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Need for Administrative Reorganization

In political discussions of recent years most of the attention has gone to international affairs. Old divisions bearing labels of internationalism and isolationism have been revived. Yet there is a surprising unity of opinion in this area. The defeat of the Taber-led old guard in the house on the amount of appropriations for ERP was wrought by the weight of public sentiment which supported Senator Vandenberg in his plea for full appropriations. In the republican national convention the isolationists had no voice and apparently little influence. The United States is committed to full participation in international affairs both for its own security and for the rebuilding of the world.

Domestic issues have not received the consideration they are entitled to; and it may well be that they will offer the battleground in the fall campaign. President Truman's speeches in his late trip across the country revealed the line of his campaigning: attack on the republican party for its alleged failures in congress. The burden of defense will not be as great on Dewey and Warren as it would have been on Taft or Joe Martin, since neither was a member of the congress.

There is one area where Dewey and Warren can wage an effective campaign and that is in a demand for administrative reform. The admitted great weakness of the Roosevelt regime was its administrative inefficiency. Bureaus sprouted and grew, and survived when their work presumably was done. The war brought a multiplication of new government offices, and an expansion of old. Since the war, there have been some liquidation of agencies, some shuffling of offices and functions; but there has been no thorough reorganization.

Bureau chiefs appear to yield to two temptations: One, to enlarge their offices, peopling them with more employees; second, to spend all the money in an appropriation lest it revert to the treasury. They seem to fear if money is unspent their next appropriation will be cut—which would be a major sin. If the appropriation is exhausted then they can make a plea for a larger fund.

Then, the desire of most government employees is to render service to the public, and this shares with personal ambition in their appeals for larger staffs and appropriations; but often there is little attempt to evaluate service in relation to cost.

Two things are needed: First, a careful study of functions of government departments and agencies to see what continue to be vital, and second, internal reorganization in the interest of greater efficiency.

A committee headed by former President Hoover is now engaged in studying the vast federal establishment, probably with some concern about the first point—evaluation of functions. They will come up with recommendations for reform. Previous reports on the same subject have met with only partial success. The influence of bureaus is tremendous, and the law of inertia works in politics with undiminished force. The job is there to be done, but new, strong and capable hands are needed if it is to be carried through.

Right here Dewey and Warren have something to offer the voters. They have had successful experience in the administration of affairs in two large states. They seem to be just the material needed for executive positions. With their prestige for leadership and their record of achievement, they should be able to take the Hoover report, supplement it with their own conclusions after study and institute the thoroughgoing administrative reorganization our government needs. That should lead to better administration at less cost to taxpayers.

Want a Hope Chest?

We call to the attention of our local gun-traders like Don Madison, Verner Sackett and Don Wiggins the following ad from the Westminister, Calif. Herald:

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It is fortunate that Salem had the facilities, sufficient in an emergency even if not entirely adequate, to take care of three major airlines which suddenly found themselves flooded out of their Portland base. Now we are losing two of them to Troutdale because Salem is too far from the metropolis to make operation from here economical. We are glad we could serve Northwest and Western Airlines even for a short time, and while we certainly hope for no recurrence of disaster we will be glad to welcome them back at any time. In the meantime, United Air Lines' full northwest schedule will keep McNary field humming and, we hope, lead to its greater development.

Crop reports from western Germany forecast a good yield of grain this season. As in all food-short countries, however, the farmers hold off delivery of all the grain they can to dispose of it on the black market. If production of consumer goods in the cities can be stepped up, then exchange between city and country will tend to get back to normal. Authorities there should exert every effort to get fair distribution of grains locally produced. Our contributions are on the basis of overall need, not on the basis of taking care of the poor while the black marketeers flourish.

John T. Jones, who died last week at his home near Jefferson at the age of 84, was one of the wheelhorses of the southern part of the county. When civic chores were to be done—Red Cross campaigns, war chest collections, work for the republican party—it was Jones who usually carried the load. His brother, W. L. Jones, who preceded him in death by one month, was another community leader. They set a fine standard of citizenship; others younger in years must take hold where they let go.

Science is summoned to the aid of historical research. A mine detector is to be used at Astoria in the attempt to locate the site of Lewis and Clark's Fort Clatsop. The local historians think that the blacksmith with the exploring party may have set up shop at the fort and left pieces of iron around which would agitate the detector. If they could only work a lie detector on the mine detector the proof would be complete.

There are too many crows in Salem. We get complaints they—or ravens—are robbing birds' nests of eggs and young. The crows are rather recent immigrants. For a few years there were one or two around Willson park which were something of a novelty. The tribe has increased, and they prey on song-birds. We ought to have open season on crows for a spell.

New York's PM, morning daily long nourished by Marshall Field, has had a name- and face-change. It is now the New York Star, and its editors say it will try to report news honestly in its news columns and speak its own mind in the editorials. PM spilled its bias all over the pages.

Woodburn is to be congratulated in joining the list of cities which offer public swimming pool facilities. Its new pool in Settlemeier park will be a mecca for health-giving recreation for many years to come.

Janet Franklin, 6, Wins Ward's Bike Parade

Petite Janet Franklin, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Franklin, of 898 S. 12th st., took first place honors over more than 200 youngsters in Montgomery Ward's bike parade in downtown Salem Saturday morning.

Youthful paraders in every kind of imaginable costume and with colorfully decorated bicycles wound through mid-town traffic before gathering at Ward's farm store at Trade and South High streets for the judging by Mayor R. L. Elstrom, State Sen. Douglas McKay and Sheriff Denver Young. Announcement of winners was made at the Capitol theatre where the youngsters were guests at a free show.

Janet's prize winning float was her tricycle covered with gay crepe paper in the manner of a huge dress. When presented the full-sized bicycle which was first prize, little Janet told E. L. Peterson, manager of Ward's, that she would keep it until she is old enough to ride it.

Runners-up were Dale Spoelstra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack V. Spoelstra, 1258 N. 5th st., second place; and Jackie LaDue, daughter of Mrs. Vera W. LaDue, 425 N. 19th st., third place. Other awards went to Leland Edwards, Kris Lethin, Joan Pinner, Willard Vincent, Richard Artz, Nancy Weeks, Dennis Ernal, Sharon Johnson, Barry Drake, Norman Newton, Eddie Page, Deborah Lamb, Dale Rock, Sharon Brady and Pauline Ingledue.

Navy Reservists Leave for, Finish 2-Week Cruises

A group of 10 Salem naval reservists are slated to leave Seattle, Wash., aboard a navy destroyer today for a two-weeks cruise to Alaska and return, it was reported here Saturday.

Meanwhile a group of 50 local reservists, who have just completed a two-weeks cruise from Seattle to San Francisco, Calif., returned home early Saturday morning.

The next group to cruise will leave here July 25, local reserve headquarters reported. Their destination has not been established yet. That group will include about 25 or 30 active reservists and approximately 20 inactive reservists from this area.

Those leaving Seattle today include J. W. Alyes, B. A. Dozier, R. N. Geil, R. L. Hartmann, M. A. Hartmann, H. R. Kershner, G. D. Kintz, B. J. Lulay, R. W. Toepfer and K. L. Fowler, all of Salem.

Golden Wedding Celebration Set For Friday July 2

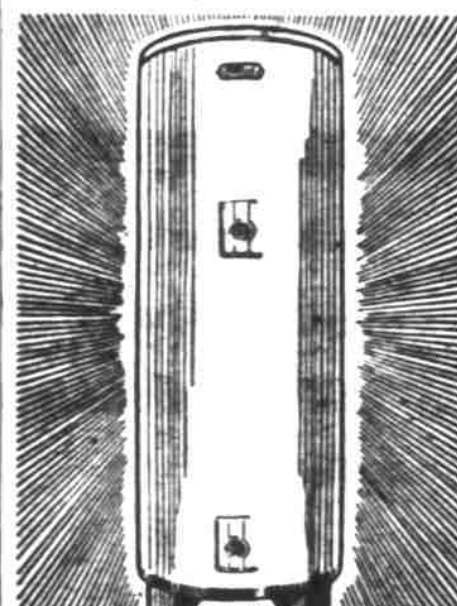
STAYTON — The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Murphy will be celebrated Friday, July 2, with open house from 7 to 10 p. m. at their home.

Mamie Dickens and Avery Murphy were married July 2, 1898 in Salem by the county judge. She is a native of Marion county, born in the Waldo Hills, while he was born in Cedar Rapids, Mich.

They lived for about 15 years in various places in Polk county and moved to Stayton 35 years ago where they have resided ever since. He has been engaged in the lumber and logging business.

They have three children, Mrs. Dora Marking of Stayton; Delbert Murphy of Longview, Wash.; and Mrs. Florence Church of Sutherlin.

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By Lichty



"Compare the stability under communism with the uncertainty here... Nobody knows in advance who's going to win an election here..."

\$200,000 Drive-in Theatre on Highway 99E to Open Tuesday

Salem's first drive-in theatre, and one of the first in the state, will open Tuesday night at a \$200,000 development in Labish Gardens just east of Highway 99E, 3 1/2 miles north of the Salem city limits, sponsors have announced.

The project was developed by Albert and William Forman and Ted and Willard Gamble, of Portland, and will be managed by L. A. Wirtz who has been with the Forman interests in St. Helena. Manager for all the Forman interests in this area—including the State, Grand and Liberty theatres in downtown Salem—is Leo Henderson.

The drive-in theatre will accommodate 600 cars. A loud speaker from the motion picture sound track will be placed in each car, with individual volume control, and ramps are pitched so that persons in the back seats as well as front seats can see the 50-foot screen. The field already is surfaced but further improvements to it are planned, Henderson said.

In the center of the field are the projection booth, a 54-foot snack bar and rest-rooms. Projection machinery is water-cooled to compensate for the high voltage necessary to throw the images so long a distance. Clarity of the pictures is declared assured. Patrons will be able to drive in or out of the theatre at any time.

The theatre is scheduled to operate on a year-around schedule, no matter the weather. Pictures will start at dusk. The initial showing is "Red Stallion" in color.

Neuner also held that the sanitary authority has power to act in such matters.

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outside its field when it tries to tell the manager the patronage he should accept.

However, the old National has its obligation to continue serving the public. Old prejudices are thawing out. Even the whites in Washington should be ready to share theatre seating with folk of another color. The nation's capitol attracts many people from all over the world. Both visitors and permanent residents have need of diversion. Our presidents have enjoyed the theatre — it was as Ford's theatre that Lincoln was shot. The Washington audience is a cultivated audience, appreciative of the theatre as entertainment and as art. The deadlock between the theatre management and Equity is most unfortunate because it will deny Washington the privilege of witnessing plays except at small and inadequate halls.

The National is an old name in Washington, first attached to a theatre in 1800. The present National stands on a site which has had a theatre on it since 1835. Richard L. Coe, drama editor of the Washington Post whose offices are near the National theatre, says in an article in the New York Times:

"As things stand... only Marcus Heiman can assure Theatre next season in the national capital. He can do it by magnanimously swallowing his pride and giving the plan at least a try. Unless he does, all this is going to make fruitful reading behind the Iron Curtain."

Such a concession would be not so much bowing to Actors' Equity as to an awakening social conscience. The prevailing pressures are all in the direction of non-discrimination on account of race or color. Washington as capital of this so-called democratic nation ought to set a standard of equal rights and the white people should tell the theatre owners that holding the bars against negroes in public places should no longer be tolerated.

The people of Washington can have legitimate theatre if they, too, will pocket their false pride and begin to measure men and women by their worth, not their color.

Tests May Be Used To Identify Body

HEPPNER, June 26 (AP)—Police said today it may take a fingerprint test to determine identity of a stabbed, shot body recovered from the Columbia river Tuesday.

A signet ring also was removed from the body. Relatives of Leonard are to come here to see whether they can identify it.

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