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Bargain at \$140 Millions

Paris had the gayest spring in years, the United States News and World Report has it, inflation is being checked, production is going up and food is more plentiful.

The British are noticeably more cheerful. They've got a better food supply, clothing is more available, unemployment is rare and factories are humming.

There's a new sense of optimism in Italy. Prices are holding steady, there's more food, labor troubles are decreasing, mobs of free-spending tourists are expected, and the government is on its feet.

Belgium is booming along at a merry clip. New housing is going up, shops are well-stocked, industrial wheels are turning and the energy of the people is everywhere evident.

The Swedes still have to tackle their foreign trade problem, but domestic business is good and there is plenty of food and jobs for all.

These welcome signs of recovery in major European countries can be attributed to one outstanding cause—the Marshall plan. The receding war scare is certainly a contributory factor—but that, also, is due to the shower of American aid which shrank the Russian bogey to size.

Since Paul Hoffman and his staff of 350 took over the Economic Cooperation administration seven weeks ago, \$1,250,000,000 has been allocated to be spent through June. Already \$140,000,000 has gone into sending relief and emergency goods—mostly food—to Europe and China. The full volume of "recovery" items, as distinct from the mostly non-industrial shipments thus far, will not be reached until this fall.

So far, most of the \$20,000,000 average spent per week has gone for wheat, flour, grains, dried milk, soy bean oil and other food items for Europe. Coal and fuel totaling \$16,087,000 and feed and seeds worth \$3,154,000 went to Europe. China got wheat and flour amounting to \$1,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in other foods and drugs.

While most of the money spent for Europe's recovery goes right back into the pockets of American taxpayers, the ECA has spent some funds for "off-shore purchases" of goods in scarce supply here. For instance, the U.S. bought \$41,500,000 worth of wheat and bacon in Canada to send to Britain, thereby incidentally giving Canada more U.S. dollars to buy American products. And from Poland, behind the iron curtain, American agents bought \$405,000 worth of coal for Austria.

The record so far—of achievements in little over two months and of what can be expected if the Marshall plan is carried through to its full potentialities—should convince every American who has felt leery about that "operation rathole." In the long run, that \$140,000,000 will seem a bargain price for winning the cold war and insuring the continued prosperity of this country.

Inflation and Utilities

The application of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for a rate increase averaging about 26½ per cent suggests the thought that maybe Oregon should have settled in full for its former request rather than cutting it to a scant 10 per cent. The public utilities commissioner George H. Flagg, made the decision then, but intimated the company could return if the rates granted proved inadequate. And here the company is, with its new and larger request.

Once again the public must rely on the public utilities commissioner to fix fair rates, fair that is to company patrons and to the company itself.

The fact that the company has made a new application shows that inflation pounds hard on its heels. Its costs are up both for wages and materials. Unlike most other types of business the unit cost increases rather than is reduced with an increasing number of telephones in service. The tremendous expansion of plant to take care of greater demands for service has called for huge investment of capital. Here the light-value dollars buy far less than in prewar days. The financing of A. T. & T. and its subsidiary companies has far exceeded that of any private corporation; and only their good record of meeting their obligations has enabled them to obtain from the public the sums required.

Electric utilities alone have with few exceptions gotten along on prewar rates, but higher costs are beginning to pinch them. Despite higher volumes of gross business most electric concerns show smaller net earnings this year than last. If price inflation continues they may be forced to ask for higher rates.

The public demands the services of utilities; and for the most part prefers to have services rendered by private corporations. The public will have to pay the rates which in the judgment of regulatory authorities are necessary to enable utility companies to provide that service.

New Home for Oregonian

The Portland Oregonian is now housed in a new publishing plant which occupies a full block between Broadway and Sixth street. The publishers have been holding open house the past few days, and this editor made the tour of the building with one of the parties.

The building is new from the soil up, is very well planned for the production of a modern newspaper, and has one floor devoted chiefly to its affiliated radio station. The plan takes advantage of a slope in the site. On the Broadway or uphill side the ground floor is given over to circulation and display advertising departments. On the floor above are business and classified advertising quarters. News and photoengraving departments occupy the third floor. On the Sixth street side are the presses—brand new Hoe presses, 14 units, with capacity to produce 90,000 copies of a 56-page paper per hour. On the floor above on a level with the third floor from the Broadway side is the composing room, with the stereotyping department adjacent. Offices of executives are on an upper floor. A wide truckway runs through the building to accommodate trucks delivering roll paper and supplies and trucks for distributing printed papers.

A unique feature of the building is the reverse cycle heating system. This uses water from wells as a source of cooling and of heating the building. Cooling follows the familiar principle of refrigeration. Heating uses the reverse, in which the heat in the water is transferred to air which is circulated through the building.

The appointments of the building are simple but in good taste. Accommodations for employees are attractive and ample for their comfort and convenience.

Architect for the building was Pietro Belluschi, and consulting engineer for the mechanical arrangements was William Gingsberg of New York.

The plant is definitely functional in its design, and its exterior of marble, stone and glass is one of dignified simplicity. It should serve the paper for an indefinite period, giving it a home to match its great history and to help it march into a great future.

The governors' conference at New Castle, N. H., must be just a curtain-raiser for the national conventions. Republicans will mix their dose for Philadelphia and democrats will groan over the dose they'll have to swallow at Philadelphia.

Convention Headliners

(AP Features)

The 24th republican national convention will be called to order at Philadelphia June 21 by Carroll Reece, chairman of the republican national committee. He will preside until the temporary chairman and keynote speaker, Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois, takes the gavel.

Reece, a former congressman and from a strong republican district in eastern Tennessee, has headed the national committee since 1946.

Reece, 58, was a member of the house for 20 years and has long been considered the head of his party in Tennessee. Has been a caustic critic of Truman administration. Farm-born, he is a banker's son who taught economics in his youth.

Keynote Dwight Green is a prolific speech-maker. He has spoken in 32 states and has made some 1,100 speeches since he became governor in 1941.

A "favorite son" presidential candidate, 51-year-old Gov. Green will be supported in the early balloting by most of his state delegation's 56 votes. He has been frequently mentioned as a vice-presidential possibility.

Green is a "rock-ribbed" republican who attacks "democratic bungling" of foreign affairs, housing, communism and the Palestine situation.

As a young lawyer in the criminal division of the internal revenue bureau, he helped prosecute and convict Al Capone of income tax evasion. He stepped into Illinois political spotlight in 1939 when he made a strong but unsuccessful race against Edward J. Kelly for mayor of Chicago.

Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., will be permanent chairman of the convention for the third consecutive time.

His record equals that established by another republican from Massachusetts. The elder Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was permanent chairman in 1900, 1908, and 1920.

Martin, who presides over the house, will wield the gavel when the convention gets down to the main business of adopting a party platform and balloting for presidential and vice-presidential nominees.

Martin himself is a prominent "dark horse" possibility for the presidential nomination. A 63-year-old bachelor, he has been in congress 24 years. An amiable, practical politician, he is rated high as a peace-maker in intra-party quarrels.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

Worried Democrats

Editor, Statesman:

There is joyous relaxation in listening to the squawks of democrat chairmen, committeemen and candidates about being snubbed by President Truman on his western trip. What do they expect? For many years they have snubbed and double-crossed the administration and the democrat party, and have almost succeeded in snubbing the latter out of existence. I speak of Oregon, but the same sort of thing also happened in most of the middle western states. Roosevelt's name would not even have appeared on the Oregon state ballot had not the Commonwealth Federation circulated the necessary petitions. The democrat state central committee was too busy playing put-and-take with the republican hierarchy. Most Oregon democrats who claim party leadership are men who give three raucous cheers for Andrew Jackson, and then help to elect a Hoover or reasonable facsimile. Now they are yelping for "recognition," but their chickens are coming home to roost. They should apply to their republican pals for rebranding—and get laughed at.—A. M. Church.

OFFERS VIEWS ON TICKET

To the Editor:

In stating who will be nominated by the republican convention it is mainly between Dewey and Taft. According to the papers they both have more than enough votes to nominate. After the first ballot, Taft could swing his strength to Dewey and nominate him. This would keep out Stassen.

I believe the democrats want Vandenberg more than the republicans because of his stand on the administration's foreign policy, if it is a policy. Sen. Vandenberg endorsed Jimmie Byrnes' deal with Russia three years ago. The critics have accused the administration of appeasing Russia then. And if Dewey or Taft is nominated either would then want Joe Martin, speaker of the house, for vice president.

G. C. Patterson
1060 Mill st.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It's the first shipment of cold war surplus... Books on Russia by experts who spent at least one week there..."

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Kingsley S. Thurston and Elmina H. Thurston vs. unknown heirs of Christian E. Sweitzer and others. Decree quieting title to real property.

Sylvia A. Lehn vs. John L. Lehn. Order for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment and asking for restoration of former name of Sylvia A. Gearhart.

Ruby Fay Mikkelsen vs. Carl L. Mikkelsen. Defendant files demurrer to complaint.

Raymond H. Tyson vs. Emma Lou Tyson. Defendant files demurrer to complaint. Amended complaint filed.

S. W. Champ and Minnie Champ vs. Laicet Stewart and Ella Stewart. Order extends time for defendants to file bill of exception until July 15 and for filing transcript on appeal until August 1.

Ivy Emma Emmons vs. Ernest Whitney Emmons. Order of default filed. Breitenbush Development Co. vs. Breitenbush Mineral Springs Co. Defendant files motions for orders to strike and to make more definite and certain.

PROBATE COURT

Richard S. Lynch guardianship estate. Order authorizes withdrawal to pay federal income taxes.

W. L. Jones estate. Order authorizes executor to sell personal property. Estate appraised at \$27,441.

Jacob H. Dunlap estate. Order appoints Leo N. Childs, Dr. W. H. Darby and Clarence Byrd as appraisers.

Charles J. Thomas estate. Estate appraised at \$23,732.

Cathy Ann Lais and Sally Jean Lais guardianship estate. Order appoints Marian B. Lais as guardian and Evelyn Neal as appraiser.

DISTRICT COURT

Willis Albert McKern, Portland, violation of basic rule, fined \$10 and costs.

Charles Edmunds Grecolesius, 430 S. 17th, parking in a restricted area, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

James Wesley Waterhouse, Bishop's hop yard, no angling license, \$25 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Fredrick C. Aldrich, Portland, charged with driving while intoxicated, trial continued until June 17.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Joe J. Standard, Portland, driving without operator's license, posted \$5 bail.

Leslie W. Hamrick, 2765 Portland rd., violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

James Corey, 1464 Mission st., charged with reckless driving, pleaded innocent, posted \$50 bail and trial set for June 24.

Mary Pierson, 674 N. 20th st., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Nellie D. Dodson, 24, student, and Alice Lenora Loren, 27, teacher, both of Silverton.

Lester Ben Beste, student, and Jo Anne Elizabeth Lang, 20, student, both of 3230 Garden st., Salem.

Anthony W. Lauby, 20, U. S. air force, and Louise M. Stecklein, 28, clerk, both of Mt. Angel.

Lawrence A. Pohl, 23, plasterer, 400 University st., and Eleanor Rose Merrenich, 20, sales clerk, 123 S. Cottage st., both of Salem.

Donald C. Chapman, 21, student, 3425 Myrtle ave., and Mary Lou Kettley, 19, bookkeeper, Aumsville route 1.

New Telephone Equipment Seen By Service Club

The latest developments in the field of telephone communications were demonstrated to the Salem 20130 club in a meeting at the Gold Arrow restaurant Tuesday night by a team from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Tom Welch, demonstration supervisor, and his assistant Joan Luyben, used actual company equipment to display the latest electronic devices and the co-axial cable.

A large group of 20-30 members at the session indicated they will attend the district convention in Klamath Falls June 19 and 20. A new district governor will be elected at the conclave to succeed West Goodrich, Salem, present governor.

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Call Issued For Additional Berry Pickers

An urgent call for strawberry pickers went out Tuesday from the Salem office of the state employment service and from its branches in Silverton and Woodburn.

Approximately 150 more pickers are needed this morning at the Salem office, Ferry and South Cottage streets, according to Manager William Baillie. The Woodburn office is in need of 100 additional pickers and the Silverton branch is looking for 250 extra harvesters to meet the demand for picking in the Silverton hills area, which began this week.

Tuesday morning 350 workers were loaded on 37 growers' trucks at the Salem office. Growers are at the office each morning between 6 and 7 o'clock to pick up workers. Pickers are returned at night to the office or are dropped off along an established route.

A bumper crop of berries this year has brought in reports of daily wages as high as \$15 earned. Ground and berries in most patches, together with cool weather, have combined to make "per-

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fect picking conditions," Baillie said.

Some berry growers have trailer camp space available at their farms for workers, Baillie said. Others, especially in the Silverton hills area, have camping and cabin facilities.

Berries will be picked on week ends, Baillie said, and trucks will be at the office on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The office also has hop twining jobs and hoeing in berry, hop and peppermint farms available.

Missionary Service Set

A special missionary service featuring a returned missionary from India and a convert from Hinduism to Christianity will be presented at 7:30 tonight at the Wesleyan Methodist church, 15th and Mill streets, according to the Rev. A. G. Yates, pastor.

The Rev. James Bishop has served as missionary. He is accompanied by K. U. Rajan of Madras, India, now attending Pacific Bible college at Azusa, Calif. One of the first graduates of NTHMS South India Bible institute of Kolar, India, he is related to one of that country's rajahs.

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