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## YWCA Not Communist

The attempt being made to tie a communist label to the YWCA because some of the resolutions adopted in its convention at San Francisco take advanced ground in the direction of social reforms is utterly silly. Some weeks ago a report of the committee on American activities cast an unjustified smear on the YW, whose purposes are Christian service primarily with girls and young women.

Some may not agree with all the items in the list of objectives drawn up at San Francisco, but only those allergic to change would label them communistic. The members can decide for themselves what to do about the national program, if anything; but the local program is too important to be injured by controversy over convention resolutions.

The urgent need here is for a new building to give proper accommodation to the YW, give a place for girls and young women to enjoy recreation and entertainment. Nothing should be done to injure the Salem YWCA and prevent its accomplishment of its own well-defined goal.

## George K. Aiken

The thin margin of vitality which had sustained George K. Aiken, state budget director, through the last two years failed him and he succumbed early Monday morning to a heart ailment which he had fought off gallantly for many months. Death thus ended a life marked by high devotion to public service in the field of journalism and as a public official, and one rich in friendships developed over the years.

High character and fine intelligence were George Aiken's hallmarks. His excellent grounding in school and college was supplemented by broad reading and the probing of an alert mind, so he brought to all his work a fund of information and a clear and logical habit of reasoning. Rugged honesty was part of his very substance; not only honesty in the handling of public funds, but intellectual honesty in dealing with the problems of life.

This writer recalls an experience of many years ago when George was mayor of Ontario. He had found his city deeply involved financially, and set as his policy the exercise of rigid economy for which his Scotch ancestry is noted, to meet the city's obligations. We got to talking with a public official of another city of Oregon which was having financial difficulties. The latter's solution was to default on the city's bonds—a policy which was abhorrent to George Aiken. As mayor of Ontario he held rigidly to the policy of meeting its obligations and had the satisfaction of seeing his city emerge from its difficulties with credit unimpaired.

It was this editor's privilege to invite him to serve the state as budget director. This is an important office, with the duty of scrutinizing expenditures of all departments under the governor's jurisdiction. His demands and details are at times trying, especially so in the recent period of price inflation. Aiken discharged the duties of his office with conspicuous fidelity, conscientious always of his responsibility to the public, yet understanding the problems of heads of departments and institutions. He had all the firmness that was needed to conserve the public funds but those who dealt with him knew that

he was fair in making his decisions. That he held the office of budget director and executive secretary under four governors is in itself testimony of his ability and character.

His longer career however was as a working newspaperman: reporter and later editor and publisher of his own weekly papers. He had many interesting experiences: as reporter on the St. Paul Pioneer-Press he covered the famous Minnesota railroad rate cases, when James J. Hill was one of the star witnesses. He represented the old Tacoma Ledger at sessions of the Washington legislature, where he had contacts with many men prominent in business and political life of that state. He made the Ontario Argus a strong influence in the Malheur country, Aiken and the Argus were important factors in bringing the great Oyhee project to realization.

All along the way as reporter and editor, as public official, George Aiken had time for friends. His warm sociability, his store of information and anecdotes, his lively sense of humor made him a rare companion. A host of friends will feel a deep sense of personal loss in the passing of George Aiken and will extend to the family a sympathy which is sincere.

As we say "Farewell" to George Aiken the verse of Henry VanDyke's poem "Oh Who Will Walk a Mile with Me" comes to mind:

"With such a comrade, such a friend  
I fain would walk till journey's end,  
Through summer's sunshine, winter's rains;  
And then, farewell, we meet again."

## The Busy Bees

"How doth the busy bee?" goes a staple query. Not too well, is the response from H. A. Scullen of OSC. Rather he says the bee-keepers aren't doing very well. The honey they sell brings only about 10 cents a pound but it costs them 15 to 20 cents per pound to produce it.

One answer might be to get bigger production per bee; but who is to say the bees are slackers now? To reduce the number of hives would endanger our fruit crops, for the bees are invaluable aids in fruit pollenization. Orchardists arrange for beekeepers to bring in their bees during the flowering season. In the one just closing the weather has been perfect for bees to work, carry pollen from flower to flower and bring home nectar for honey. Let us hope that orchardists and beekeepers both profit well this year. If not, then we'll have to put our bees on government relief.

For the first time within memory a secretary spoke on the floor of the house, giving information requested by the speaker. But at roll-calling time secretaries can whisper—and how.

At Astoria the fish buyers cut drastically the price for bottom fish. Evidently their bottom dropped out.

One company has cut the selling price of its anti-freeze one-third. Yes, but consider the timing.

Legislators hope that Easter comes early in 1951—if that is what brings an adjournment.

California's sale tax yielded \$290,000,000 last year. There's gold in them thar tills.

## Southern Bloc Switches to Isolation

By Joseph Alsop  
WASHINGTON, April 18—One of the most significant political phenomena in Washington has been concealed, until now, behind the closed doors of the senate foreign relations committee. Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, most influential of the southern conservatives, has been hammering on Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson and other witnesses to secure an admission.

He wants to admit that a vote for the Atlantic pact will not commit him to voting funds to implement the pact. This clearly implies that he means to oppose rearming Europe if re-arming Europe is at all costly.

In order to grasp the meaning of George's new line, what he is doing now must be contrasted with what he has done in the past. It was George, for instance, who participated in the negotiation of the British loan agreement; fought the then Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson because he thought the amount too small; and with Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan led the battle for the loan in the senate. Until now, George has always gone along with every major foreign policy enactment.

This has been, of course, the southern conservative tradition. At the beginning of the first Roosevelt administration, there was still a discernible difference between right-wing southerners and right-wing northerners, even on domestic issues. Men like Pat Harrison of Mississippi and the gigantic, powerful Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas might be deeply conservative at heart. But

there was a planter conservatism in more than a trace of the old-fashioned agrarian populist detestation of Wall Street. Hence their willingness to follow Franklin Roosevelt in the early New Deal years.

The labor issue, and the connected racial issue, ended, at that. By the close of the second Roosevelt administration, when domestic questions were to the fore, the right-wing southerners were well to the right of most of their northern brethren. Yet in the dangerous times before Pearl Harbor, men like Harry F. Byrd and George were leading interventionists. Although the anti-Wall Street attitude had been lost from the southern tradition, the world-mindedness (deriving from cotton's dependence on foreign markets) still remained.

George's line of questioning in the foreign relations committee signifies an important new development. On issues of foreign policy, as well as on issues of domestic policy, the right-wing southerners of the democratic party are now joining hands with the right-wing northerners of the republican party.

The new alliance will play a major role in this session of congress, which must face the fact that we can no longer finance our foreign policy out of surplus. The surprising element of the alliance was revealed in the vote on Sen. Robert A. Taft's amendment of the ECA bill, cutting the European Recovery authorization by 10 per cent. Among the surprisingly small band of 23 faithful mustered by Senator Taft, there appeared George Byrd, Russell of Georgia, Ellender of Louisiana, Holland of Florida, Johnson of South Carolina and McClellan of Arkansas.

Perhaps the clearest evidence of the alliance on Taft's side of this majority of the more right-wing southerners can be found in the absence of one of their closest collaborators, Sen. James O.

Eastland of Mississippi certainly deserves to rank, in sheer violence of reaction and obstinacy of obscurantism, with the most extreme Dixiecrats. But Mississippi is the last southern state that preserves a predominantly plant-based economy. The Cotton Council opposed the Taft amendment, and so did Eastland.

By contrast, the other southerners above listed come from states where the political oligarchy has been more or less heavily infiltrated by large business and large industry. Moreover, the south is one of the two strongholds of the most reactionary element in the American business world—the other, of course, is in certain areas of the mid-west. And what has caused the sudden switch-over of the right-wing southerners to the new isolationism is extremely simple and obvious.

They talk about "preserving the soundness of the American economy." But what they frankly mean is that they do not wish to raise taxes in order to pay for American security in this troubled world, or for any other purpose.

Very roughly speaking, the importance of the right-wing southerners' defection to isolationism will be determined by the president's leadership. If the president's policy is not sabotaged by those men around him who think like the southerners, and if the president rouses the country to a sense of the world emergency, many moderate republicans will follow Senator Vandenberg, rather than Senator Taft, as on the Taft amendment. The desertion of the southerners can thus be counter-balanced. But since no one in his senses enjoys paying or voting for new taxes, the need must be brought home with great clarity and force.

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### IT SEEMS TO ME

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action is by imposing a much tighter organization, which is quite foreign to the Oregon legislative process. A two-house legislature meeting only once in two years always will require a minimum of 75 or 80 days to dispatch its business.

When the book of session laws is printed you will find that a large proportion of the laws enacted are merely amendatory. These amendments are the outgrowth of experience under existing law. Many are recommended by the officials charged with administering them. Others are proposed by groups which work under them. These amendments may be minor or they may be of major importance. But small or great they consume a great deal of time in committees and often on the floor of the houses.

When the score is added for the 45th legislative assembly, I am confident that it will show much in the way of substantial accomplishment and a minimum of legislative blundering. Despite all the criticism of the bill for old age assistance the fact remains that the assembly is providing many millions more relief to the aged, dipping liberally into the general fund and no longer limiting welfare to what can be squeezed out of the liquor administration.

Upward adjustments were made in salaries for public employees, but these are not disproportionate and generally are belated. Partial provision was made for needed building at higher institutions of learning. If Portland isn't getting a junior college (an expensive luxury at best) it is getting a home for the extension center. If the people approve the public schools will get a boost in state school support.

The state's tax problem was solved at least for the biennium, without imposing any new taxes for general purposes. Labor marked up very substantial gains in provision for unemployment compensation and benefits paid to injured workmen. Nothing was passed to cripple union activity.

Highway work was given a big boost in the increases voted in gas taxes and fees. The game department also drew larger income and adoption of much of the program recommended by the interim commission.

In the field of civil rights a fair employment practices act was passed; and the reprehensible law discriminating against Japanese was repealed.

It was obvious that the minority party (the democrats) were doing a great deal of talking for the record. The object apparently was to repeat the smear on benefits paid to injured workmen. The smear will not stand up. Republicans can defend the record of the 45th assembly and should waste no time in doing so. For most of the immediate problems the assembly worked out constructive solutions. They deserve the gratitude of the public for the success of their labors.

## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He wrecked his vengeance."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "effusive"?  
3. Which one of these words

## Appeal Slated From Pinball Conviction

The case of a local cafe owner, recently convicted by a Marion county district court jury on a charge of operating a pinball machine, will be appealed to circuit court, attorneys said Monday.

George Green, convicted last week, appeared Monday before District Judge Joseph Felton, who assessed a \$75 fine. Lawrence Osterman, Green's attorney, asked for a stay of sentence until the appeal briefs could be drawn.

Green, proprietor of the Stop Lite coffee room south of Salem, complained to the court that he was the victim of a test of law in this county regarding pinball machines. Stating he had been in business here only two years, he said he intended to sell out and leave Marion county.

Judge Felton also ordered the pinball machine, which had been confiscated by Sheriff Denver Young in Green's establishment, to be destroyed.

## Chamber Hears About Prepaid Medical Plans

"Oregon is the envy of many a state for pre-paid medical plans originated by the doctors themselves," Salem Chamber of Commerce was told Monday by Glen Wade, public relations counselor for the Northwest Medical-Dental Credit Bureau.

Wade vigorously rejected the concept of socialized medicine and the pending legislation to put public medicine into social security system. He presented figures to back his assertions that such a plan would be much more costly than present voluntary medical plans.

Free enterprise is at stake, Wade declared in his address at a chamber luncheon, in the present issue of public medicine. He quoted Lenin's statement that socialized medicine is the keystone in the arch of the socialist state.

## Mill City Seeks Information on Industry Growth

Representatives of Mill City Chamber of Commerce met with Salem chamber officials Monday in Salem to discuss methods of bringing new industries to Mill City.

They were Harold Kliever, Mill City mayor; Charles Wolverson, editor of the Mill City Enterprise; and Robert Veness, Tony Ziebert and George L. Steffy.

Advising the group for the Salem chamber were William H. Baillie, chairman of the industrial committee; Roy Harland, president, and Clay Cochran, representative.

The Mill City representatives stressed that they are seeking to bring in industry that will effect permanent employment for the flood of new residents due to arrive when construction of Detroit dam gets under way.

is misspelled? Initiate, iniquity, ining, inimical.

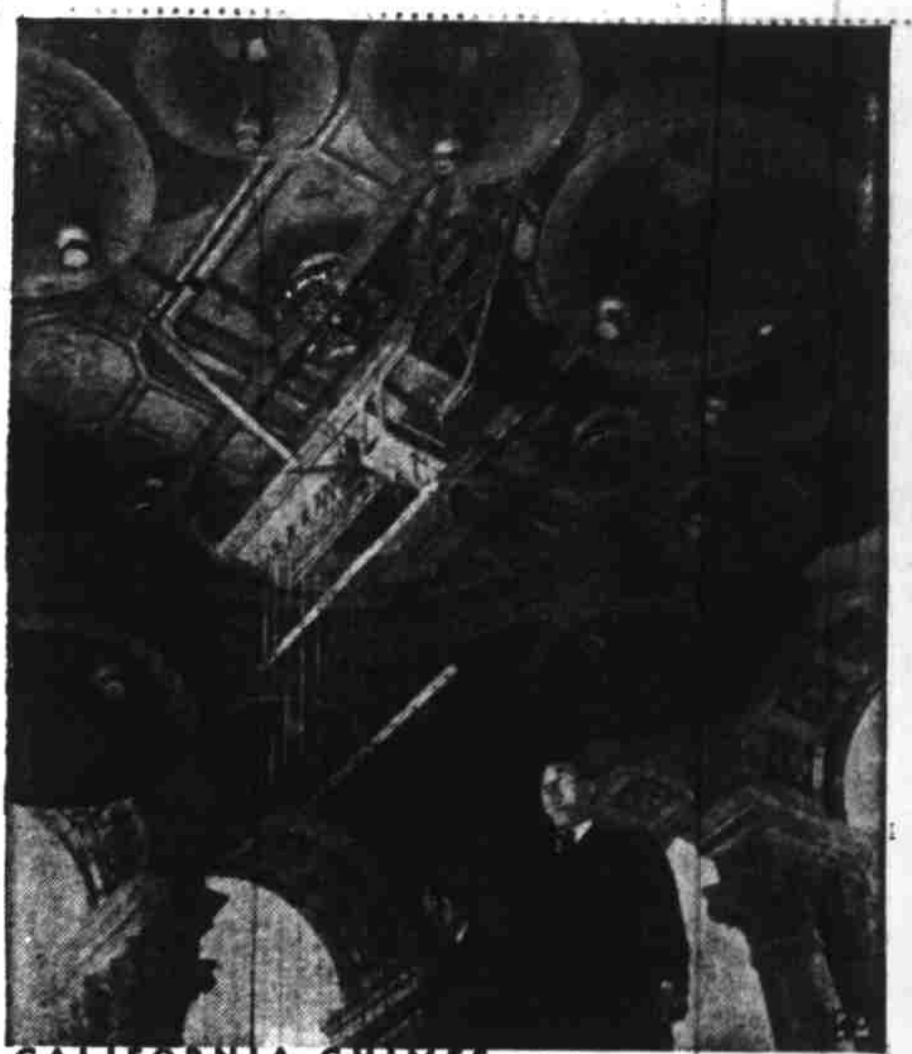
4. What does the word "ostentation" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with la that means "to tear"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He Wrecked his vengeance in so, not as a, 3. Inning, 4. Unnecessary show. "It was a coarse and glittering ostentation." 5. Lacerate.

## SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES



CALIFORNIA CHIMES—John M. Noyes, chairman of the University of California, at Berkeley, checks wires leading to the bells, the smallest 249 and the largest 4,118 pounds.

## Ignorance of God Declared Root of Evil

A lecture by Paul Stark Seeley of Portland on the subject "Christian Science: Rational Religion," was delivered at the senior high school last night.

The speaker said that it is entirely natural for everyone accurately to understand the nature of God, the one intelligent cause of the universe and man. The common ignorance of God, he said, is what produces all kinds of human discord, and the understanding of God and man's relationship to Him is what will bring health, harmony, and success into our daily lives. The belief that God is an enlarged human personality, Mr. Seeley said, is an impossible concept for the universal cause of creation.

Christian Science, he asserted, accepts Jesus' definition of God as spirit, another word for mind. It teaches that the only rational concept of God is as the positive, all-intelligent, all-loving mind, expressed in limitless individualities, the highest of whom is man.

Mary Baker Eddy held fast in her thought, in her life, and in her writings to the logic that a good God makes only a good and harmonious man, the speaker pointed out. Her teachings now encircle the earth because they are rational, said the lecturer.

## Edward Fandrich Dies Here at 68; Services Today

Funeral services will be held today for Edward Fandrich, 68, who died Sunday at a Salem hospital after an illness of several months. The Rev. Dudley Strain will officiate at the 3 p.m. services at W. T. Ridgion chapel, and interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

Fandrich was a long-time Salem resident and was employed by the state of Oregon for 38 years. During the last 19 years he had operated the elevator at the supreme court building.

Fandrich was born in Russia, June 18, 1880, and came to the United States with his family when 10 years old. He resided in California for a year before the family moved to Salem in 1891. He was a member of the First Christian church and of Salem Elks lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Jennie Moll Fandrich; three stepchildren, John C. Ferguson jr., of Salem, Mrs. Claudine Delaney of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Christine Erickson of Siletz; three brothers, August, Daniel and Gustaf Fandrich and several nieces and nephews, all of Salem.

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## Queen Ballot Today at WU

Willamette university students will select their May Week end queen today in the third and last all-school election to determine her royal highness. The queen will be chosen from three senior contestants, Edith Fairham, Salem; Carol Dimond, Portland, and Barbara Miller, Troutdale.

Coronation will take place during the week end activities, April 29-May 1, according to Manager Robert McMullen, Taft. The two other finalists will be princesses in the royal court.

## Suit Protests Truck Permit

A suit seeking to block a recent public utilities commission permit to a Cottage Grove transfer company was filed in Marion county circuit court Monday.

The suit was filed by nine Oregon trucking and transport lines engaged in transporting petroleum and petroleum products in tank trucks.

It is directed against Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg. According to the complaint Flagg granted an operating permit to Jesse Lansing, jr., doing business as Cottage Grove-Eugene Freight & Transfer Company. Objectors claim the order is unlawful because it disregards the provisions of the motor transportation code regarding hearing on applications for permit to operate by transfer of operating rights and that the applicant failed to produce proof to support the findings of Flagg's order regarding transportation of petroleum.

Flagg's order had transferred to Lansing operating rights originally held by Jesse Lansing, jr.

## House and Family Offered to Find A New Husband

PORTLAND, April 18—(AP)—The offers are getting bigger on the marriage market, men.

When a 28-year old brunette decided today she wanted a man, she called in reporters and announced she had accepted inducements a house and a ready-made family of three daughters, three sons.

The woman, Mrs. Frieda Lawson, said she is currently getting \$200 monthly from the state welfare commission, "but I don't feel right about living on relief."

The husband she wants should be "somebody I can stand to look at, and he should have an income of at least \$350 a month."

She added, "I don't expect to love him right off."

The children, ranging in age from 11 years to 2, are the result of a marriage in Toppensish, Wash., when she was 16 years old. She said her husband left her two years ago, and she since had won a divorce.

While she talked, the children sat around, adding comments of approval on the project.



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