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Cabinet Members for CVA

Cabinet members, one-by-one, jump through the hoop in support of a CVA. The revived program was incubated in the department of the interior; but after President Truman was "sold" the idea he gave out word it should be supported. Secretary Krug of interior has strongly endorsed the CVA bill, and this week Secretary Gordon Gray of the army and Secretary Brannan of agriculture testified in its behalf.

Brannan argued that the valley administration would integrate the divisions of his department in the northwest with the engineering and construction work of a CVA. If that could be realized it would indeed be a strong argument for a CVA. However the bill is nebulous on whether it will be integration or a superseding duplication of functions. Ostensibly CVA combines only the regional work of the army engineers, the reclamation bureau and Bonneville Power administration. It is given indefinite powers however for other activities, such as soil conservation, and evidently has authority both for regional planning and for budgeting. If the scheme worked it could accomplish a great deal of good; but it is still in question whether bureaus of other departments would work agreeably under two masters.

As for Secretary Gray, his argument was that a CVA is needed for the national security. To quote:

"It is essential to national defense that the hydroelectric potential of the Columbia river and its tributaries be fully realized and developed as soon as practicable. The power of the Columbia is needed for aluminum production and atomic production."

There is no present deficiency of power supply in the northwest; and there is no deficiency of production of aluminum and atomic bombs due to lack of power. The aluminum situation is easy and the AEC has just boasted of its quantity production of atomic bombs which is done at the Hanford plant.

Dams under construction now will add goods of power to meet expanded demand in the northwest and the work is going forward as fast as Congress will pour out the money.

In all candor there is no national security at stake in a CVA. That is a convenient stalking horse which already is getting footsore. It is employed because Congress and the country are jittery about a possible war.

Gray of course is in a hot spot. As head of the army he is nominally head of the corps of engineers, though this agency functions with almost complete autonomy. (See the first article in the August Harper's magazine on the way the corps of engineers work). The corps is doing a great deal of work in the Columbia basin, so Gray couldn't very well repudiate its work; and he didn't. He said it would be better to have a single agency doing the work, like a CVA.

But why not follow either the majority or the minority report of the Hoover commission, both of which urged stripping the engineers of their civilian functions and combining agencies? If consolidation is needed in the northwest it is needed elsewhere—and most decidedly it is. If our national security is in jeopardy why not have the army engineers devote their time to army problems—like blowing up dams—rather than building them?

Spurl Delays Federal Appropriations

The federal government's fiscal year begins July 1, but because of failure of congress to pass the regular appropriation bills departments are operating on stop-gap legislation which authorizes them to continue pending action on the regular bills. This authority has been extended to August 15, but there is no assurance when congress will unsmile the legislative kinks and get the bills through. Appropriations affected are those for the army, navy, air force, the interior department and so-called independent agencies.

The big blockade is over the ECA appropriation. The senate committee voted to trim it by about 10 per cent, and the senate concurred. The committee however had inserted some amendments, one by Senator McClellan of Arkansas to require ECA to buy \$1,500,000,000 of US farm crop surpluses for export, another by Senator McCarran of Nevada to cut Spain for \$50,000,000. Still another curb, by Senator Kem of Missouri, would deny aid to a country which nationalizes its industry (aimed at preventing Britain from nationalizing its steel industry). In the jockeying in the senate over these amendments McClellan raised the point of order that appropriation bills should not contain legislation, which the ECA bill did; so it was returned to committee, and other appropriation bills were put on ice pending the rewinding of the parliamentary skein.

This delay is very annoying to federal agencies.

Loan Says Finland 'Out of Danger'

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
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Twelve and a half million dollars is a mighty small item in international affairs these days. But when it is loaned by the west to a country bordering Russia it becomes front page news.

Intrinsically, the loan of this sum to Finland by the world bank represents a business proposition. Eugene Black, president of the bank, says politics is not involved. "Finland has a great debt record," he says, and then adds:

"It is an independent government."

He suggests that larger loans may be forthcoming.

The loan was made after a bank mission reported Finland had made substantial progress toward recovery but needs help in further construction and modernization of industry. That was one of the prime purposes for establishing the bank, technically known as the international

bank for reconstruction and development, in which 51 nations cooperated.

But this is the first loan to an eastern European country. It represents a decision that Finland is a good risk. It is as good as saying that Finland is no longer in danger of being taken over by Russia, a contingency which was constantly in the mind of the western world after the Czech coup in 1948, when Helsinki felt it necessary to accede to Moscow's demands for a military assistance treaty.

Finland, first invaded by Russia and thereafter an ally of Germany in World War II, has been walking a tight rope ever since. Only by sturdy maneuvering, by maintaining a "correct" attitude, and by making heavy reparations payments in addition to cession of territory has she avoided direct incorporation into the Russian sphere.

The government has been forced to use a stern hand at times to prevent any outburst

of Finnish antagonism as well as to restrain the communists. While the world bank is operated by 51 nations, it is headed by an American. The United States subscribed more than 38 per cent of its funds. Other chief subscribers were the British commonwealth, France and Nationalist China. Although it theoretically eschews international politics, when it makes recovery loans you can bet that it approves of "recovery" by western, not communist, definitions.

In this light, the loan says that the bank is satisfied with the success of the western "containment" policy—that it believes Russia has staged her last coup in eastern Europe.

It also opens another window through which Russia's economically harassed satellites can watch the progress of American-sponsored recovery and determine for themselves whether it represents "imperialism."

Lawyers Support Latourette

A poll of members of the Oregon State Bar shows Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette a strong favorite for appointment to the newly created federal district judgeship for Oregon. Latourette is a long-time democrat and recognized as a very able judge. The lawyers clearly prefer him to Gus Solomon, Portland lawyer, who ran well down in the poll. But Solomon has already been tagged for the post by the party organization, starting with Monroe Sweetland and Mrs. Nancy Honeyman Robinson, members of the national democratic committee, and endorsed by a majority of the state committee.

In former years the attorney general's office did the job of screening for the president when appointments to the judiciary were being considered. This was done to protect the judiciary from the pressures of senators and the party organization. With Senator J. Howard McGrath, national chairman, about to take over the office of attorney general that screening may not be done. Strictly an organization politician, McGrath would certainly be inclined to take the endorsement of the party organization here rather than that of the lawyers, most of whom are republicans anyway.

Control of Tansy Ragwort

If you see a tall weed with a yellow flower, which looks like goldenrod but isn't, the probability is that it is tansy ragwort, one of the worst weed pests that has descended on the valley. It is poisonous to cows.

Special efforts are being made to get rid of the weed, and Thursday night a meeting of Marion county farmers will be held in Mayflower hall to get an organization for weed control started.

Farmers are advised not to pull up the weed in flower and let it lie on the ground because its seed will mature and scatter. Spraying with weedkiller will do the trick. Or the weeds may be gathered and burned.

After a long, bitter and unnecessary battle the trustees of the war memorial opera house in San Francisco have lifted the ban against the appearance of Mme. Kirsten Flagstad with the San Francisco opera. This means that the city will have its annual season of opera, which has long been one of the high spots of the year in music on this coast. The opposition to Mme. Flagstad was based on the fact that her late husband had been accused of being a nazi collaborator in Norway, but the Norwegian government announced it had no complaint against her. This ought to end the "attainder" against the Norwegian soprano who has been under condemnation in many circles ever since the war.

When Shriners and their friends travel the eleven miles from the Alsea highway to the top of Mary's Peak in their trek next Sunday they will ride over a road treated with a wood-by-product, calcium sulphate, a waste liquor from papermills. It keeps the dust down and doesn't scatter on cars like road oil. Though they profess to traverse the sands of the desert the Shriners don't want to eat road dust.

So many fires in lumber mills have occurred lately in Lane county that one can't help wondering if some arsonists are not active. The season is very dry and a lighted match will quickly engulf a mill in flames. But some one, through accident or malicious intent must be at the other end of the lighted match.

Strangely the state highway commission asked the engineers to report on the delay on completion of the Wilsonville cutoff. The delay is due to the failure of the commission to appropriate money for the ten-mile gap and the bridge over the Willamette. A Salem delegation some three years ago urged that instead of widening the section between Oregon City and Canby on 99E that the money be applied to the cutoff route, but the commission turned down the request. Engineering will quickly follow authorization and construction follow appropriation.



Buddies With Memories

IT SEEMS TO ME

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over. There are more of them, and they are "on the make." Their dads who saw service in 1917-18 are glad to have them coming up to take over responsibilities and help keep warm the fires of memory and of patriotism.

There will be lots of noise and lots of stunts while the legionnaires are in town, and two parades. There's pen left in the old vets yet, though they have marched a long way on life's pathway since they hit Hoboken on the way back home. But there will be serious business too as departmental affairs are considered, new officers selected, resolutions prepared, and addresses heard.

Salem gives and Legion and auxiliary a hearty welcome. Of special interest is the fact that its own B. E. (Kelly) Owens is department commander. Also the national president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Hubert A. Goode of Portland, is very well known in Salem. Salem has always been hospitable to organizations of ex-service men and women and is eager to do all in its power to make the 1949 convention the "best yet."

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I enclose herewith full instructions."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "complaisance"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Campher, cipher, philosopher.
4. What does the word "erroneous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "to involve"?

- ANSWERS
1. Omit herewith, or write, "I send full instructions herewith."
 2. Pronounce kom-pla-zans, o as in on, first a as in play, last a as in ask, accent on first syllable preferred.
 3. Campher.
 4. Containing error; incorrect.
 5. Implicate.

Car Driver Cited Following Wreck

Arthur Scovell, Portland, was charged Tuesday with failure to stop at a stop sign, the result of a collision involving a City Transit lines bus Saturday night. Scovell was arrested on a municipal court warrant signed by Roy Donald Anderson, Salem, driver of the bus and posted \$25 bail. Both men were dismissed Tuesday from Salem General hospital, where they were taken for treatment following the accident. No passengers on the bus were reported injured.

A steam engine was first used to operate the bellows in an English blast furnace in 1775.

Your Health

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Everybody knows what cold sores are, but few realize that colds have nothing to do with bringing them about. Known by the scientific name of herpes simplex, these little clumps of blisters are due to a virus infection. On the other hand, this condition does not appear to be contagious, that is, passed about from one person to another.

People who develop cold sores seem to be subject to recurrent attacks, usually at the same place on the skin. Others never have them. In susceptible individuals, cold sores can be brought on by a good many different things. Among them are fever, injuries, exposure to ultra-violet rays, sunlight, or wind, the eating of certain foods, indigestion, and the use of certain drugs.

Cold sores first start as blisters which break open and form scabs. They are most commonly located around the lips, but occasionally may develop on the cheek, back, ear, fingers or arms. Sometimes, disfiguring scars may follow attacks of herpes.

Persons with herpes should avoid over-treatment of the condition. A mild astringent or shrinking agent used on the lips, and a gentian violet solution on the inner lining of the lips are usually sufficient.

Repeated vaccination with smallpox vaccine has been attempted in an effort to prevent recurrent herpes. Good results have been obtained with this method of treatment in a number of cases. The vaccine is usually given weekly for six or eight weeks.

Another form of treatment to prevent recurrences has been exposure to X-ray. Such treatment seems to diminish the se-

verity of the attacks and to lengthen the periods between recurrences. Of course, the X-ray treatments must be given by a specialist to make sure that an overdosage does not occur. The herpes virus, it is thought, may at times cause an infection of the mouth known as stomatitis. The condition may also affect the gums, and may resemble trench mouth. The treatment of this disorder also consists of the use of a mild antiseptic painted on the affected areas. Gentian violet has been used for this purpose.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
B. K.: I have a very bad sinus infection with a yellow discharge from my nose. Is there something that will remedy this?

Answer: Sinus infection of the chronic type always should be treated under the direction of the physician.

One good method of treatment consists in the use of aerosol penicillin, which is penicillin in the form of a mist that is breathed into the nose. Frequently, suction is employed to aid in speedy recovery. (Copyright, 1948, King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

PEA-PICKING STARTS
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 2—(AP)—The Rogue river valley's multi-million dollar Bartlett pear crop is being harvested. Picking started yesterday. This has been one of the best pear-growing seasons in history.

SALMON OFFER REJECTED
ASTORIA, Aug. 2—(AP)—No settlement is in sight for the strike of CIO fishermen here. Union Secretary Henry Niemela said the latest packer offer of 20 cents a pound for salmon had been rejected.

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