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## General Clay Retires

General Lucius Clay will retire in a few days from the arduous post as military governor of Germany. He does so at a high moment which contrasts sharply with the bitter and discouraging periods that have marked much of the postwar period. As the trains rumble into Berlin from the west and back again Clay must enjoy the victory that comes from a triumph of policy.

Clay has stood up against Russian pressure and it was his answer of the allied air lift which brought defeat to the Russian effort to squeeze the allies out of Berlin. Launching the lift was a risk. There were many skeptics who thought it would fall to bring in the supplies that Berlin needed, who feared the grounding of planes in winter storms and fog might bring Berlin to a state of siege. There was danger too that Russia might offer interference with the transport planes; and incidents might occur that would precipitate war. Last spring and summer the west did not know how far Russia was prepared to go to support its policy.

The "calculated risk" that General Clay took paid off. The air lift was costly, running into hundreds of millions of dollars. But it delivered the goods. The record load was just under 13,000 tons in one day. The airlift demonstrated the magnitude of American and British air power. It reassured the Germans that the allies would stick it out and not turn their country over to communism. It finally convinced the Russians that resumption of trade and of negotiations was better than the deadlock and far better than resort to arms.

For four years General Clay has been at the most sensitive spot on earth. A miscalculation or a wrong move might have resulted in war. His great discretion and his firmness have combined to save the situation from disaster. The German people have come to trust him; the Russians to respect him. As his tour of duty draws to an end he should receive the very highest tribute from the peoples of the western nations.

## Socialism Ahead for British Steel

The British House of Commons has voted to nationalize the steel industry. This is the capstone of the labor party's socialization program for its five-year lease of power. There is no valid basis of criticism of steel's performance as there was with the coal industry; but the left wing of the labor party demanded steel's nationalization.

It may be noted that these nationalized industries do pretty well for the bureaucrats that run them. The Glasgow Sunday Post reports that the chairman of the coal board gets \$34,000 a year, and a deputy divisional marketing manager gets \$12,000. In nationalized transport the chairman gets \$34,000 and the 13 transport commissioners get \$20,000 a year. Not bad for government jobs. Steel should do as well for the topdogs.

Pacific University and the Forest Grove section of Tualatin plains are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. A 16-scene historical pageant is planned for Sept. 19-25. We haven't heard if the male residents are to grow whiskers—perhaps not, since Forrest Grove was a seat of "culture." But there will be a queer, and already they are circulating "wooden" money made from a beech tree that was Grandmother Tabitha Brown's bee tree. She is the grand old pioneer woman who arrived in Salem with her party on Christmas day, 1846, having made the crossing from Fort Hall by the "southern

## Senate Stopper Holds Reorganization

By Joseph Alsop  
WASHINGTON, May 11—The president has done well to give the congress a sort of tickler, in his statement urging quick action on government reorganization. The truth is that all the ponderous labors of the Hoover commission are perilously likely to produce no more result than the fruitless efforts to reorganize the government in the Roosevelt years.

Several bills are before congress, ranging in character from the second defense unification bill to the bills raising the abominably low salaries of higher officials, and giving the government decent house-keeping services. The heart of the whole program, however, is the measure granting the president general powers to bring order out of the chaos of the whole executive branch.

And this heart has, so to speak, already had a dagger driven through it in the senate committee on executive expenditures. The hand that held the dagger was the hand of Senator John L. McLellan of Arkansas, a pleasant-mannered country lawyer who would have felt more at home in the administration of James K. Polk. He gutted the bill by a simple system. He attached an amendment providing that anything the president does to make the executive branch more efficient, may be disapproved by either the senate or the house within sixty days.

As a practical matter, this provision simply means that the president will be deprived from going any of the really difficult and important parts of the job.

For there is hardly any administrative agency worthy of the name that cannot muster the votes to preserve itself in at least one chamber of congress. Patronage, plus pork, plus local interests, plus the seniority system in congressional committees, make this certain. In its present form, in short, the general reorganization bill is a fraud.

Considering past history, it is not surprising that the principal agency Senator McLellan is seeking to protect, at the expense of all hope of effective government reorganization, should be the army engineers. Arkansas is one of the states where the engineers wield great political power, owing to the local importance of flood control. As a member of the Hoover commission, Senator McLellan joined former Representative Carter Manaster in a hard fight to have the Hoover group recognize the army engineers' sacrosanct status.

Since Senator McLellan failed on the Hoover commission, the engineers have been working overtime to protect themselves in congress. Their instrument has been their special lobby, the rivers and harbors congress. This group, in which interested contractors, representatives of interested states, and the private power companies join to serve their army friends, is about as mean, powerful and three-cornered a lobbying organization as exists in Washington. The congress may now be said to have triumphed in Senator McLellan's committee.

It must be added that this is by no means the first occasion when this theoretically subordinate corps of army officers has ventured to attack avowed white house policy. The long-famous Pick-Sloan plan for the Missouri valley bears the name of the present chief of army engineers. It is, essentially, a plan to safeguard the army engineer's field

immigrant route." Later she settled in the Tualatin valley and started a school which was chartered as Tualatin Plains academy in 1849. Later the name was changed to Pacific university. This institution has rendered splendid service through a century and is in strong position to run the race through another hundred years.

## Divorces Causes

The divorce complaints usually cite cruelty as grounds for divorce. The San Francisco juvenile court after a study of 341 cases which involved child custody found that the real causes of divorce are principally alcohol, poor house-keeping, too early marriage or too short a courtship, "in-laws" and lack of religious training. Its report concludes:

"From an over-all observation, it appears that perhaps the basic reason for divorce is that adults feel they are entitled to happiness in this world, from which follows an increasing tolerance of divorce in our time. "That there is no doubt that many divorces are products of a generation grown up during a period of turmoil and confusion wherein that which was once taboo has become acceptable now; and wherein there has come about a discarding, to a great degree, of emphasis on the sound historical and spiritual values of our forefathers."

Happiness is a great goal in life; but in marriage happiness is a product of joint effort not something that comes as one of the wedding gifts.

## Heading Brings Shock

It was something of a shock to see the heading "Eagle Scout Held for Church Slaying" in The Statesman Wednesday. The shock is testimony to the high standards of scouting. The rarity of apprehension of a boy scout for a crime against the law is very well known; and for an eagle scout to commit homicide seems quite incredible. But boys do go wrong—this lad was a choir boy at church as well as a scout; and no one grieves over a boy's downfall more than the agencies—scouts, church, YMCA—which have worked to build up his character. Think how many more moral failures we would have if we didn't have these organizations for youth training.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Chicago Daily News exposed the facts that over 30 editors and publishers of papers in Illinois were on the state payroll during the administration of Governor Green. That is a sorry record for the newspapermen of Illinois and for the state republican machine which made hirelings out of them. The voters of Illinois kicked Green out at the last election giving his democratic opponent Aldai Stevenson the largest majority in history. Had this newspaper scandal been made public before election the Green defeat would have been even bigger.

Governor Tom Dewey says there's "no politics" in his vacation trip to Europe; and says he isn't going to pull a "Henry Wallace" while he's abroad. He may still have ambitions for the presidency but we doubt if republican lightning will strike three times in the same place.

Some of the administration spokesmen say the country will go into a tailspin if congress clamps brakes on spending. Other eminent authorities say we'll be broke soon if we don't. It seems we're doomed, one way or the other.

The horse Ponder, winner of the Kentucky derby, left a good many bum guessers plenty of losses to ponder over.

## A Princess Swim Suit vs. Queen's Hats

By Henry McLemore  
NEW YORK, May 11—Just why the English Royal Family should get so daddled and burned up over an Italian photographer taking a picture of Princess Margaret Rose in a bathing suit is beyond me.

For years and years they have been allowing photographers to take pictures of Queen Mary in those hats she wears, without raising a finger to stop them. Now don't try to tell me that Princess Margaret doesn't look better in a bathing suit than her grandmother does in those four-story turbans she has been inflicting on herself and the public for half a century or more.

What in the world is Princess Margaret supposed to wear when swimming if it isn't a bathing suit? I could understand the Buckingham bluebloods getting upset if the photographer had snapped a picture of the princess swimming while wearing an evening dress, or a racoon coat, or an ermine cloak and her father's crown. But why all the excitement over a picture of her in a swimming costume expressly designed for such a purpose?

They might just as well stamp their royal feet and narrow their royal eyes at any photographer who took a picture of the princess daring to wear a riding habit while riding a horse, or wearing a raincoat when walking in the rain.

There is the chance, of course, that Mrs. Henry Truman inspired the Royal Family to take the bathing suit stand it did. You will remember that when the president was last at Key West on vacation photographers were forbidden to snap him while in swimming, and he explained the ban by saying that Mrs. Truman had told him to pose in a bathing suit. I can understand Mrs. Truman's attitude, because my wife is of the same mind. She says I am far more attractive in a suit of armor or a diving bell.

Why, I don't know, unless it is because my knees have an affinity for one another, and stay as close together as possible, while my ankles are dread enemies and get as far from one another as they can.

Speaking of Margaret Rose reminds me of roses, and roses remind me of spring, and spring reminds me of something of which I have written about a thousand times—women's clothes. Why is it that women have to have a change of clothes for each season of the year? Honest, you'd think they were trees, and that the laws of nature demanded that they have a switch of foliage. Come to think of it, most women have something in common with trees—they have a sap (or saps) working for them.

Spring being here, women have to have spring clothes. Why? Why (to use two "whys" in a row) couldn't women just take off the coat they were wearing the winter to keep warm and use the same dress for spring? Men do that. The same old suit that worked for winter, works for spring. All that is needed for a man to make the haberdashery switch from snow to robins is to shed the overcoat and the vest.

As soon as spring has sprung, women have to have summer clothes. Why? (One more "why" and the record for the use of the word will be mine.) Spring is much like summer, so is there any reason for women having to have a new wardrobe for that season of the year?

Men don't. The suit that did faithful service in winter, carried on through spring, continues to do yeoman work in summer. I won't name all the seasonal changes of women's outfits, but they have to have outdoors for Indian summer, early fall, late fall, and before winter, it's a new winter set of garments. I maintain that if the women of this country didn't require so many changes of clothes the U.S. never would have to worry about going bankrupt. Men would have enough money to triple the Marshall Plan outfit with a smile.

But I must admit—which kills my entire argument—that I wouldn't have American women change one whit. They're terrible, but they're magnificent. McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

## Better English

By D. C. Williams  
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They introduced a new innovation."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "adult"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accomodate, accompaniment, acclimate.  
4. What does the word "circumvention" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with "s" that means "apt to catch at faults"?  
ANSWERS  
1. Omit new. 2. Adult. 3. Accommodate. 4. Act of surrounding, as by stratagem. "They soon discovered that circumvention was futile." Captious.

Labrador is expected, in the near future, to produce more than 10,000,000 tons of iron ore every year.

## FAR EAST PROBLEM CHILD



## Literary Guidepost

By W. E. Rogers  
NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE, by Mark Van Doren (Siloane) \$3.50

One of the difficulties about Hawthorne has always been that, as so many of his characters were unreal, so was he. Despite the brilliant comments on Hawthorne the writer by Melville,

Henry James and Poe, he has been passed down to us by biographers as a shadowy figure, a vague man among womenfolk, a solitary walking on a distant hillside, aloof and taciturn.

And a second difficulty has been that critics, in love with all his works, expect us to accept all or none, well, half or none, when so much of what he wrote can find, and deserves to find, no audience today. "Do not stick at any strangeness," he urged bravely, and the result was too often strangeness, in the Gothic tales and romances, at which we today can't help but stick.

Van Doren's contribution, consequently, seems to me very substantial, and very persuasive. Hawthorne comes alive not merely as a man with a pen but also as the husband of Sophia Peabody, as the friend of Franklin Pierce, as the man who himself "never understood what he had done in 'The Scarlet Letter'."

And Van Doren shows a judicial discrimination in praising "The Scarlet Letter" to the skies, and being content to explain what missed fire in much of the rest of Hawthorne's writing. Even if we do not agree that passages in this one novel reached "the high mark in American fiction," we acknowledge gladly that here for once Hawthorne reared "individuals who can hold all of his thought."

He was born in Salem in 1804, died in Plymouth, N.H., in 1864, or 85 years ago this month. Graduate of Bowdoin, determined at an early age to write, he lived variously in Boston, Salem, West Roxbury, Concord, Lenox, and abroad, and eked out his income from books with customhouse and consular jobs here and in Liverpool.

He believed there was "evil in every human heart." Working with the pen which he called "an abominable little tool," he added, in Hester and a few other troubled souls, a handful of immortal to American fiction. In a literal sense, Van Doren has brought him from our dead past into our living present.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"My wife doesn't throw away my salary indiscriminately... she shares it equally between 3 select hat and gown shops..."

## Heavy Snow Pack To Delay Opening Crater Lake Lodge

Heavy snow pack is expected to delay opening this year the rim drive around Crater Lake and the east and north entrances, the national park service has advised the state highway commission travel bureau.

The west and south entrances to the park and on up to the rim are in excellent condition, officials said, with no snow or ice on the pavement. Snow depths are decreasing at the rate of about eight inches a day with indications that Annie Spring campground at the junction of the south and west roads will be in use much earlier than the rim campground.

Lodge accommodations will be available June 15 when sleeping cabins also will be opened for the season.

Limited services will be available at the Oregon Caves May 15 with all facilities in operation May 29, the travel bureau was informed.

## Pair Given Three Years in State Pen

Three-year prison sentences were meted to a pair, who had confessed crimes, in Marion county circuit court Wednesday by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

Donovan Harper O'Bryan was sentenced on a charge of larceny of a truck belonging to Orval E. Shryder. O'Bryan was the object of a chase involving five police cars earlier this week when he attempted to elude authorities while driving the stolen truck.

A charge of forging a check brought Raymond W. Kelly his sentence.

The United States produces three times as much steel as Canada but the ratio is expected to change in the near future when ore discovered in Labrador is mined.

## School Board Approves Plans, Calls Expansion Projects Bids

Additions and some remodeling to make the system adequate for the district's heavy pupil load by next fall, were another step forward today, after the school board approved plans and called for bids.

The bids will be opened June 7 for enlargement of Englewood and McKinley schools, leaving only one portion to be prepared from the \$1,500,000 bonding program voters approved a year ago. That part is enlargement of Richmond school, for which plans are not yet ready.

Englewood will become an 18-classroom school with construction of a three-story wing on the north side, to balance the wing built in 1937. The new section will have two classrooms and two restrooms on each floor. Some cloakrooms will be remodeled to allow corridors to the addition. The earlier wing includes a cafeteria and auditorium.

The enlargement of McKinley will include four classrooms in an ell-shaped single story to the west and cafeteria-auditorium play area in a single story on the east end. The school will also undergo some remodeling to place restrooms and a health room on the third floor, convert a second-floor classroom to a library and on the first floor improve toilet facilities and enlarge two classrooms, one of which will be for music.

## Hollywood On Parade

By Gene Handaker  
HOLLYWOOD — Gene Kelly, who looks like Fred Astaire, is branching out like Orson Welles. He co-authored the recent musical, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" — not a literary milestone but at least he helped write it. He gave himself the part of the baseball pitcher hero who escapes from the villains and saves the day, and the game, in the last minute.

Now he's a director. How that venture will turn out, of course, is problematical, but if effort and concentration can win, the odds are all on his side. Actually Gene is co-director, with his old pal and dancing aide, young Stanley Donen, set to "direct" the Broadway musical to the screen in virtually its stage form, without massive and incongruous production numbers. Kelly is also one of the picture's stars.

You can't visit the city and Kelly, Frank Sinatra, and Comedian Jules Munshin in sailors' white uniforms. Donen, slender, dark, and about 28, rides a leather seat on the side of the camera dolly. He calls for "Action!" The sailors go into some fast comedy with Betty Garrett and Ann Miller. Kelly is the one who calls "Cut!"

He tells the others, softly, what he wants them to do. Donen watches the scene through the camera's finder. Either can, and does, interrupt the shooting for another try.

"Sure, we've had differences of opinion," Kelly says during a brief breather. "If we didn't, there'd be no point in having two of us. But so far" — with a grin toward Donen — "no real arguments." Donen was co-author, with Kelly, of "Ball Game." They met years ago on Broadway, where both were dancers and dance directors. Donen since then has helped Kelly design and rehearse many movie dance routines. For a time he lived at Kelly's house.

Kelly wants to produce, write, direct, and act and dance in pictures though not necessarily all at the same time. He's writing a movie biography of Sinatra and hopes his studio will buy it and let him direct Sinatra in it. "Frank will be one of the great dramatic actors of the screen," Gene predicts. "People will forget he ever sang."

## Accountants Slate State Confab

Salem chapter of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants held a dinner meeting in the Senator hotel Tuesday night. Plans for the association's state convention to be held at Medford June 25 were presented by James Keyes, state president. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reason and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Middlebrooks, all of Portland.

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