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Here Come the Rumors

Reports from Germany indicate that the stage is being set for another "war crisis" in Berlin. Joseph Alsop, now touring Germany, reports that the groundwork for a new Berlin blockade is being laid by Russia in the building of a rail line which circumvents Berlin and is, therefore, beyond the authority of the western allies to control. He contends there is no use for this line except to strengthen Russia's position in a Berlin blockade. He adds this to the possibility of radar-jamming the airlift during bad weather and the growth of East zone police forces, and the result is impending "crisis."

The Associated Press adds its gloomy note with the story of plans for "invasion" of western Berlin by parades of communists from the eastern sector.

We know these crises are coming and if past experience is a guide, we also know they are apt to bring the domestic hysteria of a "war scare."

We can do little as individuals to control the course of a Berlin blockade, but we can use our common sense to stamp out many of the elements of a "war scare" which have no basis in fact.

The most familiar manifestations of war rumors and how they can best be stamped out,

1. The story that some reservist has been called to active duty. These stories are frequently started when a reservist, who may have inquired as to active duty at some previous time, gets a letter asking him to report for a preliminary physical checkup.

2. Sometimes a member of a military reserve unit hears a rumor that his unit is being mobilized and phones a few of his buddies to find out if they have received any official word. This rumor can be squelched or confirmed easily by a phone call to the group's commanding of-

3. Reports of troop movements and trains carrying military equipment seem to take on added significance during a period of overseas war crisis. Such shifting of men and materials occurs every day. It isn't until war hysteria starts overseas that such action becomes "the moving of two extra divisions to Alaska."

When the fear of war roams unbridled, it is the task of the nation's news - gathering and news-disseminating agencies to keep the forces In check, to give the facts but keep them in proper perspective. The Associated Press, other wire news agencies and the staff of your own newspaper are trained to recognize the strength akness of such rumors and to check ac curately on them. These agencies, to which you subscribe in buying your paper, deserve your confidence.

bits from the bridge. Why are we sure it's a him? Well, mama seals are kept in better line than to be allowed on solo cross-river tours of information was for the confidenthe inland. So it's a him, all right. We hardly tial use of Washington, D.C. and think he's going to find a mate in the Willamette, either. He probably'll sail down-river soon and out to sea. And he should have a lot of new

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stories to tell. with capital cities, universities and fresh-cut enumerator got two cents per head stick which served as legs for the logs.

Commenting on Deadwood Dave, the Lane their territory was made up of ten tress. He says that these beds were Commenting on Deadwood Dave, the Lane counties that extended south to comfortable especially "when a county farmer who is opposing Wayne Morse the California bosder, east to the person rode hard all day." barnyard philosopher." He lives on a 404-acre Sense of Humor Needed farm without electricity and hand - milks his seven cows by the light of a kerosene lamp. "At like, after a hard day in the sad- frame onto it that night it seemed the same time he has had the sense not to talk too much and be led into answering too many were finally toted up, local boost- found the bed was "down" as he questions, some of which might pop up and em- ers were mad that the figures puts it, for down went the legs barrass him as the campaign advances." . .

Now, there's a man who might go far!

LIQUIDATION IN REVERSE

worse the longer they stay. Take for instance the liquidation of the bureau

of Indian affairs, which was started 20 years ago, when there were some 2000 employees in the bu-

latest progress report on the liquidation The shows that it is progressing rapidly-in reverse. There are now more than 8000 employees in this bureau that is supposed to be extinct.

-(Oregon City Enterprise-Courier)

Wearing a University of Oregon lemon-andgreen jacket, a Eugene lad named Pat Collins "Put Up" With Farmers started out on St. Patrick's day to hitch-hike hill, Washington, Linn, Pelk and to Rome in observance of Holy Year. Rides in Benton counties. He rode horsefour different private cars took him to Laramie, back over that vast territory that Wyo.; from there a beer truck took him to North night be "out up" with farmer and the second Platt, Neb.; another truck dropped him off at and trappers, and took polluck. Carroll, Iowa That we can see, but how's The vexatious day he refers to he gonna get across that big puddle between occurred while he was taking the Manhatten and St. Peter's?

Louis Starr, head of Oregon civil defense, ing log house." When bedtime murder of Jo Ann Dewey in Vancouver. Looks

like common criminals and lax law enforcement are a greater threat to public security than are the Russians.

Census 100 Years **Past Gave Plenty Of Grief, Chuckles**

By Gladys Turley

heer up Population. Cheer up Enumerators. This 17th census isn't any harder to take than the one Oregon took in 1850, the seventh for the United States and the first of any account for the

Oregon Territory. The populace griped, then as now, over questions asked, and the guvmint assured them, then as now, that all was shush-shush-the

for the ultimate welfare of the people at large.

Census taking in 1950 is child's play compared to what the Sev-

looking for the heads! Four men took Oregon's 1850 census and

for the senate, the Cottage Grove Sentinel says Rocky Mts., west to the Pacific Felt Weak in "Jints" "this guy Hoover . . . has sorter appeared as a ocean and north to 54°40'.

dle through the reaches of that to him that it was "rather weak

about the whole deal. A sense of humor is what one

too late and return to the sanity of private employ-ment. Others stay at the trough and get worse and the Oregon Territory. He has left three miles riding he realized he accounts of the "trials and tribu-lations" he endured taking the had taken to his Oregon bed-census.

"A man that takes the census" he says in an excerpt from his into the face of a heavy rainstorm journals, "must meet with a variety of people and adventure, some laughable, others again pro-voking." He tells of "a day of dis-

O'Neill counted heads in Yamcensus in one of the upper counties on the Willamette. He stopped one night at "a comfortable look-

said the proposed filter center in Portland would came round he was shown to his be chosen with careful consideration to the se-curity of women volunteers — hinting at the murder of Io App Denser in Veneration Torks

bedstead." Describing same for greenhorns new to the Oregon scene, he explains that it consisted of two cross

sticks run in between the logs of tories to tell. After all, it isn't every seal that rubs flippers through to get his men. The 1850 each stick was placed an upright and had to ride all over tarnation "bed." Lengthwise on top of these, thin boards were laid and on top of these was placed a straw mat-

This particular bed offered O'-

Neill was four feet off the floor Fighting they must have felt and when he heaved his weary

territory. And when their figures in the 'jints'." In the morning he weren't greater. Then as now, and O'Neill with a crash that everybody can't be pleased so it's brought the old folks on a startled everybody can't be pleased so it's brought the old folks on a startled Movie Dog in

the babies to howling. But a good hearty breakfast

Burrocrats are an odd lot, or become odd after of the Seventh Census enumera-being at the trough a while. Some quit before it is tors did have. He was Daniel O'- his horse and was off the road for Salem; Show

his horse in the right direction and that nearly spoiled his papers and soaked him "good and proper."

After the rainstorm his horse, "a confounded Indian brute," ran asters" that "was slightly mixed away. O'Neill couldn't stop him up with both" humor and irrita- and in the mad dash he lost "a beautiful riding whip" that a friend at Oregon City had given him.

"Completely Lost" Finally he stopped the nag. "I was completely lost" he writes. not able to join the welcoming There was neither road, nor houses to get his bearing. Mountains and prairies on all sides looked alike to him. There was only one thing

to do. "I just put my horse's head one way and his tail another and took a straight shoot across the prairie." He knew he would come out some

place. After three hours hard riding he saw smoke from somebody's cabin. When he rode up to the house and entered, he says it struck him that he'd seen the lady's face before but he couldn't remember where so he commenced.

His account says that he rode

off with all the dignity an assist-

History Repeats Itself

claimed she.

here before Madam?"



"My new dress is an 'original' . . . it isn't a hand-me-down from m big sister . . . "

Controls Over State Spending Draw Rebuke

Present controls over state spending were criticized Friday in a preliminary report by Oregon's "little Hoover commission." The commission is studying effectiveday's opening of the annual allness of the state governmental breed dog show at the state fairsetup and preparing to report tothe 1951 legislature.

The big German shepherd who "Members of the committee are has acted in 23 movies was greetdetermined to make several reed by officials of the show-spon commendations and chief among soring Salem Lions club Friday them will concern fiscal control afternoon. Since Gov. Douglas budgeting, accounting, auditing McKay was out of the city and and personnel," the report, read. The committee said these activi-

party, the Lions greeters intro-duced "Rusty" to the governor's ties have been established piecemeal in Oregon. Pre-audit of expenditure re-Forty breeds will be judged in the show which also includes obecontrary to best financial prac-tices. "The procedural flow is cumbersome and at no single stage dience trials, children's handling and exhibitions by the movie dog.



Figures Climb **During March**

(Story also on page one.) The March total of building permits issued in Salem by the city engineer's office set a new monthly record for 1950 with \$842,714.

This figure was higher than the combined totals of January, \$405,-894, and February, \$348,080. The \$842,714 figure included \$798,107

\$842,714 figure included \$798,107 in new construction and \$44,607 in alterations. Largest figure for the month was \$191,000 in alterations to the Senator hotel, while the \$95,000 permit issued last week to Blue Lake Packers for construction of a warehouse ranked second. The record figure were boosted Friday with the announcement that James W. Minty, Salem con-tractor, will construct eight homes in a new \$35,200 court on Catter-lin avenue and Jason street.

lin avenue and Jason street. Minty said the new court would be constructed at the same site where several months ago he had planned to construct an apart-ment house. He petitioned for a zoning change to permit this con-struction but was turned down by

the city council. Four of the dwellings will cost \$5,000 each and the other four \$3,800 apiece.

In addition, E. V. Ayle Friday received a permit for a \$10,000 home at 1595 N. 23rd st. and Ken-neth Satron was authorized to construct a \$6,000 dwelling at 3110 Larsen st.

Judge Millard to **Hear Salem Case**

Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard of Josephine county will be in Sa-lem Wednesday to hear the case of on." The the First Christian church versus McRenolds and others.

The case involves the title of a residence in the 100 block of Union street. The property on which the new church is being constructed is not involved.

available and the control ac to which the state budget office must refer are kept on a cash basis so that the budget director has no knowledge in most cases of unliquidated encumbrances or

obligations already placed upon quest and payments was declared available funds within the department concerned."



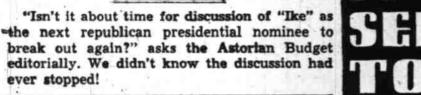


Let's be ready for the next crop of war rumors. We can't stop a few nervous bullets from flying in Europe, but we can step on a nervous rumor or two in our own back yard.

Welcome, Stranger

It can hardly be imagined that even a seal would mistake the mouth of the Columbia river for the entrance to the widely-known sea-lion caves at Florence. Therefore, the reason a seal now is plying the Willamette river in the Eugene area must be that he wanted to see new country. A most worthy objective. And we are flattered that he detoured into the Willamette from the Columbia. Certainly he's better off, now that he's negotiated the Oregon City falls, than he would be trying to scale a trout ladder at Bonneville.

We hope he makes a stop-over at Salem or hereabouts. We'd be glad to toss him a few tid-



Editorial Comment

NOT A TRUE PICTURE

From the state tax commission there came last week a report of the value of federally owned property in Oregon that, it is said, pays no taxes. The list includes national forests, public lands and, we believe, the O. & C. lands.

It is a good thing to draw public attention to the extent of the federally owned properites in the state but it is not a good thing to present the situation incorrectly. It is correct, of course, to say that the national forests and the public lands are not taxed but moneys in lieu of taxes come to the counties containing forests. There are lieu payments from the public domain and from the O. & C. lands, too. Let's have the facts set out correctly before we start arguing or drawing conclusions.

-(Bend Bulletin)

Administration Talks with 2 Voices, Acheson Warns of Perils, Johnson Praises Economy

By Stewart Alsop WASHINGTON, March 31 major and far-reaching shift the whole range and tempo of American foreign policy is soon be recom-

mended to President Truman by Secretary of State Dean Ac-heson. This will be the result of the root - and -branch review of policy which Acheson initiated when Pre-sident Truman

announced his Stewart Alegan decision to go ahead with the hydrogen bomb

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Since that time, Acheson and almost all his most important subordinates have been concentrating on this review. Moreover, a number of experienced men from outside the department, including former Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett, Harvard President James Conant and physicist Robert Oppenhei-mer have been called to Wash-

ington for consultation. As a result of these efforts, As a result of these efforts, policy papers have now been prepared for submission to the national security council and the president, probably shortly after Truman's return from Key West. And it can be confidently re-ported that all the studies have pointed in the same direction — much granter effort in all a much greater effort in all fields is required if the United States is not to fail in its role of leader of the free world.

This conclusion has, indeed, been clearly foreshadowed in re-cent speeches by Secretary Ache-son. Acheson has said that "the only way to deal with the Soviet Union" is to "create situations of strength" by focusing "our total resources on the winning of the struggle," as in wartime. In short, Acheson is preparing to

country be asked to treat the cold war like a war, with all the effort and much of the sacrifice that war demands.

One thing is clear on the face

sponsibles and the isolationists on Capitol Hill, where Senator Robert A. Taft has now sur-

All sorts of reasons may be advanced for what is happening in congress. There is the budget situation, which has strengthened the position of the apostles of isiness-as-usual. There is the illness of Senator Vandenberg, which has permitted the irresnsibles of the Wherry - Mc-Carthy - Bridges stripe to crawl out of the woodwork. There is the Hiss tragedy. There is Acheson's manner - perhaps because he is tired, Acheson has tended to treat members of congress rather after the fashion of a bored and brilliant schoolmaster wearily dealing with unruly and

uninformed brats. . . . Yet all these reasons are perip-heral. The real reason lies within the administration itself. For the administration has been speaking with two voices. One has been the voice of Secretary Acheson, calling for "total dip-lomacy" and a total effort, warn-ing that the cold war can be Ing that the cost war can be lost without a shot being fired. The other voice has been the voice of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, supported by such business-as-usual confeder-ates as Treasury Secretary Sny-der and Commerce Secretary Research the solic secretary Sawyer. When this voice speaks,

recommend to Truman that the everything Acheson says is neatly transformed into meaningless nonsense. For it emits soothing syrup at out "economy," or dem-onstrable untruths about the in-

of it. There has never for many years been a time when the country, the congress and the less prepared for a bold, new approach to the world crisis. The most visible sympton of this fact is the triumph of the irreprisingly and dismayingly given his blessing to the malodorous "Get Acheson" campaign.

creasing military strength of the United States, or gassy boasts about "licking the hell out of Joe Stalin." If the Johnsonian "economies" have permitted this country "to obtain greater national security

at less expense," as Johnson has claimed, Acheson is obviously talking through his hat, when he asks us to "focus our total resources." If we can save money and at the same time be capable of "licking hell out of Joe Sta-

lin," Acheson's warnings are alarmist twaddle. Thus there is nothing really surprising about what is happening on Capitol Hill. Given a choice, congress believes what it likes to believe. Johnson's phoney reassurances and his talk of economy are popular. Ache-son's warnings and his calls for sacrifice are not. Thus Acheson is pilloried, while Johnson, the most vulnerable public official in recent history, goes scot free. . . .

The Acheson policy review is certain to bring this ugly situa-tion to a head. For there is no chance at all that congress or

the country will accept the effort and expense of going over to the offensive in the cold war, unless the administration speaks with one voice. The real decision rests, inevitably, with President Truman. Within a matter of weeks, perhaps days, he will have to make his choice - between business - as - usual and politics - as - usual, or the great effort of leadership which the

world situation requires, and which only the president can

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ant marshall could muster. We met many trucks loaded with cabbage, northbound. Much of north central Florida is a truck patch:-lettuce, cabbage, early off for one of the meanest Indian potatoes. This business seems well managed from careful farm and he struck off across the praipractices to intelligent handling rie, intending to strike some nine and marketing. had spent the night.

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History comes in layers. Florida offers an underlying, Span- prairie. As he rode along the trail, ish layer. When Capt. John Smith founded Jamestown, Va., in 1607, sus taking," his horse nearly pit-St. Augustine was already 42 ched him from the saddle by shyyears old. Its old structures and ing to one side of the trial. tourist attractions, most famed of Ne Use Waiting Around which is its reputed "Fountain of Youth," which bravely and prof- within 200 yards was an "immense itably exploits the Ponce de Leon grizzly bear." He quickly turned legend.

We found the old part which no desire to embrace the opportunity to be embraced by him." guarded the town more interest-After some hours he finally ing. Built by the Spanish in the came to the fence of a cabin and 17th century it is now a national his weary bones told him that a monument. Its design followed habitation was near. Lo and beclassic engineering of the period hold, when he rode up to the cabin, with high walls and a most on it was the same identical one he the land side. It successfully had left that morning. He had anwithstood one siege by the Engother date with the Oregon bedlish and though four flags have flown over it-Spanish, English, U. S., Confederate and again U. S. -- the fort may boast it has never stead which had apparently been repaired for he writes: "I never had a sweeter sleep in my life than I had in that same Oregon been captured.

bedstead that night." Summing up that day in the life A day and a half of high winds of a Seventh U.S. Census taker, brought up clouds and rains and when it rains in Florida it rains -though the sandy soil absorbs the evidence.

Better English By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The man we saw on the street was accompanied by two ladies."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "column"? 3. Which one of these words is

isspelled? Miniature, characature, characteristic, chignon. 4. What does the word "proli-

fic" mean? 5. What is a word beginning

with fi that means "to have as a wave; rise and fall"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "was accompanied by two women." 2. Pronounce kolum, not kol-yum. 3. Caricature. 4. Reproducing freely. "Rememb that money is of a prolific nature. Money can beget money." -Franklin

April Foolishness My calendar mys "April Fool." He days and dates are wrong today: The trouble is that I forgot

To tear the month of March away. -J. W. S.

advanced obedience trials; 5 p.m. am taking the census and would like to know . . . " -children's handling; 6 p.m. -"What? You ain't agoin to count parade of champions. the people agin are you?" ex-

grounds.

horse at the fairgrounds.

J. H. Willett is chairman of arrangements for the dog show. "Why," said I, "have I ever been Frank C. Bell will be show superintendent and Dr. K. J. Peterson, "Yes," says she, "You were here attending veterinarian. tother day and counted our folks."

Edward Majek will be ring steward. Stanley Smith heads a bench show committee

Principal judge will be A. Al-His horse was lamed by the runfred LePine, an Englishman from away and after a slow ride to the Carrollton, Ohio, who has spent next homestead he "swapped him 50 years with dogs and has judged shows for 34 years throughout the horses I ever saw." The man at United States, Canada and Engthis place gave O'Neill directions land.

Other judges are Reginald Livsey, Milwaukie; Roy Hatfield, Portland, and Mel C. Wilgress, miles from the house where he Seattle.

It was dark when he reached timber on the other side of the **Air Freight** "meditating on the beauties of cen-**Record Set**

O'Neill looked back and there United Air Lines handled 64,-500 pounds of air freight out of his horse around because he "had Salem during March for an alltime monthly record. The total was 61 per cent higher than record-setting 40,000 pounds sent out

a month ago. Ninety per cent of the air freight left southbound on the new UAL cargoliners and all 20 runs of the cargo ship stopped in Salem during the month, it was reported by UAL officials. The freight ships stop here when the amount of freight warrants. Bulk of the freight was mush-

rooms or flowers. Passenger business began to pick up at month's end, it was al-

he throws the gauntlet: "And, now, so noted. An extra section was required for a northbound flight if any of the little census takers Friday and a second section is in the States can beat that day's

anticipated for today on a south-bound run. ride they may take my hat." (To be concluded Sunday)

Literary Guidepost

THE WORLD IS A BRIDGE, by

departure of the English and to partition, and over these pages wave the green Muslim flags and the Congress tricilor.

tryst with the charcoal burner's young, dark sister, Javni; with the picnic given by Begum Hamidullah, at which Kiran, waiting for her husband Anand, is late, and at which Riroze offends the Sikh Jaswant; with the murder of a Muslim and subsequent rioting: with Prince Vikram's to defy his mother, Komala, and appoint his inexperienced noet friend Firoze as the finance secretary of his state, Khatapur. The story then shifts to the state, where Komala intrigues to

hold onto her power. Vikram is Hindu; Satish, captain of his

he famous Nohigren's Alley all State Street from 11 til 2

Christine Weston (Scribner's;

It is about India, of course, this new novel by Mrs. Weston, an India complete with begum, rani, babu and raja and, this time, with Sikh, Muslim and Hindu. For this is the great country torn by the fresh problems due to the

Muslim plot against each other. And under the hot sun, in the lazy existence in the palace, love springs up where it is not expected, and fastens itself on the con-The story opens with Anand's venient rather than the appro-

priate objects. That is to say, this is a picture of 'the confusion which presumably accompanies any great social cataclysm. Some people are ready to meet their responsibilities nobly; others nourish un-worthy ambitions; still others mean well but lack ability. Despite the undeniable drama, and the pervasive native flavor, this seems to me not exclusive about India. It is as if Mrs. Weston had tried to dress up an alien eastern problem in western forms. The fit is not perfect.

guards, is Hindu; Rahman, his By W. G. sogers general, is Muslim; Firoze is

Muslim; Kiran and Anand are Hindu. There is no limit to the dissension, as there is no limit to the possibilities of it. The man and wife are of different and antagonistic classes; the Hindu plots against another Hindu too lenient with Muslims; the Hindu and

