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## Art and Political Guilt

Dr. Wilhelm Furtwaengler gave up his engagement as guest conductor of the Chicago Symphony orchestra in the face of protests from artists that they would not appear with the orchestra under his baton. The objection of these musical stars—Lily Pons, Vladimir Horowitz, Arthur Rubenstein, Gregor Piatigorsky — was that Furtwaengler was conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic in the days of Adolf Hitler's power and glory. Furtwaengler was cleared by a German denazification court, but that did not satisfy those who saw him as a minion of national socialism.

Furtwaengler is only one of several great performers who faces ostracism in greater or less degree as a result of association with the Nazi cause. Madame Kirsten Flagstad, one of the world's most famous opera singers, has not been recalled to the Metropolitan and has met with criticism on her U.S. concert tour. The fault attributed to her is that her husband was a collaborator with Quisling in Norway. Mme. Flagstad herself went home at the war's outbreak, and stayed with her family; and says she gave no concerts before the Nazi bigwigs.

Another artist caught in the purge is Walter Gieseking, famous German pianist. Columns of the New York Times and the Nation have been devoted to attack and defense of Gieseking. He too escaped any punishment in Germany, but Delbert Clark, correspondent of the Times lodged a serious complaint of his pro-Nazi activities. This has drawn vigorous replies from friends in his defense.

Raphel Demos of Harvard in a letter to the Nation poses the real question: "Are we to condemn a cultural work because the character of its author is bad?"

This question is by no means new, though rarely before has politics been the basis of the test. In the matter of morals the world has been quite tolerant. Some may boycott the movies of Charlie Chaplin and Errol Flynn because of their reported misconduct, but they still prosper, though "Fatty" Arbuckle went into disgrace after a sordid adventure. Rembrandt's painting are almost priceless, and only those who know details of his biography recall he slept with his housekeeper. The novels of Charles Dickens still sell, without regard to his extramarital indulgences. In fact it has seemed sometimes that genius could successfully claim immunity from the conventions of morality.

What then shall we say of the musicians who basked in the favor of dictators like Hitler and Mussolini? One precious example of personal integrity is that of Arturo Toscanini who resigned as conductor of the orchestra at La Scala opera house in Milan rather than play Mussolini's anthem and left Italy. These others, Gieseking and Furtwaengler, were more complaint. They fiddled while Hitler committed crimes on a vast scale than did Nero. Shall we now wel-

come them to this county and reward them with customary American liberality for their performances?

The issue becomes acute in Hollywood where motion pictures companies attempted a purge of communists, including those who refused to testify before the house committee on unAmerican activities. Some who would reject Gieseking would at the same time protect the Hollywood reds in their employment. Confusing, to say the least.

As Demos found, the answer is not clear. It is hard to divorce the artist from the person, the musician from the pawn of Hitler. It is true that David played the harp before Saul, Bach was choirmaster to a prince and Mendelssohn to German kings though they were not of Hitler's ilk. Perhaps we should let individuals answer the question as they choose, by going to or staying away from concerts of these artists tainted by association. This may make the artist a victim of prejudice, but since art is tied so closely to feelings that can hardly be avoided. Time though may act as solvent on bitterness and the cause of art triumph over desire for punishment of political offenders.

## Community Property Law on Way Out

Probably the state community property law will be repealed. It was passed in 1947 primarily to help Oregon citizens save on their income taxes. Now that the federal law permits division on income as in community property states (like California, Washington) the state law is not needed for the purpose.

The community property law does give added protection to the rights of married women. It is a law requiring continued court construction and complicates business transactions greatly, but it does give a woman title to half the accumulations of the "community."

A contributor to B. Mike's column in the Ogn suggests the government provide free diaper service. Now there's a plank ready-made for republicans who are hunting for a winning issue. The GOP has failed to attract the young voters but with free DS that vote would be right in the laundry bag with the drawstring pulled. It comes within the cradle-to-grave security provision too.

Babies these days are born in all sorts of places from taxicabs to hospitals. In San Jose an expectant mother didn't make it to the maternity hospital in time. Her baby was born—at a roadside boarding kennel! That's something to bark about.

The mortality rate among chiefs of police is higher than with college presidents. The one at Forest Grove resigned; and the one at Florence got fired. But always some one seems eager to step into the ex-chief's shoes.

## Reds Still Aided by Europe War Fear

By Joseph Alsop  
PARIS—Thus far, the best way to measure the effectiveness of the Marshall plan is by what has not happened. Inflation, starvation, economic paralysis and political insanity have not got Western Europe in their ominous grip. France, Italy and the other nations of Western Europe have not succumbed to dictatorships of the Right or of the Left. The Kremlin has not achieved its expected triumphs. Since all these developments would have been inevitable without interim aid and Marshall aid, the program may be considered to have paid for itself already as a form of political fire insurance.



Joseph Alsop

This crucially important fact must now be emphasized because any observer who studies the slow process of European recovery must doubt whether the Marshall plan can attain its full objective of putting Europe on a self-sustaining basis by 1952. The doubt is underlined by the recent report of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, the central commission of all the Marshall aid countries, showing a three billion dollar deficit in the European balance of payments at the end of the present program.

The first reason for the difficulty is a psychological situation which can hardly be avoided. The process of restoring any national economy after so great a catastrophe as the last war inevitably involved many painful readjustments. Whether they take the form of higher taxes or lower privileges, these readjustments are inevitably opposed by the groups called on to make sacrifices. Where the society has not been infected by the microbes of totalitarian politics the political leaders can afford to take the line of "full speed ahead and damn the torpedoes" as they have done in Britain. But where the society is threatened from in front by economic decay, and

from the rear by a powerful communist party, as is true here in France, the sacrifices that can be demanded are inevitably limited by the danger of driving large groups of the voters into the arms of the totalitarians.

If it had not been for this danger, it might have been wiser to permit Europe to go through its readjustment under the brutal pressure of necessity, hoping that in France, for instance, another Poincare would eventually appear. Under the circumstances, however, this would have been suicidal, not only for Europe but also for the United States. Thus Marshall aid was provided, as a combined blood transfusion and anodyne to ease the process of readjustment.

On the other hand, the very fact that the process has been eased by Marshall aid immeasurably reduces the pressure on the European political leaders to do all the unpleasant things that will have to be done to put their affairs in good order. Congress saw this danger, and sought to guard against it by attaching certain conditions, such as the requirement that nations receiving Marshall aid must not resort to inflationary financing. And thus, as was reported previously in this space, Marshall plan representatives in Europe were unexpectedly and rather unhappily cast in the role of Dutch uncles, saying to the Europeans, "You must do this, you must do that, because your own interests demand it and Congress has said you must anyway."

Averill Harriman is wisely seeking to diminish this embarrassment by strengthening the O.E.E.C. The American plan is to transform the O.E.E.C. from a mere committee of representatives of the various Marshall aid countries into a more independent international body. What is wanted is an O.E.E.C. headed by a European of commanding stature, possessing its own integrated staff, and enjoying a real measure of international authority. With this end in view, Harriman has already gone far, in negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps, toward overcoming the practical British objections to international bodies with ill de-

fined powers. He is also seeking to persuade Prime Minister Spaak of Belgium, perhaps the most respected of European leaders and an ideal candidate, to be elected head of the new O.E.E.C. after it has been reorganized. In the second place, however, it must be added that a serious defect is becoming apparent in the famous "Mr. X" theory of American policy. It will be recalled that this theory was stated in his "Mr. X" article in "Foreign Affairs" by George Kennan, chief planning officer of the State Department. Kennan argued that the restoration of the Western world to economic health would, in effect, also solve the outstanding political and strategic problems posed by Soviet imperialism. Unfortunately, it is more and more apparent that economic, politics and strategy are intimately linked. The Kremlin is using its political arm in Western Europe, the local Communist parties, to frustrate the Marshall plan. But this effort could come to nothing if the Kremlin were not able, also, to exert another kind of pressure.

Here in France, for instance, it is estimated that the peasants and bourgeoisie now have no less than five billion dollars hidden away in woolen stockings at home or in capital abroad. All manufacturers, all shopkeepers, all farmers also try to build up large inventories or hoards of easily disposable goods. Inflation encourages this tendency. But the main reason is, very simply, that every Frenchman has at the back of his mind the fear of another war, another occupation, another period when a few gold coins or yards of silk will be worth ten times as much as all the stock certificates in the world.

In short, the fear of war and the present strategic insecurity of Western Europe are weapons against the Marshall plan far more useful to the Kremlin than the Western European Communists. That is why in these reports the vital necessity of restoring strategic as well as economic strength to the Western world has been so continuously stressed. If both efforts are made all out, we shall at last get our full money's worth.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

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harmonies more intimate. The band is louder, more vigorous and pompous, stirs responses more primitive and draws out impressions left by the orchestra. The Salem high A band, now directed by E. Donald Jessop is quite mature as an organization, and it boomed its way triumphantly through a well-chosen program. Vernon Wiscarson, who resigned as musical teacher and director to sell instruments and music, was invited to take over the band for the "Grandiose March." In this five majorities of the band came out and twirled their batons with dash and skill. (I'm sure "Stars in Stripes" had nothing like that.) In this part of the program Wayne Mercer gave two marimba solos, accompanied on the piano in one by Ann Gibbens, Salem's beautiful gift to NY Philharmonic, who also played oboe in orchestra and band.

The band really poured it on in its closing number, Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" — (not "stars in stripes forever"). This familiar military march is a sure antidote for pacifism; and Jessop's players gave it the attack and boom which Sousa wrote into it. A glockenspiel glocked and three girl flutters stepped out to file a passage. At the end the brass stood up to frame the woodwinds and bring the number and the concert to a grand finale. The audience called for, and got, a repeat. Then everybody went home, their hearts thawed out, smiles on their faces. Only the money-

## The Safety Valve

Heat for Country

To the Editor:  
It is cold here in rural areas! Why not have this country warmed up with some of that hot air generated by legislature?  
Florence Matthes, Rt. 2.

To the Editor:  
I read an article in the Statesman of Jan. 22nd of a plan to divorce the welfare commission from the liquor fund. If there is any other way of doing it that would not place too heavy a burden on the people I say, Glory, let's have it.  
I favor the sales tax as they have in California. It was turned down here three times in the elections. I'm in favor of it if no other means can be found. I think others will agree with me. Let's have it without having to depend on the liquor fund.  
Mrs. Rosie Albers Martin  
205 N. Commercial st.

## McKay to Address U.S. Auto Dealers In San Francisco

Gov. Douglas McKay is to leave Monday night for San Francisco, where on Tuesday he will address the National Automobile Dealers association.

The governor expects to return here early Wednesday. This week's meeting of the board of control, of which the governor is chairman, will be Thursday instead of Tuesday.  
Governor McKay, for the second Saturday during the current legislative session, spent the entire day in his office receiving callers and transacting state business. He admitted that some of the callers were job seekers or called in the interest of other applicants.

## Body of Marine Due at Salem

The body of marine PFC Harry Couchman, killed at Peleliu, Sept. 15, 1944, is to arrive in Salem tonight for burial.  
Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 at Belcrest Memorial park, with the marine corps in charge. The body will be at Clough-Barrick at 1 o'clock Tuesday.

Surviving are Couchman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Couchman, 2011 S. Commercial st., and his sister, Mrs. Mae Carter, also of Salem.  
Born in Sumas, Wash., in 1911, he attended schools here, graduating from Parrish junior high school and later attending high school in Sumas. He was married in 1938 to Barbara Knapp, and enlisted in April, 1942.  
Honorary pall bearers will be Wade Carter, Peery Buren, Elmer Zamzoe, Virgil Moorhead, Jimmy Stewart and Dallas Savage.

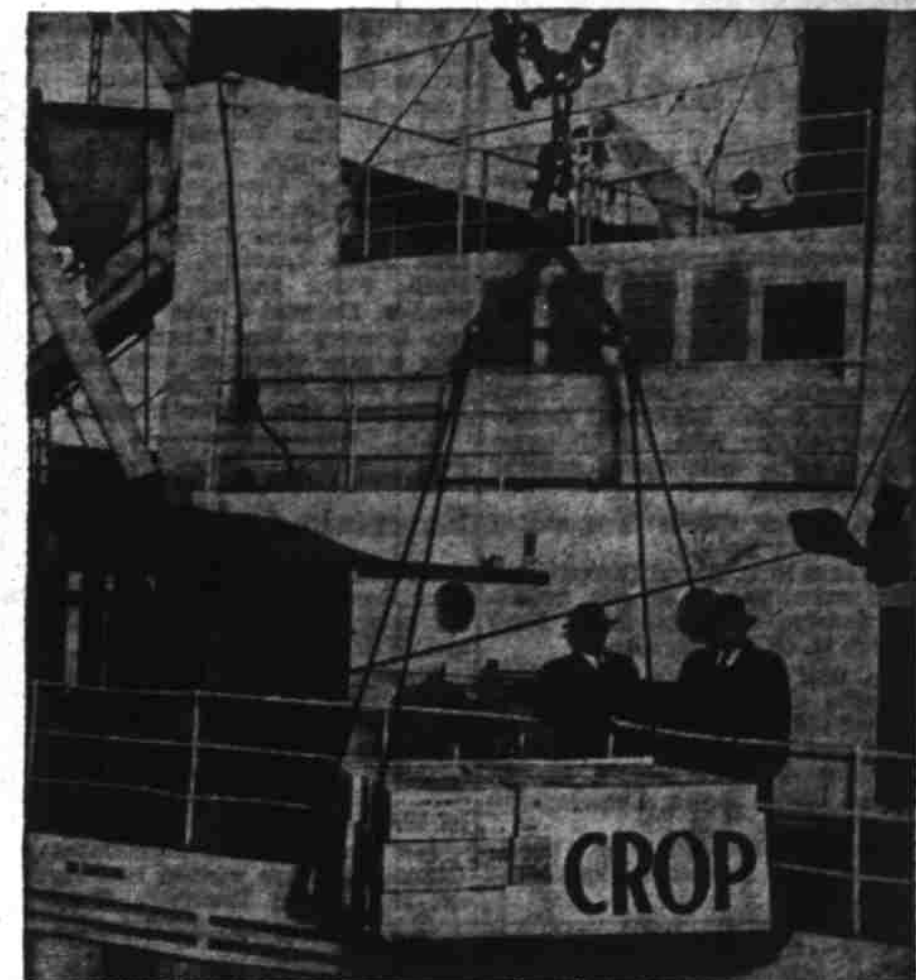
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## Oregon Food to Aid Europe



The last shipment of Oregon-grown food joins a ship cargo destined for hungry mouths in Germany. The food, consisting of wheat, milk, cheese, sugar and prunes, was donated by Oregon farmers through CROP, Christian Rural Overseas program. Watching the loading above are Judge T. H. Arestad, (right) chairman of the state CROP committee, and State Director Miles G. Blickenstaff. Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Rural Life sponsor the CROP program.

## North Salem Business Men Incorporate

Articles of incorporation of the North Salem Business Association were filed with the Marion county clerk Saturday by officers of the association.

The group was formed last year and has been active in projects involving the northern section of Salem. Purpose of the organization, according to the articles, is to promote cooperation among business and professional men and women of north Salem, to maintain higher trade standards, to correct trade abuses, to compile information for members and to aid members and the community.  
Filing the articles of incorporation Saturday were Wallace H. Bonesteel, president; Frank Chas. Tindall, second vice president; A. H. Flicker, secretary, and G. Carroll Meeks, treasurer.

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## Diary of A Sidewalk Superintendent



January 23  
What do I have to do to get my picture on the front page? Get inaugurated or something? Everybody knows the job I'm doing at the New Stevens and Son Jewelry Store is a regular Bunyan Project. Fellows inside will probably get all the credit while us brain workers just stand, unnoticed. Well, our satisfaction is in a job well done. I'm sure Sid Stevens will agree with me on that.

two bad checks here. He was apprehended in Seattle, Wash., and returned from there last week. Linn county also has placed a "hold" order on Coonrad and Sheriff Young said he had been advised that Lane county also has a warrant on him.

Swiftlets, smallest birds of the swift family, make their nests of a mucous secretion from glands opening into their mouths.

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## Phone Service, Not Quakes, Their Worry



VERDI, Nev., Jan. 23—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crump (left), who continue to live in their 55-year-old house in Verdi, Nev., seriously damaged in the big Nevada earthquake of December 29, chat with Eugene Enheider (right) who is splicing a telephone line into the house. The line snapped when another quake crumpled more of the house wall. Being without phone service seems to worry the Crumps more than quakes. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).