

Driver Proves Recklessness In Traffic Doesn't Save Time

Cliff Bergere Takes Legal, 'Illegal' Tour of City Streets

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Cliff Bergere, dean of the annual Indianapolis speedway classic, showed Salem police and newsmen "how not to drive an automobile" in a driving safety demonstration Friday afternoon.

The veteran racing driver drove 1.7 miles through the downtown district in his yellow, underslung convertible, committing 54 violations in 8 minutes, 13.4 seconds, making scurrying pedestrians and motorists mad and rolling up a theoretical total of \$275 in fines.

To demonstrate that "haste makes waste," Bergere toured the

same route a few minutes earlier in 8 minutes, 19.6 seconds, committing not a single infraction. The hazardous method, Bergere proved gained him only 6.2 seconds over the same trip.

Accompanied by a Statesman reporter and Capt. Walter Espin of the Salem police department, Bergere ran red lights, stop signs and screeched around corners, making three violations a second in several instances. His most formidable offense included a 253rd safety drive without as much as denting a fender on his high-powered auto. During his two-year tour sponsored by the Champion Sparkplug company, he has covered 44 states.

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By Charles A. Sprague

Last week at Oregon State college an anniversary was celebrated—the 80th of its founding. Only the institution was not started as a state college, but as Corvallis college. Many of the people who settled in Oregon in the early days were from the south and were members of the Southern Methodist church. They launched a college at Corvallis where they had a strong church, the church continuing in existence until the merger of the north and south branches of Methodism a number of years ago.

Corvallis college was designated by the legislature to receive grants as the state's land grant college. Later on the state took over the college and renamed it Oregon State college. A new campus was bought on the rise of ground between Monroe and Jefferson streets west of the central part of town and the first building, now used for administrative offices, Benton hall, was erected. From then on, the development of physical plant and growth of student body were continuous.

Oregon State college has made a notable record of achievement in the comparatively short period of its history. As a land grant college its objective has been primarily that of practical service to the state, both on and off the campus. Its great schools of agriculture, science, engineering, forestry, pharmacy, home economics, vocational education have trained men and women who have played important parts in

(Continued on editorial page.)

Rebels Depose Peru President

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 29 (AP)—The army tonight deposed Jose Luis Bustamante as president of Peru as a three-day revolt in the south spread to the nation's capital.

Bustamante, who rejected army demands that he quit and refused to sign any sort of resignation, was reported to be leaving tonight for Buenos Aires.

Gen. Federico Hurtado, the army's inspector general, reportedly took over the government pending the arrival from Arequipa tomorrow of Gen. Manuel Odría, leader of the southern insurgents.

Until midday the revolt had raged in southern Peru, leaving Lima unaffected militarily by the crisis. At noon, following a meeting of top military leaders, it was disclosed that the Lima garrison had decided to join the revolt. But no gunfire was heard and there were no outward signs of rebellion in the city.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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A GOP sweep appeared to be in the making in heavily republican Oregon, with republicans foreseeing a complete reversal this year of the 1936 democratic landslide.

In California, the republican congressional majority seemed to be a factor in the once important national importance.

In both California and Washington—where democrats still outnumbered republicans on the registration and primary lists—the GOP was counting on California's Gov. Earl Warren, the republican vice presidential nominee, to win the electoral vote on the strength of his great personal popularity.

Washington's major contest was between democratic Gov. Mon Wallgren and former Gov. Arthur B. Langlie—a nip and tuck rematch of the 1944 contest in which Wallgren won.

In California, source of most of Henry Wallace's third party western strength, the Progressive (third) party had almost ceased to be a factor in the once important congressional contests.

Here, where democratic registration exceeds republican by 2,892,270 to 1,908,208, the Progressives had virtually pulled out of contested congressional districts in a "liberal alliance" with democrats.

In Washington, however, the third party had the chance of being more of a factor. The Progressive party role there may have a direct and possibly decisive bearing on the already tight Wallgren-Langlie gubernatorial contest.

The Progressive candidate against Wallgren, and Langlie is Russel Fluett. Fluett was elected state treasurer as a democrat, but subsequently broke with Gov. Wallgren and went over to the Progressives with a number of formerly active democrats.

President of Calpack Dies

Alfred W. Eames, 62, president of the California Packing corporation, died Thursday in San Francisco of injuries received in a fall a month ago at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Barnes, in Medford.

Eames, a frequent visitor to Calpack installations in Salem, was also a director of the Santa Fe railroad, the National Association of Manufacturers and the San Francisco Employers' council.

U. S. Hangs Nazis Despite Protests

MUNICH, Germany, Oct. 29 (AP)—Despite protests by German in a churchmen the U. S. army went ahead today with the execution of Nazis convicted of war atrocities.

Nine men were sent to the gallows at Landsberg prison this morning. This brought to 29 the number of Germans executed at the prison since the middle of August. Groups of nine or 10 have been executed on three successive Fridays.

Salem Runner-Up In Building Totals

Salem building construction in the state during August and September ranked second only to Portland, a survey of building data for Oregon by the Equitable Saving and Loan company showed Friday.

The Salem September total of \$815,074 compares with \$3,509,290 for Portland and \$57,003 in August with \$1,507,104 for Portland. Salem building permits this year have already surpassed the entire figure for 1947.

Campaign Buttons Clog Bend Parking Meters

BEND, Ore., Oct. 29 (AP)—Nearly half of Bend's parking meters were out of commission today. Police reported, "it's politics."

It was, too. High school students were taking campaign buttons and removing the pin clasps. Then they stamped the buttons flat and slipped them into the meters. They worked in some, but jammed others.

Truman, Wallace, Dewey Converge On New York City

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (AP)—For the first time in this campaign Harry Truman, Tom Dewey and Henry Wallace tonight managed to be in the same place at the same time.

Concentrating their last-minute campaigning on the New York City vote, the three candidates caused a busy day for New Yorkers—especially cops.

Truman plumped for New York to Harlem to Brooklyn with a few other stops in between.

Wallace was all over town, speaking to fur workers and college students in Manhattan, then rushing off to Harlem and Queens.

Dewey arrived late in the afternoon to complete the trio, but left the speech-making to the other two tonight. Instead he worked on his Madison Square Garden talk for tomorrow night.

Chinese Fight Crucial Battle In Civil War

PEIPING, Saturday, Oct. 30 (AP)—A spokesman for Chiang Kai-shek, countering Chinese communist claims of a major disaster for government forces in Manchuria, announced today opposing armies there were locked in major battles which will decide China's bitter civil war.

At stake immediately are the big industrial city of Mukden and the remaining ports of exit. If Chiang gives the order to withdraw entirely from Manchuria, on a larger scale, failure in Manchuria would endanger all of north China and important segments of central China.

Some reports estimated 400,000 men were involved on both sides in the fighting.

Army Hierarchy Reorganized on Peace-War Footing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Army Secretary Royal announced tonight a "top level reorganization of the army to place the service on a peace-or-war" footing.

He said in a statement that the reorganization "is designed to obviate the necessity for a sudden change in event of emergency."

In the shifting ground of responsibilities and assignments, a new office of "vice chief of staff" was created. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, veteran tactician of World War II, was appointed to the job. Collins' present post is deputy chief of staff under Gen. Omar Bradley.

Royal said Collins would be an "alter ego" (other self) for Bradley and would take over when Bradley is away for field inspections "at home and overseas."

Opposition Fails to Appear as Civic Measures Discussed at Meeting in West Salem City Hall

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman

WEST SALEM, Oct. 29—Interest in orderly development of a growing West Salem dominated Friday night's public pre-election meeting in West Salem city hall.

Even less opposition than at the meeting a week previous appeared to the proposals and ticked off advanced by Mayor Walter Musgrave. The third and last of the series will be a regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, at which the personnel of the other ticket, three councilmen seeking re-election and one after the mayoralty, are expected to attend.

Only Councilman Donald Kuhn of the latter group was on hand tonight, as he was a week ago—in the audience and not as an alderman. The others had announced they would not attend.

Kuhn spoke only to deny that the city had had no water and sewerage system maps when Musgrave assumed office two years ago. He said they had disappeared and could not be replaced.

Fears were expressed that if the Kingwood area is added to Salem by next Tuesday's ballot, West Salem would be almost

Truman States Russ Leaders Misinformed Dewey Ends U.S. Tour with Blast at Demos

Rep. Martin Says Congress To Cooperate

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (AP)—Republican Presidential Nominee Thomas E. Dewey came to the end of a 16,000-mile campaign trail today—still firing away at the Truman administration.

"Its foot is slipping with increasing regularity," the New York governor declared.

Dewey arrived here at 5:35 p. m. (EST) after barnstorming through Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The GOP candidate has one more major address scheduled tomorrow night in Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. But his traveling in quest of votes ended when the Dewey victory special train rolled into Grand Central station.

A big crowd was on hand to greet him as he and Mrs. Dewey made their way through the concourse from the depot to the Hotel Roosevelt.

Earlier, Dewey and House Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., praised each other and promised harmony between the White House and congress if the republicans win next Tuesday's election.

They did that before a cheering crowd of 10,000 persons in Martin's home town, North Attleboro, Mass.

Then, in New Haven, Conn., Dewey got off his remark about the Truman administration's foot slipping.

He told a police-estimated crowd of 11,000 persons there the democrats have made "tragic concessions" in foreign policy and added:

"You can't buy peace by giving away other people's freedom."

Chest Division Reaches Goal

The West Salem division became the fourth of 12 divisions to exceed its quota and the total collection today rose to \$99,250 in Salem's Community chest campaign, Chairman Alfred W. Loucks announced Friday.

The overall goal is \$110,000. Collections will continue until it is reached, campaign leaders indicated.

Rex Gibson headed the West Salem division which had a \$2,650 quota. Other divisions over their quotas are the automotive division under W. L. Phillips, jr.; utilities, Fred Starrett, and mercantile, Joseph Dodd.

Skunk Free on Good Behavior

PORTLAND, Oct. 29 (AP)—If the skunk living under Mrs. Mary Fitzwater's home here minds its manners it has a permanent home.

And the blessing of Mrs. Fitzwater, besides.

The woman spent weeks stalking the skunk, finally catching it in a box trap. Not knowing what to do with it, she summoned a deputy sheriff. He tried the zoo, then the humane society. No luck.

The deputy offered to just take it away somewhere. That didn't suit Mrs. Fitzwater, though, so she put it back under the house—to test its good behavior.

completely surrounded by another municipality, that it could grow only within itself by a few hundred people and a few industries before reaching capacity.

Musgrave said the proposed merger of Salem and West Salem while not a primary issue because the two have no common boundary yet, would benefit both in several ways. He noted especially Salem's planning commissions as aids to orderly development.

Principal anti-merger argument came in a declaration that West Salem would have to pay more taxes after merger than now, that the smaller community had grown rapidly in the past decade without Salem's help, that people had got sick of other mergers.

Musgrave and others claimed that taxes both now and for future improvements would be lowered by a merger, due largely to spreading costs out over a larger population and to eliminating duplicate administrations.

On the matter of community sentiment, Lawrence F. Sheridan, council candidate on Musgrave's ticket, claimed there was no reason for West Salem to lose its

Remove Wartime Revetments from Airport



Last vestige of Salem airport's wartime look is being removed by workmen tearing down the aircraft revetments which dotted the field. Shown above is one of the earthworks partially torn down. The dirt and rock is being used in fills for the new roadways on the west side of the airport. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Truman's Call Diverts Israel 'Crack-Down'

PARIS, Oct. 29 (AP)—The U.N. security council shunted to a subcommittee a proposed crack-down on Israel today. Reliable informants said the action resulted from an overnight message from President Truman to the American delegation.

An informant in a position to know said the president had not sent a direct order to the delegation, but had asked for an explanation of the American position on a British-Chinese resolution permitting penalties against Israel if she refuses to withdraw from newly won positions in the Negev desert.

This was said to be in line with the president's policy of being informed on every delegation move in the Palestine case before it is taken.

Earlier, other sources in close touch with Palestine developments, said the president had reversed Secretary of State Marshall and ordered him not to support the resolution.

In New York, Charles G. Ross, Mr. Truman's press secretary, was asked to comment on reports that the president had ordered action on economic sanctions against Israel postponed until after next Tuesday's election.

(Ross declared "I categorically deny that. It is untrue.") He declined any comment on the report that Mr. Truman had ordered Marshall not to support the British-Chinese resolution.)

Butter Prices Drop 2 Cents in Salem

Butter prices were on the two-cent skids again Friday in Salem, as the market went to 69 cents per pound wholesale and 74 cents retail for grade A.

Buttermilk showed a drop of three cents per pound, to 68 cents for premium, 64 cents for No. 1 and 58 cents for No. 2.

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Chains Advised for Mountain Passes In Cascade Range

Motorists were warned Friday by the state highway commission to take chains in attempting mountain passes of the Cascade range following more snowfall and continued cold temperatures.

Six inches of snow was reported on The Dalles-California highway near Chiloquin, four inches on the McKenzie pass and six inches on the Green Springs highway. All roads where snow fell have been sanded and are in good condition.

Along the Oregon coast, storm warnings were hoisted by the weather bureau, with southerly winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour scheduled early Saturday.

In Salem more temperatures at the freezing level were predicted for Sunday morning following occasional rains today and tonight.

Gasoline Sales Jump Despite Refinery Strike

Despite the west coast oil workers' strike, September gasoline sales in Oregon closed with a greater increase over last year than any month up to this time, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury reported Friday.

The September figure of 48,173,451 gallons was less than a million gallons under August's record total. It topped September, 1947, by more than 6,000,000 gallons for a 15 per cent gain, compared to an average 10 per cent for other months.

Fuel taxes grossed \$2,408,672.54, of which approximately 13 per cent will be returned to non-highway users, Newbury said. Gasoline sales in the first nine months have passed 357,000,000 gallons, with tax collections aggregating \$17,859,094.73.

September also set the year's high in traffic deaths with 48 persons losing their lives in accidents.

What About the 'Jake Bird Hex'?

TACOMA, Oct. 29 (AP)—What about the "Jake Bird hex"? Police Lieut. Sherman Lyons, who obtained confessions of several other killings from the Negro slayer after the murder of Mrs. Bertha Kludt and her daughter last fall, died yesterday.

Within a few weeks after his trial, the judge, Superior Judge E. D. Hodge, passed away. Soon Chief Deputy Ray Scott and Joe Karpach, who worked on the case, also died. Bird's appeal from his first degree murder conviction is still before the state supreme court.

Bird was quoted as saying after the trial: "The guys who had anything to do with this case are going before I do."

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'New Methods' Of War on Russ 'Crimes' List

PARIS, Oct. 29 (AP)—Russia warned today that she would consider the waging of "new methods of warfare" an international crime punishable by death.

Soviet Delegate Alexei Pavlov did not mention the atom bomb or new types of fighting such as germ warfare by name in his discussion before the United Nations social committee. However, he clearly indicated Russia would regard any future use of the atom bomb as an international crime on a level with the atrocities committed by Nazi Germany.

Pavlov implied that Russia feels international law now is broad enough to cover most conceivable crimes and regards the "dogma established by Nuernberg" as part of international law.

"Naturally," he added, "wagers of new methods of warfare can be considered criminals both from the dogma and spirit of international law."

Hunters Shoot Drowning Man

SLOUGH, Eng., Oct. 29 (AP)—A coroner ruled tonight that two duck hunters who peppered Robert Haddock, 47, with shotgun pellets recently did so while he was committing suicide by drowning in the Thames.

Dr. Keith Simpson testified Haddock was still alive when 33 pellets entered his head and neck, but that the wounds were not serious enough to cause death. John Nuth and John Pardoe, the hunters, said they thought they had fired at an old box floating in the river.

Coroner Percy Nickson returned a verdict of suicide by drowning.

Greece Under Martial Law

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (AP)—All Greece was placed under martial law today through a decree signed by King Paul I.

The step was taken to strengthen the government in its campaign against the communist guerrillas.

Athens and a portion of the country extending north to Lamia have been under martial law for many months. Earlier this week the Peloponnese was added.

Under the decree, all violators of public order, especially the communists, may be tried by military tribunals.

Oil Strike Parley Suffers Relapse

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 (AP)—Negotiations between the Shell Oil company and the CIO Oil Workers' union here suffered a relapse today.

Shell charged that "an enlarged delegation" from the union had taken over negotiations "to the point of reopening all issues."

The company and union earlier had been reported near a settlement.

Leslie Students Give Dewey Edge
Thomas E. Dewey will be the next president of the United States if the nation votes as the students of Leslie Junior high voted in a poll taken by the Leslie Broadcaster.

Governor Dewey got 296 votes to President Truman's 214; 17 votes went for Henry Wallace and 4 for Norman Thomas; 84 students had "no opinion."

Asserts GOP Win Would End 'Peace Hopes'

By Douglas B. Cornell
NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (AP)—President Truman said tonight a republican victory would end the hopes of people yearning for peace in a world where minds of Soviet leaders hold vast "misinformation and misunderstanding."

In the final foreign policy speech of his campaign, Mr. Truman smashed directly at the GOP record on foreign affairs and answered indirect President Stalin's charge that the United States has been party to a policy of "unleashing a new war."

He repeated previous statements that: "I do not believe war is inevitable." And he promised to explore every possible means, "no matter how difficult or unconventional," for reaching international agreement.

He repeated, too, predictions that in this election the democrats are "going to win."

The address was prepared for delivery at a traditional democratic party rally in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

It capped a day of feverish campaigning around New York City and outlying Yonkers—a day that produced for thousands of Harlem negroes a pledge there will be no retreat on the controversial civil rights issues of anti-lynching and anti-poll tax.

Police estimated that 1,345,000 persons saw him on his daytime travels.

Then, in the academy speech, Mr. Truman took an entirely different line—foreign policy. The heart and soul of this country's foreign policy, he said, is peace.

He said the guiding principle is international cooperation and the most important feature is strengthening the United Nations.

Water Company At Detroit Asks To Halt Expansion

Application by the R. D. Morris Water company at Detroit to discontinue addition of any new customers will be heard by the state public utilities commission at Idarho Rod & Gun club November 12 at 1 p.m.

The commission explained Friday that conflicting claims have arisen over the availability of water for the city of Detroit and the company's request to cease supplying new applicants. There are 68 residences and businesses now being supplied through the system.

The company, the commission said, will be required to show why water service has been denied new applicants.

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