four) — Arthur L. Davis, Charles Wm. Fantz, Raymond R. Knight, Josephine Albert Spaulding, Antone M. Vistica.

Sheriff (vote for one) — A. C. (Andy) Burk, Chief Robert B. Fallon.

Constable — Fred T. Hall.

CITY OF SALEM
Mayor — R. L. Elfstrom.

Municipal Judge (vote for one)—W. W. McKinney, Elmer M. Amundson, W. H. Crawford, Peery Buren.

Treasurer — Paul Hauser.

Charter amendment for \$815,000 sewer bond issue (Yes or No).

Annexation of 410-acre tract southeast of Salem. (Yes or No)

Aldermen (vote by wards)—ward 1, James Nicholson; ward 2, Claud Jorgenson; ward 3, David O'Hara; ward 7, Howard Maple, Alvin Tungate.

WU Editors Select Staffs

Eric Bergman, Salem, and Geri Bowles, Portland, newly appointed editors of the Collegian and Wallulah publications at Willamette university, Thursday announced their staffs for the coming year.

Positions on the Collegian staff will be held by Eileen Scott, San Diego, Calif., news editor; Norman Stone, Salem, feature editor; Ellen Montague, Newberg, campus editor; Jim Oakes, Portland, sports editor and Dona Adams, Portland, society editor. Alan Poudy, Portland, and Ben Younglove, Riverside, Calif., will serve as staff photographers.

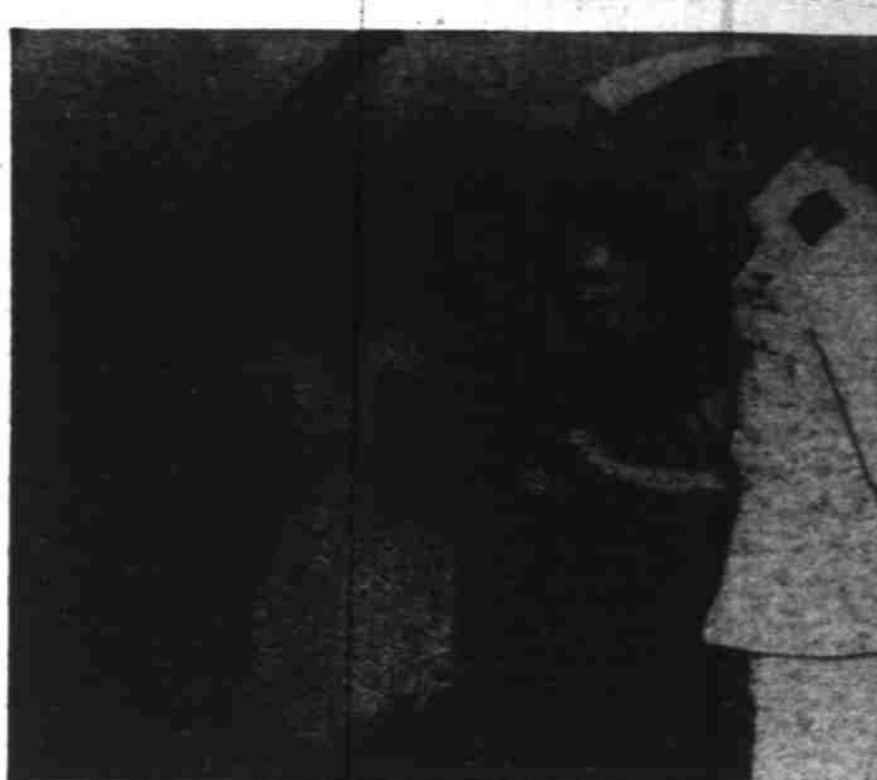
Miss Bowles appointed Mary Libby, Mt. Vernon, Wash., managing editor of the Wallulah and Inie Lou Wilhelm, Portland, as copy editor. Other assistants in sports, art and darkroom work for the yearbook have as yet not been filed.
To aid in advertising, Marilee Olson, Portland, new publications manager, appointed Jack Brown as advertising manager of the Collegian.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



—And if the safest place in an Atomic War will be at the front—I propose that flat feet and spectacles exempt a man from civilian life!

Silverton Man 'Down Under'



Lt. Willis H. Dunagan, Silverton, is shown above explaining the functions of a fighter plane to a trio of Australian girls aboard the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge during a recent visit in Sidney. Dunagan, a fighter pilot serving on the carrier, is the husband of Mrs. Betty Dunagan, 529 S. Second st., Silverton.

Legionnaires Plan Alteration At New Home

Capital post 9 Thursday took out a city building permit for an initial \$1,300 alteration project at its newly acquired American Legion hall at 2650 S. Commercial st., formerly the Normandy Manor.

Charles Gilbert, contractor for the project, said work will begin immediately for installing a basement stairway, lockers in the basement and a storage shed in the rear.

The post plans eventually to put in new flooring for meeting and lounge rooms, painting, new light fixtures, a basement bar, air conditioning and tile flooring for the basement recreation room.

Other permits issued by the city engineer's office yesterday authorize Hans Hansen to build store building at 1079 Broadway st., \$10,000; City Homes Investment Co. to build houses at 775 N. 15th st. and 870 N. 17th st., \$7,300 each; R. A. Forkner, house at 1855 N. Capitol st., \$5,800; Harold Horning, house at 695 Thompson st., \$3,500; L. S. Shuford, garage at 1035 N. 19th st., \$150; C. O. VanKleeck, marquee at 1366 S. 12th st., \$200; Orville M. Burner, to repair house at 1765 State st., \$400.

Keith Hayes, 19 Succumbs to Long Illness

Nineteen-year-old Merle Keith Hayes, 200 S. 22nd st., died at his home Thursday after a lingering illness. But for the illness he would have been in the grad-

McCoy to Head Blue Key Chapter

Ray McCoy, Turner, was elected president of Willamette university chapter of Blue Key, national honor fraternity for upper-class men this week.

Other new officers are William Harris, Seattle, vice president, and Carl Ritchie, Salem, secretary-treasurer. Initiation of new members also took place at the meeting.

Franzen Tells Citizen Group Of Sewer Plan

City Manager J. L. Franzen explained in detail the proposed \$815,000 sewer disposal bond issue on which Salem voters will ballot today in a speech before a public meeting of the South Salem Progress club in the Leslie junior high school auditorium.

Franzen urged passage of the bond issue, terming the system "an absolute necessity if Salem is to grow." The bond issue will finance construction of a main sewer interceptor line, sewage disposal plant and trunk lines in recently annexed territory.

"All we're doing is asking citizens of Salem for their credit," Franzen said, explaining that the entire project will be financed by present sewer rental fees.

Two candidates for city councilman from Salem's ward 7 also addressed the group. They were Howard Maple, incumbent alderman, and Alvin C. Tungate, who is opposing him. Club President Russell Scott presided.

South Dakota Folk Visit in Jefferson

JEFFERSON—Mrs. Rose McGovern of Langford, S. D., and Mrs. Grace Schnore of Duluth, Minn., visited their cousin, Mrs. Frank Martin this week. They have been on a trip through the south, California and west coast. It had been 30 years since Mrs. Martin had seen Mrs. Schnore.

Summer school for children of grade school age will begin at St. Thomas Catholic church with two Benedictine sisters from Albany as teachers.

Mrs. Harvey Mitchell entertained members of the Social Hour club Thursday. The women worked on the quilt and a covered dish luncheon was served at one o'clock. Topic for roll call was "Warm Weather Dishes." Present were 18 members, and three guests, Mrs. Verla Ruckles, Mrs. Velma Muller and Mrs. Theima Demorsors of Lebanon.

Detroit Festival Princess Selected

DETROIT—Charleen Bell has been nominated by the Detroit high school as one of the princesses for the Stayton bean festival.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook drove to Portland Thursday with Mrs. Roy Morris and her daughter.

Women's Civic club met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Rose Mermillion.

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Youth Jailed, Fined as Result Of Car Episode

A Salem youth who led police on a 70-mile-an-hour chase through the downtown district in a stolen car early Thursday morning was fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in jail later in the day in municipal court.

Sentenced for driving while intoxicated he is Kenneth D. Ahrenkiel, 19, of 320 Elma ave. He also faces a charge of car theft in district court and charges of illegal possession of liquor and driving without an operator's permit in municipal court when he finishes his city jail term.

City police said Ahrenkiel stole the auto of George Bunker, Blaine hotel, in the 200 block of Chems-keta street at 12:15 a. m. Thursday. The chase ended a short time later when he crashed the stolen vehicle into a parked truck in the 600 block of Trade street.

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