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UN and Peace Negotiations

The Statesman has made repeated emphasis on the role of diplomacy in breaking the deadlock between east and west. Not the diplomacy of the international conference, with klieg lights and microphones and movie reels and reporters with the whole world sitting as it were in the galleries, but the more artful method of quiet negotiation. Intermediaries might be used—Japan started overtures for peace through Russia in the summer of 1945.

The "break" actually came through conversations by national representatives at the United Nations general assembly. There were preliminary news reports from Europe. Hints seem to have been dropped here and there. One story said the Russians in Berlin were having the railway rolling stock put in shape, suggesting resumption of traffic was not far off.

The state department did not follow up these tips. That would not have been wise, because a rebuff would have been painful. Instead approaches were made, through whose instigation we are not informed, at the UN general assembly. Philip Jessup, the U.S. delegate, got into conference with Jacob A. Malik, the Russian delegate. Jessup learned that there was substance to the rumors, that Russia was interested in resuming the four-power conference and was willing to lift the blockade. Later Tass, the Russian news agency, broke the story and American officials confirmed the fact that conversations had taken place.

No "deal" has been made yet though one seems in the making. Secretary Acheson has conferred with representatives of Britain and France, to develop a joint policy. Maybe the overtures will fail and the stalemate continue. All the world hopes however that the blockade at Berlin may be lifted and the cold war greatly eased.

Here we have evidence that the United Nations has proved valuable as a sort of neutral meeting-ground. It may be that Secretary Trygve Lie was instrumental in bringing Jessup and Malik together—Lie has been earnestly trying to resolve the difference in Germany. It may prove that the UN had an important part in effecting a peaceful settlement. If that does develop then assuredly world hopes for UN as an instrument of peace will have been lifted.

It is too early to charge off United Nations as a loss. No nation has withdrawn from it. The USSR still professes allegiance to it. UN alone deserves credit for ending the civil war in Palestine. It has functioned successfully in Iran and in Kashmir, and had partial success in Indonesia.

We must preserve UN as an instrument whose power will grow with use. The more it is

used and relied on the faster it will develop as an agency to save the peace of the world.

Painless Politics

It's election time again. Time for genial gerrymandering, carefree cabals, jocund juntos. Or so it would seem to the uninitiated looking at the annual extracurricular political goings-on on most American campuses. Not the more-or-less serious activities of the junior branches of major political parties—young republicans, budding democrats, juvenile progressives or infant communists. But the seasonal revival of student interest in collegiate governmental organizations.

This is when the campus politicians have their spring fling. Caucuses are held, openly and off-the-record; slates of candidates are made up; speeches are written and the fine phrases polished in practice sessions before mirrors or roommates; campaign posters are painted and nailed up by the manual laborers essential to every political party—humble and eager freshmen, and jaloopies are dusted off and decorated for parades and cross-campus stumping.

All this brisk and buoyant business leads up to the great day when the mighty masses, the boys and girls trooping to the ballot boxes, reveal the people's choice. After that—except for some gleeful statements by the winners in the college press and some marvelously knowing post mortems by the defeated—there is all over until the next campaign.

Or so it would seem to the casual onlooker. Actually, however, campus politics are not quite so innocent nor so insignificant.

As sometimes rather accurate small-scale models of mature civic activities, campus politics serve as a reflection of adult tactics. Parties may stand on certain platforms or they may base their appeal to class prejudices. Splinter organizations develop and coalitions are formed. Fence-mending, coercion, pork-barrelling, bribery, gaudy promises and other dubious tricks of the trade are practiced in miniature. And general apathy between elections usually prevails. On the other hand, all that is good about democratic procedure is also evident: issues are brought to light and differences thrashed out in public, the electorate is urged to get out the vote, and the rule of the majority is respected.

Campus politics—for all their sportive appearance—can be a valuable training field for future citizens. Just as the student who plays intramural baseball "for fun" may later find he could qualify for the big leagues, so the collegiate voter can learn—painlessly outside the classroom—the elementary facts of bigtime politics and everyday citizenship.

Pact Talks Show Typical Approach

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Discussion of the Atlantic pact in the senate foreign affairs committee represents a typical American approach to great international problems. Diplomats and senators alike feel the obligation to let the public know what its affairs are being handled with searchlight care and deliberation. Sometimes this seems to deteriorate into an effort to convince ourselves that we aren't doing what we are doing.

When it was decided that Britain needed a big victory loan, everything was agreed upon among the top leaders. Then it went to congress, where Britain was so berated that much of the good will of the action was lost. Congress approved the Marshall plan and then scared Europe to death with a last minute fight over the actual appropriation.

Now the United States has taken the lead in forming a historical alliance. Norway, for instance, joined under considerable pressure and in defiance of threats from neighboring Russia. But, instead of standing as a firm and shining example of western unity, it seems likely that the pact will be delivered all tarnished with legalistic quibbling. It would be unnatural if Europe does not wonder, if interpretation of the fact varies so much now, what loopholes will be sought in case of an emergency. The alliance is designed as a firm warning that no nation can again gamble on conquering Europe without having to fight the United States. Its hope for peace lies in the fact that no nation is going to deliberately attack the United States in all its power.

The pact also has its economic objective. It is to assure western Europe that its industrial and business life can be rebuilt without fear of loss by war.

have widely feared; that the U.S. no longer tries to ignore the fact that trouble in Europe is trouble in Kansas.

The U.S. army, navy and air force are deployed in Britain, Germany, Austria, Trieste and the Middle East. A war of any size could hardly start without involving them immediately, past or no pact.

For the diplomats to say, then, that the pact does not mean automatic war in case of aggression is merely to disguise the taste

of the medicine.

The Atlantic pact represents heroic action for a nation which has sought traditionally to keep clear of the entanglements of others. It represents one of the most momentous policy shifts in American history.

One of the keenest American observers of the international scene asked me yesterday: "Why is it, when we are going to do something heroic, we don't recognize the value of doing it heroically?"

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And it only cost 200 dollars ... 43 dollars for parts and 157 bucks for traffic violations ...

Damage Heavy in Mt. Angel Flax Fire



MT. ANGEL—Pictured here is the interior of the flax shed which was burned Monday at Mt. Angel. Machinery here, including a tractor, a tow machine, baler, wagon and three motors, was ruined by flames and heat. (Statesman Farm photo).



MT. ANGEL—Fred Schwab, plant manager (left) with William Harryfield and Mike Kleinschmidt, plant employees, are shown putting out the fire in bales of tow after one of the flax buildings at Mt. Angel Flax Growers association burned Monday. Extinguishing fire in tow is difficult and small blazes continued to break out throughout the day. Twenty tons of tow was destroyed. (Statesman Farm photo).

The Safety Valve

Progress Club Would Widen So. Commercial To the Editor:

At a meeting of the board of directors of the South Salem Progress club last night, in summing up the needs of this part of town as five foot sidewalks, the membership of the club, we unanimously agreed to the following:

That for the betterment of the entire city of Salem, for the convenience of the people living here and for the out of town people coming here to trade, that South Commercial street should be widened five feet on each side, which would, with the 60 feet we now have, make a total of 70 feet from property line to property line. Then starting one foot outside of the property line we would first have a five foot sidewalk, then a seven foot space for parking cars, next four 11-foot traffic lanes for two way traffic, then another seven foot lane for parking cars. This widening brings us one foot to the property line and fills the 70 foot space. If the engineers think they need a few extra feet it is O. K.

The above plan would cost little and would be ample to carry two times the volume of traffic that could possibly come in over the present connecting streets and highways. We also should have traffic lights at Owens and Mission streets and the widening extend from just north of Mission street to the south city limits. This would take 15 feet less than the Baldock plan calls for off of each side of the street, and would not ruin residential streets and would save the cost of widening and re-surfacing them.

South Salem Progress Club Board of Directors Clayton W. Jones, chairman.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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adopts, the council will have to adapt the street pattern to conform.

The next problem is routing 99E through the city. Apparently no funds are in sight for the Lancaster drive bypass. The best suggestion made is for making Pine street the access road into the center of the city for trucks. Then passenger cars can use Summer and Capitol. South Commercial and South Liberty streets can be made one-directional whenever it seems necessary, if the alternate of street widening on Commercial seems too costly.

Some objection has come from Pine street residents to use of their street for trucks. Widening and improving this street will however open up a section of city and probably will result in increase of property values, which may offer some compensation for the truck-travel nuisance.

With consideration as to timing, our traffic problems can be solved. I feel sure that some of the fears now expressed will not be realized, though the change will not be painless or without injury to some. The rule to be followed is: Make the decision that seems the wisest solution for the long-time future. When that is made then close ranks for attack on other civic problems which confront Salem.

Jolly Neighbors Club Has Meeting at Swegle

SRWEGLE — Mrs. Raymond Benson was hostess for the Jolly Neighbors club at her Brown Road home Friday afternoon.

Present for the dessert luncheon and social afternoon were Mrs. E. J. Fordyce, Mrs. Theron Kent, Mrs. Henry Preim, Mrs. Henry Mehl, Mrs. John Janson, Mrs. Ray Bernardy, Mrs. Keefer, Mrs. George Brown and the hostess.

Folk Dancers Pick Festival Directors

Committee chairmen for the statewide festival of folk dancing clubs at Salem Sunday, May 15, were announced Tuesday. Costumed dancers from all parts of the state are expected to participate in the colorful pageant.

Appointed by John Geisler, president of the Salem Gate-swingers club were Mrs. David C. Duniway, refreshments; Mrs. Estell L. Brunk, costumes; Harold Bowman, decorations; Bryan Goodenough, reception; Fred L. Halvarson, sound; Mrs. Mary Swegart, invitations.

Measles Top Lists Of County Diseases

Measles topped by far the list of reportable diseases in Marion county for the week just ended, according to a tabulation from the office of Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer.

Half of the 48 cases of measles were in Salem. All four cases of mumps listed were in Salem, but most of the seven cases of chickenpox were elsewhere. Salem also accounted for the county's three cases of influenza, two of conjunctivitis and one of rheumatic fever.

Profit Cashing Cuts Grain Gain

CHICAGO, May 3 —(P)—Fair gains scored midway through today's board of trade session ran into profit cashing at the close. The result was that closing prices were off more than a cent from the day's high.

The upswing started in wheat and reflected some mill buying and short covering. Italy bought 400,000 hundredweight of flour overnight and traders had reports that Norway and Holland will soon be in the flour market.

At the close wheat was 1/4 to 1/2 higher, corn was unchanged to 1/8 higher, oats were 1/2 to 1 1/2 higher, rye was 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 higher, soybeans were 1/4 higher to a cent lower and lard was 12 to 22 cents a hundredweight lower.

Pat's Bridge Closed By Court's Order After Faults Found

Pat's bridge, an inter-county structure across Pudding river in the northeast corner of Marion county, has been closed following a conference of officials from Marion and Clackamas county courts.

Trusses under the bridge were found to be spreading when examined by Ted Kuenzi, bridge foreman, and E. L. Rogers, commissioner of Marion county. The bridge condition was described as so dangerous that fatal consequences might result from its continued use.

Physical maintenance of the bridge rests with Clackamas county. It is located on Marion county road 428 west of Barlow.

Late Demand Boosts Stocks

NEW YORK, May 3—(P)—A revival of demand gave the stock market a little bounce in the last few minutes of trading today.

Closing prices showed a fairly even mixture of gains and losses running from fractions to around a point. The pickup in buying interest wiped out many early losses.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks advanced .11 of one point to 63.2. The industrial group posted the only gain.

Only \$92 individual issues appeared on the ticker tape, of which \$79 advanced and \$29 declined.

Police Order Hold on Hall

Salem police Tuesday placed a detainer with Benton county authorities on Richard Howard Hall, a transient being held in the county jail in Corvallis on a check charge.

Salem detectives said they are holding a Marion county district court warrant charging Hall with cashing a worthless \$84 check at the White & Sons Feed store, 261 State st., earlier this year. The warrant sets bail at \$1,500.

Better English By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was aggravated by her husband's failure to appear."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "lyceum"?
3. Which of these words is misspelled? Malefactor, malediction, maleable.
4. What does the word "biblioclasm" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with vi that means "disposed to revenge"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, She was provoked? 2. pronounce li-se-um, i and in lie, as in see, and accent second syllable. 3. maleable. 4. Destruction or mutilation of books, especially the Bible. 5. Vindictive.

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GIRLS LEAGUE ELECTS
LaJune Rahtz was elected Girls League president, and Beverly Witt was named vice president at a Salem high school election Tuesday.

Second Ballot will be held Wednesday between Helen Cadd and Lee Strode for secretary, and Janet Bolt and Rosemary Rowell for treasurer.

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