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## Real Gain: Conference Doesn't End in a Row

The Paris conference of foreign ministers didn't end in a row or a washout. It took one or two steps, minding ones to be sure, toward a war settlement. For one thing, agreement was reached on disputed point which will permit the drafting of a treaty for Austria. For another, Russia agreed not to revive the Berlin blockade. Not much to warrant throwing hats in air, but enough to give relief from the hypertension that have prevailed during much of the past year. The cold war is getting cooler instead of hotter.

Austria was a horsetrading deal, one that might have been put through months ago if the traders had willed it. The west yields on Russia's demands for reparations from Austria, fixing them at \$150,000,000, and Russia gives up the attempt to get parts of Carinthia for its ex-satellite, Yugoslavia. Austria will probably be willing to accept the deal because it includes clearing the country of occupation troops and ending the expense of the occupation.

The trade on Berlin was just so-so. The west agrees to help restore east-west trade in Germany, which is sensible; and Russia agrees to let traffic flow. But this doesn't settle the rail strike which has tied up trains in Berlin.

On the major issues of a peace treaty for Germany no progress was made. Berlin remains a divided city because Russia insisted on retaining the veto if the four-power council was revived. West Germany continues to be separate from the soviet zone, as Vishinsky's "Back to Potsdam" drive failed.

Peace for Germany is still distant, and may await developments far removed, such as the growth or decline of power by the USA or the USSR. But something was accomplished when the four foreign ministers could meet and argue with much less acrimony than formerly, and have a modicum of success in reaching agreement.

The Byrnes formula still seems valid for dealing with Russia: Firmness and patience.

## A Few Fundamentals Needed

Considerable wordage came out of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association meeting at Gearhart last week end, but a most important aspect of the sessions received little if any public attention. It involved spelling.

The discussion arose after a midwest speaker was somewhat critical of journalism graduates because many could not spell. His comment provoked a lot of talk, and most of it was in defense of journalism schools, insofar as spelling was concerned, and critical of elementary education which so many times has sent boys and girls to college with fewer fundamentals in spelling than were learned by fourth grade students 25 years ago.

By far the greater proportion of publishers expressed belief the "modern" disregard of phonetics (sounding out words) was primarily responsible for the trouble. And there was unanimous criticism because few if any courses in spelling are offered after the 7th grade.

The factor is one which could well be considered carefully by the public schools. It is all very well to have high school courses in typing, driving cars, and shopwork. And perhaps it was proper that a prominent educator in a recent address should express pride in the fact that "schools these days teach more than just reading, writing and arithmetic." But it would also be proper if the fundamentals were not so badly

ly slighted as in some instances.

Maybe phonetic spelling was bad any maybe not. So far, however, we haven't noticed any betterment in results. In fact, when it is noticeable that graduate journalism students don't know the fundamentals of their own chosen trade, it is time something was done about it at the basic levels of instruction.

## Cities May Issue Anticipation Notes

A 1949 act will give cities the authority to issue short-term notes in anticipation of receipts of taxes levied but uncollected. School districts previously have had this power which is of great convenience to the unit of government.

The budget year starts July 1 but the heavy tax receipts are not turned over until December. This gives the city or district a thin period. Cities have issued warrants when the cash ran out, taking them up with incoming revenues. They are a nuisance for handling, often in small amounts.

With the new law the city can go to the banks and borrow such funds as are needed to tide over the lean period at minimum rates of interest, and warrants then may be cashed on presentation.

This is just a sample of legislation which attracts little public attention, yet is of considerable importance. And law-making in very large part consists of just such revising of old laws or enacting new ones to meet particular problems.

## Hohenzollern Princess to Amarillo

The slogan in World War I was "Hang the Kaiser." It didn't happen — Wilhelm retired to Holland to pass his days quietly, taking his exercise sawing wood, never returning to Germany. Lloyd George won his postwar election campaign in Britain with promises of bringing the ex-kaiser to trial but Holland refused to extradite him and the rather feeble attempt at a prosecution for war crimes failed.

The first world war has receded far into the background, and now an American and a Texan has married the granddaughter of the last Kaiser. She is Princess Cecilie, daughter of Crown Prince Wilhelm. Remember the crown prince, who was also on the hate list in 1917-18? He's an old man now, age 72, residing in Germany, shorn of power, clinging only to his Hohenzollern title. His daughter will exchange hers for love and an American home — the groom-elect is an interior designer.

It's a long way from Germany to Amarillo, Texas; and it used to be a much longer way from royalty to commoner. The wars have changed things greatly. Dictators are as tough on kings as democracy. A royal title no longer guarantees a meal, and even dukes must eat. Assuming that all the world still loves a lover, America will congratulate the newly-weds and trust that Princess Cecilie comes to like America—and Texas—as Mrs. Clyde Harris of Amarillo.

Henry McLemore, our neighbor on the right, thinks the country is "coddling communists." He's all excited over our excessive tolerance. Maybe the government did coddle the commies in the balmy new deal days, but even the Roosevelts woke up to their tricks and turned them down. Now in rather crude ways we are hounding the reds by committee and court. Henry should go back to being funny.

Father's day is past so the gent will be on the giving end for the next 364 days.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A 10 billion dollar construction program will go far to lay the ghost of unemployment... and just think of the cornerstone speeches, Gentlemen!..."

## Even the Wee Hours Noisy In New York

By Henry McLemore  
NEW YORK, June 21—There must be tens of thousands of people in New York who are employed just to make noise.

Just as an opera star has an aria, so must the city on the Hudson.

I recently returned from a couple of weeks there and my ears still are ringing like church bells from the din and clatter. It is unceasing, too. I have read of how the great city sleeps in the wee hours of the morning, and how at that time the silence is so deep that one can hear a barefooted cat crossing Brooklyn bridge, or a scrubwoman in a skyscraper sighing over her tiring task, even though she be 65 stories up.

That might have been true in O. Henry's time, but it isn't true today. If anything, the city gets noisier in those hours just before dawn begins to wrestle with night, and the last night club boogiewoogie player has gone to bed. The noise is so great at this time that a cat wearing hobnailed boots and playing a rusty bugle could cross six bridges without attracting attention to himself, and all the scrubwomen in the world could beat their mops on tin roofs without drawing particular notice.

This is especially true if one happens to be staying in a hotel in the midtown area. It is in this area that most of those tens of thousands of city employed noise-makers concentrate. In a city the size of New York one expects such noises as the rumble of subways, the hushed roar of trains passing deep in the earth, the banging backfires of buses and trucks, the horns of taxis, and the songs and laughter of fire-watereed citizens on their way home after a night of revelry.

But these noises are just the beginning of the noises that float up from the street, come pounding through your hotel windows, reverberate around your room like a ricocheting bullet, and attack your ears with both fists and both feet. These sounds are just child's play compared to the ones made by the professional racket-raisers.

There is one group, for example, which I am sure has instructions to knock in all plate glass windows and to use lead pipes while doing same. I have never seen them at work, truly, chiefly because I was afraid to poke my head out of the window. My head, a bit shiny on top these days, might look too much like a window in the moonlight, and cause me to get a lead pipe whack. Miraculously, the windows are all intact in the morning. There is no sign of violence on the streets, which is a mystery I can't understand.

Another regiment of noise-makers has for its specialty the playing of Wagner's works on the giant garbage pails in front of apartment buildings and hotels. Starting at about four in the morning these artists of the galvanized buckets play everything Wagner ever composed, and then do a bit of Gershwin for an encore. They are even more skillful than the window smashers, and use not the sissy lead pipe, but the massive crowbar to do their playing.

Working with the Wagner musicians are the strong men who are not satisfied with what is going on beneath New York's streets, and so go about lifting all manhole covers and taking a downward peek. This is a very laudable curiosity but for one thing — they never place the manhole covers down gently, but skid them across the pavement like kids pitching pennies at a crack. The resulting sound is guaranteed to turn on the faucet of any tub in any hotel room under 3 stories in the air, and cause the occupant of the room to smash light bulbs across 'his head in order to get a little quiet.

It's a good thing Rip Van Winkle got his rest long ago.

## Three Damage Suits Entered Against Herron

Suits to collect damages totaling \$27,377 were filed by three persons against Jay C. Herron, 645 Judson st., in Marion county circuit court Tuesday.

Ottis R. Berry, 2427 S. Cottage st., Beatrice James, 575 S. 25th st., and William H. Johnston filed the suits seeking judgment for injuries and automobile damage allegedly incurred in a collision March 29 between cars driven by Berry and Herron.

Each suit alleges Herron attempted to pass a car while driving south on the Pacific highway about three miles north of Brooks and struck Berry's automobile, injuring the driver and his two passengers.

The suits allege Herron attempted to pass without a clear lane ahead, without his lights burning and at an unreasonable speed.

Berry seeks damages totaling \$7,665 for personal injuries and \$1,341 for damages to his car allegedly incurred in the accident. Johnston asks \$7,751 for personal injuries, and Mrs. James seeks \$10,720 for personal injuries and time lost from employment, all allegedly incurred in the accident.

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to the Sherman anti-trust act, congress passed a law lifting penalties if states enacted legislation to regulate the business. After the railroad was accused of violating the Sherman act in rate-making, congress passed a bill permitting joint action by the roads, subject to the review of the interstate commerce commission. Now the basing-point decision is having its teeth drawn.

The Sherman act is too rigid to fit the present age of national industrial development. It works too much like the mythical Procrustes who tied his victims to a bed. If their limbs were too long he chopped them off; if too short he stretched them out.

Congress has never tried to write a new general law that would give reasonable liberty to business and still restrain corporate excesses, though the house judiciary committee is going to hold hearings on the way the anti-trust laws are operating. Lacking a new law congress revises the Sherman act piecemeal, as in the instances mentioned. This is slow and cumbersome. It waits on the response of informed opinion. The pending house hearings might develop new and practical ideas that would preserve the values of the Sherman act and still give business greater flexibility.

## Better English

By D. C. Williams

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1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They approached the governor for clemency."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "massacre"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Paroxysm, witicism, atheism.

4. What does the word "illogical" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "ce" that means "very fat"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "They petitioned the governor for clemency." 2. Pronounce mas-a-ker, first a as in mass, second a unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Paroxysm. 4. Contrary to sound reasoning. 5. Expulsiat.

when New York wasn't quit what it is today. If he hadn't his story would have been one of insomnia, not of sleep, despite the fact he lived more than 50 miles away from little old New York.

## Cherry Queen, Court Have Heavy Schedule

Public appearances of the Cherry festival court will continue this week with Queen Patricia O'Connor and her princesses as honored guests.

They are slated to appear at the auto races at Hollywood Bowl Friday night, luncheon meetings of service clubs today and Thursday and at a tea Sunday given by members of the Zonta club. They were guests of the Lions club Tuesday noon.

## Trapping of Beaver Upheld In State Court

The state supreme court Tuesday upheld the state game commission's program of trapping destructive beaver and selling their pelts.

Suit to have the program declared illegal was filed against the game commission by Edward Fields and six other residents of Union county. Circuit Judge R. J. Green, Union county, held the program legal and he was affirmed in an opinion written by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk.

The high court disbarred Wesley Yates, Portland attorney, on five charges of unprofessional conduct filed by the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar. These charges included use of client's money.

Other opinions Tuesday: Held in a Clackamas county case that S. Raven, a logging truck contract carrier, must pay \$8000 damages for a fatal automobile accident, and that two companies for which he hauled logs are not to blame. These companies are Crown Zellerbach and Weyerhaeuser Timber companies.

Hubert J. Persons was killed when his car collided with Raven's truck which failed to stop. Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette, in the lower court, held that the damages should be assessed against Raven and the two companies. Justice Arthur Hay, in his opinion, held that Raven alone was responsible.

## New Gas Tax Starts July 2

A law of the 1949 legislature increasing the state gasoline tax one cent a gallon becomes operative July 2, instead of July 1 of July 16, Attorney General George Neuner advised Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury here Tuesday.

The act doubling the automobile registration fee from \$5 to \$10 a year is effective January 1, of next year. It had been publicized in some quarters, Newbury said, that the latter amendment became operative July 1.

State highway department officials estimated that the additional one cent a gallon gasoline tax would return to the state approximately \$4,550,000 along with \$2,750,000 from the increased automobile registration fee and \$600,000 from the public utilities commission.

## 'Special Days' At Playgrounds Announced

Completed schedules for "special day" events in city and school playgrounds and for daily playground programs at Highland and Grant school were announced by Vernon Gilmore, director of recreation.

The special days include June 24, pet day; July 8, doll day; July 22, dress up day; August 5, swimming meets; August 12, parade day; August 19, hobby horse day, and August 26, closing picnic and exhibitions.

At Highland school the daily morning activities include free play, softball and handicraft. Afternoon schedule includes play and games and handicraft. Story hours are from 11 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 4 p.m. The morning handicraft is for pre-school children.

At Grant school morning activities include artcraft, free play, tumbling, rhythm band and play in sprinkler. The afternoon schedule calls for crafts and hobby work, games, rhythmic and dancing (tap on Friday) and story hour.

Hours at both schools are from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Dena Davis is instructor at Highland school and Mrs. Gretchen Anning at Grant school.

The first railroad in America was horse-drawn and was used in 1828 to haul granite for the

## Blood Donations Worth \$110,000

PORTLAND, June 21—The 4400 pints of blood collected so far by the Portland regional blood center and its traveling unit represent a saving of at least \$110,000 to patients in Oregon and southwestern Washington hospitals who have needed the blood, it was estimated today by Dr. Nicholas P. Sullivan, the center's medical director. He added that "we need many, many more donors both at the Portland center and through the mobile unit before we can supply all of the blood the hospitals need."



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## East-West Negotiation Results Minor

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

Concrete results of the latest east-west negotiations are just about as expected—very small. Yet the foreign ministers do seem to have ended their session in an atmosphere of some assurance that, while the cold war continues, it is not likely to be intensified.

As for the question of who won, only time can tell. The west won a great diplomatic victory in the lifting of the Berlin blockade which paved the way for the conference. But the Berlin railway strike and Russian haggling have prevented real resumption of traffic, the air lift is going into its second year, and the physical results of this agreement remain to be proved.

The feeling that the cold war continues "this hot but no hotter," is a vital thing. The European recovery program has reached a point where capital must come out of the hiding into which it has been driven by war fears. Decreased tension should hasten the progress in this which has been made since the Berlin crisis passed its peak last fall.

This easement, however, also works in Russia's favor in some respects. It has definitely taken some of the steam out of western defense preparations.

Britain's Bevin and France's Schuman deserted the Paris conference for a day to attend a Benelux defense meeting in Brussels, obviously as a reminder to Russia that the west does not intend to let its determination be weakened by mere peaceful gestures. The effect of the gestures is nonetheless clear, especially in the U.S. congress.

Reduction of tension in western Europe also gives Russia the opportunity to devote her full attention to other extremely important tasks—consolidation of delicate positions in both China and middle Europe.

As for the agreements in principle at Paris, they mean little

or nothing until we can see what will be done about implementation.

In Berlin the door seems to have been opened for a return to four-power controls, but the allies are dead set against the old ve-to-ridden system, and the Russians have shown no signs of coming to terms on procedure. Negotiations on general German problems go nowhere. But Russia is vitally interested in resumption of trade between eastern and western Germany, and

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

### THE MAN WHO MADE FRIENDS WITH HIMSELF

By Christopher Morley (Doubleday; \$3)

Morley's first novel in six years, this could easily have required that long, or longer, just to think up all the puns, alliterations and epigrams in it. Yet it's so full of other puns, alliterations and epigrams quoted from past masters that it's hard to decide whether it's a novel or a compendium.

It is the story of Richard Tolman, literary agent who lives in the New York suburb of Wendling Ways. "My crooked winding ways, wherein I live" (George Herbert). It's also about Tolman's double, or Doppelgänger, or "That Man", raised from a sandpile grave to become conductor and taxi driver; about Zoe Eise, who knows all; Betty, who knows nothing but thinks she knows all.

some working agreement in this field is probable.

There is no doubt among western diplomats that Russia has adopted her recent appearance of reasonableness as the direct result of accumulated allied pressure, economic and military. If reduced tension produces relaxation of these efforts, Russia will have won her immediate objective. If not, the west will be in position to bring more and more concessions.

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dressed like a filibustering senator but in pants so tight he nearly flubbed; a "forward parse" on the difference between who and whom.

As Doppelgänger goes back to the sandpile, Tolman learns his own life has been 400 blank pages, and he goes on to a fiery end. Since Tolman equals Toulmonde, he is Everybody and if he succeeds in arousing Sharp's envy by making friends with himself, he doesn't arouse yours, for apparently he hasn't made friends with much.

I prefer my novelists more ignorant. Though Morley sometimes uses the commoner words, even very common ones like "poop" (pages 10, 69, 83, 121, 135, 157, 230) and though on occasion the dazzling repartee gets somewhere yet often it's dazdle for dazdle's sake. The professor in Morley forgets, the sophomore takes over; this is too like a book of gags. If Zoe's ankles are like a faun's why couldn't Morley say so, instead of calling them "hindles"? and why the dative, anyway? Tolman's talk, in Morley's words but not his meaning, is never-ending concinnous euphuism. I might add that it's the prose of a potentia speulst... let Morley go to the dictionary himself