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Uncle Sam, Old Man Oregon

Recent publication of a 1952 edition of Uncle Sam, as conceived by American artists, brought some lunchtable discussion and a little editorial comment. The Eugene Register-Guard for instance, will have none of the modernized version of "Our Uncle Samuel." It rates the prize-winning portrait as a "Man of Distinction" and the second-place winner as a "dashing young feller out of the sports-shirt ads." Instead of either it urges: "Let us keep Uncle Sam just as we have always known him. . . . Give us Uncle snaking that hairy fist of his at all who dare to threaten freedom!"

The Statesman applauds the thought. Also it doesn't want to lose from Uncle Sam that Yankee shrewdness, that gleam in the eye, that salty flavor which keep this symbol of America right down to earth.

Some years ago cartoonists tried to modernize Old Man Oregon. They didn't succeed very well. Only it's been a long time since we have seen Old Man Oregon in any form. If taxes get much higher we predict the Old Man will shake off his lounging robe and do some fist-shaking on his own.

Heads They Lose!

Now the premier of Czechoslovakia has turned up missing. At least he didn't show up at the depot to bid goodbye to President Gottwald as the latter was departing for Berlin. Instead an "acting premier" bid the president farewell.

The premier has been Antonin Zapotcky, and his non-appearance at public functions has given rise to the thought that he may be a victim of the purge which caught Vice Premier Rudolf Slansky recently and Foreign Minister Clement some months ago.

Moscow has been quite unhappy with slack production in this once prosperous satellite. Now, as Zapotcky admitted in a recent speech, the country doesn't produce all the farm products it needs, as it did under the old regime. Industrial production has fallen short too. These failures are cited as the basis for the purge of the Communist officials in Czechoslovakia.

If the machines do not roll—officials heads must.

New Abbey Chapel at Mt. Angel

Appropriately, since today is the Feast of St. Benedict, the Abbey at Mt. Angel which is under the Benedictine Order, will dedicate its new Abbey Chapel. It is an integral part of the east side of the quadrangle which crowns the eminence where Abbey and College and Benedictine Press stand. Its style of architecture and facing of buff-colored brick are in harmony with the other structures.

This writer visited the chapel last Sunday and would report that it is both spacious and beautiful. It conforms with traditional church design but has enough of the modern in decoration and lighting to give it freshness. One of the older priests said he preferred the old church down town as one lending itself better to devotion. But as the new edifice is mellowed with use it too will become a hallowed place. Catholics and non-Catholics will find it a beautiful structure which inspires reverence.

Killing Off the Locusts

While the Reds are accusing the U.N. forces with spreading disease germs in Korea the United States really is preparing to spread insecticides for the benefit of mankind.

The Technical Cooperation administration, an agency for the Point Four program, is going to do aerial spraying over 672,000 acres in the Middle East where locusts breed. A powerful poison, Aldrin, will be used, so strong that two ounces in a gallon of water or diesel oil will bring certain death to locusts on one acre of ground.

Locusts have been a plague in the Middle East since the days of Pharaoh and doubtless long before. A start will be made now to rid the whole area of this insect horde which consumes crops and vegetation. Iran is the country chosen for the first work and eight planes for the spraying are being assembled there. Later the work will be extended to countries from Libya to Pakistan.

We do not know of a better way to prove the beneficence of the United States to the natives of the Middle East than to bring an end to their plagues of locusts. It should help them to help themselves, for they can quickly learn the techniques of spraying. The result should be an increase in food supply—and, we hope, a little more kindly feeling for the U.S.A.

Case of the Royer Boys

The case of the Royer boys arising from the dispute of the parents, now divorced, over their custody has excited an unusual amount of interest. Sympathies of local people were with the father who sought to keep the boys in his care, as against the mother in Indiana who sought to recover their custody. The adverse ruling of the Supreme Court prompted writing of letters to the editor and to the Supreme Court itself. Letters to the editor were futile because the case was in the courts; and letters to the court itself were highly improper and might have resulted in calling their authors up under a citation for contempt.

The Supreme Court has now reiterated its opinion that the mother's claim of custody should be recognized. The court is bound by the constitution and laws which give validity to the rulings of courts in other jurisdictions—in this case Indiana where the court had given the mother custody of the boys. The decision may seem harsh to the parties in Oregon; but it will have to be respected. As the Oregon court suggested, the Indiana court is the one in which redress should be sought.

When Senator Brewster testifies that he used Henry Grunewald, "the Dutchman" as a "conduit" for \$10,000 as a contribution for two Republicans running for the Senate which he couldn't make openly he excites real curiosity. Who were the candidates concerned and why couldn't he make it openly? Here in Oregon one wonders if Dave Hoover might have been one. Once there was a popular novel, "Brewster's Millions." Just now we are concerned about Brewster's Thousands.

Chairman Frank McKinney of the Democratic National Committee says that President Truman will not run again if peace comes to Korea. At the progress rate at Panmunjom that may mean he expects life tenure of the White House. Truman, however, repudiates the assertion, so McKinney may be looking up plane schedules for Minneapolis, especially after this bad advice on New Hampshire.

Washington seems to be reechoing "No call for Newbold Mowrrrrrrruss."

Ike Considers Primary Results Clear Call, May Come Home to Campaign for Top Office

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
AP News Analyst

President Truman said Thursday morning that General Eisenhower was free to come home any time he thought it best, and a few hours later the general said he might do just that.



Eisenhower was beginning to think, like Paul Hoffman and other leaders of his campaign, that the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries came pretty close to being the "clear call" to the presidential campaign which could take him away from his job as supreme commander for the Allied Powers in Europe.

The Eisenhower statement climaxed two days of rattling developments the like of which have seldom been seen in pre-convention politics. Part of it was even funny.

Taft was represented as inclined to lay the heavy Eisenhower written in Minnesota to Stassen weakness. Stassen entered in Wisconsin where there will be no write-ins, claimed that Eisenhower partisans there should support him because he was most like Ike. So did Warren's camp.

There was no levity in the Democratic camp, however, where uncertainty over President Truman's plans led to another family contretemps. Democratic Chairman McKinney, who got the President to enter the New Hampshire primary against his wishes and then saw Eisenhower walk off with the voting, held a long series of conferences with Truman.

First Truman said nix on more primary entries such as California. Then McKinney came out saying he thought Truman would

consider his job done and not run if there were an early truce in Korea. Truman replied that McKinney was all wet, that Korea had nothing to do with it.

After that, the first obvious question was whether the Democrats would have to select a new national chairman this close to convention.

In the meantime, Senator Taft, smarting from the New Hampshire and Minnesota primary results, ran into more trouble. Governor Driscoll of New Jersey came out for Eisenhower and Taft tagged him as a rug-puller, claiming violation of a neutrality agreement.

Literary Guidepost

WHAT EISENHOWER THINKS, edited and interpreted by Allen Taylor (Crowell; \$2.75).

Born in Texas, brought up in Kansas, graduated by West Point, Army man who crossed the paths of MacArthur and Marshall, commander in Europe, Columbia president and now possibly on the way to becoming U. S. president, Eisenhower has in the main a record of accomplishment known to countless Americans. But there's a lot they don't know; probably the most important things of all they don't know.

Now Taylor tries to get at the secrets. After a brief biographical background, he provides thousands of words quoted from many speeches made in this country and abroad, officially and informally.

We are told that Eisenhower believes in co-operation, democracy, capitalism, in United Nations, United Europe, Marshall Plan, Point Four, free speech, free press free teachers, UMT, the Red menace. He has said that "conflicting political theories can exist peacefully in the same world." He has declared: "When people speak to you about a pre-

ventive war, you tell them to go and fight it." He believes that "the degree of our sacrifice in feeding the hungry is the degree of our understanding of the world today."

But these are in effect "broad outlines" . . . a phrase of Taylor's. There is still a lot says Taylor about which no voter can be reasonably sure . . . just how hostile is he to federal aid to education, to social security, to Truman's Civil Rights program? What lesson does he wish to teach organized labor when he boasts of his own 84-hour week, or to liberals when he deplores the "constant drift toward centralized bureaucratic government?"

He has had no occasion to answer many essential questions, and so it is not Taylor's fault if the book in telling us "what Eisenhower thinks" tells very little. You will be pleased to note that, as reported, Eisenhower is not a pompous or flowery speaker. It is true, however, that he can be a trite phraseologist. If that doesn't bother the author, it may be because he's not an inspired or sprightly writer himself.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Sounds like a meeting of the liars' club . . . He's promising her everything . . . and she's promising to do without everything! . . ."

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

The state archives came in handy when the state land office vault had to be broken into the other day. The land office had a floor plan showing the location of the safe. But the safe-crackers were stumped until Archivist Dave Dunaway showed up with a complete set of construction specifications for the office. These plans showed how far the safe was built into the wall, the thickness of brick and spacing of wire mesh, and how far apart the steel bars were, etc. This helped the drillers to crack the stubborn vault without harming a single paper inside.



Latest issue of the Farm Bureau magazine, "Oregon Agriculture," has a membership report chart for a period ending "Feb. 31, 1952." Wonder how even the Farm Bureau can sign up members on Feb. 30 and 31?

June Drake, Silverton photographer and one of the Willamette Valley's longest-timers at the shutter-snapping game, is compiling a history of Silverton in pictures. He's gathering pictures of the town's early scenes—in days when Silverton had a big oak tree in the middle of Main Street, and a railroad in town. Also six of early schools, old town band, etc. All in two big volumes. The big work is a labor of love because Drake will give the volumes to the Silverton city library. The first volume is due out soon. Drake, by the way, was one of the first photographers ever to flick a lens at Silver Creek Falls.

Salem High rooters (adults and students) are leaning over backward at the state tournament in Eugene this week to show the public their best behavior. At the Lincoln-Salem game, even though Salem got waxed, Salem students waxed exuberant but not abusive. Not once did they ransberry the referees, although the officiating in that game was nothing to write your Aunt Mary about. Matter of fact not a single boo was heard from the Salem section during the entire game—which should certainly place Salem within grabbing distance of the sportsmanship trophy . . . Quite a few Salem adults at the tournament, too.

The inside work of a true bookworm is shown in a collection of rare old books now on display at the Salem city library. In one big book, printed in Spain in 1717, called "Projecto Economico," the little worm started in at the back of the book. He ate (and probably read) his way backward to page 116 (Chapter 12) and then worked his (or her) way back to page 261. At that point, probably unable to digest the heavy material, the little worm gets smaller and smaller and finally seems to end his boring life right on the letter U.

Better English by D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The two brothers both were there, and I think the younger was the best looking."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "maintain"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Anomimus, annuity, antecede, anecdote.
 4. What does the word "abrasion" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with ch that means "visionary"?
- ANSWERS
1. Omit both, and say, "the younger was the better looking."
 2. Accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Anomimus. 4. The act of wearing, or rubbing, off; the wearing away by friction. "Time causes an abrasion of these coins." 5. Chimerical.

dence in a world of tumult by believing in the power of right of a God that cares. J. C. Penay

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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was to hold out foreign imports, and at the same time to pile up domestic surpluses, particularly of farm products. We might have, after the second world war, lowered our tariffs to admit more foreign goods. But Europe was not producing much for export then; and if it had the burden would have fallen on domestic producers who were caught by foreign competition. So we just gave our goods away.

What about the future? We ought to taper off with this generosity. It is getting time to follow the old maxim that the Lord helps those who help themselves. Doubtless it is unwise to chop off our grants abruptly; but we ought to be scaling down rather than increasing the goods we ship out, for they are of our vital resources—metals, soil minerals, labor. The reported waste in our military spending overseas discourages continuance of the spending spree. Too frenzied spending for military purposes is wasteful and disruptive.

Congress does well to scrutinize closely the budget for foreign expenditure. It must weigh carefully the cost to ourselves and compare the risk of inflation along with the military risks which we are seeking to counter. The end result will come out considerably less than the budget's asking.

House Goods Haulers Granted Rate Encrease

Truckers engaged in hauling household goods were granted rate increases Thursday by Oregon's Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel. Heltzel said the rate boosts would enable the truckers to earn enough to meet increased costs. The rate adjustment includes both increases and decreases, with the increases predominating. Heltzel said the increases fall short of what the truckers asked.

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