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## Moderate Laborites Prevail

While the British labor party has followed its socialist line to the end in rejecting association in the continental pool of heavy industry its policy at home has turned definitely moderate. For a long time the party has been sharply divided between the radicals led by Aneurin Bevan and the moderates led by Herbert Morrison and Ernest Bevin. The Bevan party includes the "back benchers" who chafe because socialization comes so slowly. The moderates think it is time for a breathing spell. The latter group seems to have won out at the secret party conference at Dorking nearly a month ago.

Nationalization is to stand as is, for the time being at least. Herbert Morrison, deputy prime minister, in a recent speech mentioned only coal, inland transport and steel as the "vital industries" to be held under socialist management. In the case of steel no attempt has yet been made to take it over even though the government has authority to do so. But other industries like sugar, cement, chemicals were not on Morrison's list.

The other points outlined by Morrison are largely just a continuation of present policies: continued government "planning," more housing for workers, continued social service including health services.

The Labor party's choice is doubtless a concession to the practicalities of politics. The party leaders were surprised and shocked at the narrow margin of victory they won in the recent elections. They know they must attract more of the middle class voters to gain ground, and plainly they are appealing to that class with a less radical program.

Further concessions to political considerations may be seen in relaxing of rationing of gas—life in Britain is to be a little less austere. On the other hand the party is under great pressure for thawing its wage freeze. The cost of living has inched higher and workers are getting restless. The party leaders have to guard against defection from their own ranks while they curtail to attract others to their side.

The current maneuvering is probably smart politics. In fact one is hearing about an early election, and less about the prospect of a defeat for Labor. After all moderation is much more characteristic of the British than radicalism. Even the socialists recognize that.

## "Who Laughs Last . . ."

After the Salem, Ore. 1950 census count was announced at 43,064 our esteemed evening contemporary gave us the horselaugh. It looked as though we had it coming, too. For two years before when local estimates were running at around 56,000, we had boasted that Salem, Ore. was the No. One Salem in the USA. The mother Salem (or the eldest sister)—Salem, Mass.—unpretendingly admitted that probably it was now in second place.

The boast and the concession were not surprising, for the 1940 census showed Salem, Mass. with 41,213, far under our assumed 56,000. Likewise the ribbing we got (and took) when our count shrank to 43,064 was not surprising. It did look as though Salem, Mass. would easily top that score.

Now the counts for both cities have been given out: Salem, Ore. 43,064; Salem, Mass. 41,838. Salem, Ore. is tops after all. The Statesman is vindicated . . . and gets the last (and best) laugh.

Who would believe that the Philadelphia mint would shut down for lack of demand for coins? That is what it is doing, for two months. Just as the vacation season starts too, with millions of kiddies asking for coins for cones, drinks and hot dogs, to say nothing of calls of motorists for coins for parking. You'd think too at the rate the fair deal throws money away there would be no falling off in demand for coins. Perhaps though it is the bureau of engraving which

## Russian Budget Indicates Soviet Expenditures For Military Purposes Again Top Those of U. S.

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

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—For the second successive year the Russian budget indicates Soviet expenditures for military purposes greater than those of the United States and perhaps even larger than the total for all the western Allies. The figures serve to underline statements by President Truman that Russia is preparing for war, and by Secretary Acheson that her military preparations "have gone far beyond the reasonable requirements for defense."

At Russia's own evaluation of the ruble, she will spend about 20 billion dollars on the "open" defense item in the budget, slightly more than last year, as compared with the 13 billion for which Truman has asked congress.

But under Russia's monolithic political and economic structure, the "open" defense item represents merely a part. That's true in the United States, too, but to a much lesser extent. Atomic research in the U. S., for instance, is divided between the atomic commission and the armed forces, with much of the former's funds devoted to peacetime purposes. In Russia, atomic research is budgeted under "edu-

cation." It is notable that this item in Russia's new budget is slightly smaller than last year, though not much. Just as American expenditures were reduced once success in producing an atomic explosion was achieved. The big jump in the Russian budget is for the "national economy" item—ostensibly for the development of industry. But in Russia this goes into heavy industry, a vast proportion of which is war industry, including airplanes, munitions, tank and gun plants. For years before World War II Russia spent about 60 per cent of her entire national budget for military purposes. There is no reason to think that the percentage is smaller now. Although the "open" military item represents only 18.5 per cent.

American intelligence figures on Russian military expenditures are 45 billion annually. Russia has also been integrating the war industries of her satellites into her own. Just as the armies of Central Europe are being trained to fit as units into the Russian army, so are the industries being mobilized for the general communist war potential.

All this does not mean necessarily that Russia is or will be stronger than the West. There is still a vast difference in efficiency and quality. It has become almost an axiom that modern arms are obsolete by the time they reach the stage of industrial production, and much of Russia's industrial potential is

devoted merely to copying western products. The real question goes to the matter of intent.

## Safety Valve

Says Silverton Change In Entrance a Hazard

To the Editor: About the proposed change in the road entrances to Silverton on the Salem road. It would greatly add to the serious accident hazards if the last projected proposal to change the place of the railroad crossing from the clear view on the present crossing to a view obstructed by buildings and oil tanks of the Farmers Co-op. Not counting the cost of filling quite low swamp lands most of the way on the proposed change of the road bed also the problem of ditch to drain railroad bed. This change will not shorten the road over a couple of rods and does not warrant the expense involved. The proposed change of railroad crossing would block view of all drivers coming from both sides by the co-op installations and prevent safe driving by blinding the drivers. CHAS. J. HARBEC 104 James street P.S. I have no axe to grind in the above matter.

## Statue Has Breakdown Due to Noise

By Henry McLemore  
DAMASCUS, Syria, June 15 The desk clerk at the Moayad hotel here speaks perfect Arabic so he had no trouble at all in misunderstanding me when I asked him for a nice quiet room. The room he gave me, and the room in which I am writing this, would make a man who had lived half a lifetime in the Tower of Babel pack his suitcase and get out. The room is on the second floor and its French windows open on Merjeh square, the hub of Damascus and its suburbs. In the center of the square is a bronze column, erected by order of Sultan Abdul Hamid. Legend has it that the column originally was topped by the statue of a Syrian hero but was removed when the statue said he couldn't stand the noise, and threatened to sue the city for the nervous breakdown he said was sure to come to him.

The square is not only the hub of Damascus—it is the hub of the hub-bub of the world. All the city's taxis park there, hundreds of jackasses are tethered there, and all the street cars and buses start from there. It is also the favorite lounging spot of the city's wandering musicians and street vendors. From morn till night and from night till morn the taxi drivers toot their horns to attract customers, the jackasses bray because they're jackasses, the musicians play because they want coppers, and the vendors howl to sell their wares.

If this was all the noise that came into my room I'd think nothing of it, but it isn't a tenth of the sound that billows up from the cobblestones of this most ancient of cities. Rising above all the sounds and the street less as the beat of the surf on the shore, is the talk of the people of the town.

The folk of Damascus are the talkingest of all folk. They never stop, and their high, shrill voices are borne wherever there is a breeze. What they talk about I don't know, my knowledge of Arabic being very limited. But they must talk about everything—the dust, the sun, the stars, mama's health, pap's health, the price of cat food, how things are going in the apricot market, and the size and shape of the moon.

The only time during which there is quiet comes between three and five in the morning. I know, because I have stayed in the quiet between three and five. But at five the quiet is broken. Not only broken, but shattered. It is then that from every minaret of every mosque the muezzins call the faithful to prayer. The muezzins see to it that every one of the faithful, even the deafest ones, hear their chants. Actually, it is a beautiful, if noisy proceeding. All over the city, just before dawn, the minarets put on a necklace of lights. The graceful spires stand out against the sky, thin fingers reaching toward the Infinite.

The calls begin. Low at first, then louder, until, finally, the old city resounds in the weird, singing chant. Within three blocks of my room are half a dozen mosques, and there seems to be a rivalry among the muezzins. Which one can call the loudest. Which one can bring more of the faithful. Progress, even in Damascus, has made one muezzin the envy of all his brethren. This one has installed a public address system in his minaret, and he knows dramatic timing, too. Just when the others are doing their best he turns a switch, throws the volts and amperes into high, and starts chanting. I am surprised that you haven't heard him, no matter where you live. He makes the mosque quiver, the ground shake and the faithful answer.

After listening to the noise of this city I am not at all surprised to read that St. Paul went over the wall. Anything to get rest and quiet. Tomorrow I am going to the bazaar and buy myself some ear muffs. There are some good ones for sale, I hear, if a man doesn't mind wearing a used, B.C. pair. (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We figure on making over sixty dollars."
  2. What is the correct pronunciation of "cadaver"?
  3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Disengage, hemorrhage, muclage, algelience.
  4. What does the word "fluent" mean?
  5. What is a word beginning with ve that means "lightheaded; airy; hence, flakey"?
- ANSWERS  
1. Say, "We plan to earn more than sixty dollars." 2. Pronounce the second a either as in dab or as in day, and accent the second syllable. 3. Hemorrhage. 4. Ready in the use of words. The professor is a fluent speaker. 5. Volatile.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"How are we ever going to visit all the places we planned to see if you're always stopping to look at something of interest?"

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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value for ducks. The wildlife folk though are fearful that the land-board might later move to reclaim Petri marsh which embraces some 150,000 acres. There is one point the protestants must not overlook that in this instance the land board is the trustee for the school children of the state, present and future. It must manage this property primarily in their interest. It should not be asked to penalize the schools to foster other interests, important though the latter may be.

There is a parallel case: the land board collects royalties from sand and gravel companies for the yardage they take from beds of navigable streams in the state. In the past the highway department has felt that such materials used for state road building should be exempt from this state royalty. The land board however has held that the title to the beds of streams did not rest just in the state but in the state for the benefit of the schools; and so it has continued to collect royalties even where materials were used on state roads. The same theory applies to these Warner lakes.

There is a solution. If the federal wildlife service and the state game commission would acquire these lands by purchase or lease from the state land board then they could manage them as they saw fit. The game commission acquired similar lands at Summer lake and established a public shooting grounds there. The question arises as to which is a superior use for these lands: for agricultural purposes or for bird refuge. But the land board technically has no authority to answer that broad question, for its legal interest is in managing the lands in the interest of the schools. If the bird refuge represents the wiser use of the lands then they should be taken over by the proper public authority for that purpose with adequate compensation to the school fund. The wildlife people should understand the position of the state land board as trustee for the school fund and lands. Because of past squandering of school funds the irreducible school fund of this state is far less than it should be. Reforms come tardily, but now the land board is sensitive to its responsibilities. Two years ago when a tract with pine timber was sold at a good price but without a call for bids the then land board was roundly criticized. The present board remembers that. Every special interest, good or bad, should realize that these are school lands, not just "public" lands to be used as a majority may desire.

The land board has not been hasty in its action—these lands have not been disturbed since they passed into state ownership in 1859. Plenty of time will be given to hear all persons concerned and to give of interests a chance to make proposals. But in the end the board must fulfill its responsibility as trustees for the schools.

## About Your . . . Newspaper . . .

THE COMPOSING ROOM Chapter 15  
By Wendell Webb  
It wouldn't do editors and reporters any good to write stories if they couldn't be transcribed into type, and ultimately into pages, for printing and distribution. All "copy" from the news and editorial department, as well as from the advertising department, goes to the composing room for that purpose.

King in the composing room is the linotype or intertype—similar machines made by different firms. Operators, at keyboards similar to typewriters, "set up" the type. If an operator presses on the

"m" key, for instance, a small brass matrix with an "m" indented in it drops into place. As he presses other letters, their matrices drop next to the "m." When enough letter keys are pressed so that the matrices fill out whatever length line is desired (2 inches for one column) the line of matrices is placed in a position where hot lead can fill the indentations in each one. As the lead hardens—in a split second—it becomes a line of type.

Operators of linotype or intertypes can "set up" nearly two columns of ordinary type an hour.

The larger head-line type is set by hand from type cases, or from other machines, and then the job is to get the right headline and the right story together. On the top of each, the copy desk man has written, and the linotype or intertype operator has "set" the first two words of the headline. That helps the make-up men find the head that should go on that particular story.

When story and headline are put together, a proof is taken and a proofreader checks for errors. The same process is followed with advertising material, in regard to composition and makeup. When the story or advertisement has been corrected, it is ready to be fitted in the page forms.

## Births Outstrip Deaths 3 to 1 Since January

Births have outnumbered deaths by a three to one ratio in Marion county since January 1, it was revealed Thursday at an executive committee meeting of the county health department. It was pointed out that there have been 132 more births since the first of the year than during a similar period in 1949, and that only eight deaths have been recorded from communicable diseases since January 1, including one in May.

May's single death was attributed to tuberculosis, and committee members predicted that the local tuberculosis rate may increase in future years because of contact by members of the armed forces with European areas where the tuberculosis rate is high.

Annual X-ray examinations were recommended to combat this possible threat to the community's health.

Truffles grow only at the base of certain kinds of oak trees.



Salem policeman shamed out-of-state motorist, who had overtime parked other day, without saying a word . . . seeing officer place tag on car, visitor exploded against "lack of courtesy to visitors, etc." by Salem and policemen . . . jerked tag from car and took one glance, then did a retake . . . Mr. Blowtop's face turned red like the Cherryland festival banners . . . because tag was courtesy ticket which read: "You are really welcome in Salem and we hope you enjoy . . . etc."

Cherry Festival Queen Nancy Miller and the Cherrians did it again, and this time in another town . . . seems they almost fractured a noon meeting of the Mt. Angel Business Men's club when they roared into town with siren wailing . . . more than half the men at the business meeting were volunteer Mt. Angel firemen and at the sound of the gong they took off to fight a fire . . . order restored sometime later when King Bing Paul Hale and Queen Nancy were introduced and the queen presented Mt. Angel Mayor Jacob Berchold with a jar of cherries.

If June is Fathers Day guess what day is June 17? . . . according to an official list prepared by U. S. Dept. of Commerce it's Expectant Fathers Day . . . anyway the two days are in correct sequence.

Ardo Tarem, displaced Estonian and now a Willamette university faculty member and a YMCA instructor, has rigged up a system of ropes and other aids to teach people to swim with ease . . . other night at the Y he held a swim class for 12 young business women who couldn't swim a stroke . . . at the end of the session eight were swimming . . . "I'll get the other four next time," Ardo promised.

Salem lost a great booster when Ivan Martin died this week . . . Ivan was a living nostalgic link with the Good Old Days of the Willamette valley . . . his fondness for music dated back to the horse and buggy days when valley town bands visited each other for music-fests . . . among other things Ivan composed two Cherry festival songs "All Hail to Cherryland," and "It's Fun to Live in Salem . . . and wrote the words to the "Salem Wonderland" song for the 1940 Salem Centennial celebration.

Sacrifice play . . . car knocked down one of those "Stop When Occupied" signs at pedestrian crossing over Center street at North Church street . . . this during mad 5 p.m. traffic rush . . . pedestrian obligingly began to set sign back up again . . . autos whizzing past on both sides . . . none stopped while he was adjusting sign . . . and at last, sign safely set up, he dashed safely back to curb amid relieved cheers from onlookers.

An 800-pound steer stolen this week from Alvin Hartley farm in Silverton hills area . . . cattle rustling in the west again? . . . everyone who grieved about the almost-forgotten prolonged sunshine of a week ago hold up your hands—over your mouths . . . large old house at 266 N. Capitol st. sold recently by Don Madison to Floyd K. Bowers through Realtor Burt Picha.

## Salem Guard Officers Honored

ASTORIA, June 15—(AP)—Fifteen service medals were distributed to Oregon national guardsmen tonight by Oregon's Adjutant General Thomas E. Rilea. Lt. Col. Harry L. Riches, headquarters detachment, Salem, was honored for 25 years' service. Five-year service medals went to two Salem men: Lt. William R. Schaefer and 1st Lt. Willard S. Lawless.

## 99-E Wreck Injures Two

Two Washington residents were injured slightly about 2:30 p.m. Thursday when their southbound auto rolled over an embankment and crashed along the Pacific highway about one mile north of Salem. Dr. F. W. Wichman, Tenino, Wash., the driver, incurred a one-inch gash on his chin and possibly fractured ribs; J. F. Cowsey, 66, Rochester, Wash., a passenger, incurred lacerations and bruises on his right hand, lips and forehead. Both men were treated by the Salem first aid squad. The auto was badly damaged.

## SLAVS CONVICT SPIES

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, June 15—(AP)—A Yugoslav military tribunal today sentenced two alleged traitors to death. It gave long prison terms to six others. All were

## Family Seeks Damages for Car Accident

A family of four has filed suits in Marion county circuit court seeking judgments totaling \$27,570 for damages and injuries allegedly received in an automobile collision last November near Milwaukie.

The suits grew out of an accident involving Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Steward and two daughters, all of Eugene, and Alfred L. Jones, of Salem. The head-on collision occurred, according to the complaints filed by the Stewards against Jones, Nov. 26, 1949, about 2½ miles south of Milwaukie on the Pacific highway. According to the complaints Steward was driving his car and his wife, Gliva, and daughters, Billie, 16, and Patricia, 17, were passengers in the car. Steward is seeking judgment of \$11,359; his wife, \$11,147, and the two daughters, \$2,532 each. All state they were hospitalized with injuries.

## SEASIDE CELEBRATES

SEASIDE, June 15—(AP)—Tourists were celebrating the Lewis and Clark festival here today. The four-day affair includes parades, dances, boat races, and drills.

charged with spying for Albania, Russia and the cominform.

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