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"No Favor Stays Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Trainmen and the Press

The "Trainman News," organ of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, raises these questions:

- Why won't the press of the nation give us space and fair reporting?
- Why don't they tell the public we work seven days a week?
- Why don't they tell the public we don't get overtime for the sixth and seventh day?
- Why don't they tell the public about our families—our children hardly knowing us because we work every day and sleep most the time we are home?
- Why don't the newspapers tell the public about our work that takes us away from church on Sunday so we can earn enough to keep up with the rising cost of living?

The answer might be that the trainmen themselves have made no effort to acquaint the press with their special problems. We assume they work for a living but profess no special knowledge of the conditions under which they work. We know that trains run day and night, seven days a week and assume that men must be working round the clock, seven days a week to keep them running—just like getting out a newspaper seven days a week. As far as this paper is concerned, it has said that the 40-hour week should come for non-operating employees on railroads the same as it has in industry. For men who run the trains, different conditions must be set up because of the nature of the business. This is usually handled by trainmen working a turn-around shift on trains and then having layovers for rest.

Where the press has been critical of railroad brotherhoods is in their readiness in recent years to tie up rail operations in disregard of awards recommended by federal fact-finding boards. The public has no way of writing the terms of settlement in disputes between brotherhoods and rail managers. It has to rely on the fairness and the competence of boards appointed by the president. The public—and the press—would be swift to condemn the railroads if they refused to accept recommendations of the official boards. All would agree that we dare not have a general railroad strike in this country of any long duration. Now let us ask a question of the Trainman News: How may we obtain a settlement of disputes between workers and railroad managers and avoid strikes and lockouts?

## Police Change in New York City

William O'Dwyer got out as mayor of New York City just in time, for probes by a Brooklyn grand jury have exposed a lot of graft in the police department. A few weeks before resigning, O'Dwyer had rather ostentatiously attended the funeral of a police captain who had killed himself after being called as witness before the grand jury. This was the mayor's way of backing up his police department.

Disclosures came so strong, however, that Police Commissioner William P. O'Brien resigned, admitting his position had become untenable, though no question was raised as to his personal honesty. His successor is Thomas F. Murphy who was the relentless prosecutor of Alger Hiss. If Murphy applies the same zeal to running the police department he did in ferreting out evidence and presenting it in the two Hiss trials, New York City is in for a good police administration. The gamblers and grafters will have to run for cover as they did when LaGuardia was bounding them.

## Good Manners and Fair Courts

The Capital Journal calls us critics of Governor Dewey's speech at the banquet for UN delegates when he lambasted Russia, "sentimentalists" and is critical of Justice Jackson for admitting to bail ten of the eleven convicted communist leaders whose bail had been revoked (the eleventh is in jail on punishment for contempt).

One doesn't have to be a sentimentalist to say that you don't carry your hates into formal social events. If you did they would break up in rows. The value of social intercourse is that it helps break down barriers; and anything we can do to get Russia to lower its barricades surely is worthwhile. Dewey's remarks were simply out of place at an official banquet.

As for Justice Jackson he is concerned with preserving the very elements of the American way of life which are under communist attack.

## Unofficial Diplomats Put Officials on Spot, Give Soviet Vehicle for Peace Offensive

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

The "unofficial" diplomats have put the official diplomats on the spot again, providing the Russians with a new vehicle for their peace offensive.

From time to time for five years well-meaning individuals and organizations have asked the Russians if they were agreeable to certain nice things which everyone thinks would help toward peace. The Russians always say they surely are.

Then the official diplomats are faced with the necessity of offsetting the resultant propaganda without appearing themselves to be opposed to peace.

Dean Acheson told the Russians and the world six months ago what was needed for peace—treaties with Austria, Germany and Japan; an end to the Soviet use of force and threats of force in international affairs; an end to Soviet obstruction in the U.N.;

Soviet agreement on the U.N. plan for atomic control; an end to Soviet efforts to undermine other governments, mistreatment of foreign diplomats and distortion of western motives in propaganda and diplomacy. Joseph Stalin, Jacob Malik and Andrei Vishinsky never said yes to that.

Their answer was to create a new and worse deadlock over Austria; to unleash military force in international affairs in Korea and then to attempt to obstruct U.N. action on the case; to re-double the drafting of labor for the uranium mines; to seek to undermine the governments of Yugoslavia, Iran, South Korea, Indochina and Tibet in particular, and all the rest of the world in general.

But when a Baltimore group, apparently sincere but still pretty close to the line of the "Stockholm" peace appeals, submits its list, Malik, presumably after conferring with Moscow, is quick to say yes.

Russia, Malik says, would be glad to agree not to be the first to use the atomic bomb; favors general disarmament and outlawry of atomic weapons under a U.N. control system; would like

a top-level U.S.-Soviet conference; and favors free exchange of ideas and information between the countries.

But he doesn't say how. He doesn't say Russia will quit jamming the Voice of America to permit free information. He does not say that regardless of what agreement Russia might make, she could let at Satellite drop the first bombs just as she has used a Satellite to make her first post-1945 war. He doesn't say that Russia will accept the terms for atomic agreement which a large majority of U.N. members has agreed are fair. He doesn't say that Russia's word given at any top-level conference would be any better than heretofore, or that Russian intent, the whole root of the matter, has changed.

Russia has carried her policy so far now that no one could depend upon the results of any negotiations. It will take acts for her to clean the slate.

In the meantime, over the years she has used the Wilkies, the Stassens, the Quakers, the inquiring newspapermen and now the Baltimore group to keep on muddying the waters.

## S. O. S. CALL FROM THE UNIRONED CURTAIN DEPT



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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briskly and competently to assume responsibilities. They are not playboys; they were sobered in the years when life itself hung by narrow margins. They are concerned about civic affairs, about government, and eager to do their part in making America better.

## Safety Valve

City 4-H Show Success  
The city of Salem 4-H fair held last month was a success. It was our first attempt at a 4-H club affair held only for clubs within the city limits.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



## Hank Would Trade Places With Louis

By Henry McLemore

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—I've been sitting here for hours trying to shed a few portable typewriter tears for old Joe Louis having to fight Ezzard Charles in Yankee Stadium tonight, but the only thing that has happened to my eyes is that they've turned a jade green with envy.

## Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It was none other than her."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "piano"?

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## Parking Meter Plan Rejected By State Board

(Story also on page 1)

State board of control members don't want parking meters in front of the statehouse. That's what they told Salem City Manager J. L. Frazen Tuesday when he suggested meters rather than one-hour parking signs as requested by the board.

## Benefit Dance Set For Ill Youngster

Friends of four-year-old Johnnie Hinrichsen, 1960 S. Commercial st., are sponsoring a benefit dance for him at 8:45 tonight at the hall over the Western Auto store, 259 Court st.

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## Traffic Delays Listed by State

Traffic delays were listed by the state highway department here Tuesday involving several roads throughout the state. They include:

- Columbia river highway—Heavy construction Mondays through Fridays on Dodson-Bonneville section. Possible delays from three to six hours.
- Redwood highway—Grading and paving from Cave Junction to state line. Five minute delay possible.
- Willamette highway—Grading from Lowell past Meridian dam, 30 to 45 minute delays.
- Crater Lake highway—Five minute delay because of regrading and paving Cascade Gorge to Prospect.

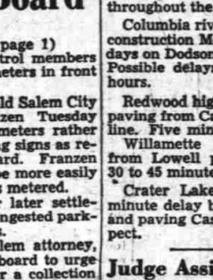
## Judge Assignments Listed by Justice

Chief Justice Hall Lusk of the state supreme court Tuesday assigned Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding, Portland, to Yamhill and Polk counties to hear a number of cases in which Judge Arlie Walker was disqualified.

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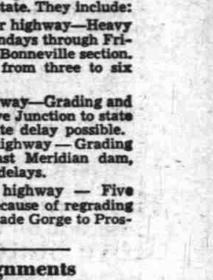
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