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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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## Mr. Truman Makes a Call

A rather cocky Truman visited the northwest this week. He is still chuckling over the way he confounded the prophets and won the 1948 election. He is still fighting republicans and blaming them with failure of his program to march; and he is taking credit for happiness and prosperity. In fact one reporter dubbed his train the "happiness special."

But it is doubtful if the president made much political hay on this non-political trip. Those of his faith were rejuvenated. Those on his ticket backed under his enigmatic smile. But his speeches were chiefly reprints of his former statements, sometimes localized not too happily. President Truman condemned failure of congress to approve the Hell's canyon dam, though it is a tardy arrival in the list of northwest projects. He criticized defeat of the basin account scheme which by the way it was worded would have built up virtually an independent oligarchy out here. At Grand Coulee he took a crack at private power interests as obstructionists though in the northwest the private companies have not resisted federal construction of dams on the river and have been major distributors of federal power to the people at exceedingly low cost.

Mr. Truman endorsed a Columbia valley administration after the Tennessee valley model and disclaimed any intention to strip control of water rights from states. The unification he urged however could be attained in better form through the recommendations of the Hoover commission. He has made no move to adopt the commission's recommendations on reorganization of the interior department or creation of a department of natural resources. The last seems a far wiser solution of the problem than a regional Authority.

Out here there is no argument over the development of our natural resources. There is dispute over how it should be done. Most of the people oppose a quasi-independent valley authority; and in Oregon the public ownership idea has made comparatively little headway. In his stand the president seems to be a captive of the demo-socialist contingent which has long run Washington and is trying to grab control in Oregon.

We like to have the president visit us; but we of the northwest prefer to write our own ticket on many of the current issues.

## Flood Warnings

Threats arise for the lowlands when waters from rains and melting snow and ice pour off the roof of the continent down the trough of the Columbia river. With snow density higher over the northwest watershed than in 1948 and water content greater, the possibilities of serious floods are foreseen by authorities. They are taking steps to meet eventualities, to the extent they can in the time remaining.

The real disaster in 1948 was the breaking of the railroad fill which permitted the flooding of Vanport. Since then fills and dikes have been strengthened so recurrence is not anticipated. Then it was the coincidence of high waters from the Snake and the upper Columbia raised by heavy rains and rapid melt that caused the damage. Odds are against such a coincidence; but people in the danger belt can't afford to gamble. This time at least they are being forewarned.

## Hard Choice Now Face to Face With Acheson; His Decision, Efforts Hold Fate of World

By Joseph Alsop  
LONDON, May 12 — It may be a little ridiculous to be reminded of classical drama by a modern foreign ministers meeting, with its dusty routine of high and low level discussion, complex secret position papers, and elaborately phony public communiques. Yet if D. A. Acheson would only indulge in a colloquy or two, he would not be hopelessly miscast as the tragic hero of this crucial London gathering.

The right parallel, perhaps, is the "Berenice" of Racine. In Racine's play, the Emperor Titus is hopelessly in love with Queen Berenice, at the moment when he inherits the Roman empire. Reasons of state make it necessary for the Roman emperor to abandon the foreign queen. The conflict in Titus between love and duty in turn provides the drama.

In point of fact, at the moment described by Racine, Titus was considerably over 40, while Queen Berenice was a ripe siren of over 60. Racine's version of Roman history is probably a bit exaggerated. Furthermore, one suspects that the conflict that troubles politicians is seldom between love and duty. For Acheson here in London, for example, the conflict is between duty and convenience.

There is a large group of high officials, of course, who can never experience this extremely painful conflict. To be specific, Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder has in recent months used his contacts with finance ministers on this side of the Atlantic to sabotage the western defense effort. But Snyder does not even faintly understand the vast world problems that make a solid western defense so urgently necessary. On the other hand, Snyder knows that build-

ing a western defense will cost money, and that finding the funds will be highly inconvenient for him, both personally and politically. There is no conflict, and Snyder sabotages away, urging his finance minister friends to "hold down the generals," with a clear conscience.

The difference of Acheson's position was almost grimly evident, while he was speaking so eloquently at the Pilgrims' dinner. In contrast to his more competent colleagues of the Truman administration, Acheson does understand the world problems very clearly indeed. He also knows very well what must be done about these world problems, beginning with a solid western defense effort, and going on from there to the troublesome political organization of the west, the infinitely difficult solution of the German question, and so on.

It is precisely the fact, of course, that Acheson has knowledge and understanding, which has made him the chosen target of McCarthy, Wherry and the others like them.

For men like these, there is safety in stupidity and positive danger in intelligence. Given the fact that Acheson's intelligence is marred by a strong strain of rather silly arrogance, and the further fact that he rashly took a highly exposed position concerning China, Acheson was bound to be attacked by the hard core isolationists.

But Acheson's troubles with congress are mere by-play. The real drama is internal. Specifically, Acheson is visibly aware that greatly increased American efforts and sacrifices are now absolutely essential, in order to create his "hard conditions of fact" that will halt Soviet aggression. But he is also well aware that it will be highly inconvenient, even downright grueling, to secure consent for these efforts and sacrifices from the president, the congress and the country.

Such immense stakes have rarely been involved in any struggle within a single indi-

vidual. If Acheson lacks the courage to do what is needed, it is clear that the Truman administration will do nothing. Messrs. Bevin and Schuman are quite unable to do anything. Hence at this great turning point in London, it is also clear that if Acheson's fine words are not translated into American deeds, the western front against Soviet aggression will rapidly disintegrate.

It is interesting to speculate on why Acheson has waited so long to come to grips with the world realities he must always have understood. Perhaps, as a newly appointed secretary of state, he felt bound to give a fair trial to President Truman's personal theory of the cold war — that "everything's going to be all right" as the president so often says.

Undoubtedly, also, Acheson has himself been deceived, as other men have been deceived, by what may be called the great committee illusion. A western union is formed, and committees and headquarters, proliferate plans for the defense of western Europe. An Atlantic pact is signed, and committees and staffs proliferate plans for the defense of the western world. It is hard to remember, even for a very high official, that all this bustle and activity can be perfectly meaningless, as in fact it has very nearly been to date.

In any case, the time for fudging and improvising and hoping for the best is now over. Between duty and convenience, between the hard way and the easy way, Acheson must now choose. Being conspicuously human, he may prefer the easy way which leads, delightfully, comfortably, but rather directly, to disaster. It seems a better bet, however, that he will choose the hard way which leads, wondrously, over hard ground, past many menaces, to the survival of the free world.

In these circumstances, Acheson's choice would be worth watching as a mere moral spectacle, even if the futures of all of us were not bound up in it. (Copyright 1950, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

## Rogers for Commissioner

On the republican ticket the only competition for a county office is on the commissionership. Incumbent E. L. Rogers is opposed by Alfred J. Zielinski.

Our endorsement goes to Rogers. He has made good as commissioner. His opponent was turned down by the voters two years ago when he ran against Roy Rice. We know of no special qualification he has for the office.

Rogers has had the experience of one term and prior to that experience with county road work. Behind his somewhat weathered countenance is a shrewd intelligence. He isn't much for talk, but his head is working and his thinking is clear and sound. Give Rogers another term.

## Price Rise in Rubber

Natural rubber still has plenty of stretch—to its price. After world war one the rubber price bounced sky high under cartel manipulation. Belatedly it has been repeating the performance after the second world war. In December natural rubber sold at 17 cents a pound. Now it is up to 28 cents.

One reason for the price rise in raw rubber is unsettled conditions in the far east. Traders in East Indies prefer rubber stocks to some of the currency that floats around in that region. Synthetic rubber is still sold at 18½ cents and its production is increasing; but tire prices are expected to rise because of the greater cost of raw rubber.

Thus shifts in economic breezes on the other side of the globe affect what Americans ride on.

Senate democrats are finally getting up courage to reply to Sen. McCarthy. For weeks they seemed to hide behind their desks and let him spout. Now they are sounding off themselves. Sen. Chavez of New Mexico, himself a loyal Catholic, accused Budenz, converted back to the church from communism, of using the cross as a club. The democrats, though, are in large degree responsible for letting McCarthy rave on and on with no effective rejoinder.

Senator Mundt has announced that representatives of 60 organizations will meet in Chicago to form a united anti-communist front. If they do that they can't afford to lose. Come the revolution and a red attorney general would have ready made a new list of "subversive organizations"—and candidates for concentration camps.

"Big Counterfeit Ring Smashed," say the papers. If there is one crime men can't get away with very long it is counterfeiting. But like a moth to the flame men keep trying to make and pass phony money.

Wake up, folks! Salem seems to have a real ball team.

Congress says no A-bombs to our European allies. Is it afraid some might be tossed back this way?



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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generally ran to 50,000 and more. The Statesman has been skeptical of these estimates, though it guessed that the annexation of West Salem would insure a 50,000 count. When a boom is on, people get the spirit and become over-optimistic with their lead pencils. This has happened before with many communities and chamber of commerce estimates were sadly deflated when the actual count was made. Do not scold the enumerators. They did a thorough job. Doubtless some were missed, but they would be only a handful. Anyway, the count stands, subject of course to late additions or discovery of error.

It is of interest to review the record of the census of Salem in years past. Reports for the census in the years 1880 and 1890 are uncertain because the count was taken by precincts which included territory in and out of the city. For other years the count was as follows:

- 1870—1,139
- 1900—4,258
- 1910—14,094
- 1920—17,679
- 1930—25,268
- 1940—30,908
- 1950—43,064 (preliminary)

At any rate, Salem is a city, and a city that is on the march. Maybe we are better off that the additional 6,936 (to make 50,000) are not here yet to complicate our traffic and housing and school problems. They are coming. Barring war or catastrophe, Salem will pass the 50,000 mark not many years hence. And there are still a good many residents of Salem who prefer it as it WAS.

The Mason-Dixon line was surveyed by two British surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, beginning in 1763.

## Ways in Washington

By Jane Eads  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — When Harry Truman was suddenly shunted into the presidency five years ago Mrs. Truman said to have cried at the prospect of being first lady. A naturally retiring, home-loving person, Mrs. Truman made no bones about disliking her surroundings when she moved from private life to be White House mistress. Even in 1948, when her husband was elected top man in the government, she was quoted as wishing only to go "home" to Independence, Mo., and "settle down."



But when she realized that fate seemed to have other plans for her, she made the best of the deal. With quiet dignity, competence and widely understanding, she has adjusted herself to the limelight. No longer self-conscious before the public, she does not seem to mind folks pressing around her, ogling her every move, wanting to touch her, familiarly calling her "Bess."

## Better English

- By D. C. Williams
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He acquired pneumonia while on his business trip."
  2. What is the correct pronunciation of "grievous"?
  3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Surveyor, surreptitious, surveillance, surfeit.
  4. What does the word "jeopardize" mean?
  5. What is a word beginning with st that means "a smirk"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "He contracted pneumonia." 2. Pronounce greev-us, not greev-i-us, often heard. 3. Surveillance. 4. To expose to loss or injury. (Pronounce first syllable jep, e as in bet). "Surrender might mean the jeopardizing of their future." 5. Smirk.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"You might as well answer all their questions now, while they're still young enough to think you know the answer..."

## Safety Valve

Daylight Saving Is Unpopular on Farms To the Editor:

I am writing to let the law makers know what most of us farmers here in Pedee think of daylight saving time. We don't like it. I attended the Farmers Union convention in Salem this spring and they took a vote on it. The majority voted against changing the time, but it passed regardless of what the farmer wanted.

Here are a few of my reasons against daylight saving. Our cows don't like it. They refuse to come up to be milked in the middle of the day, and again before daylight of a morning. They have failed in their milk production too. Our chickens don't like it. They refuse to come for their feed, and are locked in for the night, before the sun goes down. Our school children that ride the bus don't like it. They get up before daylight in order to catch the bus. They get home at midday, and play around, waiting for the time (right time) to go to bed. Beside farming, my husband works in a mill, twelve miles from home. He has to get up at five a.m. (four a.m. standard) in order to get his chores done and off to work on time. He is through at 5 p.m. and gets home at 4 p.m. (standard). He is always hungry, and wants his dinner when he gets home. That means, I start my dinner at four o'clock (daylight saving). Three o'clock (standard), right in the middle of a hot day.

If this is not reason enough why I don't like it, I might add more next time.

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## Seasonal Limits Affect 3 Per Cent Of Jobless Claims

Seasonal restrictions affect less than 3 per cent of all claims for unemployment benefits, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Friday.

Employees of industries which are declared to be seasonal can't secure benefits during the off-seasons, according to a state law which is an issue in the current political campaign and probably will be up for legislative action in 1951.

Changes made by the 1949 legislature will affect eligibility of few seasonal workers for benefits before July 1, 1951, the commission said.

## Autopsy Ordered In Portland Case

PORTLAND, May 12 — (AP) — An autopsy was underway today to determine what happened to a middle-aged man whose body, dressed only in shirt and trousers, was found behind a billboard in downtown Portland.

The man, who appeared about 55 years old, had burns on his back and one leg. There were no other indications of violence or accident. No one had come forward to identify him since the body was discovered last night.

## Westside to Hear School Bond Talk

The proposed Salem school bond issue will be discussed in a meeting of West Salem Parent-Teacher association in the school gymnasium Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Wava McCormick, Marion county PTA president, will report on the state convention and a speaker will give a preview of the summer recreation program for children.

## EX-GOP LEADER DIES

WASHINGTON, May 12 — (AP) — Everett Sanders, 68, former chairman of the Republican National committee and secretary to President Calvin Coolidge, collapsed and died in his law office today. Sanders served four terms as a republican U. S. representative from Indiana.

## Vishinsky Hears UN's Trygve Lie

MOSCOW, May 12 — (AP) — Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations had his first meeting with the Soviets today in his efforts to compose east-west differences.

He talked for an hour and a half with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, who formerly headed the Soviet delegation to the U. N. No details were announced, but the length of the meeting indicated that they covered a wide range of subjects.

## Rocket Soars 106 Miles from U.S. Warship

By Francis J. Kelly  
WASHINGTON, May 12 — (AP) — A big rocket whooshed up from an experimental U. S. warship last night and rose 106.4 miles into the air.

Although the altitude was less than half the distance that man has punched upward from his earth, it set a record for an American-built, single-stage rocket.

The projectile is called a Viking. It is almost 50 feet long and 2½ feet thick. It was built for the navy by the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore.

It was fired in mid-Pacific by the experimental guided missile ship Norton Sound, near Christmas island, several hundred miles south of Hawaii. The destroyer Osburn was along to help photograph and track the rocket.

The previous altitude for an American-built single-stage rocket was 78 miles. A German V-2 rocket fired at White Sands, N. Mex., went up 114 miles, but a two-stage or double-header American built missile set off from the same testing ground looped up to an altitude of more than 250 miles.

## 4-H Summer School Sign-up Ends Monday

Final chance for Marion county 4-H club members above 12 years to apply for scholarships to 4-H summer school is Monday afternoon. Anthol Riney, county club extension agent reminded Friday.

Riney said only 37 youngsters have applied for the 53 half scholarships pledged by various organizations throughout the county. The total quota for school attendance from the county is 110, the same as in 1949.

From the city of Salem 15 may attend the school at Corvallis. Five scholarships are available, but no applicants have filed.

## Divorce Granted To Groucho Marx

LOS ANGELES, May 12 — (AP) — After a hard day at the studio making people laugh, Groucho Marx had to go home and take charge of the housework, he complained today.

Utterly unlike his funny radio self, the sombre Groucho, 59, told a divorce court judge his 29-year-old wife Kay Marie Marx "never took care of the house and was completely indifferent to her surroundings."

The judge decided that constituted cruelty and granted the decree. He also approved a settlement under which Mrs. Marx, who formerly was wed to Leo Gorcey, Dead End Kid, gets \$134,215 in the next 10½ years.

## 8,000 STALLED UNDERGROUND

NEW YORK, May 12 — (AP) — A Manhattan-to-Queens train broke down in the East River tunnel of the Independent Subway system during the rush hour late today, causing 8,000 persons to be evacuated from underground trains. Two women were treated at a hospital for heat exhaustion and a third woman received treatment for shock.



## BEGONIA TIME

Yes, Now is the time to set your Begonias out in porch boxes or beds. This season we have grown 25,000 Begonias and they are the finest strain available. Seeding plants at only \$2.50 per doz. Started tubers at \$3.50 per doz. For Begonias always come to SALEM'S ONE AND ONLY BEGONIA SPECIALIST.

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## What Are the Issues in the MAYOR ELECTION?

There have been too many idle promises to do something about civic problems such as new industry... and friendship for the laboring man. Walter Musgrave is the only candidate who has a record of accomplishment in getting industry... and the only one who can be counted on to carry on the fight...

Only those who know Walter Musgrave personally can appreciate the deep sincerity he has in tirelessly working for industry and for faithful observation of our laws. He has unusual ability and foresight...

Walter Musgrave has been Service Officer for Kingwood Post American Legion for several years... he is the only Veteran among the candidates.

Pd. Adv. by John E. Black, Secretary Musgrave for Mayor Committee