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We Hear You Talkin'

Listen to the chatter from the ball park—musical and repetitive as a Gregorian chant. "Aaaaay, baby, a little hustle here..." That's baseball talk. Almost a distinct language yet using common English words, it is typical of the many variations to which the root tongue lends itself and which, in turn, eventually becomes integrated into the written vocabulary.

The lingo of the diamond and the dugout is one of many vernaculars, all American. Almost every occupation has a parlance of its own. Listen to plumbers, used car dealers, collegiates, waitresses, soldiers, loggers, farmers, press agents, politicians, newspapermen and gangsters. Hear the side-of-the-mouth race-track talk, the breathless instructions on the basketball map, the carefree and unoffensive profanity of fishermen and golfers. Listen to the speech of musicians, of the theater, of circus pitchmen, of artists and cab-drivers and teen-agers, or of three-year-olds conversing patiently in a primeval monosyllabism like the voluble chipmunk.

The current expressions are passports into many loosely-defined little worlds inhabited by people who understand each other but are unintelligible to the outsider. A novice in any trade, a newly-won fan to any fancy, must first learn the patois before he can consort with the brotherhood. And the initiated quickly isolate and mercilessly ridicule the fraud who smartly spouts obsolete slang.

The rules of branch phraseologies are nearly as stringent as those of academy French. Woe to the would-be hepcat who says "reboop" when he means "bebop," for reboop is the mark of the "square" (unenlightened dullard). Consider the monomial "square"—in one group "a square guy" or "shooter" means the man is all right, he's jake, he's accepted. In another group, a man stigmatized as "square" might as well drop dead. Such are the cruel intricacies of dialects.

Expressions, lifted from any group dialect, stand a good chance of achieving immortality if they are recognized by the general populace as precise and "right" prescriptions of a given situation. The particularly astute gradually become accepted as legitimate and sometimes receive the blessing of lexicographers. Even phrases that don't make the grade and those who've served their brief purpose, pass into limbo.

New expressions seem especially adept when they replace a prosaic and laborious phrase with one that is fast-moving and colorful. For instance, the hot-rod tribe has substituted "hang a hooker" for making a U-turn. "Lay a stretch" adequately expresses the sensation of speeding, and "peeling rubber" is exactly what you do when you screech around a curve. To be good, they must be to the point, abrupt, strong and easy to roll off the palate.

Not only accuracy, but often humor and sometimes satire mark the occupational vocabularies. In the newspaper business, photographs and drawings are called "art"—even though they usually aren't.

Poison for liegemen to the king's English and source of utter confusion to linguists who learned their idioms from grammar texts, the pattern of words we use is constantly in flux. From the myriad dialects of the people, the root language draws new life and vibrant color. And like folk songs delightful, wistful, earthy, the vulgar patois of the common man often preserves more faithfully, more poetically, the elusive facts and feelings of the moment.—M.W.

Legislation by Riders

The house appropriation bill for the interior department is so loaded down with riders that it probably will break down before it gets through the senate. Previously we commented on the provision to give existing contract holders a priority on power generated at federal dams. Two other riders were tacked onto the bill.

One sets up the requirement that the reclamation commissioner, his assistant and all regional reclamation directors should be engineers with 10 years experience. This is directly aimed at Commissioner Michael Straus. Straus has been a target for a lot of criticism and opposition, for which there seemed to be good grounds. But this is hardly the way to effect his dismissal. The provision is not bad, but the place for it is in an amendment to the present law.

Another provision prohibits use of any funds for the Jackson Hole national monument in Wyoming. This is plain spite work. Led by the stock-raising interests of Wyoming there has been strong opposition to the creation of the expanded Jackson Hole national monument. Failing in attempts to annul the dedication by President Roosevelt the opponents take this means of cutting it off at the pockets. This denial of funds for administration will not turn the land over to private interests, though with no regulation the stockmen might be able to graze the lands at no cost to themselves.

The method of legislating by riders to appropriation bills—or other bills—is highly objectionable. It is a legislative trick to put over something which usually would not stand alone. The senate should put the house bill through the screen to take out the foreign matter which doesn't belong in an appropriation bill.

Today Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson will announce the policy adopted by the department for making effective the 1937 law ordering operation of O & C grant lands on a sustained yield basis. Davidson will speak at a public meeting in Eugene and will answer questions. The issue has been sharply fought ever since a hearing in January over creation of the Mohawk river sustained yield unit, with the Fischer mill at Marcola as the producer cooperative. Once the policy has been adopted agreements are expected to be worked out for other units.

Most delegates to the democratic national convention are approaching that event with many misgivings. Doubtless a majority would drop Truman as nominee in a minute if they could put together a "right combination." Justice Douglas is favored by the Roosevelt partisans, but he would be poison to the southern anti-civil rights wing. All could agree on General Eisenhower—except the general. So it looks as though Truman would get the bid though the delegates will sit on their hands when they name him.

The Bend Bulletin suggests that the state retirement law be changed to make retirement a question of competency not of age. That's just where the rub comes. In public employment bosses are reluctant to sort the sheep from the goats, the ones still fit for service and the ones whose pace has slowed down materially. So they use the age standard, even when it hurts the employer's interest. Of course if they applied the competency test rigidly some would get retired at age 50 or before.

It may seem strange that with the greatly increased volume of water pouring over Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams that power production is reduced. The reason is that water rises in the tailrace so there is not the amount of drop for water. The generators can take only a given amount of water at any time. The rest goes over the face of the dam and its power is lost.

Those who wondered what the papers would have to print after the primary election will find their answers in the flood news and pictures.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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have baffled philosophers and scientists. Early Greek philosophers speculated on this subject, and it still intrigues those concerned with studying the riddle of the universe. What will disturb the mayor's complainant even more is the modern theory developed largely by Albert Einstein—that there is neither time nor space in the sense we usually give them. Quoting from an article in the May Harper's by Lincoln Barnett:

"Along with absolute space, Einstein discarded the concept of absolute time—a steady, unvarying inexorable universal time flow, streaming from the infinite past to the infinite future... sense of time, like sense of color, is a form of perception. Just as there is no such thing as color without an eye to discern it, so an instant or an hour or a day is nothing without an event to mark it. And just as space is simply a possible order of material objects so time is simply a possible order of events."

"By referring our own experience to a clock or a calendar we make time an objective concept. Yet the time intervals provided by a clock or a calendar are by no means absolute quantities imposed on the entire universe by divine edict. All the clocks ever used by man have been geared to the solar system. What we call an hour is actually a measurement in space—an arc of 15 degrees in the apparent daily rotation of the celestial sphere. And what we call a year is simply a measure of the earth's progress in its orbit around the sun. An inhabitant of Mercury, however, would have very different notions of time. For Mercury makes its trip around the sun in 88 of our days, and in that same period rotates just once on its axis. So on Mercury a year and a day amount to the same thing."

The question must be resolved on a very practical basis and even then there is no universal agreement. Most farmers prefer standard time. (One farmer called the mayor to express his opposition to a proposed change in the solar system. "How can I milk my cows and get to the ball games on time?") and so do mothers of children who do not want to go to sleep with the sun still high. But city dwellers, notoriously late sleepers, require a change to get them up and to work. And since the towns pretty much set the style we're in for daylight saving time.

David O'Hara In Hospital

David O'Hara, Salem alderman from ward 5 and head of the state elections bureau, was taken Tuesday to Salem Memorial hospital for treatment of a stomach ailment. Last night he was reported resting well at the hospital, where he is expected to stay several days.

O'Hara, member of the council for more than 20 years, was also served as chairman of this year's city budget committee, which is to ponder the 1948-49 budget for the first time tonight.

Airport Visitors Presented with Parking Tickets

Portland floods which brought scores of big aircraft to Salem airport Sunday and Monday also brought parking tickets to a number of local persons who came out to see the planes.

Five Salem residents were arrested by state police on charges of parking in a restricted area—along the Turner road near the airport. They all appeared in Marion county district court Tuesday and were given \$5 suspended fines each.

They included Henry Arthur Lundeen, 1250 Cannon st.; James Allen Fenstermacher, 1365 Cheme-keta st.; Gerald John Tucker, 1520 S. Liberty st.; Earl Harry Prunk, 860 Trade st.; and Leroy John Good, 2485 Ferry st.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"What's this rumor I hear about the union planning a strike for an 8-Brick day?"



"Grease Job"

MATTER OF FACT President's Vaccilation on Palestine Issue Result of Political Threats

By Joseph Alsop
WASHINGTON, June 1 — It is important to realize that for all practical purposes, Secretary of State George C. Marshall has not been in full control of the formation of American foreign policy for some time. The Palestine problem is the most delicate and dangerous single problem that has confronted this country for many years. If mishandled, it is capable of bringing down in ruins the whole laboriously erected structure of our foreign relations. Yet Palestine policy has lately in effect been formulated in a sort of no-man's land, somewhere between the Democratic National Committee and the White House.



Joseph Alsop

This of course represents a return to the state of affairs that prevailed until a few months ago. Equally, of course, it will be denied that there has been any such return. And it is true that Secretary Marshall and his staff are still drafting the formal instructions for Senator Warren R. Austin at Lake Success.

This, however, does not represent real control of policy formation. Specifically, Secretary Marshall was expelled from the driver's seat with the surprise appointment of Major General John S. Hilldring as state department Palestine advisor. This appointment was announced to Marshall and Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett by advance dope stories in the press, which contained the planted interpretation that the state department was thus being superseded. Since then, on two vital steps, the advice of Secretary Marshall and his staff has once been ignored and has once not been solicited.

Specifically, Secretary Marshall and Under Secretary Lovett opposed the precipitate recognition of the State of Israel. They favored rapid recognition. But they wanted time to notify London and other friendly and interested capitals, and to go through the normal formalities in Palestine. The president insisted upon dramatic, immediate action (or rather the president's personal advisors induced the president to act dramatically and immediately) because it was desired to placate the American Zionists and forestall the Russians.

Again Secretary Marshall and his staff were consulted before the president invited Dr. Chaim Weizmann to the White House. Dr. Weizmann is one of the great men of our time, to whom any courtesy from President Truman must be an inadequate tribute. But the fact remains that the Weizmann visit was at least made to appear a major development of American policy. Over this development, Secretary Marshall had no control. And this development, furthermore, came close to upsetting the crucial talks in London between Ambassador Lewis Douglas and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, which Secretary Marshall did control.

This sort of thing is all the more astonishing because President Truman is known to feel for Secretary Bevin something of the admiration of the lower classman for the football hero. There is, however, an explanation. The explanation will surely be denied even more vociferously than the state of affairs it explains; yet the state of affairs is undoubted authority and deserve to be set down. The plain truth is that the New York Democratic leaders, Paul Fitzpatrick and Edward J. Flynn, some weeks ago gave the president a grim choice. They asked him to choose between again reversing his Palestine policy, or doing without the support of the New York delegates for his renomination.

President Bowdler. This vital development seems to have been decided with the decision of David K. Niles, White House liaison with the Zionists, to leave his post unless Palestine policy was changed. Whether there was any connection, is not known. At any rate, the president bowed to the New York leaders, and Niles, whose hand can be visibly traced in the events described above, stayed on at the White House. It is difficult to foretell how long these influences will continue to mold American Palestine policy. There may have been another shift in the unpredictable balance of power at the White House in the last day or so. There have been reasons for such a shift. Several American diplomats in leading positions offered their resignations as soon as they learned of the state of affairs in Washington and were only persuaded to stay on by the personal intervention of Secretary Marshall's staff. The president's desk is piled high with other danger signals from overseas. It is further reliably reported—although this cannot be confirmed with assurance—that Secretary Marshall has personally warned the president that he is running the gravest possible risks. The president's political position is already bad enough, but without Marshall, it would simply cease to exist. A warning from this source cannot, therefore, be ignored. Perhaps the president will change again. Perhaps he will permit Marshall to support the British resolution before the Security Council, with certain agreed amendments, as is now planned. The test here is, in effect, between

Marshall and Niles, who will certainly urge a different course. The outcome remains to be seen.

Choice of Evils. Meanwhile, it must be said that none of the foregoing necessarily reflects, or is intended to reflect, on the wisdom or unwisdom of what has been done. The Palestine problem presents a choice, not between good and evil, but between evil, more evil and most evil. While Secretary Marshall and his staff were briefly in full charge of Palestine policy, they cannot be said to have achieved any triumphant success. As to the recent conduct of Foreign Secretary Bevin, it is indefensible.

Yet while the substance of what the president has done may be defended, the method has been downright shocking. The president has again shown the world the unpleasant spectacle of a divided administration, making policy on a life and death issue for extraneous considerations and by palace maneuver. There can be no excuse for this.

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Group to Back U.S. Naval Air Reserve Unit

A volunteer unit of the U. S. naval air reserve was recommended by a group meeting at the chamber of commerce Tuesday afternoon. In the group were a number of former navy aviators. The chamber of commerce was asked to name a committee to undertake organizing a local unit and obtaining its recognition by the naval air command.

Present at the informal discussion and explaining procedures was Comdr. T. C. Durkin, training officer of the NARTU at Seattle. The city desiring a unit should recruit a minimum of 50 officers and 100 enlisted men who would serve on strictly a volunteer basis as well as securing airport facilities. On that basis, it could request assignment of planes for practice and instruction.

At present there is no established naval aviation unit in Oregon, but there are units in Seattle and Spokane, and it is believed if the right showing were made a unit could be obtained in Oregon.

Body of Salem Vet Returned From Pacific

The body of T.5 Harold W. Lehman, son of Mrs. Emilie Lehmann, of 1295 Leslie st., killed in action with the army on Hollandia Oct. 9, 1944, will arrive in San Francisco soon aboard a U. S. army transport.

Lehmann was born at White Salmon, Wash., and came to Salem with his mother in 1937. He was inducted into the army in February, 1943, and went overseas in January, 1944. He was 20 years of age at the time of his death.

Surviving besides his mother are three brothers, Martin, Theodore and Arthur Lehmann, all of White Salmon, and two sisters, Alfrida Lehmann of White Salmon and Mrs. Serena Danielson of Santa Ana, Calif. The body will be sent to Salem by train for services and interment.

Also on the army transport will be the body of Wilfrid John Dingman, Independence army sergeant killed on Bik Island in the Pacific in June, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dingman of Independence.

Awards, Scholarships Given at Salem High Farewell Assembly

By Donna Carr
Statesman Campus Correspondent
The senior farewell assembly, with presentation of awards and scholarships, senior farewell program, and the traditional presentation of a gift to the school by the senior class and moving of the juniors and sophomores into the auditorium section they will occupy next year, was held Tuesday at 12:50 in the senior high school auditorium.

Twenty three graduating seniors received awards and scholarships which were presented by Principal E. A. Carleton. Hugh Bellinger won the Joseph H. Albert prize for the most progress toward the ideals of service, character and leadership. Sarah Backstrand was awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science award for outstanding work in her science course. Jeanne Hoffman received the Nelson Social Science cup and Ann Klugman won the American Legion Auxiliary award for placing highest in a competitive American History examination. The Nelson Memorial fund was awarded Jackie Johnson and Jim Gingrich. Alicia Cover and Beverly Becker received the Senior Home Economics award. Senior Band and Orchestra awards went to Roger Middleton and Frieda Carlson. Mike Glenn won the Civics club award.

Outstanding Senior Betty Meyers was awarded the Girls Letter club award as she was voted by club members and teachers as being the most outstanding senior in the club. Eleven other GLC girls were awarded honor pins on the same basis at a club function recently. Receiving pins were Darlene Schartz, Delores Lehman, Jahala Keyes, Donna Wiederkehr, Shirley Dean, Shirley Rockafellow, Virginia Bowers, Pat Boyer, Jeanne Hoffmann, Ann Klugman and Lorraine Eckersley. Mike Glenn won the "S" club award for excelling in boys athletic events.

Virginia Carda won the Commercial club plaque and Stanley Johnson and Dorothy Polanski were winners of the Snikpoh Dramatic Society award. Jackie Johnson won the Daughters of the American Revolution award for good citizenship. The Palateers club award for achievement in art work was awarded to Senior Robert Carrow.

Tuition Scholarships Lowell Aplet, Clara Belle Roth, and Roger Middleton were recipients of tuition scholarships to the University of Oregon. Marion Giese was winner of an Oregon State college scholarship. Betty Ann Johnson won the Oregon State college Home Economics scholarship and Loren Newkirk won the Oregon State college FFA scholarship. The Willamette Rotary club scholarship was awarded to Mike Glenn; the other Willamette scholarship awarded went to Jackie Johnson. Elden Aydelot received the AAUW Oregon College of Education scholarship and Barbara McNeil was winner of a Nursing scholarship to Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene.

The annual senior class farewell skit, with "The Tree of Life" as its theme, was directed by Ann Klugman and reviewed the events of the class of 1948's three years in high school, took a peek into the future to predict what might be the occupations of some of the graduates and presented a class will. Assisting with this production were committee members Marvin Black, Lour Williams, Donna Carr, Doreen Hannon and Yvonne Caselman. Stage chairmen were Roma Nelson and Tom Wheeler and make-up and property chairmen were Mary Thomas and Margie Coe.

On behalf of the senior class, Mike Glenn, class president, presented the school with two trophy cases to be placed in the center hall, a pay telephone for student use, and curtains to be used for the junior senior proms.

4-H Cancels Camp Period

Cancellation of this summer's first outing week at Camp Silver Creek, a period for 4-H club boys and girls, was announced Tuesday. Lack of sufficient registration was given as the reason. Those who had planned to attend will be included in later weeks if possible.

First use of the camp this year will be by high school boys and girls of the Willamette presbytery of the Presbyterian church, from June 13 to 20. The camp area is in charge of Salem YMCA throughout the summer, and the YM sponsors most of the several weeks of camps. Director for the first week will be Gus Moore, YM associate general secretary who with John Gardner, boys' work secretary, will take turns during the summer.

Services Here for Plane Crash Victim The body of Ted H. Smith, 21, who was killed Sunday in the crash of a plane near Joseph, Ore., is to be brought here for services and burial. Arrangements are in charge of W. T. Rigdon company. Smith, who resided at Joseph, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Smith of Coquille. His companion in the plane, Jean Rinehart, 18, of Joseph, was also killed.

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Legion Post to Initiate 100

An outdoor initiation of up to 100 new members of Capital post 9, American Legion, was set yesterday for 8 p. m. Monday, June 7, on the lawn of the post's new clubhouse at 2650 S. Commercial st. Officials said the post degree team captained by Arthur Johnson will conduct the initiation for all members of the post since the last formal initiation. Approximately 100 are eligible. The ceremony will be public. In a regular post meeting following the initiation, nominations will be thrown open for post officers for the 1948-49 term. Officers will remain open until the annual election in July.

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