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## The Blockade Served Well

If the unnamed American official in Berlin is correct in his declaration that the Soviets are preparing to lift their land blockade, there is, indeed, a cause for rejoicing.

The air lift is terrifically expensive; due to its almost 'round-the-clock' necessity; and there is the constant hazard to personnel and equipment. But even of greater import would be the tacit Soviet admission that the Allies had won a major skirmish in the cold war.

So long as we grimly held on to the lift and managed to serve Berlin regardless of the land blockade, eventual lifting would be inevitable. But in the meantime there appeared a good many things the Soviets could demand in trade. However, both logic (which doesn't bother the communists anyway) and diplomacy (which does bother the communists, under whatever name it appears) have seemed to dictate abandoning of the silly barrier for a long time. If Russia finally is satisfied that neither obstructions nor orneriness is going to force America out of Europe, the blockade probably will be lifted.

It must be a grim choice for Russia, at that. To continue it she must stand in a poor light in world judgment. To abandon it she must admit the failure of whatever intentions she had. Either way, the blockade is and has been a strong bulwark in American world relations. The good accruing from it bids fair to far outweigh its cost. We await the Russian decision with interest.

## Good News Helps Anything

Both Britain and Canada are sharing the limelight in the week's more favorable news—the former because of increasing supplies and subsequent curtailing of rationing, and the latter because of cutting the average tax levy on income by 32 per cent.

Britain isn't doing too much cheering, because individual incomes don't allow any reckless spree even though more goods are available. But latest dispatches say a great deal of pleasure arises from the fact that the customer again is "right." Cigarettes are sold by the package, and cheerfully, instead of being parcelled out dourly five at a time. Restaurants no longer are uppity about customers being late for reservations. Home delivery of groceries has been resumed. And tailors are glad enough to get orders that suits become available in three months instead of a year and a half. "Normalcy" hasn't returned but things are better.

On this side of the Atlantic, the cheering is in another direction but just as loud. Canadians never underwent the austerity which was Britain's lot in the war and post-war world. But they have paid comparatively high taxes. Now

they will get to keep considerably more of their dollars for themselves. The cut approximates a third of a billion dollars annually. More than 750,000 income tax payers will be removed from the rolls entirely.

Better economic conditions, no matter where they are, comprise a bulwark against the ideology of the eastern alliance.

## Kill This Bill, HB 477

Various club bills designed to break down the Knox plan of liquor control seem to have more lives than a cat. In years past they have been regularly voted down by the people, defeated in the legislature or vetoed by the governor. The newest one, HB 477, is similar to HB 207 of the 1947 session. It would permit any club, fraternal or veterans' club to serve liquor without being prepared or required to have facilities for serving food.

Heretofore, the requirement has been that only restaurants and hotel dining rooms that were bona fide eating places would be allowed service licenses. This change would open the way for saloons to spring up as clubs. The situation might be far more demoralizing than that anticipated under the cocktail bill which the people defeated at the last election.

This bill has passed the house. It should be defeated in the senate. If it should pass there Governor McKay should veto it.

## Unander Out in Front

Sigfrid B. Unander, Portland Young Republican of unusual ability, appears to be out in front in the race for the state party chairmanship despite a resurgent opposition apparently based on Unander's espousal of Harold Stassen at the 1947 primaries.

Unander ran a good and near-successful campaign last year for the republican nomination for state treasurer. He is a businessman in his own right, has no dependency on the political trough, and while he may still aspire to higher office there is nothing in his record to warrant any criticism whatever on that score. He is an asset to the party.

## From Our Contemporaries

Rep. Warren Gill, writing in the Lebanon Express says "There are many fine democrats in the legislature. However, some of their orders directly from Washington, D. C., and I think one or two of them have direct wire communication with Moscow."

Sometimes we stand either amused or aghast at happenings in other lands, and we can get a chuckle out of the Australian coal miners whose edict "no tea, no work," cut coal production when someone swiped the tea at a New South Wales diggings.

## Massotherapy Board Sanction Asked

By Ralph Watson

Back behind the years, before the modern system of education had relegated the spelling book to the museum and commenced to teach the kids the alphabet out of picture books of cats and dogs and other things, a truism was written in the childish primer to the effect that, "when the cat's away the mice will play." And so it may be said today even of the staid and dignified senate of the state of Oregon.

Of course it must be stated at the outset, lest tender sensibilities of the upper branch be further bruised, there is in this relation no mention even to intimate that Senator Flegel, of Multnomah, is a cat, or that Senators Lynch, Carson, Chase, Holmes, Hitchcock or Lampert, either or any of them are kin to the genus reithodontomys. Far, far from it. They are just earnest members of the senate committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry though it doubtless is entirely safe to guess that none of them ever performed an appendectomy, rolled a pill or pulled a tooth. Any reference here to cats and mice is purely a friendly, an amiable and an innocent figure of speech.

But the other day, last Tuesday to be exact, while Senator Flegel, the chairman, was tied up in another committee meeting, his colleagues of the healing arts gave birth to senate bill 408, under the committee's sponsorship but "by request." Just who the requester may be is not written on the bill though it is understood that he is a little gray haired man who has been juggling it around for some time biding his time until he caught "chairman Flegel between third base and the home plate.

Anyhow SB 408 is quite a measure. It is said to be intended to fill a long felt want. Without checking too exhaustively through the code and the session laws it is a reasonably cautious precaution that it fills the last vacant space in the possible wall of new boards and commissions with which everybody, including the sufferings

public is regulated, regimented and controlled.

SB 408, if it lives, will be the papa of "The Oregon State Board of Massotherapy." The board will be a closely knit group of three members, appointed by the governor, to serve for three years and without compensation except \$10 a day when performing their duties. All three members will have offices, one as president, one as vice president and the third as secretary-treasurer. The members must hold diplomas of massotherapy, issued by a "resident school" before being qualified to serve.

It is particularly specified that no one can be a member who is a doctor, a surgeon, an osteopath, a chiropractor, a naturopath or a chiropractor or who practices "any other of the healing arts separately licensed by the state of Oregon," which latter words seem to bar even horse doctors.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

SPIT AND THE STARS, by Robert Mende (Rinehart; \$3.50)  
At first you don't like the title. Then you start to read about Gregg Haber, a kid in Brooklyn slums, and his sisters, his hard-working parents, his friends Iggie, Rupturehead, Peanut, Slim and Mickey and their friends Dot, Millie and Betty. They talk, brag, clown, fight, play games, earn and spend a few pennies.

Then "Gregg grows." One brother-in-law, who has biceps as big as baseballs, gives Gregg the idea that there is something after all in books. The old man is jobless, there are new babies all in apartment No. 12 1/2, and though Gregg keeps right on in school he takes a job in the Bicks haberdashery... part-time in theory but fulltime in fact until he learns about the union.

And so it goes until Dynamite and Gregg, swinging their legs over the dock edge, under a sky filled with stars, overcome completely your first feeling about the title. For despite sordid and mean pages, this is a very appealing romance, filled with a magic reminiscent of Sarazan.

By this time it may be obvious that the board is being set up to regulate massage, which is defined as "the art of kneading, rubbing and massaging the human body." Under the act that becomes "massotherapy" which art, the bill says, "hereby is declared to be distinct from the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, naturopathy, chiropody, dentistry, optometry, or any other of the healing arts, all of which including registered nurses are expressly excluded."

Incidentally and finally, anybody who is not excluded, and who can pass the examination, can become a "massotherapist" for a fee of \$25 annually, which goes into the kitty of the board, kept in the custody of the state treasurer.

The bill, ostensibly, is for the protection of those who need to be kneaded as well as for the profit of those who knead.

ANOTHER SUN, ANOTHER HOME, by Rupert Croft-Cooke (Holt; \$3)

After a long and useful life in India, Col. Wilkes comes back to postwar London to rejoin his son Roger, buy a little country place and enjoy an idyllic retirement.

Just too old to lead his battalion into action, he had been shipped off to Bulapur and had run things properly, cleaning up the station, keeping his troops spry and span, winning the natives' affection. But there was hardly a day when he didn't long for his last years on English soil in his dear son's company.

And what does he find? The good old days are gone; the old pub is glaringly up to date, the young people aren't wearing school ties any more, the country gentleman is hedged about by restrictions, inspections, penalties and other socialist devices, and indeed it's an effort for a man to recognize his own son.

Croft-Cooke, dressing the Rip Van Winkle story in mufti, matches today against yesterday; his honest interest in his subject arouses our interest, too.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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defendants. Finally the jury of 12 with several alternates was chosen and lawyers made their opening statements. Yesterday's proceedings were as quiet as a mill pond. A lawyer for three of the defendants, one being Benjamin Davis, negro, member of the New York city council, another John Gates, editor of "Daily Worker" made his statement. He spoke to the jury in tones so low he could scarcely be heard. Davis he described as one who had risen from obscure surroundings to become the champion of his people. The entire emphasis of defense counsel has been to assert this is a trial of men for their ideas. After the several lawyers concluded Judge Medina advised the jury that the charge was one of conspiracy to advocate overthrow of the government by force, that they are not being tried as communists.

Whether the defense attack on the jury system (asserting selections were slanted to draw from the better-to-do classes) had any effect or not, the fact is that the jury appears to be a good run-of-mine American jury. The foreman is a negro woman; two other negroes are serving. The majority are women.

As for the defendants their appearance gave no indication of subversive ideas. Throw a lasso around a Broadway crowd and you could rope in their like in appearance if not in ideology. Yet they are the key figures of domestic communism.

I recall attending the trial of the alleged nazi sympathizers in Washington in 1944. This was the government's parallel effort to stamp out conspiracy. That trial ended when Judge Eicher died, and was never revived. This one will go on for weeks - taking testimony has just begun - and will be appealed to the supreme court.

Outside the courthouse six red pickets paraded with placards calling for support of constitutional liberties.

My impression was: This is still America, with broad freedoms, with fairness in judicial procedure. None of the communists got up to recant and indulge in self-abuse. With benefit of counsel he was receiving a trial in full accord with American standards of justice. Regardless of how the trial comes out it is worth while that we recognize that this feature of our oft-criticized "system" still has great value.

## The Safety Valve

About License Fees  
To the Editor: This is my first letter to a paper but after reading your editorials this morning I just have to have my say.

It is about the proposed increase in hunting license. As for myself I would be willing to pay twice the present license if it would help the conservation program because there are still a lot of things that mean more to me than the almighty dollar that everyone seems to be fighting for.

The game commission wants more money for non-resident hunters for their program, the resident hunter wants the increase in non-resident to help relieve the pressure on wildlife, and a few money grabbers from southern Oregon do not want the increase so they can cash in on something that belongs to the state and the people of Oregon,

## AFTER US THE DELUGE!



## Plea Lodged For Klamath Vets' Hospital

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—

A plea for the government to construct a 200-bed veterans hospital at Klamath Falls, Ore., came before the senate welfare committee yesterday.

Representatives of veterans organizations and members of congress joined in the appeal for the senate to restore the project to the veterans administration building program.

It recently was trimmed from the program when President Truman ordered a 16,000-bed reduction.

Senator Cordon (R-Ore) said the Klamath Falls hospital could take care of some of the 50,000 veterans in southern Oregon and northern California who now travel up to 400 miles to reach a veterans facility.

Rep. Stockman (R-Ore) said "it would serve an area larger than Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He added that the government already has spent \$150,000 on the hospital plans, and the city and state have spent \$12,000 preparing for it.

## Traffic Toll Cut Last Month

Oregon traffic accidents claimed seven lives in February, lowest monthly toll since records have been kept. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reports.

Although the secretary pointed out the figure may have to be revised if later deaths occur as a result of injuries suffered in February accidents, the near-absence of deaths on the highways sent safety division statisticians delving into the records.

They found the lowest previous monthly toll on record occurred in February, 1938, when nine were killed. Ten deaths were charged to both February and April in 1943, and eleven were recorded in February, 1941. Worst month on record was November, 1936, with 58 deaths. Worst February, with 40 killed, was in 1946. In February of 1948, 31 were killed.

## Toastmistress 'Oscar' Given

Mrs. Irene Reeves was awarded the Salem Toastmistress club's "Oscar" for best speaker of the evening at a meeting at Nohlberg's Thursday night.

Viewpoints of the legislature as seen from the mural-eye view on the east side of the senate chamber was the subject of Mrs. Reeves' talk. Second speaker of the evening was Mrs. Virgie White. She spoke on the topic "Marketing in Foreign Countries."

Toastmistress for the evening was Marie Bosch. Ada Ross was in charge of table topics. Evaluators were Mrs. Helen Simpson, Mrs. Roy Lockenour and Mabel Hayes.

The French chateau of Fontainebleau, about 35 miles from Paris, has been linked with the lives of French kings for more than 800 years.

## Crowds Visit Formal Debut Of Bus Depot

Both bus riders and open house visitors swarmed by the hundreds through Salem's new Greyhound bus depot, which had its official opening Thursday at 450 N. Church st.

The crowds listened to music in the waiting room, gazed at the mileage on a used bus tire, viewed a movie and trekked through the latest model "Silverides" bus, which includes a rest room, as well as sandwiches and cold drinks.

At an evening ceremony, the station was officially accepted for Salem by City Manager J. L. Franzen.

Among the Greyhound officials here for the occasion were W. H. Egger, Portland, regional manager, who said the line aimed to give the best transportation possible through the new model buses.

Sundberg remarked that "construction of this new depot shows Greyhound's recognition of the importance of Salem as a travel center."

## Public Records

PROBATE COURT  
George E. Shaw estate: Order admits will to probate and appoints First National bank as executor.

Alexander M. Jr., Byron H. and Francis Lee LaFollette guardianships: Order authorizes guardian to borrow \$42,000 using as security for mortgage real property in which wards own undivided interest.

Lydia L. Dummer estate: Appraisal of estate at \$6,632.  
Mary A. Wampler estate: Final decree issued.

Leslie, Mildred and Arlene Hamrick guardianship: Order approves final account. Order approves compromise payment of \$4,500 by Virgil Thornton and Ivan Wither in settlement of claims of Mildred Hamrick for injuries incurred in auto accident Sept. 13, 1947, at Newberg.

Harriet Leslie estate: Order appoints Carrie Rinderman as administrator and

Letitia Muhs, Otto R. Skopli, Jr., and Carl Skopli as appraisers.  
Martin Olson estate: Order authorizing executor will certain personal property of estate.

Sylvia E. Twomey estate: Order appoints Mildred G. Gatto as administratrix and G. Crenshaw, R. Voorhes and J. C. Evans as appraisers.

CIRCUIT COURT  
Jim Andrews, doing business as Jim's Electric vs. Grace Neff Spencer, executrix of C. B. Spencer estate: Defendant files answer to complaint.

Marion J. Mathers vs. Virginia Mathers: Order denies defendant's motion for modification of decree as regarding custody of children.

M. A. Stoutenberg vs. state industrial accident commission: Complaint seeks to have plaintiff's claim for compensation remain open.

Vera Fay Miller vs. Russell Tautfest: Judgment of \$115 granted plaintiff.

Joseph Wilmes vs. Rufus Corder, doing business as Corder Lumber company: Order dissolves attachment and dismisses action without costs.

Henry W. Shanton Esq. vs. Corder Lumber company: Order dissolves attachment and dismisses action without costs.

State vs. Abel Jack Hall: Defendant pleads guilty to charge of non-support. Order on probation for three years provided he pay as directed for support of minor children.

State vs. Shannon Esq. vs. Russell Tautfest: Plaintiff ordered to appear May 2 to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court for allegedly failing to comply with terms of divorce decree.

State vs. Lloyd Fox: Complaint for annulment of marriage alleges that at time of marriage defendant was under a legal disability of custody of child not yet born and for restoration of her maiden name, Marjorie W. Ross vs. Fred Lockyear: Plaintiff permitted to amend complaint.

State vs. Donald Webster: Charge with larceny by embezzlement, defendant waived grand jury indictment, pleaded guilty: sentencing set for 3 a.m., March 25.

First National Bank of Portland vs. Kingwood Canning company and others: Amended answers filed by defendants vs. Belmann Sheet Metal company and state unemployment compensation commission.

DISTRICT COURT  
Ronald Sylvester Stevens, Salem route 2, box 165, charged with assault with intent to commit rape, continued to March 25 for plea, held in lieu of \$1000 bond.

MUNICIPAL COURT  
Sophus W. Starr, 1624 N. 20th st., reckless driving, fined \$75.

## Approaches for Bridge Poured

Concrete slab approaches for the new bridge over Pudding river near McKee have been poured and erection of the steel structure will begin in about two weeks, Marion County Engineer Hedda Swartz said Thursday.

The concrete needs at least two weeks before it can be crossed, said Swartz. The bridge, formerly on highway 99E at Aurora, is being built by Eirkemeier and Sarnell of Portland.

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