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Nineteenth French Government Falls

A few days ago the NATO conference at Lisbon adjourned amid expressions of great satisfaction over the agreements reached by the member nations. The adjournment was followed by the action of the French National Assembly Friday in turning over of office the government of Premier Edgar Faure on the issue of an increase in taxes to finance the rearmament agreed on at Lisbon. The assembly first agreed to the military program that came out of Lisbon; then rejected his plan for a 15 per cent increase in taxes to finance the cost. Premier Faure then resigned, his being the 19th government to fall since the liberation of France.

While this is a jolt to NATO, it is not necessarily final on the question of French participation. French governments notoriously are unstable. A new government may find a way to sugarcoat the pill or effect a coalition of parties which can hold together long enough to obtain approval of a measure for new revenue.

The news carries the hint that the DeGaulle party, Rally of the French People, which is the largest group in the assembly may be invited to form the new government. Because it is so far to the right and because DeGaulle has opposed merging French units in an international army it is doubtful if his party will get the call or would succeed if given the opportunity. The Communists surely will oppose the RFP, and probably centrist parties as well. Then the bid will go again to some one of the center coalition which has held control since the new constitution was adopted. The game of musical chairs probably will have a fresh go.

What is true is that France's finances are in bad shape. No government really had the power and the courage required to control inflation. Belgium, on the other hand, promptly put on curbs, revalued its war-swollen currency, and is, along with Switzerland, on a sound financial footing. Political instability and economic stability are often brothers under the skin; and they are today in France.

Home for Aged

The proposed home for aged to be built on the banks of the Willamette near Milwaukie under auspices of Portland Methodists is an attempt to help solve one of the important problems of our day: how elderly persons may spend their declining years in comfort and in pleasant surroundings. There are many homes for old people now scattered across the country; and usually they have waiting lists. Others are needed.

The home which is planned is not a charity, the residents would pay their own way, as many are well able to do. It is not clear from the announcement how the building itself would be financed; but if it is constructed no doubt there will be plenty of applicants to fill it up. As the span of life lengthens the ratio of elderly people will increase, so the need for institutions of this kind is sure to increase.

U. S. Foreign Policy Disaster Averted, Notable Success Scored Instead at Lisbon Meetings

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—A gigantic disaster to American foreign policy has been most narrowly averted in the last two weeks.

And instead of disaster, a notable success has been scored by Dean G. Acheson, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Averell Harriman at the just-concluded Lisbon meeting.

Not one American in a hundred is aware of this sequence of events, which suggests the way in which great issues of national security are becoming clouded and obfuscated in this election year.

When Acheson flew to the Lisbon conference before the Lisbon meeting, he talked with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, French Foreign Secretary Robert Schuman, and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, disaster loomed very close indeed. What seemed in prospect was a complete collapse of Allied policy on the issue of German rearmament.

This in turn would have made nonsense of all Gen. Eisenhower's plans for an integrated defense of Western Europe, and thus knocked the underpinnings out from under American foreign policy.

There were all sorts of contributing factors to this infinitely dangerous, almost unnoticed crisis. Like the silly and provocative French gesture of sending an "ambassador" to the Saar, which the Germans regard as an integral part of Germany. But essentially what happened was that a great surge of traditional French and German nationalism threatened not only the shaky regimes in Paris and Bonn, but the whole structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Thus the German Bundestag attached conditions to German rearmament, including an absolutely unconditional grant of German sovereignty, which the French (let alone the British) simply could not accept. And the

French Assembly promptly responded by attaching conditions to French participation in the European Army which the Germans could never accept. In such circumstances, it seemed impossible that anything at all could be accomplished at Lisbon.

Yet Acheson and Harriman have now returned from Lisbon in triumph. The European Army concept has been unanimously approved, at least in principle. Gen. Eisenhower's plan for a fifty-division NATO Army by the end of this year, based on the brilliantly realistic appraisal of the "Three Wise Men" headed by Averell Harriman, has also been unanimously accepted. And such lesser but very difficult issues as the size of Germany's defense contribution and each country's proportionate share of constructing and maintaining NATO bases, have finally been dealt with.

Some of the credit for this smashing success belongs to Acheson and Harriman. Acheson is at his best in this type of difficult, largely private negotiation; one French diplomat, asked why the Lisbon meeting succeeded, answered simply "Acheson's obstinacy." There was also a certain fellow-feeling among the principals, Acheson, Eden, Schuman and Adenauer, since all four have been bitterly attacked at home. But the real reason went deeper than Acheson's doggedness or this companionship in misery.

The disaster was averted essentially because the French and the Germans, having moved up to the precipice, had a good look over the edge and did not like what they saw. Both had their own special angle of vision, as they peered into the abyss. The Germans saw the indefinite continuation of the occupation. The French, by contrast, saw a rearmament, independent German army, which would dominate Western Europe. Yet the great central danger which both French and Germans saw at the bottom of the precipice was the same—that the United States would simply withdraw in disgusted frustration, leaving Europe to its fate.

The fright which this glance into the abyss induced actually made possible more real progress at Lisbon than ever before. Yet the precipice is still there. The blueprint for a solidly defended, solidly united Western communi-

ty now exists; but it is only a blueprint. Any single one of a number of events could cause the blueprint to be torn to shreds—a Communist triumph in the forthcoming Italian elections; the victory of the deGaulle or Schumacher nationalists in France or Germany; the fall of the Churchill government.

Each of these events could mean the collapse of the Western alliance, which has been so narrowly averted in the last few weeks. And one or more of these events is absolutely sure to occur if American leadership of the Western alliance is undermined by the desire in Congress to make "economy record" in this election year. This is a year of decision, just as much abroad as at home. For if the United States provides wise, firm leadership, there is now a rational prospect for building on the Lisbon blueprint a Western community strong enough to withstand whatever shocks may be in store for it. This is the lesson of Lisbon.

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The Safety Valve

Opposes Universal Military Training To Editor—Congress and other legislative bodies have developed a pernicious habit of perpetrating unfriendly acts to the welfare of "we the people."

To mention a few to show the trend, we have the Taft-Hartley Act, the McCarran anti-subversive law and hand outs to Franco voted by congress. Then there have been repeated efforts of the state legislature to craft the sales tax and daylight saving down our throats. In some other states so-called loyalty oaths are required of school teachers and other public employees. Just now that old fraud that harks back to Frederick the Great and the Russian czars, that noxious weed at one time known as Prussian militarism has been dragged out and is being dusted off and rechristened Universal Military Training (U. M. T. for short) and frantic efforts are being made in and out of congress to graft it on our body politic.

If this course of action continues, and U. M. T. is a long step in that direction, it is only a question of time until the goose-step, the heel-click and the nasal salute will be enforced and we

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"All the girls say I've spoiled you, Otis... you seem so happy and carefree!"

Comes the Dawn

If Marion County Democrat politicians don't hurry up they won't be filing anything but their fingernails. The demos are plugging to get a few key men in the race and back them. Cornelius Bateson, Pratum farmer, who made a good showing as a Democratic candidate in the state senate race last open season, will run for the House. Friends of Preston Hale, another Democrat who lost out in the House race two years ago, are urging him to run for Marion County Commissioner. And Democrats say they have lassoed and are trying to put running trunks on candidates for sheriff, district attorney and assessor.

Health authorities are not running fevers over the policy of schools' closing down because they are hit by the flu bug. Trouble is when a school shuts down parents don't keep the kids home anyway. And the little flu-bearers chase all over town scattering the bug. Kids are better off in school where they can contaminate nobody but their teachers—and who worries about teachers anymore.

When Lucile Cummings, Salem's gift to the music world, sang the other night over the Telephone Hour, Dad Arthur Cummings of Keizer was attending the quarterly board conference of Jason Lee Methodist Church. When soprano daughter Lucile came on the air the board halted the meeting, dug out a radio and listened to the program.

Story told at the Oregon Press Conference—A German journalism student at U of O was touring the cattleland near Pendleton and was amazed at the large herds. "It must be a big job to milk all those cows," he said. And of course everybody in the car with him nearly died laughing. Later the party stopped at Pendleton and a Pendleton Roundup poster on a restaurant wall advertised a "cow-milking contest." "See!" said the German student.

The Mt. Angel Seminary Gregorian Choir which appeared at Willamette University last week will appear soon in a short movie. Technicolor men will be up from Hollywood to begin probably in April or May... Anyone for pink tea? Owl Drug sign at Center and Capitol Streets says "fountain," and the "it" is pink white while the other letters are white. Is this a subtle blow at amber tea?... Howard Morgan, Monmouth, new Democratic state chairman must have to do some fast talking when people ask how come the Oregon Democrat is published in a place called the Morgan Building in Portland.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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prairies in native grasses, the streams and mountains in their virgin purity. Often there is a collision of interest and of ideas on how we shall use our resources, and society has to make its decisions in the light of the best knowledge available. Love of nature should have a part in determining those choices, but it

must be weighed in the balance with other values. In brief, the Pelton dam project should not be stopped merely on the ground that it will kill off or damage the fishrun. That is one important factor in the equation, but not the sole one.

The major question with the Deschutes is whether it is more important to the people of Oregon, now and in the future, as a stream reserved for fishing and salmon propagation, or whether its power potential is such as to give that a priority of value. All of course are subject to its upstream uses for domestic, stock and irrigation purposes. My own view has been that the benefits from power generation will more than counterbalance the damage it does to the salmon runs and to sports fishing. That to be sure is only an opinion, but it is one which is shared by many, though the opposite view is also entertained by many. I see little virtue in pitching the debate on emotional levels. Let us have the facts, all of them, and then make our decision through constituted channels.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am not going nowhere without you going with me."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "infamous"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gondola, chinchilla, paraphernalia, tranquillity.
4. What does the word "captivate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "fi" that means "delicate skill"?
ANSWERS
1. Say, "I am not going anywhere unless you go with me."
2. Accent first syllable, not the second. 3. Chinchilla. 4. To fascinate; to charm. "The orator captivated all hearts." 5. Finesse.

Quote for the Day

If it's the fountain of youth you're after, you'll find that it constantly wells up in an inquiring, active mind—Anonymous

65 Willamette Residents Join Armed Forces

A total of 65 Willamette Valley residents joined the military forces during the month of February, U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force, U. S. Navy, and U. S. Marine Corps announced.

A relatively "average" month, according to Navy recruiters, claimed 28 men to the Navy, 2 to the Marines, 22 men to the Air Force, 8 men to the Army, 3 women to the Women's Army Corps and 2 women to the Women's Air Force.

These figures for the month of February show a slight drop from those of January. The Women's Army Corps lists: Mary E. Young, Salem, and Edna May Selby and Shirley A. Moore, both of Dallas.

The Women's Air Force enlisted: Ardith J. Kilgore, Salem, and Lou Ann Elliott, Silverton. The Army lists: William J. Jeffers, Jerry R. Tautfest and George W. Cook, all of Salem. Raymond V. Jackson, Silverton; Bruce Dodge, Aurora; Alfred L. Loyd, Monmouth, and Timothy G. Powers and Dwight Crowder Jr., both of Grand Ronde.

Enlisting in the Air Force were: John T. Smith, Myron A. Comer, James P. Nichols, Bruce J. Matthis, John F. Hults, and Harold Cohen Jr., David L. Cooley, and Dennis J. Brennan, all of Salem. George D. Slawson, Dallas; Robert J. Kelso and Douglas A. Callahan, of Gervais; William O. Bilyeau, Mehama; Robert E. Christenson, Philomath; Lyle Evans, Mill City; Stanley B. Matthis, Paul D. Cooper, Jim K. Cooper, Bob E. Gentry and LeRoy J. Schapp, all of Silverton; Warren D. Riches, Turner; James L. Gorman, Woodburn, and Earl J. Partlow, Monmouth.

Enlistments in the Navy were as follows: Gerald Wentzel, Harry L. Caterson, Roy M. Hoke, Edward B. Wichman, Robert A. Webster, Arthur F. Ueltzen, Billy J. Thomas, Jay "B" Surgeon, Paul J. Shay Jr., Allen L. Underwood, and Franklin D. White, all of Salem; Ronald E. Strader, East Newport; Robert L. Corwin, Harlan, Ore.; John D. Peterson, Silverton; Lawrence L. Kiefer and Paul E. Martin, both of Sweet Home; LeRoy E. Cole and Horace V. Virgil, both of Detroit; Noah F. Perkins, Stayton; Wayne L. Turner, Kings Valley; Donald J. Semolke, Silverton; Lyle D. Mayer, Seeley, E. Bennett, and Donald E. Fidler, all of Albany; Ralph H. McRae, Hosking; Gene M. Sharp, Dallas; Richard L. Vannice, Halsey, and Lowell D. McGraw, Molalla.

Marine enlistments were: Charles K. Koani, Walmea, Kauai, T.H., and Daniel M. Evans, Aumsville.

Death Claims Mrs. Ritchey

Mrs. Irena Louise Ritchey, 25, died in a Portland hospital Thursday after an illness of 14 months. Born in Creswell Jan. 2, 1927, Mrs. Ritchey was married Sept. 6, 1948 to Robert Dean Ritchey, who survives her. Before her marriage she lived for a short time in Iowa and California, but went through school in Salem and Independence. She resided at Salem Route 8.

Besides her widower, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilkerson of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Charles Darling of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Robert Hendman and Mrs. Verne Redinger, both of Salem; brothers, Lyle of Salem and Royley of the U. S. Army.

Funeral services will be announced later by the Howell-Edwards Chapel.

Dog Licenses Below 1951

The dog license total for 1952 tipped over and started beyond the \$700 mark at 4:30 Friday afternoon in the Marion County clerk's office.

"This figure does not include at least 100 write-ins," Henry C. Mattson, Marion County clerk cautioned. Noon today marks the deadline for purchasing dog licenses in order that penalty might be avoided. Last year at the close of February, the Marion County clerk had 6,288 licenses sold. "I doubt if we'll match that number this year," Mattson said.

The licenses are due on all dogs six months old Jan. 1. New dog owners have 30 days in which to obtain licenses if the new pet is six months old. Fees are \$1 for males and spayed females and \$2 for untreated females, Mattson stated. Revenue from dog licenses is applied to expenses for enforcement and payment for chickens, sheep and other livestock killed by dogs.

HENNINGSEN NAMED Palmer Henningsen, Astoria, was appointed Friday by Gov. Douglas McKay to the Oregon Dairy Products Commission. He succeeds George Fullenwider, Carlton, who resigned.

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364 Political Jobs About to Go Abegging

Political jobs are going begging in Marion County—364 of them. Not that they're high pay - no work assignments, but most politicians claim they started here—as precinct committeemen. There is still one week, until March 7, to file with the county clerk.

Only 76 persons have filed as candidates for the 440 vacancies, four in each precinct, and none of them has competition yet. One committeeman and one committeewoman can be chosen to represent each party in his area. His duties include aid with selection of election boards and drumming up interest in voter registration and balloting.

So far 25 Republican women, 34 Republican men, nine Democratic women and 8 Democratic men have filed, according to Mrs. Gladys White, elections deputy.

Bean Picking Prices Set, Then Delayed

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Farm Editor, The Statesman
Willamette Valley's bean picking price was both set and left for reconsideration at the Friday afternoon meeting of the Oregon Bean Growers Association. The meeting was held at Mayflower Hall with more than 150 in attendance.

Indecision in the picking price was brought about by three factors: Price of beans to the grower is not yet set; survey of possible acreage is not completed, and amount of possible available labor is vague.

After the picking price was thrown forth and back for 45 minutes, varying from suggestions of 2 to 3 cents, a pound, motion to set the price at the same as last year's, 2 1/2 cents with a 1/4 cent bonus to pickers who remain through the season, carried 28 to 20. Growers who did not vote on this issue immediately put one to "reconvene and reconsider," the picking price on May 1, as "more information would be available at that time." This carried, 24 to 21.

Growers who favor a lower picking price this year said that the price of beans to grower would be lower. A few admitted they had already made contracts at a lower figure than last year's which varied from 2 1/2 to 7 cents a pound depending upon grade. Gordon Walker, Independence, said he had heard beans were being quoted for \$10 less a ton for top grade and \$5 less for second grade.

Floyd Bates, fieldman for Paulus Brothers, stated that while the price had not yet been set, he believed from figures being quoted they would average about \$4.84 a ton less than last year.

The proponents of keeping the price of picking up stated that if "we cut the pickers' wage now when everything else is stationary, we are apt to be short of pickers when needed."

Cornelius Bateson, Salem, chairman, reported that estimated acreage for this year was approximately 8 per cent less than a year ago with estimates of available labor at 9 per cent less. Bates said he believed the acreage would be approximately 10 per cent less and that with 90 per cent of the hops to be picked mechanically this fall, more labor for bean picking would probably be available.

A motion by Bateson, while Vice Chairman Harry Peary took the chair, carried to automatically lay the secretary to chairman each year and to elect a new chairman from the opposite group, so that both conservative and cash growers (the latter selling to independent processors) be represented.

This made Harold Elbert, secretary for the past year, the 1952 chairman, and Paul Reinche, Salem, a cash grower, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Ralph Faces Added Term at Folsom Prison

The possibility of an added five-year to life sentence faces John Edward Ralph when he enters California's Folsom Prison, Oregon Warden Virgil O'Malley said Friday.

Ralph, 31, is the tough Oregon State Prison convict who was paroled to prevent his being killed by other prisoners, and who is to be returned to California as a parole violator.

Ralph's original Folsom sentence was a year to life for auto theft, which was fixed by the California adult authority at five years. But Ralph now will be sentenced by the adult authority, the Warden added, and probably will get his sentence increased to much more than five years.

Ralph, who has been one of the prison's worst troublemakers, was serving 12 years in the Oregon prison for beating a man at La Grande and robbing him of \$100. He had a record of 24 arrests.

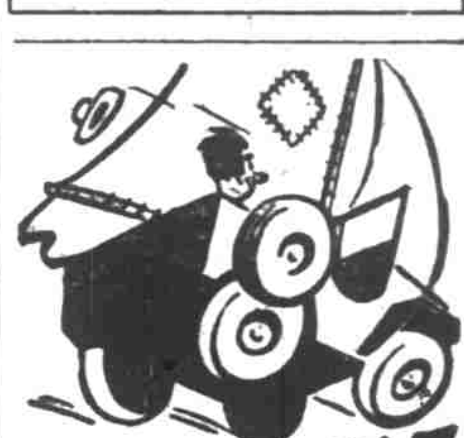
O'Malley said other prisoners might have killed Ralph because he exposed an escape plot last December. In Folsom, Ralph will have the benefit of psychiatric treatment he needs, O'Malley said. "If our prison building program were further advanced, we would have the facilities to protect Ralph here. We don't have facilities yet for segregation of convicts," O'Malley said.

Construction of a prison segregation building will start this year.

SEX OFFENDER CONTROL

PORTLAND (AP)—A plan to treat and control sex offenders was drafted Thursday in the office of Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee. It provides for an indeterminate sentence law, a state institution for sex offenders, and psychiatrists to work with the courts.

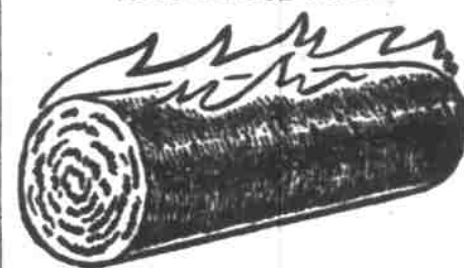
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