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Cut-off Gets Approval

The state highway commission seems to have undergone a "sea-change" with the advent of Ben Chandler of Coos Bay as chairman. Monday it gave its blessing on the Willamette cutoff route which will shorten the distance between Portland and Salem. Under Chairman Banfield the commission had frowned on this development, though it did spend money to grade and pave a road from West Portland to the Tualatin river. Chandler stated that approval of the purchase of the nine miles of right-of-way remaining for the connection with 99E north of Hubbard gave no commitment as to when the road would be built, and the estimated cost of \$5,215,000 for road and bridges across the Tualatin and Willamette will mean delay in construction. But the cutoff is now fully restored to a place in the "active" list of highway projects, and probably before many years money will be found to complete it.

The Salem city council is curious over what happened to Lancaster drive, one of the key projects in the Baldock plan for Salem. This was given no definite place on the highway department schedule—priority was given to the Salem bridge and street alteration for passing 99E traffic through the city. But an east-of-Salem bypass route is urgently needed to relieve congestion in Salem and just north of town. It ought to be put on some schedule for early construction.

The pressure for road work in the Salem area is great, because comparatively little money was spent here in the past decade. The traffic congestion now provides the pressure on the council and the highway commission.

Pike's Head Not on Pike Pole

The efforts of Senator Hickenlooper, Iowa's gift to senate mediocrity, to hoist the head of Sumner Pike on a pikestaff came to naught in the senate Monday. Twenty-three republicans joined him in the shabby piece of business of trying to defeat Pike, a republican who had been nominated for another term on the atomic energy commission. The Hickenlooper coterie had fenagled an adverse report from the senate committee but the administration rustled and rounded up 55 to confirm the appointment. No charges had been advanced against Pike, and he was strongly commended by his fellow commissioners. As the last one of the original commission, his knowledge and experience made him a valuable member.

It is republican nincompoopism in congress which gives the party its black eye across the country. Leaders in house and senate offer an unfortunate exhibition of stupidity which blights confidence in the whole party.

Biggest Bank Found Guilty

A federal judge in San Francisco has held guilty of civil contempt the Bank of America, which with over six billion dollars in deposits is easily the largest bank in America, the Trans-America corporation, a holding company under related management, and the presidents of the two corporations, L. M. Giannini of the bank and Sam H. Husbands of TransAmerica. Their contempt consisted in merging a number of

California banks into the Bank of America while a hearing was in progress relative to the alleged bank monopoly of the organization. Severe penalty was ordered if the parties do not separate the banks again.

Regardless of the merits of the case, it is a tribute to the American judicial system that it can crack down on the biggest bank in the world when the latter gets out of line.

State Security Force

In view of the world situation it is well to set up at least the officer-staff of a state security force, patterned after the state guard of the last war. The men whom Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea has picked to head the organization—Brig. Gen. Harry C. Brumbaugh, commander, and Col. Edward C. Snow, chief of staff—are veterans of the old 41st division and well qualified to organize and direct state troops for service on call, in event the national guard is mobilized.

There is no immediate danger of anything like an invasion; but if real war came the coast would be exposed to bombings much more serious than the potentials of the last world war. In that event a uniformed military body could be of great use in supplementing local police and civilian defense units.

Multnomah county democrats had considerable turmoil in organizing their county committee. The split between what the Oregon Labor Press calls the "new wing" and the "old wing" was apparent. Supporting the victor for county chairman, Bill Way, Portland boiler-maker, were Phil Dreyer, Monroe Sweetland, Jim Goodsell and Austin Flegel. Those supporting his opponent, Rene Bozarth, were Nick Granet, Lew Wallace, Tom Mahoney, Walter Pearson. Pledges of "party unity" were made after the election and November will tell whether daggers remain sheathed.

Oklahoma democrats gave Cong. Mike Monroney a good lead over Sen. Elmer Thomas in the primaries last week, but a runoff election must be held. Thomas is a political gouger who has pretty well played out his string and ought to be dropped down the chute. Monroney teamed with Sen. Bob LaFollette to prepare the plan for congressional reorganization. At least he thinks in a better direction than Thomas.

In California a group is sponsoring an initiative to abolish the personal property tax. In practice this is probably the most inequitable tax which is levied, but through decades of use it has become imbedded in the tax structure so it is not easy to pull it out. Substitution of a business tax is being considered by the Oregon interim commission.

The orient is a great rice-consuming area. In fact, orientals eat so much rice they have to import some to supplement their own production. Burma and Indo-China are principal suppliers to China and India, but the United States also ships rice to the far east. It is shipping 49,000 tons to Japan this summer for civilian relief.

-Speculation Rife as to Whether Russians Ever Will Return to United Nation's Security Council

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
With United Nations prestige in Russia reported dropping fast as a result of the Kremlin's vicious attacks on the Security Council and Secretary General Trygve Lie in connection with Korea, speculation over whether the Soviets will ever return to the council halls has been heightened.

The Security Council is now being described in Russian propaganda as "half wrecked," and merely a tool of the U. S. state department. The nations which joined the United States in calling for action against the Korean communists are called "bloody fools" and "a coalition of imperialists and beasts of prey."

Lie, who was the only man Russia would consider for secretary general, who recently received a friendly reception at the Kremlin and who has suffered much criticism from certain quarters which considered him "Russia's man," has been vilified recently in the Soviet Press in words which approach the extremes in publishable terms.

There are various angles to support speculation that Russia, never intending real cooperation in the world family, may consider that the game, the way she has been playing it at Lake Success, is up.

Russia still likes to use the U.N. for propaganda, as witness her request that Gromyko's recent blast about Korea be distributed to all members. But it is noticeable that the request was transmitted direct from Moscow to the secretariat, rather than through her delegation.

The delegation still is in New York, of course, but with only rare official contacts at Lake Success.

Many observers have felt all the time that Russia's agitation over admission of Communist China and the subsequent boycott intended to destroy the communist bloc's last contacts with the west, just as she has been

curtailing diplomatic contacts in the individual countries as a part of her defense against Titoism.

The U.S. announcement that it will defend Formosa changes the relationship between America and Communist China from one of mutual antipathy to one approximating armed truce. And no one knows when that may be broken by communist action in Formosa, Korea or Indo-China.

As long as the present situation exists, admission of Peiping representatives to the halls of Lake Success seems extremely unlikely if not impossible.

Russia, then, can be expected to boycott this fall's general assembly, in which the Nationalist Chinese will continue to participate. And she might leave for good.

The U.N. has demonstrated

that, without Russia, it is a real force in organizing the defense of peace. Without the "police force" which was originally planned, it has found a way to provide one through the group action of its members.

Lacking a means of operating as the framers of its charter envisioned, it has proved itself capable of adjusting its procedures to the needs of the time—a basic ability if any organization is to endure. The charter, often denounced, now proves workable as the Constitution of the United States now proves workable under conditions of which its framers never dreamed.

Without the present Russia, the U.N. might just be able to do a large part of the job for which it was intended, until the day when it can be rounded into a real world cooperative with the admission of a new Russia.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers
INCREDIBLE TALE, by Gerald W. Johnson (Harper; \$3.50)
Subtitled "The Odyssey of the average American in the last half-century," this is the story in effect of how we wandered and what misadventures we survived from Troy to Ithaca, or from the turn of the century to the present double turn of the screw which makes many of us cry out.

While Johnson summarizes world-shaking events, his book is not about them but about their impact on us: How we reacted, how we often didn't take them in our stride, yet how every now and then we realized that a treaty, an election, an economic crisis was not just a newspaper headline but also a lesson to learn.

He considers four crucial figures: Wilson and Roosevelt in this country and Lenin and Stalin in Russia, the two democrats and the two Marxists, all of them trying to do what was best for somebody... their people, their countries, their times, or themselves. It wasn't Wilson, but humanity, he says, quoting Smuts, that caused the failure with the League of Na-

tions. Lenin, though he couldn't have imagined it himself, became a god with a shrine and other appurtenances. Roosevelt helped us, in the midst of a depression, to live and like it. Stalin seems to be counting on wearing us down, using the cold war to put the heat on a people whose patience, and foresight were not equal to the task after World War I and may not be this time... he wants us to stop liking it.

But the fifth personage, in Johnson's view, is you and I. We were the ones who didn't back Wilson, who missed the assumption of Lenin into the Russian heaven. But we also for nearly two decades have been voting more wisely, in his opinion, than the bigwigs wanted us to, for we favor the Marshall plan, give serious thought to an Atlantic pact, and willingly dig into our pockets to help keep Europe democratic. Wilson passes, he says, Lenin passes, and Stalin and Roosevelt, too, but you and I keep right on. It's a sort of Pippa passes attitude, too, and an exactly contrary view can be read into 20th century history, but Johnson is right about one thing: We're still here.

Bazaars Big Hazard But Lots of Fun

By Henry McLemore
ISTANBUL, Turkey—When I get home I am going to write the first really authoritative book on the bazaars of the Near East.

There isn't a thing I don't know about them. Half my waking hours in Damascus were spent in the bazaar, and the same was true in Cairo.

And when I got to Istanbul you would have to be backward indeed not to be able to guess the first place that I went. That's right—the bazaar.

Honestly, I wanted to go to the Park hotel, check in, take a bath, and have a little cat nap of four or five hours, but Jean saw to it that I didn't.

Waiting for us at the airport were Ed and Theresa Greenwood, whom we had met here two years ago. Ed is the Associated Press manager for Turkey and after five years here in Istanbul was not dying to get to the bazaar. But Theresa is a dyed-in-the-wool bazaar fan and she and Jean had been in correspondence without either Ed or I knowing about it.

"Let's go to the bazaar," Jean said. "We'll go right from here," Theresa said.

I advised my wife that we still had two months to go on this trip and that our traveler's checks were getting right emaciated. So we went to the bazaar.

I'll have to admit that of all the bazaars I have seen, the one in Istanbul is the best. A vast place, with 92 entrances, it is all under one roof, and has something like 6,000 shops. These shops sell everything under, over, and behind the sun.

Next door to a shop that sells diamonds and rubies, and where the richest man could go for a serious amount of money, is a shop that sells socks and undershirts. It is said that no man has ever seen all of the bazaar. Before he could make the rounds, old shops would have gone out of business and new ones taken their places.

It was just two years ago that we were in the bazaar, but not a merchant had forgotten us. I don't know whether this was due to our peculiar appearance or to the memory of the Turks.

David greeted us like an old friend. So did Moses and Paul and a score of others. David wanted to know if I ever learned how to operate the gold and silver puzzle ring I bought from him.

Moses asked if the Persian cigarette boxes had been satisfactory.

Paul wanted to know if the cuff links made from Janissary uniform buttons had brought any compliments.

Every merchant I had traded with insisted that I have a cup of coffee or a cup of tea. And with the hospitality of the Turkish folk, they closed their shops while we were sipping coffee and talking. Let customers wait. The ritual of the coffee must not be disturbed.

To me the most interesting section of the bazaar is the junk market. Here the merchants display their goods without benefit of much light, and there is no telling what you will find. Nearly everything in the junk market is centuries old, and dirt-encrusted. It's like a grab bag... until you have had your purchases cleaned do you really know what you have.

Some rare bargains come out of the junk market. And some rare gyps, too. I went straight for the junk section, even if you get cheated it isn't for much, but Jean and Theresa took off for the gold and silver and rug sections. What Jean bought I don't know, and I hope I won't see it get home and have a fine, inner spring mattress to collapse on.

If I go to one more bazaar I am going to look a little bizarre myself.

What makes women want to shop all the time?

Why couldn't Jean prefer to go to a nice Turkish coffee house, and gnaw on popcorn although she wouldn't understand what was going on?

Husbands take a beating, at that. (McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I couldn't find no papers on his desk."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "orgy"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Constitute, parachute, irresolute, maraschino.
4. What does the word "allegory" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pl that means to appease?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "I couldn't find any papers," or "I could find no papers."
2. Pronounce or-ji, as in or, I as in it. 3. Parachute. 4. The setting forth of a subject under the guise of some other subject. "He made clear his point by setting forth the details of the case as an allegory." 5. Placate.

BRAVE BABS

HOLLYWOOD—(P)—Barbara Stanwyck refused a double for the terrifying railway crash sequence in Paramount's "No Man of Her Own." Audiences will see Barbara hurled through the air in the spectacular wreck sequence filmed from the inside of a somersaulting coach.

At The First Sign Of Danger—

—THIS KIND OF CITIZEN IS ALWAYS ALERT FOR ACTION!

IF THIS THING SHOULD GET SERIOUS, WE MUST BE PREPARED!

NOW WHATEVER CRISIS FACES THE NATION, I AM READY! I BOUGHT UP EVERYTHING I COULD THINK OF!

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Phang

When state board of control members opened the old prison cornerstone box Tuesday they were startled to read 1929 paper headlines: "Russian Leaders Won't Negotiate Despite Promises."... they were referring to treaty on Russo-Sino war... seems Reds also invented broken promises... box placed inside cornerstone when building constructed in 1871... later opened again in 1929 when more newspapers added.

Anyone who thinks present-day politics are rough ought to take a gander at political mud tossed when Oregon was still green. The Daily Oregon Herald of Aug. 23, 1871, had a small brief that "Gen. Tilton will commence soon a survey of a route for the Willamette Valley railroad from Scappoose pass to Salem." The Salem Mercury noted that a recent court decision settled North Salem land titles. The Oregon Good Templar, a temperance paper, was filled with poems, news, stories, and jokes all designed to separate the man from the bottle.

The Weekly Enterprise of Oregon City (Aug. 18, 1871) even had a joke on page one. It said that "a girl may as well hang up her fiddle when she loses her beau." It also ran a poem called: "Father's Home—And Sober." The Salem Mercury (March 25, 1871) took an editorial stab at the "terrible Ku Klux."

A 1929 Statesman in the box shows a picture of a University of Kansas student... he won oratorical contest with talk on "The Uselessness of the Woman on the Campus of U. of Kan." Also had pix of Aimee Semple McPherson and her mother... both on horseback.

Movies advertised in that 1929 edition for Salem theatres were "Oh-Yeah," with Robert Armstrong and James Gleason; "Frozen River," with Rin Tin Tin; "The Cocoanuts," with the Marx brothers; "Bulldog Drummond," with Ronald Colman; "Shanghai Lady," with Mary Nolan, and (yipee!) "Son of the Golden West," with Tom Mix. Daily comics were Polly and Her Pals, Tillie the Toiler, Little Annie Rooney (still in trouble), and Toots and Casper.

The prison built in 1871 cost \$160,000. Earlier, the provisional pioneer government built a jail at Oregon City and it burned down. When Oregon became a territory a prison was built in Portland and leased by the state in June 4, 1859, to two men, who operated it. When the seat of the government was fixed at Salem the legislature created a board of commissioners who selected 147 acres at the present site. Prisoners were moved to temporary quarters there and later the prison was built. The land was purchased from M. L. Savage for \$45 per acre.

In the old cornerstone box was included a list of prison rules for guards... it included "no tale bearing to and fro between prison and city concerning brother officers."... number of prisoners was 92... L. E. Grover was governor then, S. F. Chadwick, secretary of state, and L. Fleischner, state treasurer.

Ways in Washington

By Jack Rutledge
(for Jane Eads)

WASHINGTON—(P)—How many statues are there in Washington? Nobody knows. Latest is the statue of Gen. Jose Artigas, father of Uruguayan independence. The 10-foot bronze likeness is located on a triangular bit of ground on Constitution Avenue between the Pan American Union and State Department buildings. It was presented to the United States by Ambassador Alberto Dominguez Campora and accepted by Secretary of State Acheson with elaborate ceremonies.

It is a handsome job that will rank with the best in town. And that's a compliment, because the capital is loaded with statues. They even interfere with traffic. But exactly how many statues does Washington have? "That's a good question," said Thomas Corcoran of the Census Bureau, "but we can't answer it. In fact, with the 1950 census in full swing, I wish it hadn't been brought up..." It was like that with other government agencies. Statistics on everything from

gnats to hydro-electric dams were readily available. But on statues, no.

The only thing approaching an answer came from the National Park Service. "The statue of General Artigas will give Washington its 79th memorial on public property," said Carol Johnson, after digging through musty files. That puts it in the same category as the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and a wide assortment of urns, spheres, obelisks, benches, fountains, birds and an 88-acre island.

The Park Service even has a pretty comprehensive list of the statues in the various memorials. It can show that 20 men are standing, eight are sitting and 15 are on horses. The horse motif is dying out these days. Standing jobs are more popular. That's what the Artigas statue is. Memorials range from the four-foot-high zero milestone, a bit of pink granite that marks the official starting point of all U. S. roads, to the 355-foot Washington Monument a couple of hundred yards away.

Your Health

By Dr. Herman N. Sundensen

Sometimes, the most thorough examination will not reveal the true cause of backache. The bones of the spinal column, the little discs that separate and cushion them, and the nerves which branch out from the great spinal cord all seem intact. The doctor can find nothing amiss and, hence nothing to treat.

In situations like this, it is well to test the muscles, since many of those who suffer from pain in the lower part of the back have some weakness of the trunk muscles as well as shortening of their supporting tissues. This muscle weakness often accounts for the backache which will disappear if the muscles are strengthened by proper exercise.

One test for muscle weakness is carried out with the patient lying on his back on the examining table.

He is held by his ankles and asked to raise himself to a sitting position without assistance. If he can do this, the tightness of the upper part of the abdominal wall are satisfactory. If he cannot, it is evident these muscles are not as strong as they should be.

Another test is made by having the patient raise both his legs to an angle of about 30° and to hold this position for about ten seconds. This will test the strength of the hip muscles and those of the legs.

Muscle tests have shown that many of the persons with low back pain have their trouble because of fatigue, which is chiefly due to weakness of the trunk muscles. Also, there may be some shortening of the muscles of the back in these cases. Such patients are helped by exercise for strengthening the trunk muscles.

The second type occurs in persons who develop pain on sitting up after resting. These patients, too, have some tightness of the back muscles and are helped by stretching exercises. They also are benefited by heat treatments, such as may be given by using diathermy, an electrical form of treatment producing heat deep in the tissues. Persons who have arthritis affecting the joints in the lower part of the spine belong in this group. If, after a thorough study by a physician, no other cause of back pain can be found, the test for muscle strength may well be carried out and, if weaknesses are found, they can be corrected by proper exercise.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
E.B.S.: My son and daughter-in-law both are RH negative. My daughter-in-law also has low thyroid condition. What are the chances for a normal pregnancy?

Answer: None of the conditions described would interfere with normal pregnancy, unless the thyroid deficiency is marked. If it is marked, treatment with thyroid extract should aid in overcoming the difficulty.

N.F.: Some days my face looks puffy and my skin is dry. Is this due to something I lack in my diet?

Answer: Whether or not your trouble is due to a dietary deficiency cannot be determined without an examination.

A deficiency of iron in the diet and a lack of vitamins might be responsible for your symptoms. On the other hand, the trouble could come from anemia or a deficiency of coloring in the blood due to other causes, such as fatigue. (Copyright, 1950, King Features)

Tractor-Driving Contest Planned

In an effort to avoid farm tractor accidents, a tractor-driving contest has been arranged for 4-H tractor maintenance clubs in Marion and Polk county for 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Baldwin-Mount Case Implement company on Silverton road.

Farm safety will be stressed throughout the driving contest, which may be seen by the public. The contestants will be given a limited time to check their tractors before starting.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Go ahead!... call a plumber!... but how can a man succeed at anything, if his own wife doesn't have confidence in him?"