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Protecting Capitol Zone

The state board of control is asking from the Salem city council a statement of policy to protect the zone about the state capitol. What is desired is protection against further commercial encroachment. Back of the board of control's request is the concern of the legislature which is called on to appropriate money for more capitol development.

This interest of the present state board of control is commendable. Its predecessor either approved or refused to take any stand when requests for zone changes were made, and that despite a resolution adopted by the 1939 legislature asking for creation of a capitol zone with restrictions.

Salem, which is vitally interested in the development of the state capitol group, should comply with the board request and remain faithful to it. And the state board of control should be vigilant to see that the city doesn't weaken in its resolution.

Compost from Cannery Waste

Maybe the great waste of fruit and vegetable materials from canneries can be turned into something useful after all, instead of creating a bad smell if dumped on the countryside or polluting streams if turned into sewers. The New York Times describes a process developed by Joseph Frazer, auto manufacturer, and Eric Ewenson, biological chemist, for converting such organic material into compost for fertilizer. Frazer Products, Inc., is said to have proven the success of the process in a pilot plant at Mt. Wolf, Pa.

The process involves use of special cultures in the fermentation of the material in a large digester or tank, with aeration of the mass by compressed air. If the process proves practical Salem would be a good place for such a plant because of the quantities of cannery waste here, which now are pure loss for the raw material and for the handling.

Lawmaking Is Intricate Business

Oregon legislators get paid for 50 days; but they cannot complete their work in that period. If the ways and means committee is to do its job in scrutinizing appeals for appropriations and the recommendations of the budget officer more time is required. Other committees which may be handling technical or controversial legislation do not dare rush bills through if they want to enact laws that will be sound and workable.

Just to illustrate how complex this business of legislating is one may take the bills dealing with unemployment compensation. This is a highly involved business in which employers and workers take keen interest, as is natural. All of the 13 bills now introduced dealing with unemployment compensation amend the present law in various particulars. The legislator must know what the present law is and what effect the proposed amendment would have. If he is a greenhorn in this field he has to dig in to get the facts, and that takes time.

One bill would increase the amount of benefits and length of time they are paid; another would eliminate the one week of the waiting period. Labor asks that all provisions relating to seasonal work be repealed; employers, chiefly canners, want this part of the law changed

'Pax Anglo-U.S.' Getting in Stride

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By Joseph Alsop
LONDON, February 14—One of Ernest Bevin's favorite complaints is that Britain's post-war economic weakness has prevented him from doing a proper job as foreign minister. Behind his ruminative grumbling lies an important fact. For the past three years, while attempting to play her habitual part as a great power, Britain has really lacked the means to sustain that position. It has been the old and very human story of fallen fortunes concealed behind a bold front.

The bold front has failed, however, to deceive the planners and policy makers in the Kremlin and other capitals. Britain's inner weakness has been a central element in all calculations of the world balance of power. Many prophets have forecast that this weakness could never be overcome. Thus the superb British recovery of the last year, with its promise that with any luck the British people will be standing entirely on their own feet by 1952, is a major development of world politics.

If the British people go on as they have been going, in fact, the prophets are going to have to eat their prophecies, and the calculations of the world power balance are going to have to be made all over again. This process of calculation is already going on here. The tentative results should deeply interest Americans.

In brief, the highly practical British know that even with the greatest dexterity, ingenuity and self-denial, they cannot hope to regain the dominance they once enjoyed by sheer weight of wealth and strength. New giant powers have emerged, in America and Russia, which would make such an attempt foolhardy. The British solution, therefore, is to reject the "Pax Britannica" of the 19th century with a "Pax Anglo-Americana" in the 20th. The partnership of the two nations is to do the job that Britain once did alone.

The position accorded to the United States in this partnership can be grasped from two simple facts. Behind the French acceptance of Field Marshal Montgomery as Western Union chief of staff lay and still lies a secret understanding with the British. Both parties spontaneously agreed that in the event of the outbreak of war in Europe, the United States would be invited to name an American officer to supplant Montgomery in the supreme command.

Again, in the course of the sordid Italian colonies dispute, the British have repeatedly pressed the proposal that the United States accept trusteeship of Tripolitania. The desire was that an American base should be built in Tripolitania, hard by the projected British base in Cyrenaica, thus further strengthening the partnership's position in the Mediterranean. The project may yet come to partial fruit. Although Washington at first reacted very coldly, the possibility cannot be discarded that Americans will be invited into Tripoli as a third party, to see fair between Arabs and Italians.

The acceptance of the need for an American commander in a European war, the effort to re-

to make it more liberal in their direction. Another employer sponsored bill would reduce contribution rates; and still another would lift the minimum for exemption of employers from \$500 to \$1,500 per quarter. Minimum earnings for an unemployed worker to be eligible for benefits would be raised from \$300 to \$500 per base year.

The commission has put in a bill to bring all employers with one or more employees and paying out \$225 or more per quarter in wages, under the act. Then it has five other bills to alter some of the conditions of the present law.

A mere reading of the list suggests how intricate the amendments are. They have to be meshed into a machine already in gear and running. This field is relatively new, a product of our industrialization. The rehearsal proves the point that lawmaking for Oregon is more than a 50-day job undertaken once in two years.

W. L. Jackson, co-publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald, will be remembered for his good, practical judgment, his interest in civic projects and community development and for his kindly personality. With his associate, Ralph Cronise, he took over the old Albany Democrat in 1919, merged it with the Herald in 1925 and made the consolidated daily one of the most successful of the upstate dailies. In his long life (he died Saturday at the age of 81) he carried varied responsibilities, both private and public, always with credit to himself. His colleagues in the newspaper business note his passing with regret.

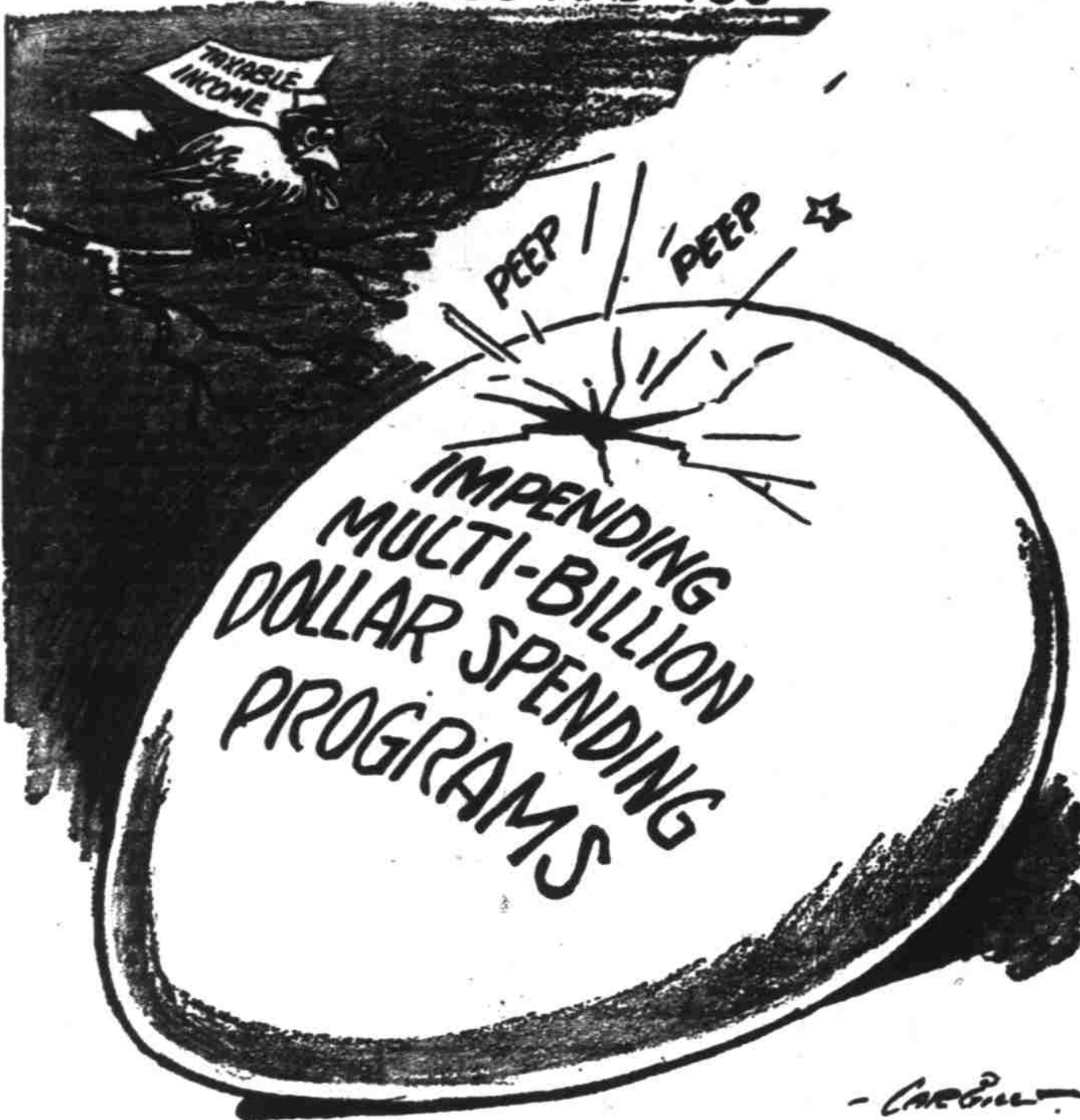
Because he proved to be just another Ferdinand, willing to smell the posies and eat hay but not to do his stuff, T. Royal Rupert, 99th, went to the slaughterpen last week. This prize Hereford bull, bought as a two-year old by Gov. J. Turner of Oklahoma in 1943 for \$38,000, will become just bull meat for hamburgers. As a sire he failed. Veterinarians tried to "make a man out of him" by means of a pituitary operation, without success. He died without progeny, his royal blue blood which reached back for generations in the herdbook, just ran out. There will be no T. Royal Rupert, 100th.

For four weeks the attorneys in the trial of 11 communists in New York City have been horsing around with all sorts of antics to delay the trial. Federal Judge Medina has been both courteous and patient. Now he demands of the defense attorneys that they outline what they propose for the rest of their challenges to the jury, which hasn't been selected yet. The judge said the lawyers were trying to make a mockery of justice, which is almost an understatement in view of their tactics.

Great Britain went all-out for health with its socialized medicine program. It provides dentures, spectacles and toupees for all who need them, and even pays for cleaning of toupees. The cost is putting a big hole in the health budget however. The ministry of health is asking for \$332,000,000 over and above its 1948 budget to meet costs of the health administration.

Bankers have gone to the legislature to get permission to keep carpenters' and plumbers' hours, by means of an optional Saturday closing law.

THE EGG AND YOU



With Watson at the Legislature

Too Many Recipes at Capitol Offered for Money Troubles

By Ralph Watson
Tempus fugit, but the legislature, like old man river, just keeps rollin' along. Monday when it started up again it had been rollin' for 36 days. Two weeks and two days from then, February 28, it will have been rolling for its constitutional 50 days. After that its 30 senators and its 90 representatives will start living off their own individual accumulated fat, in some cases, the psychics of their wives which are unimpaired by the fundamental law of the land.

But it is not a bad legislature, in the main. It is fighting along about like other legislatures have done in the past. For 36 days now it has been gorging itself with bills until pretense always ready on tap to committees will commence to suffer from indigestion and start heaving them out again. Then there will be some forward movement visible toward the close of the session.

So there is no reason yet for folks to commence getting peevish and uneasy. What is happening always happens every two years, except that this time there are more young press agents in the house and senate than usual who know how to dish it out and get it printed on the front pages.

It used to be that Jake Bennett from Portland was what you might call a lone voice crying in the wilderness and he, single handed and alone, raised a whale of a rumpus and slowed up the progress quite a bit. But this year both houses are overstocked with Jakes, each of them full of bills, full of ideas and overflowing with ty soon, in the usual course. Its

explain them. The only thing holding back the show is the tardiness of the committees in feeding the oratorical fodder back to the floor where the boys can get their teeth set in it and howl.

Some unkind things have been said about the house taxation committee, to the effect that it was "dilly-dallying" and that it had better get going if it didn't want to get turpentine or something.

Now the fact is the tax committee has been humping right along. It almost has got its collective mind made up and knows just where it is headed, and it will say so just as soon as it gets a few of the members to line up and start marching. It has almost decided to wrap up the so-called \$50 million surplus in a couple of packages or so and tell the house to blow out the candles and cut the cake. Once that were done there would not be much left for the committee to do but sweep up the litter and close up the shop.

And the ways and means committee: it feels like somebody had landed a low punch to its plexus by suggesting that it was sagging back in its breeching instead of rampaging ahead and spewing out bills. The fact about that is that the committee has its pots and pans all spread out on the work table waiting to dish its "outside the 6 per cent" stew where it belongs, and its "inside Mulligan" where it belongs. What it is hesitating about is that it wouldn't be good housekeeping to put the stew on the table until the cake was baked and all cut up for distribution.

So, after all, there is no use in getting all steamed up over the delay. You can't help it if the capitol is all filled up with new cooks each trying to peddle his own pet recipe or force his particular brand of goulash down the gullets of his fellow members. It is just too many new cooks running round on the loose and not enough chef.

So, just tuck your napkins under your chins and bear it. Maybe it will be good soup when you get it.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers
SHALOM MEANS PEACE, by Robert St. John (Doubleday, \$2.95).

What was new-born Palestine like last year? Newsmen St. John went there to find out, visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Nazareth, and a typical kibbutz, or communal agricultural settlement; talked to government leaders and to obscure Jews from a score of different countries around the world; to Irgun chiefs and to soldier boy and soldier girl, businessman, artist, policeman, zoo keeper, taxi driver, hotel clerk, waiter, Arab, Britisher.

And here is his answer, rather a travelogue than a history, a series of personalities instead of a record of events; and it is all the more revealing for its informality.

He met one girl named Rachel who, with one sister married to an English lord and another sister traveling around Europe from one luxury resort to another, bitterly condemned the Israeli government for refusing her an exit permit. Everyone else he saw wanted more than anything else in the world to be exactly where he was.

There are exciting stories of Monroe Fein from Chicago, who

captained the Irgun's ship Altalena, and Jerry Rosenberg, of Hamilton, Ontario, of the corvette that sank her; of newspaper proprietor Gershon Agorony and his columnist David Courtney; of David Hacoeh whose reward for giving four years of his life and of his income as well to the allied cause in World War II was four months in a British prison; of Mane Katz art exhibitions, and of Izler Solomon's conducting.

Perhaps his most interesting material deals with the communal, but not communist, settlements on the land. Though Jews in other countries have often been in the professions, they were needed as farmers in Palestine. The kibbutz, primitive living conditions, attracted doctors, lawyers, teachers, none of them paid, none of them "owning even the shirt on his back," taking part in "the most successful of any attempt at living socially anywhere in the world."

Of course politics can't be ignored. St. John had his doubts about Irgun Leader Beigin, and you know where he stands on the English when he reports with glee that the ostrich in the Tel Aviv zoo is named Bevin.



ONE MAY PLAY CHRIST ROLE—Last given in 1934, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, will be resumed in 1950. Above are three candidates for the role of Christ: (left) Hugo Rutz, blacksmith; (center) Franz Swing, wood carver; and (right) Alois Lang, 53.



40-YEAR RECORD—Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett and Saul Pelt examine the scrapbooks of 40 years in show business presented to the N. Y. Public Library by Sophie Tucker, singer.

Baldock Surprised at Balking Of Salem to One-Way Streets

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock expressed surprise Monday at opposition which has been voiced in Salem to the one-way street phase of his over-all recommendation for a \$7,600,000 traffic improvement here.

Baldock reiterated his endorsement for one-way through streets and a one-way street grid downtown in Salem in a talk before Salem Chamber of Commerce, and the highway department head further recommended that the one-way grid be established "as soon as possible."

Termining the critics of one-way traffic "ill informed," Baldock maintained the business people of Salem will gain by a one-way street system which more conveniently accommodates vehicular traffic. Most of the objection raised has been based on possible loss of business to merchants along the affected streets.

Speaking at the chamber's weekly luncheon, Baldock asserted that "people always resist change." He noted that probably no solution to this city's traffic troubles would suit everyone and that businessmen would find that "the plan best for the greatest number of people would in the end be best for them."

The Baldock plan calls for a bypass route east of Salem, for rerouting other Pacific highway travel through Salem on several one-way streets, for establishing two one-way bridges over the river by improving the Center street span and building a two-lane span at Marion street, for a one-way street grid downtown and for a connection with the North Santiam highway.

He said he would take full responsibility for the success of the over-all plan he has recommended to the highway commission, but "I cannot accept responsibility for the alternatives proposed."

Baldock said one-way traffic has been tried and proved in such places as The Dalles, Pendleton and Lebanon where opposition had originally existed to the plan. He said only recently Hillsboro has asked the state to present a one-way plan for its through traffic.

Owl Makes Wrong Turn—to House, Then to Police

Salem city police Sunday apprehended a not-so-wise old owl, who had bungled into a private residence at 535 N. 24th st., but released the bird after temporary custody.

Patrolman O. O. White, who outsmarted the fowl, said when he arrived at the residence the owl was perched atop a parlor door "popping and snapping" its bill.

The officer said he "confused" the bird with his red traffic light, grabbed it by the feet and whisked it off to jail. It was kept in a cage until night and then released.

Former Salem Employee Charged with Larceny

Donald Webster, 27, formerly of Salem, is being held by Huron, S. D., authorities on a Marion county warrant charging larceny. Marion County Sheriff Denver Young said Monday he would return Webster to Salem as soon as the roads are opened. Webster is charged with larceny of two electric heaters from Broadway Appliance company here, where he was employed several months ago.

Church Votes New Building At Woodburn

WOODBURN, Feb. 14—Members of Woodburn Methodist church voted 42 to 18 Sunday to accept the plans for the new church which will replace the 57-year-old structure destroyed by fire April 1, 1948. Clearing of the ground at Young and B streets is underway. The new structure will be L-shaped, 60 to 85 feet and will face north.

The new building will be of tile with brick veneer construction. It will include auditorium, kitchen and Sunday school rooms on two floors. The church services are being held in the high school pending construction, much of which is being done with volunteer labor. Charles Bruening is chairman of the board of trustees.

West Salem Grange To Hear Proposal

WEST SALEM, Feb. 14—Mrs. Mildred Norman, state grange deputy, will speak on the Blue Cross insurance plan as it concerns the grange at a public meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock of West Salem grange in the city hall. The meeting is to be a "social night" with the men serving refreshments.

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