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Sales of Indian Lands

Publicity has been given to cases where it is alleged Indian lands bearing timber were sold without adequate consideration. A lawsuit to rescind one sale has been started in one county; and government authorities are investigating another sale of Curry County lands where, it is alleged a sale was made to a half-breed Indian, with approval of the Indian service, for a sum less than what had been offered for the land. In the latter case one of the Indians promptly squandered most of what he received on a big drink, so aside from permitting an improper enrichment by purchasers he really didn't suffer from the sale. The Indian office in Portland, however, is on the spot for not calling for bids on the land.

Much more money is involved in two cases pending before the Indian Claims Commission. In one the Grand Ronde Indians allege that in 1901-04 some 25,000 acres from their reservation were sold for only \$28,500 when they had a real value of \$700,000. In another the Siletz Indians allege that the government sold their reservation lands on agreements made in 1892 and 1910 for only \$142,000 while the 178,000 acres had a reasonable value of \$8 million. In both instances they ask the government to pay them the difference. These claims run against the United States government.

The cases show up again the difficulties the Indians have faced and the difficulties too the government has had in administering their affairs. The Coast Indians seek to end their wardship; but if it is followed by a prolonged wage while the patrimony is being consumed in the form of firewater then again it will be "I, the poor Indian."

Communism and the Jews

A Vienna newspaper reports that President Klement Gottwald's economic adviser in Czechoslovakia, Ludvik Frejka, has been purged. He was arrested on charges of conspiring against the regime, which is the conventional accusation preliminary to the purge. Frejka is a Sueten German Jew and political circles in Vienna link his arrest with an anti-Jewish drive which has been noticed in Czechoslovakia for some two months.

Just how accurate the report is one at a distance is not able to judge. Perhaps Radio Prague will broadcast the news, as it did of the purge of Rudolf Slansky, vice premier, who also was a Jew.

Though anti-Semites in this country have persisted in linking Jews with Communism the fact is that in late years Jews have suffered much discrimination in the USSR. The Jews prominent in the early period of Soviet rule, like Trotsky, have virtually all been thrown out or have died. Since then few Jews have risen to eminence in Russia. Jews in other countries cite evidence to prove their co-religionists suffer discrimination if not actual persecution in the land of the Soviets with its "classless" society.

In Israel where all political parties are tolerated, the Communists are very weak. They have a few members of the national parliament but these are quite ineffective as propagandists or as trouble-makers. As a matter of fact the prevailing political sentiment in Israel is strongly anti-Communist. This may have an effect in countries under Russian domination.

Congress Preparing New List of Inquiries Aimed to Broaden Administration Scandals

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALTOP

WASHINGTON — If the President decides to run again, one thing is clear. The great issues will fade into the background, while such problems as the quality of the President's friends will occupy the foreground of the campaign. The new Congressional session is in fact preparing a regular smorgasbord of executive malfeasance.

Take, for example, the upcoming case of Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, ex-patron of Theron Lumar, ex-lobbyist before the Texas legislature, and ex-Attorney General of the United States. In the early days of the Truman administration, Tom Clark and Postmaster General Robert Hannegan had no closer business-friend than Jack Frye, then president of Trans-World Airlines.

Frye was popular in Washington as a generous fellow with his private plane and a generous contributor to the Democratic Party. These traits failed to endear him, however, to TWA's chief stockholder, Howard Hughes, who decided, in 1946, that the company needed a new hand at the helm. But when Hughes moved to oust Frye, Clark and Hannegan hastened to his defense.

A great many million dollars of TWA notes were held by the Equitable Life Insurance Company. Accordingly, Clark and Hannegan indicated to the president of Equitable, Thomas I. Parkinson, that firing Frye would be a "grave error of business judgment."

Much impressed, Parkinson hastened to pass on the Clark-Hannegan advice to TWA Director Noah Dietrich and TWA General Counsel Palmer Bradley. The potential meaning, in terms of airmail contracts and decisions of the Civil Aviation Board, was only too obvious. Yet Hughes defied the politicians and ousted Frye.

Almost at once, Frye was named president of General Airlines Corporation, a firm in the hands of the Alien Property Office, and thus under Attorney General Clark's control. He holds this place still, and draws a salary of \$97,000 a year from General Airlines and its subsidiary, General Dyestuff. Meanwhile, the period of TWA's predominance at the Civil Aviation Board drew to its close, and the Pan-American Airways era set in a little later.

Against the vast, dark panorama of our times, this sleazy little story does not matter very much. Yet it will matter in the campaign. So too will the peculiar manifestations of Secretary John Snyder's remarkably relaxed maintenance of the Treasury Department.

Here the alcohol tax unit is due for attention. One subject of investigation will be the intra-industry struggle of the distillers over a ruling on the use of new barrels in aging bourbon whiskey. For mysterious reasons, the ruling meant millions of dollars profit and loss to various distilling companies. The reported result was a golden field of corruption to the Democratic National Committee—so much simpler an approach to such problems than long arguments in hearings. The investigators also want to know why at least one official of alcohol tax unit, now retired, has seemingly been given highly profitable "distributorships" of popular brands of drinkables by grateful distilling companies.

By the same token, the Communist-Congress link is being given over. So is the Alien Property Office (although this

investigation is likely to be a little uninteresting, since the head of the office, Harold Baynton, is actually an appointee of the chief investigator, Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada). And just to round out the list, there will be a sterner inquiry into the dealings at War Assets, where Caudle's great friend, Frank Nathan, made a nice profit.

Meanwhile, the alleged soft-toward communism issue will also be inflated at a great rate. The President's own change in loyalty rules has already caused John S. Service to be dismissed from the State Department, after suffering octuple jeopardy, and for indiscretion rather than disloyalty. It is an open secret that at least one more unfortunate State Department official is to become a victim of this same change of rules. Senator McCarran's internal security subcommittee is also still in business, with the same equipment of witnesses ready to mass produce charges of treason on the basis of hearsay recollection 10 years after the event. And the case of Ambassador Philip Jessup still impends and will almost surely be lost.

It is a grave thing, that our people have half-forgotten that an American citizen has a prescriptive right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. Yet this forgetfulness must partly be laid to the failure of the President and Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson to fight the invasion of citizen's liberties right down the line. And if the corruption is so bad, it is because the President has trusted some pretty rotten and some pretty incompetent people.

By any reasonable standard, it matters a great deal less whether there are Communist clerks in the State Department, or whether Frank Nathan made a fast buck, than whether the United States survives. But if the President runs again, the great issues of survival will be forgotten, and the national political debate will stay right down in the sewer, where it is today.

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with Jews there regarded as suspect and so excluded from places of power.

At any rate Frejka follows Slansky into the oblivion of the Communist-damned.

Gold Hoarding by French Peasants

France suffers from chronic inflation-itis. Two wars have broken down French financial stability, and without adequate cause. For the French peasant is sitting on some 3,000 metric tons of gold, his own antidote against inflation. Hoarding by the French peasant is traditional. It contributes to the deterioration in the value of the franc, and that of course merely stimulates hoarding of gold. The value of the hoarded gold now is estimated at nearly \$5 billion. The gold is smuggled in from other European nations.

Actually France is not so bad off. It is virtually self-supporting in foodstuffs. French industry is breaking old production records. City workers suffer because of the inflated price of consumer goods and their pressures contribute to the periodic overturns of government. Cabinets fall usually on some economic issue. The tax burden is not distributed with proper care for equity and capitalists themselves are little inclined to support the French franc.

Given a long season of international stability and continued progress in industrial development, the fear that grips Frenchmen may moderate. If ever the gold comes out of hiding the French economy would glow with new life.

Rear Admiral Libby told Maj. Gen. Lee San Cho, the North Korean negotiator at Panmunjom that he was "getting a little too big for his britches." That's good Americanese, but whether it made a dent in the North Korean head is open to question.

California's treasury is piling up a surplus, and there is talk of a tax reduction there. Republicans who are gravely concerned over the state of national finances might well look California over—and Governor Warren.

China has begun the Year of the Water Dragon. Its sages are not too optimistic about this year which recurs every 12 years. For China thought it could hardly be worse than the recent Year of the Rabbit.

For the first time in history Canada is to have a native-born man for its governor general—Vincent Massey, a brother of the actor Raymond Massey. This is the official appointed by the crown and previously has been a Britisher. Canada is indeed "grown up."

Walter Winchell says he is curtailing his activities on orders of his doctor. Has the razzing he's been getting from the New York Post wilted him? Anyhow, for this relief, many thanks.

The Eugene Register-Guard observes that political campaigns are a "selling" enterprise like for cigarettes or soap. And the professionals in advertising are pretty much taking them over.

Girls, we do not want to wreck any hopes, but a press release from a statistical bureau says that the common belief that marriages increase in leap years "has been exploded as a myth."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Is new issue of capitalist mail order catalogue... fine picture is giving us clear idea of gadgets we have invented, comrades..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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information of Americans:

The present direction is straight and plain enough, though the measures the government has already taken may reduce the pace. It is toward bankruptcy for this country and the end of sterling as an international currency. That would disrupt a large part of world trade. And in the consequent disruption of British industry there would be heavy unemployment and little chance of curing the situation.

Salvation does not lie in the hands of this country alone. The rest of the sterling area has an almost equal part to play, and an almost equal interest in playing it. That is the business of the conference of Commonwealth finance ministers. But the lack of leadership in Britain is what ever the rest of the sterling area does, whatever kinds of help the total cannot be large — may come from the United States and Canada. And the United States and Canada are of living in these islands cannot be maintained unless they sell more goods and services to other countries than they buy from them. The United Kingdom's own payments deficit is the crux. The government must accept the fact that the shocks of an uncertain future must be directly reflected in the living standards of the British people. The alternative is just to avoid the shocks. There is now only one way in which this country can quickly export more, and that is to consume a lot less itself.

The need is tolerably well understood. The lesson taught by Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Gaiskell did not make it. The lesson taught by the Labour propaganda which now denies the connection between the government's policy and the living standards of the British people is what would ensure the return of Labour to power. The lesson taught by the Labour propaganda which now denies the connection between the government's policy and the living standards of the British people is what would ensure the return of Labour to power.

When to the complications of Britain's financial situation are added the serious troubles in Iran and Egypt the burden is indeed most heavy. More sweat is in prospect, and perhaps a measure of blood and tears.

Fortunately the Churchill government commands a high degree of confidence and its competence. And it still is in the interest of the United States to prevent the bankruptcy which the Economist sees looming ahead.

The Safety Valve

Billy Graham Crusade

New in Washington

To the Editor:

I was glad to learn that the Statesman is prepared to give its readers a full and accurate report on events and personalities in the Capital, as it concerns a request I'd like to make.

As you must know, Billy Graham and his Gospel team are in Washington, D.C. in a great Evangelical Crusade and are sure many other Christians would join me in requesting a daily report, in the Statesman, on the crusade.

Christians are praying that the Gospel will reach the hearts of many thousands in our capital and that those in responsible positions, in our government, will turn to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Our country can have no hope, unless it returns to God, for His Word says "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17:5, 7.

May we all look to God as our refuge and strength.

Mrs. Henry Hart
995 Fairview Ave.

"Old Filmflam"

To the Editor:

I differ with your views on the political activity of Supreme Court Justice Toozee—as I also differed with a previous editorial suggesting that ministers should stay out of politics. Such activity

Andrew West, Variety Store Owner, Dies

Andrew R. West, Salem variety store owner, died at his home, 990 Electric Ave., Monday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held today at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Dudley Strain officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park. Ritualistic services will be held by Ainsworth Lodge 201, AF & AM.

West was owner and operator of the A and D Variety Store, located at the junction of South 12th Street with the Pacific Highway, for the past three years. Prior to that he owned a grocery store on South 12th Street.

He had been ill since Jan. 1. West was born in Coos County in 1899, where he attended school. He had been a resident of Salem for the past 10 years. He was a member of Ainsworth Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and of the Salem Chapter of Order of Eastern Star. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

He is survived by the widow, Olive West of Salem; sister, Mrs. Hildur Juntunen of Coos Bay; brothers, Victor of North Bend, Emil of Roseburg and W. R. West of Torrance, Calif.

Plane Checks Lonely Miners

GRANTS PASS (AP)—The Josephine County sheriff's office is making its annual check over the snowbound mountain regions here.

Planes fly over the cabins of isolated miners, farmers and others caught by heavy snowfall.

When there is no response from a cabin the plane buzzes the house until the occupant emerges and signals.

Most signalled in the first check that they were all right, with ample food on hand. One man, however, was running low on food, and a four-man ski party traveled 15 miles over the snow to carry 80 pounds of groceries to him.

BETTER ENGLISH

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I met up with some friends who told me they value your friendship above any other."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "extricable"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Cautel, annihilate, ventilate, mutilate.

4. What does the word "prone" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "h" that means "calm; peaceful"?

ANSWER

1. Omit up, and say, "value your friendship more than any other." 2. Accent first syllable, not the second. 3. Oscillate. 4. Inclination of mind, heart, or temper. "There was a certain proneness to self-gratification." 5. Halcyon.

is a duty of every citizen and its avoidance because of occupation is a very flimsy excuse. Editorials that make such practice respectable are unfortunate.

Teachers, judges, commentators, editors, preachers and too many in other occupations refrain from political activity but take the liberty of being armchair authorities without first-hand experience in practical politics. Judge Toozee's violation of the old filmflam is refreshing. I can't join him in supporting Senator Taft, but I am pleased to see him active in political affairs. Members of every occupation ought to have the courage to do likewise.

Steve Anderson
541 Court St.

Jury Releases Man in Postal Robbery Case

PORTLAND (AP)—A federal grand jury freed Walter R. Carroll, 57, Reno, on Monday of a charge of breaking into the Umatilla, Ore., Postoffice on a day when \$20,000 disappeared there.

The money was being shipped from the Federal Reserve Bank at Portland to the Inland Empire Bank at Umatilla Nov. 30, 1950. A previous \$20,000 shipment also disappeared from the Postoffice in May.

Despite Carroll's exoneration, John R. Brooke, Deputy U. S. attorney, said Carroll will face other charges. He did not amplify.

State Tax Help Available to Valley Towns

A state income tax agent will tour Mid-Valley towns between Feb. 25 and April 15 to help taxpayers in preparing their returns, the State Tax Commission announced Tuesday.

His schedule includes: Albany, courthouse, Feb. 25-29 from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Corvallis, Courthouse, March 3-7 from 8 to 5; Vale, Dining Hall, Feb. 28 from 1 to 9 p. m.; Astoria, Feb. 28 from 8 to noon; Silverton City Hall, April 1 from 8:30 to 4:30; Dallas Courthouse, April 2 from 8:30 to 4:30; Sweet Home City Hall, April 3-4 from 9 to 4; Lebanon City Hall, April 7-8 from 9 to 4; McMinnville, Courthouse, April 9-10 from 9 to 4; Newberg City Hall, April 14-15 from 9 to 4.

At Salem Schools

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Salem High School seniors John Conder, Al Heston, Fred Buchanan and Bob Donahue have passed their Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps preliminary examinations taken on Dec. 8. They will take the final part of the examinations in Portland on Feb. 13.

Five other Salem High boys have taken the ROTC examination but have not yet received notice of their results. They are Frank Lamb, Bob Cross, Doug Raines, Jack Wikoff and Lyle Mason.

Both the Dec. 8 and Feb. 13 tests will count towards the presentation of the ROTC scholarships. Last year's Salem High School ROTC scholarship winner was Gilbert Bateson.

The sophomore class at Salem High School launched the Girls' League annual interclass rivalry competition with a skit Monday noon. The junior class skit will be presented this noon and the senior class presentation will be held Friday noon.

The sophomore production was entitled "Just One of Those Things" and was originated and directed by Judy Loucks and Shirley Juran.

"Golden Slipper" will be the theme of the junior class skit which is under the direction of Louise Owens, assisted by Nancy Rust.

"Only Make Believe" will be the senior presentation. Heading the skit are Shirley Myron, Marjorie Mosolf and Dot Swigart.

Chairman of the Interclass competition is Ottilie Grieve.

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOL

Mrs. Laura Eaton's first grade class at Englewood School recently gave a play in which they recited various poems.

Mrs. Richard Sorick, former resident and teacher in Alaska, visited Miss Beulah Wilson's fourth grade class and told of the Alaskan schools and people. She also brought a few articles she had brought from Alaska to show to the class.

McKINLEY SCHOOL

Open house was held last night at McKinley School for parents of McKinley students. The main purpose of the open house was to familiarize parents with the new facilities just recently finished.

New features seen at the open house included four new classrooms, all former classrooms remodeled and painted, a new library, a new multi-purpose room for physical education, assemblies and cafeteria, new offices, health room and club room, new lavatories on the third floor, a new special education room, a new boiler room and new cubboards for texts, materials and supplies.

Palladium, one of the precious platinum metals is one of the newest of the rare metals used in jewelry today, mostly for making settings for precious stones.

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Paulus States Oregon Needs More Sources of Revenue

Oregon may be on a warrant basis within a few years "if we don't find more revenues," Deputy State Treasurer Fred Paulus told Salem Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

In an otherwise optimistic talk, Paulus outlined the state's financial situation, particularly in the realm of bonds.

Paulus, in the treasurer's office since 1925, said the big investment services have lowered Oregon's credit rating despite the fact that the indebtedness of the state and its subdivisions has decreased from \$230,000,000 to \$182,000,000 from 1930 to 1950. At the same time, assessed valuations in the state rose from \$1,125,000,000 to \$1,694,000,000.

He said he could not explain this variance, except that the investment services make ratings on the potential debt, taxing powers, current debt, budget status, resources, political history, tax sources and similar items. The present potential debt of the state is more than 20 per cent of assessed valuation, due especially to the \$40,000,000 worth of highway bonds and some \$60,000,000 or more of veterans' bonus bonds authorized.

The credit rating has been dropped from "AA" to "A" on all Oregon bonds except the highway issue, said Paulus. If that had occurred on the first \$15,000,000 of road bonds, the difference in interest rate the state would have had to pay over a decade would have been nearly \$400,000.

The deputy treasurer declared the "ship of state has been traveling on a fairly even keel, though it may list somewhat in a few years." He added that it is "sometimes impeded by constitutional seaweed entangled in the propellers," referring to the referendum by which most revenue measures are delayed about two years from their passage by the Legislature until the people vote on them.

Services for Mrs. Gerig Slated Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Olga D. Gerig, long-time resident of Marion, will be held today in Salem, will be held today.

Services will take place at the Pratum Mennonite Church at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. Wilbur Regier and the Rev. J. M. Franz officiating. Interment will be at Pratum Cemetery. The W. T. Rigdon Company will direct.

Mrs. Gerig was born in Oxford, Neb., Jan. 24, 1888. She moved to Sherwood, Ore., when 16 years old. She was married to Nicholas Gerig there on April 12, 1908, and four years later the couple purchased an acreage in the Pratum area. At the time of her death Mrs. Gerig was residing at 4324 Market St.

The deceased is survived by nine daughters, a son, 28 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and eight brothers and sisters, including Lucella Fax of Salem.

Daughters are Mrs. Nina Williams, Mrs. Emma Gydesen, Mrs. Sarah Ditchen, Mrs. Goldie Gunderson and Mrs. Dorothy Valdes, all of Salem; Mrs. Bertha Bell of Beaverton; Mrs. Martha Franz of Marlin, Wash.; Mrs. Catherine Bliven of Dallas and Mrs. Lena Sabal, of Ontario. The son is David Gerig of Salem.

Civil Defense Chiefs Chosen

Five new section chiefs in Marion County Civil Defense Organization were announced Tuesday by Capt. Wallace S. Wharton, director.

They are Mrs. Margaret Callaghan, registration center; Miss Naomi Phelps, general assistance; E. F. Ross, rescue; Harlan P. Anderson, assembly center, and John A. Fletcher, transport.

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4 Companies Seek to Import Canada Gas

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Power Commission will open a hearing here April 8 on four proposals involving importation for the first time of natural gas from Canada to serve Pacific Northwest areas.

Northwest Natural Gas Co., New York City; Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., Houston, Tex.; Westcoast Transmission Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del.; and Glacier Gas Co., Butte, Mont.

Northwest would transport the gas from fields in Alberta to serve Idaho, Washington and Oregon, with some gas being returned to Canada for use in British Columbia.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline's \$174,186,802 project would link Texas gas reserve areas with gas fields in Alberta by means of a 2,175-mile pipeline system with initial capacity of 250 million cubic feet daily. It would serve areas in Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon as well as Vancouver, B.C.

Westcoast Transmission would import the gas from Alberta, with an affiliated company handling the transportation to the U. S. border from Alberta fields.

Glacier Gas wants a 626-mile system to transport gas imported from Alberta to parts of Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Chickenpox Tops List of Diseases

Only 20 new cases of communicable disease among Marion County residents last week were reported by physicians to the county health department.

The list issued Tuesday showed seven cases of chickenpox, three each of virus pneumonia, ringworm and tuberculosis, two of scarlet fever and one each of impetigo and poliomyelitis. The polio case, non-serious, was reported earlier, affecting a Salem woman. State institutions also reported nine cases of broncho pneumonia and 27 of tuberculosis for recent weeks.

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