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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear, Shall Awe"
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Flegel Distorts the Facts

In his zeal as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor Sen. Austin Flegel is running loose with his statement of facts. He has joined Treasurer Walter Pearson in blasting George Flagg, public utilities commissioner, on account of recent utility rate increases—just as though Flagg was responsible for the war and its price inflation and for the Roosevelt-Truman deficit financing which has furthered deflationary fires. Also he conveniently overlooks the previous record of the department under Flagg and his predecessors in obtaining continuing and substantial reductions in electric rates.

Flegel is quoted as saying at Astoria that Flagg allowed a power company to increase its rates six to 12 per cent and yet a month later granted the company (PP&L) a 20 per cent rate reduction at The Dalles.

The fact is that there has been no rate increase at Astoria. Instead in 1941 there was a reduction of nine per cent for electricity for residential and rural customers and three per cent for commercial. In 1944 there were two refunds of half the month's bill, or reduction of one-twelfth. In 1945 there was a rate reduction of 14 per cent for residential and rural and 15 per cent for commercial. And there has been no increase in Astoria since. Both Pacific and Portland General Electric obtained a moderate rate increase in 1949 but for Pacific it was confined to Portland and vicinity.

There was a rate reduction at The Dalles, but not at the cost of other parts of Pacific territory. That was sought by the company to meet PUD competition and approved by the public utilities commissioner because courts have held that private companies have the right to lower rates to meet competition. Flagg's order specifically protected consumers from being saddled with any losses because of rate reductions at The Dalles.

Flegel should check up on his facts before he tosses them around—or does he go on the theory that in politics truth lags behind distortion of facts?

County Fair at Woodburn

For years Woodburn has staged a North Marion county fair, using available space in the heart of town. Now community leaders there want the county to buy a tract at the edge of town so the fair may have a permanent home. If that is done the event would become a Marion county fair.

The proposal merits study by the county fair board and the county court. County fairs are by no means a dying institution. Marion county with its widely diversified agriculture surely is justified in having a show window for its products. With the state fair here Salem isn't interested as a possible location; and the state fair really doesn't bring out the local display and competition.

Of course the authorities should examine the proposition thoroughly. The county doesn't want to be let in for a huge expense. But the idea is good, and The Statesman hopes it can be worked out on a practical basis.

Theatre Campaign Wins

Here is one case where organized pressure brought some results: the house ways and means committee has voted to cut in two the excise tax on admissions to theatres and sports events, with some exemptions for events sponsored by schools. Suffering loss of attendance which they attributed in large measure to the 20 per cent excise tax theatre-owners organized a campaign to turn the heat on congress for relief. They succeeded, for patrons were just as eager to get a cut. And the committee went along with them—half way.

The big hurdle though will be at the White house. President Truman wants any loss of excise tax revenues made up elsewhere. This congress is loathe to do. So he may get out his veto hatchet, especially since the reductions may run to around a billion in revenues.

Anyhow the theatre effort shows that sometimes the members of congress listen to what is stirring in the grass roots.

Cooking Not a Lost Art

After visiting the 4-H cooking exhibit at the old Washington school we propose an amend-

ment to the old saw about "pies like mother used to make." Make it read: "cakes like the 4-H daughter makes." Add bread and cookies and muffins—no pies were shown.

No, the practical arts are getting a real revival with the 4-H clubbers. The county exhibition has its wind-up today with parade and other events; but try to drop in at old Washington, second-floor to see work in sewing, woodworking, cooking, knitting, posters. You'll quickly conclude that not all of the younger generation is afflicted with the disease called juvenile delinquency.

Greatest Since Roosevelt

Here is a pearl of wisdom uttered by Lew Wallace at a democratic rally in Astoria:

"I support the democratic platform of my personal friend, Harry S. Truman, one of the greatest presidents, certainly the greatest since Roosevelt."

If Lew had said that Truman was the worst since Roosevelt he would have been equally correct.

In this country if the government used soldiers to take over jobs of striking workers, save in wartime, what a furor would be raised. But over in Britain the labor government for the second time in a year is using soldiers and sailors to unload foodstuffs at strike-bound London docks. The strike was a wildcat, communist-inspired walkout, so the labor minister said; but over here even that kind of strike would be tolerated without government interference. We may be too easy but Britain is up against stern realities—the necessity for a continuing flow of imported foodstuffs and of manufactures for exports. Hence no monkey-business on the waterfront. Maybe we should ship Harry Bridges to London if Australia doesn't want him.

Russia through its publication Red Fleet has renewed its demand for "joint" control of the Dardanelles, the straits which give an outlet for the Black sea (and Russia) to the Mediterranean. Already the world has an example of how Russia applies the word "joint"—in the satellite countries of central Europe. Turkey naturally gets stirred up, but wets down its indignation with this very restrained comment, that the Russian demand is "a call for the Turkish people to be more united and awake." The Turks however will not cave in if the demand is pressed. They have used American arms to good advantage and greatly strengthened their defenses.

Because the United States denied him transit privileges through Honolulu and California en route to Toronto, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the so-called "red dean" of Canterbury, says he will tour Australia telling the people about the ways of American imperialism. Will he tell the truth about the billions America has expended for other peoples, and that out of the excess production of the "capitalist" system? Of course not. Poor sap. He's so dipped in the red dye of Russian communism he's colorblind.

John Maragon, the one-time shoeshiner who finagled his way into White house circles and made his political big-time pay, stands convicted of lying when he testified to a senate investigating committee. The immigrant from Greece learned fast in the USA, but he failed to learn and heed one proverb: honesty is the best policy.

The Marion county courthouse will be a citadel of standard time when the city hall and state capitol flirt through the summer with fast (DST) time. Maybe the old courthouse is just being its age, and the new one will catch up with its governmental neighbors.

Five years ago this week the San Francisco Conference for the United Nations got underway. The S.F. Chronicle ran a prophetic little verse to celebrate the occasion:

Any peace
Will be inept
Lacking means
To keep it kept.

A college prof in Nebraska who was being fired shot and killed the president and a colleague. That's a new way of enforcing teacher tenure.

Tito Extends Faltering Hand of Friendship to Western Neighbor Nations, Compromise in Air

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

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito has taken a long step toward making himself more acceptable as an ally of the west in the cold war and, perhaps not too incidentally, to increase Yugoslavia's eligibility for economic aid.

For two years, since his ouster from Russia's cominform because he put Yugoslav nationalism ahead of the international communist revolution, Tito has expressed his regards for Russia, his hope that the cominform leaders would see the light and laid stress on the permanency of true communism in Yugoslavia.

Now he says that rapprochement with Russia is impossible. Yugoslavia will go ahead with her own program, which he calls socialism, but will "fight with propaganda and with international groups against creation of blocs and spheres of influence."

renewed friendship with Greece, Italy and Austria, three neighbors against whom he has pressed territorial claims. He proposes to resume diplomatic relations with Greece and negotiate a Trieste settlement with Italy. He does not specifically renounce claims to a small area in Austria, but his reference to improving relations with his northern neighbor suggests the opening of a door and perhaps an end to this dispute.

Just how much American influence can be seen in the Tito speech to his new communist parliament is a matter for speculation. But it is certain that the U. S. has played a strong hand in establishment of a new government in Greece which escaped the "reactionary" label the communists have been wont to apply, thereby making it possible for Tito to reverse himself in that respect.

prevent "what really represents a latent danger for world conflict."

Heretofore Tito has been careful to lump the western allies and the eastern bloc together in his denunciation of such things. But now, according to partial reports of a three-hour speech, by omitting any specific reference to what the communists like to call "western imperialism" he leaves his hearers to draw their own conclusions as to whom he is really talking about.

The theory of national communism without devotion to international revolution—which means without devotion to the imperialist factor in Russian communism—is playing a very important role in the world these days. A field of compromise on ideology has been opened which, if it spreads, might reduce the cold war to a normal power fight between nations, with which the western world is more familiar and better equipped to deal. And it might some day provide a pattern for liberation of other countries from the Russian empire.

Sign Up Now For Jaunt to Planet Jupiter

By Ed McLemore

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., April 27—I can't possibly go because I haven't a single thing to wear. I looked through my wardrobe today and a high and low search revealed nothing suitable for a trip to the Moon, Mars and Jupiter.

Of course, I could go down to the nearest mortician and get fitted for what is likely to turn out to be the proper costume for the first interplanetary tourists, but brass handles, off-the-shoulder palpebrars, and plunging callalilies simply make me look a fright.

Nevertheless, I, along with thousands of other far-seeing Americans, have reservations for a trip to the things you look at through a telescope. It can be done, you know, through the Space Travel Bureau of the Hayden Planetarium in New York. First departure is scheduled for June, 1975, give or take a few decades. I won't be at all angry with the company if something delays departure and I am kept hanging around the depot for 25 or 30 years.

But I do hope that we get to the Moon in June, because I would like to be the first man to send back a postcard from there saying, "Having wonderful time. Wish you were here. X marks my crater."

If I were at all thrifty I wouldn't book for the first flight, but would wait until the tourist season had passed its peak. Then I would be sure to be able to take advantage of those marvelous, uncomfortable, 30-day, round-trip, all-expense excursions. You know, the kind which, to lure you to places when it is either boiling hot or so cold that the natives smoke burning embers to keep warm, they pay for tips, sightseeing, chewing gum and furnish luxurious bedrooms so large that it is a pleasure to share it with 12 fellow travellers, four of whom always smoke opium, and three of whom get homesick half a day out and start showing you pictures of their children.

I'm not so sure a trip to Jupiter will be much fun. It will take nearly 700 days, to start with, and imagine a day coach trip of that length. To shave two mornings in a row in a day coach is almost enough to send a man into a Pullman, and even there it is quite easy to unintentionally shove the man next to you and not yourself.

And for sure there'll be a conductor who insists on putting off taking up your ticket until you're asleep, and it's even more for sure that the dining room waiter will never serve you your coffee except when rounding a curve, so half of it stays in the cup and half spills over the shirt you had hoped to be able to wear again the next day.

Who can be sure that tourists will find things so different on the Moon, Mars or Jupiter? The folks up there probably have heard of the rush of Americans to come and have contracted with a New Jersey firm to make gimmicks marked "Made on the Moon," "Made on Jupiter," etc. And it's even money hotel owners are already jacking up prices.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "After the great honor was bestowed to him, he squandered the better part of his fortune away."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "aged" (adjective and verb)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Funeral, surreal, funeral, funicular.

4. What does the word "impulse" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with tr that means "to agitate"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "After the great honor was bestowed upon him, he squandered most of his fortune (omit away)." 2. Pronounce the

adjective a-jed, in two syllables. Pronounce the verb as a jid, one syllable. 3. Surrealist. 4. A spontaneous inclination. "An impulse stirred him to action." 5. Trouble.

by Lichty

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Without a doubt, the Police Department is riddled with Communists in important jobs and you worry about a simple case of robbery..."

POLITICAL 'MAN MADE SNOW' EXPERIMENT



Comes the Dawn

Problems of state... big issue at Capitol group is legality of state employees coffee-running from new service building to Capitol building cafeteria and vice versa via new underground tunnel—Tunnel of Love or Warren's Way... some office managers in each building say they have to retrieve employees visiting in other building.

Now, each building has rule prohibiting employees from leaving structure in which they work during hours... cause for big migration each mid-morning and mid-afternoon seems to be different coffee prices in both cafeterias... in new service building restaurant java is 7 cents black and 10 cents with cream... while in Capitol cafeteria the caffeine is dispensed on the fair practices plan—10 cents black or white.

Burning question is—do employees technically leave their buildings when they are in the tunnel?... can the tunnel (with its fine double echos) be regarded as a part of either buildings?—if so, which one?... looks like this will mean another weighty decision from the attorney general or at best a supreme court verdict.

Sign on local fortune telling establishment reads: "Advice On All Matters"... wonder if this applies to matters-in-law too.

A hungry burglar entered home of Mrs. Frank Scheelar recently and walked off with five or six eggs, one pound of pure lard and one-half pound of cheese... maybe if she had known he was coming she'd have baked a cake.

Cannery season expected to start in this area May 10 with rhubarb pack at Woodburn and several Salem canneries... strawberry pack to start about June 5 (two weeks later than last year)... bigger pack this year... growers may get about one-third above last year's price... peach crop hit bad by winter freeze and so very meager pack expected with many plants not intending to can any peaches... unpredictable cherry pack and crop expected to be about same as last year... canners anticipate good prune pack with fairly good grower price.

The ancient Phrygians were largely herdsmen and small farmers.

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Reds Assembled For Invasion Of Chushan

By Spencer Moosa

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 27 (AP)—Chinese nationalist warplanes today blasted at communist craft swarming in waters near the invasion-menaced blockade base of Chushan, 100 miles south of Shanghai.

Naval sources said the reds had massed more than 1,200 craft in Hangchow bay. The nationalist island of Chushan is at the mouth of the bay.

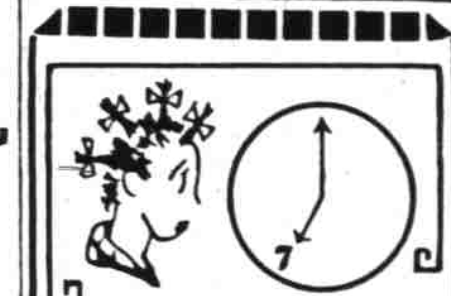
The warplanes, however, concentrated their attacks on the numerous small islands around Chushan which the communists have occupied.

The navy said many of the small craft, each of which could carry 50 soldiers, had come from shipyards in the Russian-controlled port of Dairen, Manchuria. Gen. Chen Yi, communist commander in East China, was reported to have seven armies (possibly more than 70,000 men) for the attempt on Chushan.

Two of the armies were said to have taken up positions in the red-held islands of the group. Chushan is but 10 miles from the mainland at its nearest point. Some of the communist islands are even closer to Chushan.

The air force also reported nationalist bombers based on the South China island of Hainan again had attacked the air field at Hoihow, the island's capital on the north coast.

The air force asserted most of the installations were destroyed at the Hoihow field. It did not say where on Hainan the nationalist warplanes were based. Most of the island is in communist hands.



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