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## Fears Over Arab

Just why is Great Britain so nervous over the Palestine situation? Ten days ago a foreign office spokesman gave a broad hint that Britain might have to take action to restrain Israel in its attacks on Egyptian territory; and the British lion growled when the Israeli shot down several British planes flying along the border between Egypt and the Negev. It took American pressure to keep the lion from baring his claws.

For one thing Britain has treaties with Arab states to come to their rescue if attacked. Israel's armies are said to have invaded Egypt, which did in fact create a "situation." Britain has a similar treaty with Trans-Jordan, but that front is quiescent now.

What seems more responsible for the British demarche is a fear of Arab collapse. That would seriously jeopardize Britain's lines of communications, would expose the rich oil fields to hostile entry, and might create chaos in the whole middle east.

The Arab states have archaic governments for the most part; but at least they are governments exercising control over a good many millions of people. Their collapse through internal or external pressures would create a vacuum—and in world politics a vacuum does not long remain unfilled. Russia has a talent for fishing in troubled waters; and with the attraction of Arab's oil treasures Russia may be inclined to trouble the waters.

All of these are factors in the jigsaw puzzle that goes under the name of Palestine. It isn't just stopping the bloodletting in the gunfire between Israel and the Arabs; it is to prevent a spread of warfare or a collapse of authority that western governments are concerned. Britain and the United States have disagreed on solutions of Israel's problem; but they are agreed on preserving order (and their oil claims) in the middle east.

## Parity Disparity

The government is finding this parity game quite costly—like hearing from a bank about the other fellow's note you endorsed which he failed to pay. The budget estimate for parity payments for the current year was \$12 million, but it is now revised to \$866 million—quite a disparity!

Much will be recovered on sale of the commodities, but with prices inclined to weaken the government will have to take losses.

Komsomol Pravda claims a Russian flew an airplane before the Wright brothers. But surely not before Darius Green. Maybe they are claiming Icarus was a Russian. Icarus was the chap in the Greek myth, who flying with his father Daedalus from Crete, using wings fastened with wax, flew so high the sun melted the wax and he fell into the sea.

A submarine's schnorkel is a device which enables the sub to take in air without surfacing. It is just the opposite of a politician who surfaces to give out air.

Lauritz Melchior, tenor of the Metropolitan opera, has gone to Africa to hunt lions. We hope he doesn't rely too much on that sentence from Cicero's "Pro Archias": "Bestiae saepe immanes cantu flectuntur, atque consistunt;" (Often savage beasts are moved by singing and stand still).

Coach Jim Aiken has decided to stay at U. of O. turning down an invitation to come to Nebraska to talk things over. Oregon will be happy over his decision. As for Jim he runs a risk in not quitting when he is on top.

## 'Little Legislature' Now Hard at Work

By Ralph Watson  
Most people seem to think that the legislature is made up of 90 men, or of 88 men and two women as of now, who come to Salem once every two years to dish out a lot of money with which to run the state government.

What they do not know is that dishing out is done in reality by 14 men, a small group of hard working individuals who are hounds for punishment, know no union rules about eight-hour days or overtime. They are the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the senate and house, the "Little Legislature" which tells the remaining 76 members just how much money they can spend.

This little legislature gets up early and gets on the job before the rest of the folks have had their morning hot cakes. It has a double head. Representative Henry Semon of Klamath county, and Senator Howard Belton of Clackamas county. That may be one reason for the early morning sessions, for both are farmers and have the habit of getting the chores done while the sun is still just over the horizon.

Between sessions Chairman Semon raises potatoes in Klamath

county, carloads of them. He is a democrat, but a hard headed one who has no time of pink in his political makeup and who is sent back year after year because of his hard-headed and square-thinking efficiency in his approach to legislative matters.

Senator Belton, co-chairman, also is a farmer who runs two large farms in the valley, who has learned the cost of a dollar in labor and who thinks as carefully about spending the money of the state as he does about letting go of his own funds.

The rest of the committee members match up to the chairmen. Representative McNutt, a newly-elected member, is a Lane county contractor, road builder and farmer. Alex Barry is a Portland lawyer. Representative Chadwick is the owner of the Senator hotel. William B. Morse of Prineville is a retired business man and public building owner. Rudie Wilhelm, jr., is in the transfer and warehouse business in Portland and representative F. W. Ziegler of Corvallis was associated in the management of the creamery at Corvallis, and now is the manager of a land company.

On the senate side of the committee, Dean Walker has served on the group for the past several sessions, has been president of the senate and one of the bulwarks of the committee on assessment and taxation. Rex Ellis is a mining promoter and owner in the

Sumpter district. Carl Engdahl, chairman of the committee two years ago, is one of Umatilla county's most successful wheat growers and solid citizens. Austin Flegel, new member and a democrat, is a Portland lawyer. Angus Gibson, an auto dealer at Junction City, and has served on the committee in past sessions. He is as Scotch as his name indicates and does not believe in spending money carelessly. Stewart Hardie, a new comer to the senate, is editor and publisher of the Condon-Globe-Times.

These 14 members are divided into subcommittees. Each subcommittee, given a separate institution or department to handle, has been started on its long task of bringing back its recommendations setting the amount of money each is to get. All added together will finally make up the state budget for the next two years.

Fifty, or sixty or seventy days from now, this little legislature will add up its books, set out its appropriations and bring them in to the house and senate for passage. They will go through as fast as the roll can be called. Memory fails to recall when the assembly has rejected an appropriation bill as finally presented.

So, as far as money-spending is concerned, the legislature, in operative fact, consists of just 14 men, not the 90 members of the senate and the 88 members of the house.

## The Safety Valve

Defends Use of State as Levee to the Editor:

Why, when you are doing a good job with your own editorial thinking, must you fall into bad ways with the syndicate columnists, Dorothy Thompson, for instance? She went right out on a long limb when she said, quoting The Statesman of this date: "This state tends toward a condition in which creative forces are drained out of society and paralyzed within the state; in which those who take no personal risks and suffer no personal losses become the masterclass."

And she smirks that the earnings of the people collected by the government are returned to them at a "high commission." She even states that this leads to docility in the people and anemia of society and finally dictatorship and bankruptcy.

Dorothy and, I am afraid, you, too, will just have to like this condition until it gets worse or gets better.

I am fifty-three years of age and doing all right. Until I was forty I didn't realize that the people, the ones Dorothy talks about, had any more rights than they had as of that instant. If kids were scared and ragged, or hungry it was because their parents either didn't try to provide for them or they were "too dumb" to adopt "society's" newest fad of practicing birth control.

But in the last ten or 15 years we have learned differently. We have discovered a man has a right and is now able to earn a living for a family. And where do the squawks come from? From big business; from men who reared families and never knew the feeling of hunger or pain without having it alleviated—if money would do it.

And Miss Thompson makes the statement that these people, the little ones, take no risk, suffer no personal losses. Every little man who works for wages takes his life and future in his hands to work with him daily. His wealth takes the hazards of traffic, industrial hazards, health hazards in jobs for which he was never intended, etc. If anything happens to that frail body he is out of business, ruined for life—and who looks after his children, the State? If it does it is just but that's what Dorothy's against.

Big business, she says. Big business has got to be the people once too often by yelling wolf. Remember back 15 years ago when senators stood in the United States senate and said if President Roosevelt was permitted to get the nation's debt up to \$42 billion of dollars the country would fold?

Well this year Mr. Truman is asking \$42 billion just to "keep house" for a year and the national debt is above \$242 billion and still I hear no weeping or gnashing of teeth of any but the greedy. The people are happy and don't let Dorothy forget it. If she doesn't think so she had better read something in the newspapers besides her own column.

S. Boyd Hilton  
Bx 775, R. S. Salem.

Editor's Note — Neither votes nor printing currency (or issuing bonds) produces wealth. They may redistribute wealth as long as there is some left to distribute. Carried to extreme they dry up the sources of production by destroying incentive. That is the danger of Truman's alleged "fair deal," as Miss Thompson pointed out.

Quoted N.Y. Times on CVA To the Editor:

In view of the ill-tempered attacks on the proposed Columbia Valley Authority, thoughtful persons will be impressed by the following editorial view of the TVA, recently taken by the New York Times, one of our most conservative and respected newspapers:

"In a little over fifteen years the Tennessee Valley program has grown from a dream to a great achievement. Under TVA the valley now produces 15 billion kilowatt hours of electricity, as contrasted with about one-tenth of that amount in 1933; per capita income in the valley has risen from 40% to 80% of the national average; the people of the valley now pay 6.3% of the individual income taxes of the nation, as contrasted with 3.4% in 1933; the Tennessee River has been made navigable to Knoxville; improved fertilizers and farming practices have helped to save the wasting land; new industries, big and little, have come in; the initiative of the people has had a chance to show itself. . . ."

"If we assume that the Tennessee River had to be developed as a unit, and that no private agency could or should have done this, we must admit that a great and necessary task has been accomplished, efficiently, honestly, and without deliberate or careless waste."

Now we face the problems of other possible river authorities—and they are not simple. What TVA has done is to show that they can be solved in a democratic way, with few or none of the evils of a centralized bureaucracy."

Very truly yours,  
George Penketh  
5711 NE 24th ave.  
Portland

## Harvey Akers Occupy New Labish Residences

LABISH CENTER—Among children recently recovered from the measles are Pat and Larry Oglesby, Fred Pugh, Loren and Nyles Klampe, and Juanita Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Klampe and Lee returned this week from a two-weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis at Clear Lake, Wash.

Sunday guests of the Harvey Akers were Mr. and Mrs. Noble Ragland and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Comoler of North Howell. The Akers moved this week into the upstairs of their new residence after living in the recreation room for a few weeks.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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stockmen say, to get rid of brush and keep up grassy parks in the forests. He would reseed the depleted meadows and slopes and ridges, and let the grass get a hold before turning stock on it. Seeding of a d a p t e d grasses should follow logging and any fires.

Whether foresters or stockmen will agree with his thickest theory may be disclosed by response to his article. Chief Forester Lyle Watts in his annual report says that at least half of forest range allotments are in good condition. On the remainder improvement is needed or a cutting down of animals is permitted on the range. The forest service, he insists, has not moved fast enough to prevent progressive deterioration of the range. He will, a ree with Jackman that improvements are needed.

"To obtain adequate improvements and facilities for efficient use of the forage resource is an outstanding problem on the national forest ranges today."

Watts points out that over the years only \$18,000,000 has been spent on the 80,000,000 acres of forest grazing land for range improvements, and that "several times that much" will be required to develop all the grazing allotments to an optimum level.

He doesn't mention anything about thickets; and most foresters I believe, will discount this theory of Jackman's. They have always fought the graziers idea of burning off the brush because of their innate fear of fire around the forests.

There probably are areas of agreement between the forest service and the stockmen; but it will have to be at the forest service terms. There ought to be enough done to build up the range however, that its turnoff of meat and wool will show no further decline.

## Cabinet Backs Bevin Policy

LONDON, Jan. 13.—(P)—The full British cabinet apparently gave its complete support Tuesday to Foreign Secretary Bevin's Palestine policy.

A high government source said there would be no change in Britain's middle east course. This was after the cabinet met for four hours. It heard Bevin report on why Britain has sent troops to Agaba in trans-Jordan, instituted armed patrols along Palestine's trans-Jordan and Egyptian frontiers, and warned that middle eastern peace is threatened unless the U.N. security council's authority is reestablished.

## Aero Board Hears Report

The state aeronautics board received a report of its legislative committee listing eleven proposals at a meeting in Salem Thursday. Included in the action was hearing of a report of a committee consisting of Lee Eyerly, Salem, and E. S. Maroney to investigate the feasibility of developing a strong promotional program throughout the state for the aviation industry.

The board approved a resolution urging the civil aeronautics administration to immediately authorize the Roseburg weather station to accept flight planes.

## Diary of A Sidewalk Superintendent



January 14th

Headed for work at new Stevens and Son Jewelry Store this morning with new spirit. Note ad in paper that says "Removal Sale at Stevens Court Street Store." Means only one thing: Stevens is moving! (Figured it out in no time). The funny part is . . . how come they didn't know this before? I've talked about it told all the fellows at the new place. Just assumed that Sid Stevens was aware of it. I guess. Working so hard these days things slip my mind. Remind me to keep Stevens Court Street Store on my list. I didn't build it but I'm sure keeping it going!

## Child Burns In Home Fire

VALE, Jan. 13.—(P)—A baby's attempt to crawl from a fire was blamed today for her death. The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaffer perished yesterday when a coal stove explosion set the Shaffer home ablaze. Her charred body was found under a bed.

The father, burned in rescue attempts, tried twice to save her. He ran into the blazing house and brought out his 5-year-old son, Gene, but could not see the daughter.

When he tried to run inside again, neighbors held him back. The roof of the house crashed in seconds afterward.

## Church Unit Meets At Labish Center

LABISH CENTER—The Crusaders Sunday school class met in

## Silverton Legion Auxiliary Plans

SILVERTON—American Legion Auxiliary of Delbert Reeves post met Monday night. Mabelle Towse gave an informative legislative report which had been prepared by Anne Powell, legislative chairman.

A new project was started by the fireplace room of the church Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aker acting as hosts. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boles arranged for the entertainment.

Officers for the newly-organized group are Arlo Pugh, president; Jack Oglesby, vice president, and Mrs. Fred McClaughry, secretary-treasurer.

Present were Mrs. George Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Boles, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClaughry, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Aker, Grace Klampe, Valmer Klampe, Mrs. Harlan Pearsall, Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aker. Teachers for the group are Mrs. Marshall Christofferson and Mrs. Pearsall.

the unit to solicit donations of baby food from local stores to be sent to war orphanages in Japan. The sewing club will meet Thursday at home of Mrs. Mae Higgins on Chester street and surgery towels will be hemmed for the local hospital.

Marion county assembly will meet at St. Paul January 19. Delegates will be Emma Towse, Ann Francis, Ruby Wolfard, Alta Hall and Helen McCannell.

Among the Chaldeans, to cut the price of wine was punishable by a ducking.

## Lebanon Rough Riders To Entertain at Pavilion

Friday night's "Fun Night" program at the fairgrounds pavilion, sponsored by the Salem Saddle club, will be put on by the Lebanon Rough Riders. It has been announced, Lebanon riders include O. D. Stevenson, C. Huston Walter, Wayne Edwards, Clay Nichols, Malcolm Price, Dr. John Gill and Homer Sims. The public is invited to the show.

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