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## State House Parking Need

Legislators who came to Salem Friday to attend a meeting of the state emergency board had trouble finding a place to park in the vicinity of the capitol. That's not surprising. With all the cars of state employees who "get there first" there isn't parking space available except at considerable distance. The area reserved for visitors is altogether too limited.

New parking restrictions in front of the capitol and along Summer street have been ordered by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, but it is doubtful that these prove adequate for the problem.

The state will have to purchase ground for off-street parking for use by state employees. Then space in the vicinity of the capitol group can be used for public parking. By installing meters all-day parking would be prevented, so the public really could find a place to park when they come to transact business at the capitol.

The capitol planning commission has recommended that the legislature appropriate funds to buy ground in the direction of future expansion and utilize it for parking purposes in the period before construction of new buildings. This is logical and offers a real solution to a problem which is already acute.

Persons coming from a distance to do business at the capitol should have a place to park. Their needs can be met and the requirements of state employees satisfied if the plan proposed by the capitol commission is carried out.

## Tompkins Out as Grangemaster

Advance reports on the election in the Oregon State Grange indicate that Elmer McClure, present grange overseer, has defeated Morton Tompkins of Dayton for state master. This result was forecast in the primary held several months ago when Tompkins ran second.

Since the state grange has functioned nearly like a political party the defeat of its veteran master (Tompkins is serving his fourth term) is of considerable interest. The change does not indicate so much a reversal of political direction as a change in personnel. McClure is credited with endorsing the policies long held by the grange (public power, no sales tax); and the real opposition candidate, Victor Boehl of Grants Pass, ran a poor third in the primary. Grangers were just tired of Tompkins, and some of them were vexed over his having taken employment with Bonneville Power administration as consultant.

At any rate Tompkins is out as master, but it is too early to count him out as an influence in the state. He polled a large vote, has a very substantial following—and his home on Grand island isn't far from Salem where the legislature meets.

## A 75th Birthday

The Pendleton East Oregonian celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special historical edition, one of unusual merit. It gives in text and illustration the story of Pendleton and the Umatilla region, of the prominent persons who have been community builders, and of the East Oregonian itself.

The E-O is proud of the Sam Jackson tradition. Jackson had come as a young man from Virginia to Pendleton. He was stage agent a few years then in 1882 became interested in the E-O and ran the paper as publisher and owner until 1902 when he went to Portland to establish the Oregon Journal.

Deserving of high praise for his part in developing the paper is E. B. Aldrich, its editor

## Western European Communists Are Revealed In True Light as Would-be Disrupters of Defense

ROME, May 5—One of the most conspicuous effects of the maturing world situation has been to remove the figleaves from the Western European communist parties. In Italy and France, particularly, the communists have abandoned the faintest pretense of constituting normal political parties with normal political aims.

Instead, the sole current objective of the French and Italian communists is to disrupt the organization of any defense of the West. The sole long-range objective is to prepare to play the role of para-military fifth columnists when the word of command is given. In short, the Western European communist parties have now become naked military-strategic instruments of Soviet imperialism, hardly to be distinguished from special units of the Red Army.

This process is more understandable here in Italy, for the simple reason that the Italian communist leaders still occasionally reveal their directives from Moscow to their unhappy captives, the socialists of the Nenni group. The Nenni socialists, in turn occasionally confide in their former comrades of the socialist fractions which have declared their independence.

The change in the communist line is deeply significant for two reasons. First, it clearly reveals the intention of the Kremlin to renew the attempt to bring west empire at a fairly early

date. Second, the preparations that the Italian and French communists are now making can have decisive effects, if and when the time ever comes for the big Soviet pressure drive westward. The time that must be prevented from coming is a time when the military weakness of the West will allow the Kremlin to make great, intimidating demonstrations of strength at Berlin, at Vienna, and against Yugoslavia. The French and Italian communists are now getting ready, in short, to strike when their countries will be terrified, confused and divided by the menace of the Red army and the Red air force to the eastwards.

Here in Italy, the communist party here has been losing mass membership. But it has been strengthening and hardening its apparatus, by the purges of luke-warm elements. It has also been strengthening and hardening its para-military units, which are estimated to include above 100,000 men. Finally, it has been intensifying its control of the transport and communication unions, which here, as in France, are the party's basic assets.

Early this winter, a planned incident at Modena was the pretext for an Italian trial run of fifth column tactics. Without bringing the para-military units into play, the communist high command succeeded in cutting Italy in two by paralyzing Italian transport. So serious were the effects of the Modena incident that the ministry of the interior and the carabinieri now have truck units which are to replace the railroads during future emergencies.

Imagine a situation in which all of Western Europe has been softened up by great Hitler-like shows of Soviet power, accom-

panied by menaces of the "peoples democratic atomic bomb." Imagine further an all-out attack by the Italian communists, on the pattern of the Modena incident, but including full use of the communist para-military power. The maintenance of the Italian will to resist, under these circumstances, would be a major miracle.

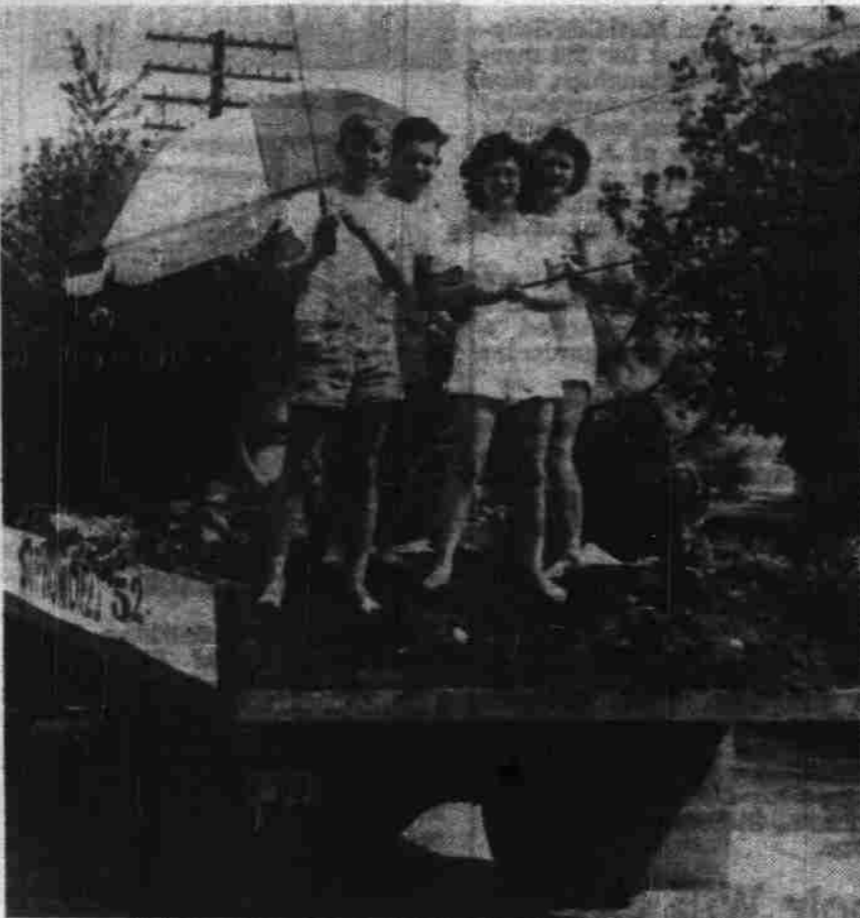
On the other hand, if these circumstances are not permitted to arise—if successful Soviet menaces are prevented by the organization of a solid Western defense in the time still allowed us—the communists are nothing but a police problem. Furthermore, the very fact that the last figleaves have been allowed to drop will then doom the communist parties in both Italy and France.

In brief, the naked use of the communist parties as instruments of Kremlin imperialism has already chilled the rank and file and even disquieted the leaders. It is bandwagon sentiment—it is the belief that the Kremlin represents the wave of the future—which now really holds the communist parties together. Once this cement begins to crumble, the parties themselves will crumble also.

The many communists who are Italians first, or peasants first, or trades unionists first—like Di Vittorio, the trade union leader, to mention the most important—will begin to have new ideas. As the communist apparatus weakens and splits, an opening will be afforded for the emergence of new, vigorous and independent left-wing parties. And thus a new atmosphere of security will permit the restoration of what France and Italy most need, a normal, healthy political life.

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## Jefferson May Day Parade Halts Business



JEFFERSON—Business came to a standstill in downtown Jefferson Friday when residents lined the streets to watch the colorful May day parade. The upper left photo shows Jefferson high school's prize winning float, "Dream of a Vacation" and "Life As It Is," entered by the sophomore class; upper right shows five attractive Misses



waving at friends from the Lionette car; lower left shows the fifth grade float, "Jefferson, 1850 and 1950," a first prize winner; a lower right shows third grade pupils plugging their "Queens of 1950." (Photos by Lester F. Coar, Statesman valley editor.)

## Who's to Blame?

A very unusual situation at Roseburg. Dairy producers are holding back deliveries of milk to distributors. They are demanding \$5.96 a hundredweight for fresh milk and distributors will pay only \$5.50, the price set by the state milk administrator as the minimum. Producers have become an affiliate with the teamsters' union; so we have the unusual association of dairymen who are independent producers with some employed help, and a labor union. Producers claim it costs so much to produce milk in that area that they have to have the \$5.96. If their claims are correct then the state milk administrator is at fault. It's his job to fix prices at a remunerative level; but the administrator, who collects cost figures himself, doesn't budge. The public can't help but be peeved but hardly knows whom to blame: producers, distributors or the milk administrator.

## Slim Reed to Lean On

Various reports have come from Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters to the effect that Chiang holds out in expectation (and hope) of another world war with Russia and the United States the leading antagonists. He figures that then he would be restored to power in China by U. S. troops.

This is a gruesome prospect for the USA and a slim reed for Chiang to lean on. A Russo-US war probably would be decided in Europe and not in Asia. We doubt if even Senator Wherry would be eager to use American armies to prop up Chiang. Chiang's defeat was due primarily to his own failure as administrator.

## Truman the Optimist

President Truman likes to exude optimism. He's naturally an optimist—he slept well election night although all the pollsters predicted his defeat. But when he says the world situation is better now than in the first half of 1946 he surely is looking through rose-colored glasses. If it is better why are we busy increasing the budget for military expenditures?

He is also over-optimistic when he predicts a lower defense budget in 1951-52. That budget will not grow less until Russia is less truculent, more cooperative. And there isn't the slightest sign of that.

We were in error in stating the other day that Sen. Austin Flegel handled the public welfare (old age assistance) bill on the senate floor at the last session in the absence of Senator Ellis who was ill. It was just the other way around. Flegel informs us. He was the one who was ill and Ellis "carried the ball" in his absence. Flegel was a member of the subcommittee which had worked over the legislation to implement the Dunne initiative.

The Chrysler strike was like a war: everybody lost. Workers lost \$1000 apiece in wages; the company, its suppliers and dealers lost hundreds of millions of dollars worth of business. And the strike ends with both sides sore and angry at each other. Wars and strikes are in the same category, even winners lose.

## Many Dancers to Swing Out In 2nd Recreational Festival

The second annual Cherry Blossom Folk Recreational festival will be sponsored Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Salem armory by the Salem Gate Swingers.

More than 250 dancers from many sections of western Oregon are expected to attend the event which will feature European, Latin American and American folk and square dances. No admission will be charged.

Clay Eggelston will be master of ceremonies, while Alice Ward is instructor for the host Gate Swingers.

Callers for various square dances will include: Fred Halvorsen, Salem Gate Swingers; Pat Harvey, Do-Si-Do club, Portland; Howard Saucy, Dundee Jeans and Calico club; and Tex Richardson, Salem Hill Anthony Hill Billies.

Exhibitions are slated by the ONO and ONT clubs of Portland, the International Folk Dancer, Inc. of Portland, and the Oregon State college physical education department.

Members of the Salem club planning the session are: Alice Ward, program; Fred Halvorsen, exhibition and squares; Mr. and Mrs. John Geisler, reception; Mrs. James E. Wiles, publicity; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bolton, decorations; Mrs. Fred Halvorsen, costumes; and Wayne Dobson, concessions.

Mrs. E. Donald Jessop will sing "America the Beautiful" to open the program. Visitors will be welcomed by Neil Brown, president of the host club.

Clubs from Salem, Scio, Portland, Ashland, Eugene, Dallas and Taft are expected to attend the dance.

A colorimeter is an instrument used to analyze substances through colors produced in chemical reactions.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Stop leaning on that bell, F... newton... Give them a few minutes to straighten up!"

## Area Stockmen Send Animals For Ram Sale

Producers of pure-bred sheep in 10 states and 18 California counties have consigned a total of 1,598 rams and ewes to the 30th annual California Ram Sale, Sheep and Wool show, to be held at the California state fairgrounds, Sacramento, opening Sunday and holding through Tuesday. The annual event is sponsored by the California Wool Growers association.

Four Salem sheepmen are consigning animals to the ram sale. They are R. W. Hogg and Sons, 57 Hampshires; A. E. Eoff, 57 Hampshires; D. P. MacCarthy and Son, 17 Hampshires and J. J. Thompson 10 Suffolks. From Turner, Gath Brothers are sending 16 Hampshires and eight Suffolk rams, and Ahrens Brothers are sending 14 Suffolk rams.

## Friends of Mayor Plan Hot Welcome

Some of the folks Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom left behind when he departed for Hawaii are making arrangements for the Salem mayor to get a proper reception in the land of leis and pineapples.

Elfstrom is making the trip aboard U.S.S. Valley Forge following an invitation from the secretary of the navy.

Gov. Douglas McKay is writing to inform the mayor of Honolulu of Elfstrom's visit, and Salem Chamber of Commerce officials are passing the word to the Honolulu chamber.

G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, is writing the president of the University of

Hawaii. Smith will join with Elfstrom in inviting the U of H president to come to Salem with his school's football team when it plays the Willamette eleven in October.

## Japanese to Reenter Lily Bulb Market

By Lillie L. Madsen  
Garden Editor, The Statesman

The Japanese expect to make a strong bid to recapture the American lily bulb market, judging from recently increased imports.

Information assembled by American occupation forces last fall indicate these importations are only the beginning if the Japanese realize their ambitions. The Japanese, the information indicates, expect to offer more than 10 million bulbs for export in 1953 compared to less than two million from the 1949 crop.

A duty of \$6 a thousand is paid on all lily bulbs imported into this country. Lily bulbs are among the items to be considered by the trade agreement committee at hearings scheduled for Washington, D. C. during May. Oregon has a special interest in these hearings because the United States production of Easter lilies is centered in this state. Regals and a few other kinds which are imported, are also produced commercially in Oregon.

The trade agreement hearings in Washington will consider whether to increase, decrease, or leave the present duty on lily bulbs unchanged. Lily growers here feel that the duty has not been enough to exclude bulbs. A duty of \$6 was in effect during prewar years when imports were large and the average value was only \$25 a thousand.

Oregon's lily industry expanded very rapidly during the first half of the 1940's when the war prevented imports from Japan, the Netherlands, and other bulb producing areas. Sales from the 1945 crop brought Oregon growers more than two million dollars.

Expansion increased too rapidly in the bulb growing business and many growers were caught with considerable losses as prices tumbled.

Grower associations have worked, during the past two years, to bring domestic production back into better balance with demand. This has proved rather successful, but during 1949, more than four and a half million bulbs were imported into this country. This is more than twice as many as received in most years since 1941. Prior to 1940, imports ranged from 21 to 26 million bulbs a year.

According to the United States tariff commission, about 85 per cent of these early importations were Japanese Easter-lily bulbs. First sizable importations from Japan since Pearl Harbor, were received during the last three months of 1949. Most of the lily bulb imports during intervening years have been from Mexico, the Netherlands, Bermuda and Canada.

The first forestry school in the United States, first headed by Gifford Pinchot, was formed on what is now the Vanderbilt Estate, outside of Asheville, N. C.

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