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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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IT SEEMS TO ME

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may bring economic health and cripple the black market.

The exchange of notes between the western capitals and Moscow has been bootless except for the record. The next move probably will be to lay the issue before the United Nations. There Russia has a veto power but cannot stop open discussion. If the situation remains as it now is we may look for a reference of the Berlin matter to the assembly of UN when it convenes in Paris in September.

It is very doubtful if our government will attempt to send troops without armed guard. That would be provocative. It would be a signal that we pick this for the showdown fight. Our government will exhaust its diplomacy before it unlimbers its guns. The military moves now, such as the muster of B-29s, is for more effect to restrain Russia from loose-trigger work.

There is no mistaking the fact that the Berlin situation is grim and highly explosive. General Clay however seems to be keeping a tight grip on himself and on his command, suffering the tension without blowing up. Difficult though the problem is it is not impossible of peaceful solution. Some way must be found to relieve the immediate crisis, and continued effort must be made to resolve the longer-term controversy. But we must not make of Berlin another Munich.

Legion's Post Sets Officer Election Date

Election of officers and committeemen will take place at a meeting Monday night of American Legion, Capital post 9, at the post's South Commercial street headquarters.

The meeting is slated to start at 8 o'clock. C. V. Richardson, who has retired after 11 years' service as post chaplain, will be awarded a diamond pin. Richardson resigned his duties because of ill health.

Charles Huggins is the sole candidate for commander to succeed Lawrence Osterman. Other nominees include Sephus Starr, first vice commander; John Kerrick, second vice commander; James Turnbull, adjutant; Chet Zumwalt, finance officer; the Rev. George Swift, chaplain; A. G. Worthington and James Garvin, sergeant-at-arms; Marion Lamb, quartermaster (re-elect); and Irl McSherry, historian (re-elect).

Conrad Paulson and Hans Hofstetter are contestants for the single opening on the building committee. Candidates for five positions on the executive committee include four incumbents, Osterman, Rex Kimmel, Claude Martin and Ray Bassett, and Dave Hoss, Harry Caldwell, E. A. Vandeneys, Walter Kirk, George Manning, Merle Travis, Al Feilen and Eugene Laird. Brazier Small, incumbent, will not run again.

The post also will elect 13 delegates and their alternates to the Oregon department legion convention at Astoria, September 15 to 18.

Judge Walker Assigned Trials

Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker, Polk county, was assigned Saturday by the state supreme court to preside at three trials in the Marion county circuit court. These cases are Hunt vs. Bishop, Mathers vs. Mathers and Damasche vs. Damasche.

Circuit Judge Forrest L. Hubbard, Baker, was assigned to Umatilla county to preside at the trial of a brocade proceeding.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"If a price war is what our competitors want let's accept the challenge ... every time they raise their prices we'll raise ours!"

Among the Ruins

Water Still Shy South of Salem

Increasing difficulty in obtaining tap water, especially from 4 to 10 a.m., was reported Saturday by customers of the Salem Heights water district in the South 12th street-Pacific highway area.

The Statesman received several phone calls asking whether it would not be feasible to bar sprinkling pending installation of additional valves allowing more water into the system.

Directors of the district several days ago asked residents to sprinkle sparingly so that no customers would be completely cut off.

Record Tax Levy Sent To County Assessor

Marion county court Saturday signed and sent to the county assessor the 1947-48 record tax levy of \$1,163,275 approved by the county budget committee recently.

The record levy includes \$963,275 which comes within the 6 per cent limitation and \$200,000 levy for the proposed new county courthouse.

The Safety Valve

Spot for Cannon

To the Editor: You know I have an earnest desire to help solve Salem's problems. I note that the city council seems stymied on the location for the big cannon recently bestowed upon us by the army, so I suggest that it be placed in the middle of the crossing of North Summer and Hood streets, not only to honor this select neighborhood but to give pause to the crazy speeders who have selected that crossing as their favorite place for crashes. (Had another one yesterday.) Efforts to have Summer street made a stop street have been unavailing. I am getting tired of having autos try to climb my front porch. I believe that cannon would prove to be an efficient deterrent.

A. M. Church.

By Lichty

Carlton Savage, Key Planner In U.S. Department of State, Urges Calm Faith in Future

By Marguerite Wright
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Americans must learn to meet the recurring crises of these troubled times with equanimity, because the cleavage between the two worlds of communism and democracy is so deep that we must steel ourselves to situations like that in Berlin today.

This is part of the message Carlton Savage, Salem native who, at 50, is executive secretary of the state department's policy planning staff, would give his audiences if he had time to appear before the local groups who requested his lectures.

The tall, tanned diplomat, whose parents live in Yaconda, was grand marshal of Salem's Cherryland parade Thursday and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bryan Goodenough, 257 S. Winter st.

There is always danger of war, Savage continued in an interview Friday, but war is not inevitable. He said Secretary of State Marshall was completely sincere in saying the situation was "very, very serious" but that he was not necessarily referring to a specific trouble spot—rather to his conviction that we are living in a dangerous era.

It would not be realistic to expect an early permanent solution to the many complex problems the United States and the world must face, Carlton Savage believes. Germany, Palestine, Trieste, Japan, China—these are all potential battlegrounds but Savage maintains emphatically that, with intelligence, courage and strength, both money and material, the United States can avoid war.

He has no doubt there is a long, hard struggle ahead but he has much confidence in the American people.

"Never in my life have I seen public opinion so courageous and intelligent about foreign policy as now," he said, adding that the support the people have given to the reconstruction of Europe and the Marshall plan is evidence of American realization that the United States has world wide responsibilities.

One important reason why thinking in congress has moved away from isolationism is the great migration of congressmen to Europe last year, Savage said. Foreign policy is not a static thing; it must be fluid to fit the pattern of changing circumstances, he believes. But there must never be another Munich, he insisted.

Drastic Changes Unlikely
The state department does not plan any drastic changes in its over-all thinking if the administration changes in January, he believes. Leaders of both parties already have committed themselves to such an extent that any sharp reversals of present trends are unlikely unless, of course, the world-wide situation changes a great deal, he explained. A Dewey administration would not necessarily mean many personnel changes in the state department, either. Few members are political appointees; Savage himself is a civil service employee and has served 21 years.

On the world situation today, Savage commented that a recent statement from Berlin that Russians had "killed international diplomacy" was an exaggeration. He pointed out that the United States has not severed relations and that we are meeting and talking with Russian diplomats in many fields. The United Nations is still the greatest instrument for peace, Savage believes; so far, it has served as the town meeting of the world and people should not expect too much of the U.N. at first.

World Support Coalition
Concerning the Vandenberg resolution on U.S. aid to the western European alliance, Savage said the

Local Keep-Oregon-Green Unit Get Fire Prevention Materials

Keep Oregon Green association county chairmen last week received fire prevention material and instructions from Albert Wiesendanger of Salem, executive secretary of the association.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy is chairman of this county's organization. The material warns against the dangers of possible campers, smokers, farmers' and loggers' fires and brush blazes. With the recent hot weather, several reports of forest fires in Oregon and Washington have reached his office, Wiesendanger said.

Wiesendanger noted that most fire permits are covered by state law. State laws forbid (during the closed season—May to December) throwing away of lighted material on roads or near forest lands and willful setting or careless handling of fires.

State laws also require permits to burn forest lands, grass, stumps, to start logging slash fires or to operate power machinery near forest lands. It also requires campers to take precautions with fires they start on land not their own.

Of 751 man-caused forest fires in Oregon last year, 277 (or about one-third) were caused by smokers, followed by 105 for campers and 86 caused by debris burning.

"The public is assuming a more careful attitude toward fires and forests," Wiesendanger said. "Man-caused fires today are only half as numerous as 12 years ago, although far more sportsmen and loggers are in the woods." Nine out of 10 forest fires are man-caused, he added.

Motor School Set for August

Oregon's fifth annual motor vehicle fleet supervisors' course will open in Portland August 16 with Prof. Carl G. Seashore of Pennsylvania State college as chief instructor. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry announced Saturday. The five-day course, designed to teach efficient and safe operation of commercial fleets, is being conducted by Oregon State college School of Engineering, with Robert Glenn, professor of highway engineering, as course director. Several national and state agencies are cooperating in organizing the work.



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