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## Civil Rights Battle Renewed

Civil rights is a subject the politicians do a lot of talking about and rarely get round to doing anything about. This year, as in 1948, the subject is a vexing one for platform builders in the Democratic party. At the last national convention when the resolutions committee submitted a mild but pious expression of favor for equal rights, the convention rejected that plank and adopted another calling on Congress to support the President with legislation guaranteeing:

- (1) the right of full and equal political participation; (2) the right to equal opportunity of employment; (3) the right of security of person; and (4) the right of equal treatment in the service and defense of our nation."

That plank drove some Southern delegates from the convention and inspired the creation of the States' Rights Party. The 82nd Congress however did nothing to advance civil rights. The toughest issue of all, fair employment, was projected, but the senate never would adopt cloture to close debate and permit a vote.

This year both President Truman and Senator Humphrey are calling for adoption of a strong civil rights plank. The Southern Democrats object and its inclusion may precipitate another splinter movement. Meanwhile Democratic strategists are taxing their brains to draft a civil rights plank which will satisfy the fair dealers without driving the Southern partisans out of the fold. The task though is like straddling the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Republicans may be depended on to come through with renewed expression of devotion to civil rights. In 1948 they dodged the FEPC issue though in 1944 they had pledged federal legislation for fair employment. Then the Republican 80th Congress failed to carry out the party's pledges. Convivance of Republican leaders has prevented change of the cloture rule which would allow the Senate to vote on civil rights measures. So Republicans can claim no credit for performance in spite of their platform promises.

As long as the working alliance continues between Southern Democrats and Republicans there is little prospect for civil rights legislation, no matter what the party platforms say.

## More Crackdown and Less Worry

The holiday traffic toll is appalling, no doubt of it. The National Safety Council and other similar agencies are performing a service by continually calling attention to the dangers inherent. We live in hopes that deaths and injury and damage may grow less.

When there are 100,000,000 tons of steel hurtling along highways from 6 to 60 miles an hour (and, unwisely, oftentimes much more), what can you expect? The year-round nagging at recklessness, carelessness and drunkenness on the public roads can't be overdone. But we still think there should be kind words for great majority of drivers without whose respect for law and life the toll would be immeasurably greater.

Let's crack down harder on violators and stress better conditioning of the wheeled weapons called automobiles. We're always going to be in danger on the highways, as elsewhere, but we don't need to get morbid about it.

## Let's Not Be Easy Marks

Salem and this area had better start locking its doors and windows, in the opinion of a good many law-enforcement officers, because for some unexplained reason there doesn't seem

## Complex Government Policies, Controls Given Blame as Nation Enters Steel Strike Crisis

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.  
AP News Analyst  
Regardless of who was right in the argument over prices and wages, the complex of government controls and government policies was the direct precipitant of the steel strike.

Unless the industry suddenly admits that it can grant the wage increases and still remain healthy without the full price increases it has demanded, or unless the union backs down, which is inconceivable, only government can restore production.

Politics has played a big part in the impasse. So have differences of opinion within the government over the economic effect of increased steel prices. The issue has become a part of the whole debate over controls.

The national economy at the moment is in precarious balance between deflation and continued inflation. Nobody can be sure of being right about what can or should be done.

Only one thing is certain. Russia is rattling the sabre of a new world war on both the Western and Eastern fronts. America's allies in Europe are going through an exceedingly trying period, with governments perceiving the need for certain steps in political unification and military defense on which the people have not yet been uniformly sold. The stability of the American aid program is the platform upon which these governments stand.

If the Europeans can see American equipment—made of American steel—coming off the ship: if they can see the Ameri-

much success from recent periodic waves of petty thefts and burglaries.

And it is not only Salem and this part of the valley that is affected. The situation seems fairly general.

The seriousness of the situation in Salem was pointed up sharply by the serious wounding of the proprietor of a shop on the Portland Road Tuesday, though locks played no part in that incident.

The "why" of the condition is proving bothersome to enforcement agencies. Usually, stringent economic situations lead to an increase in crime. But employment figures never have been higher. One officer said Tuesday he could attribute the condition only to a growing idea that the world owes everyone a good living whether he works for it or not.

However, the temptation is flouted too freely—a group of juveniles arrested over the week end confessed to five burglaries but in only one instance did they have to do any breaking to get in. And in that one instance there was only a hooked screen. In the other four, doors were unlocked and access easy.

It may be pride in a neighborhood or in a city that leads many people to be careless in securing their belongings but it's a worry to police. Public cooperation is imperative if this area is not to get the name of being an easy mark. There can't be a policeman at every house. Lock your doors and windows when you're away and report promptly any suspicious prowler or undue activity of questionable nature.

## Morse on Steel Decision

Senator Wayne Morse says he has read the majority and minority opinions in the steel case and thinks the minority of the court "has a much keener appreciation of the realities and dynamics of a system of government by law than does the majority."

All out of step but Morse and the three dissenting justices.

Actually the majority opinion is the one which put stress on a government by law rather than of men. As far as dynamics is concerned that is not disregarded by the court. It puts the responsibility for law-making on Congress, just where the constitution put it—and where Morse with his proposed legislation admits it resides.

Springfield's government-built alcohol plant has had as varied a history as Salem's alumina plant. A deal is on for a transfer to another concern. The Eugene Register-Guard reporter says the present operators "did not announce the names of the new speculators." Such reportorial frankness is rare.

A woman marriage-license clerk in Los Angeles issued 800,000 licenses, now retires still unwed, and the news services seem to want to make something of it. Why? Issuing 800,000 dog licenses wouldn't have made her a dog, would it?

New York's real estate valuation now approaches the \$20 billion mark. Maybe we could trade in New York to reduce the national debt a per cent or two.

After seeing photos of that Korean terrain, it is to wonder where the Red POWs on Koje Island get all those flagpoles they're flaunting us with.

Only thing about these periodic Communist purges is that every new name seems harder and harder to fit into a headline.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
THE ART OF BOOK READING, by Stella S. Center (Scribner's; \$3.50)

The critic who spends his time gunning blindly for any and all authors must be warned about this one, who, he will discover, happily, is on his side.

Anyone who reads books professionally day after "day" feels two or three or four or even five times a week that the writer he is reviewing has done a story for the lover of adventure, for the traveler, the romantic, the movie-goer, for anybody and everybody except the reader. Which is to say, he feels that more and more the reader is alienated by the very person who needs him most, the writer himself. By resorting to a kind of basic English, a writer can reach a very wide audience; but an audience so low-grade is going to turn eventually to radio or something equally easy, and the reader will become as extinct as the dodo bird.

Dr. Center goes at it the other way. Instead of encouraging writers to do their worst and readers their least, she would let the writer do as he has always done to be worthy of his calling. Express his thoughts in his best, most mature fashion. But she would train the reader. To be sure it takes two, and with a writer in the background, reading is a "collaborative act." Reading is thinking, she claims correctly. It can be fun, at its best it's a delight, but she emphatically opposes "light, frothy fiction" and of course she rips the comic books right up their binding, above all, those that distort the classics. Speedy reading is all right, but thoughtful reading is better, and she can think of "no short cuts to efficient, critical reading."

Her book, which considers various forms of writing, tells how to approach them and suggests the nature of the rewards they offer, is a doughty blow struck for literacy and literature.



## Comes the Dawn

(Random notes found in the typewriter of a Salem office secretary Tuesday night at the end of a busy day.)

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of. Now is the time. This week is National Secretary's Week. So now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their secretaries. June 1 to 7 is dedicated to the proposition that all stenographers are created equal in the eyes of their bosses, the public and the wastebasket. Hurray for June 1 to 7. Now is the time to observe the splendid, heroic, heroic work of the unselfish, unselfish, hard-working secretaries.

Boy is it hot. Boy, oh boy, oboy, boy, boy. My sister has a boy. Now is the time for all boys. This typewriter typewriter needs a new ribbon and it cannot spell, neither, either. Oh, for a nice tall cool glass of lemonade. My feet ache. Dear Sir: Your letter of the 19th to hand and for a firm the size of yours it is a pity you can't afford better stationery. Also your secretary's style of letter writing letter-writing letter-writing letter writing is atro atroc atroc awful. Sincerely yours, Bright Eyes.

Ten more minutes to quitting quitting quitting. Now is the time we must say adieu adieu. Dear Sir: Five more minutes I will be out of this warm hot office and home. Showes shoes off and having a cool one. Sincerely fatigued, Dear Madame: You will kindly refrain from taking your shoes off in my office. Sincerely, The Boss. A new ribbon makes this typewriter write a little better and spell better too. Now is the time for all the quick brown cat brown cat jumped over the lazy pazy dog.

Shorthand outline for a perfect boss He must be human, understanding and willing to give aid to his secretary when necessary. Appreciation—a pat on the back is worth two knocks on the head. Politeness, courtesy and consideration—he realizes the staff has interests beyond the typewriter. Good humor man—Likes a joke better than a joker—and does not bring bad humor from home to the office. Ability to recognize special talents and helps his employes advance.

Secretary's outline of a perfect secretary. First of all there is no price perfect secretary. But a good one makes her work seem easy and runs her office as smoothly as the Ike campaign, no distraction. Honesty — can keep office secrets. Tact with clients and fellow workers. Good grooming and neatness. Happy and healthy disposition. No pettiness or behind-the-cooler gossiping. This week is National Secretaries Week. Now is the time for all good men to to

237,970 X-RAYS GIVEN  
PORTLAND (AP)—A total of 237,970 persons received chest X-rays during a 16-week Portland-Multnomah County drive, officials reported Monday. The survey was sponsored by city, state and county health agencies and the U. S. Public Health Service.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Your mother will have to amuse herself if she insists on visiting us this year...I'm busy name-calling elsewhere..."

## The Safety Valve

To the Editor:

See Calamity  
According to radio comment by Duncan Macleod on Thursday, Taft forces are worried about Eisenhower and money. They are especially worried about whether or not Eisenhower will support Taft if Taft get the nomination.

Taft has already announced that he will support Eisenhower if the general gets the nomination, but Ike hasn't responded with a like pledge toward Taft. The Taft forces are worried over a shortage of campaign money, while Ike's boys have oodles of it and are very cocky. Why should these things puzzle anybody? Taft can get plenty of money from the same source as Ike. They are good friends, see eye to eye, and are proteges of the same heavy financial interests. Without like in the face those interests would be for Taft 100 per cent, but knowing that Ike would do the same chores for them with added glamor, they are equally satisfied with him.

After winning the New Hampshire primary, Ike said that it was strange that people voted for him when they could just as well have voted for Taft. Liberal opponents of Taft who support Eisenhower in the belief that he would be something different will get a tough awakening if he should be elected. He is fully as reactionary as Taft, but has a better smile.

When Hoover was elected I published a prediction as to the dire results, and received a tirade of ridicule and abuse in reply; but my predictions all came true. Now I am saying that the election of either Taft or Eisenhower would be a calamity to the U. S. Making a vegetarian out of a tiger would be as easy as making an acceptable president out of a West Point graduate.

Some say that we have had military men as successful presidents. It is not true. The only West Pointer who became president was General Grant, and his administration was a pitiful flop. Other "generals" who became president were about as military as the "home guard" after the first world war. They were merely civilians in temporary uniforms, doing emergency war work.

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Veto Okay  
For both economic and moral grounds President Truman's veto of the "Tidelands Bill" should be upheld.

When the three-mile off-shore boundaries were established there were no questions raised as to possible under-ground wealth. The principal questions were policing, sovereignty and fishing rights.

Now that oil has been found under off-shore California, Louisiana and Texas, these states have no way of determining the oil drainage beyond their three-mile limits. California, Louisiana and Texas expect all of us to help defend them, possibly they will be willing to allow Uncle Sam to operate or supervise the leasing of the marine oil wells.

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## Escaped Con Captured After Terror Tactics

WALLA WALLA (AP)—An escaped convict threw away his gun and walked out of a house with his hands up Tuesday after terrorizing a neighborhood for more than two hours.

Sheriff's officers, police and prison guards captured Marion M. Mathis at noon. They found him in a home on Dell Avenue, about one mile west of the prison.

Mathis walked away from the penitentiary farm outside the walls early Tuesday. He is serving a term for robbery and auto theft from Grays Harbor County.

Shortly after his escape, Mrs. John G. Duncan spotted Mathis as he was attempting to climb through her bedroom window.

"I heard a noise in the bedroom," she said, "and there she was, head and shoulders through the window."

Mrs. Mathis was able to push him out, slam the window shut and call police.

For the next hour officers received a dozen calls that the man was hiding in various homes. Then he was located in a vacant house which he had entered by breaking a window.

Police surrounded the house and Mathis walked out, gun in hand, practically into the arms of Andy Shoun, a sheriff's deputy. Shoun yelled at him and Mathis ran back into the house, dropped the gun and came out with his hands up.

## Death Claims Mrs. Maurer

Statesman News Service  
SILVERTON — Mrs. Minnie Maurer, 76, died at the Silverton Hospital Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be in charge of the Ekman Funeral home.

Mrs. Maurer was born May 4, 1876, in Minnesota, but had lived at Silverton for many years. She was the widow of the late William Maurer.

Survivors are one son, Martin of Silverton; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Hartley of Portland, and Mrs. Ruth Isler of Vancouver, Wash.; six grandchildren, one brother, Henry Werner of Silverton; five sisters, Mrs. Lydia Gehring, Silverton; Mrs. Lena Maurer, Leslie, Iowa; Misses Emma, Clara and Esther Wernes of Salem.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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In Berlin would meet with the resistance of the West should serve as a warning to Russia that there are limits beyond which it should not trespass.

The British action can hardly be condemned by Russia for the latter has forcibly closed out all allied positions on its side of the Iron Curtain. It is not probable that Russia will attempt any forcible breaking of the British blockade, for Russia seems to be indulging in antics "short of war."

The West is in better shape to meet any Russian attack than it has been ever since the "cold war" started. It would not welcome war; in fact, is in dead earnest to avoid it. But the West is getting weary of Russian truculence. The strategy is to face up to Russia in full confidence that that is about the best way to halt Russian aggression.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He was shot in the battle that ensued."
- 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pianist"?
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Harbinger, the "cold war", harmonica, harpsichord.
- 4. What does the word "im-plicable" mean?
- 5. What is a word beginning with tra that means "calmness; composure"?

- ANSWERS  
1. It is better to say, "He was shot during the battle, that ensued." 2. Pronounce pi-an-ist, both i's as in it, accent second syllable. 3. Heyday. 4. Not to be appressed; incapable of being appressed. He is a picture of implacable enmity." 5. Tranquillity.

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## District Attorney Rules Out Autopsy

There will be no autopsy of the body of Mrs. Arla Jean Grant, who died Monday as a result of asphyxiation, Marion County District Attorney Ed Stadter reported Tuesday.

Mrs. Grant was taken from a gas-filled Portland Road motel cabin last Sunday afternoon and the attending physician had thought an autopsy might be necessary for medical purposes.

Services for Mrs. Grant are scheduled to be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery Chapel in Portland with interment at the Riverview Cemetery.

## Sen. Williams Cites Tax Case Irregularities

WASHINGTON (AP)—In another blast at the Internal Revenue Bureau, Sen. Williams (R-DeL.) charged Tuesday that a man who owes three-quarters of a million dollars in income taxes and penalties was able to collect almost half a million from the government for running a butchering school.

Williams identified the man as Jack Udell, who divides his residence between New York, Frankfort, Del., and Miami Beach, Fla. He told the Senate that after Udell hired Joseph D. Nunan, a former internal revenue commissioner, as his lawyer he was "successful in having his \$792,094 tax case pigeon-holed in the files of the Department of Justice."

Meanwhile, the Delaware senator said, Udell collected \$451,558 from the Veterans Administration for running the National Meat and Food Institute in Miami, "supposedly for the purpose of teaching veterans how to cut up poultry and other meats."

Williams said Udell obtained the money by "devious" methods. He then quoted from a Veterans Administration audit to the Treasury Department which he said showed Udell has engaged in "padded bookkeeping and their devious devices" to run up the school's bills. "I don't know a thing," Udell told a reporter in Miami when questioned about Williams' speech.

## Man Killed by Well Cave-In

PENDLETON, (AP)—A well cave-in Monday claimed the life of a 34-year-old Pendleton man.

Robert Farwell was trapped in the well he was digging about two miles east of here. A carpenter working nearby discovered the cave-in and notified state police. Farwell's body was recovered but artificial respiration failed. The widow and three children survive.

## Dorna Martin Wins Scholarship to Lewis and Clark

A \$250 scholarship to Lewis and Clark College was announced Tuesday for Dorna Martin, Salem High School graduate of '52 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Martin.

Dorna is a member of the National Honor Society and was chairman of this year's Gym Jamboree, a member of the Vikesettes and of the Girls' Letter Club. Her father is a professor of education at Willamette University.

## UAL to Inaugurate Swift Service East

PORTLAND (AP)—Faster, one-stop service between Portland and New York City will be started by United Air Lines June 8, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The new flight, with a stop at Denver only, will cut one hour from the regular schedule between the two cities, he said. Other United flights between Portland and New York stop at Denver and Chicago.

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