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H-bombs and Peace

Senator Brian McMahon of Connecticut is chairman of the Senate committee on atomic energy. In this capacity he naturally has very intimate knowledge of progress made by the Atomic Energy Commission. Last week he virtually announced that the United States has perfected the hydrogen bomb, although no such admission has come from the Commission itself or the President. McMahon went on to urge our manufacture of H-bombs in numbers up to four figures for use as battlefield weapons. His argument was that the country which puts the greatest effort into the race for supremacy with the H-bomb "will get there first." He foresees that reliance on the new type of weapon will offer a way to "save billions and billions" in spending for defense, and regards the stockpiling of H-bombs as a deterrent to Russian aggression.

McMahon's striking speech was made via radio to the Democratic state convention in Hartford, which had endorsed him for the presidential nomination. This gave him the occasion to present a program, and he proceeded to do so. While most of the news report dealt with his H-bomb pronouncements actually McMahon made a vigorous plea for world understanding. The bombs are for protection and for warning to Russia; but he proposed more active efforts for peace than merely arming for defense. This was in line with sentiments he previously expressed. In early 1950 he made a speech on the floor of the Senate urging the government to take the initiative in efforts to ease the East-West tension about the same time that Senator Tydings made a similar appeal. The administration however was cold to proposals of both senators; and still is unfriendly to such suggestions as four-power talks, out of conviction that they would be futile.

The chances for McMahon to become the party nominee are mighty thin; but he does show a keen and continuing interest in averting war and securing peace. How valuable a tool a thousand H-bombs would be either to prevent or to win a war we do not know. If there are to be such weapons certainly we want to have the largest stockpile. The probability is, however, that such a stockpile would afford protection only until the putative enemy matched it. The path to a decent peace still lies down the rocky road of negotiation and diplomacy.

State Grange Resolutions

The Oregon Grange has always taken seriously the responsibilities of citizenship. While it is by no means as powerful in state affairs as it was two decades ago, its pronouncements on public questions do reflect the sober thinking of a large portion of the farm constituency of the state. Its recent convention at LaGrande followed the pattern of previous sessions in offering its recommendations on current issues.

As was expected, the Grange urged defeat of the school district reorganization bill whose referral to the voters was accomplished largely through Grange efforts. And the Grange reiterated its stand on power questions urging again the federal construction of a dam at Hells Canyon and protesting again construction of Pelton dam on the Deschutes by a private power company.

The Grange rejected the idea of a loyalty oath for teachers. It came out in favor of the initiative sponsored by the Oregon Council of

Churches to ban pari mutuel betting along with other forms of gambling; and threw its support for HB 465 to increase tax on commercial trucks which has been referred to the voters by truck interests.

Taking note of last year's agitation about liquor administration it called for an investigation of the commission's operations and amending the Knox law to ban liquor advertising.

"No organization can regiment the votes of its members. Grange resolutions are the product of the legislative process of the organization, coming up through local and Pomona Granges to the state convention where they are considered by a committee and finally passed on by the convention as a whole. So they represent the sifting of grange ideas and do influence those who are accustomed to look to the Grange for guidance.

A proposal from the Hood River Farm Bureau is to shift the power to levy a property tax for state purposes from the tax commission to the legislature. Full power to prevent a property tax levy rests with the legislature now—through control of appropriations. The commission merely does the computing to determine whether on the basis of anticipated revenues and authorized appropriations a property levy will be required. That is a ministerial function which the legislature cannot well do. But after all, what is the sin of a property tax for state purposes?

The Senate appropriations subcommittee has cut The Dalles dam in for \$30 million and Ice Harbor on the Snake for three. Both were omitted from the House bill. The government still hasn't settled with the Indians whose treaty rights on the Columbia it proposes to cancel; and the House probably will balk on putting up money for Ice Harbor because of the protests of the salmon fishermen. The spending program for Northwest projects will not be decided until a conference committee effects a compromise.

Alexander S. Panyushkin, who has just retired as Soviet ambassador to the United States, told reporters in announcing his departure that he hoped he never would come back to America, though later he softened enough to extend his greetings to the American people. Now he has been assigned to Peking as ambassador to China. Ideologically speaking, he should feel very much at home there; but we wonder if he will not miss some of the comforts of imperialist, capitalist warmongering USA.

The country hasn't gotten away from the idea of curtailing production to avoid market glut. Hopgrowers have a federal marketing board which sets the percentage of the crop which may be harvested. California has a cling peach board which has decreed that growers must thin 15 per cent of their growing crop to entitle them to certificates permitting sale to processors. However nobody has proposed plowing under the little pigs again.

The new attorney general, James P. McGranery, has begun his housecleaning in his own department, and announces resignations of three assistants. The public is left in doubt whether the changes represent scrubbing or window washing.

Comes the Dawn

Emery Jackson, Silverton police officer shot last week, was in line for probable national recognition as a police officer. Couple of weeks before Jackson's death a California writer asked the Oregon State Travel Bureau for the names of several of Oregon's small-town police officers. He wanted to do a piece on a typical Oregon small-town cop. Jackson's name headed the list of several policemen which the Travel Bureau sent along. Then last week the bureau had to ask the writer to scratch Jackson's name off the list.



Father's Day was not just an ordinary Father's Day to Jim Miller, Statesman staffer. It was a day with plenty of ring. On that day Jim brought home his first born, a son—and put in a more or less fatherly and sleepless night. Monday he looked more like a father than most fathers—worried, haggard, and with a tendency to brood over the high cost of children. In a statement to fellow reporters he said that clean living (plenty of sleep and exercise) before his son arrived pulled him through the trying ordeal.

Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell conducted the first circuit court trial the other day in the temporary courthouse on High Street. Lots of county office employees are happy over the move to the old high school building. Most of their new quarters are more roomy and with better lighting than the old courthouse. Crews who dug up the front lawn of the school building to provide parking space left a cement marker near the north entrance placed there by the class of 1918. Other white markers near the entrance bear the handiwork of classes '06 and '07.

Lost in the shuffle of commencement conclaves was the visit to Salem of James Kealoha, mayor Hilo, Hawaii, and Mrs. K. They were here for the graduation of their daughter, Lei Kealoha, from Willamette U. While visiting at the home of Prof. John Rademaker, the mayor from the land of pineapples and little grass shacks, confided that he has one official headache that most other mayors don't have—people are always insisting he do the hula at public gatherings.

Local wolves caused a near panic one night during meeting of Girls State last week on the Willamette campus—heaving rocks at the windows, flashing lights and general terrorizing. Finally the cops were called in. Most luscious-looking wedding pix display is the huge revolving cake in Artz photo shop window on Court St. The four-tiered culinary creation is about 2 feet high but only the topping is real.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

JEHOVAH BLUES, by Marguerite Steen (Doubleday; \$3.50)

No doubt you will remember the Flood family, about which we've had a spate of material from Miss Steen in two previous novels, "The Sun Is My Undoing" and "Twilight on the Floods." Her trilogy ends as Aldebaran, daughter of the ship-owning, slave-trading family of Bristol, comes to America to run down a man she had met in Paris. A successful novelist, Aldebaran... whom I haven't the nerve to call the star of Miss Steen's new book. It is being courted by Orlando, son of the Marquess of Mildenhall, but she cannot forget the handsome, talented youth, Lee Marion, who played for her his "Jehovah Blues" back in Paris when she was a free, eager and reckless teen-ager.

A fling in youth, more daring than most, is in effect disposed of in maturity, more sagacious than usual, in Miss Steen's unravelling of her story. The author handles her material knowingly and you'll be surprised and impressed, at how relevant are such disparate items as Orlando's little dog Laura and the trouble over the Obango. It's a good smart book... Aldebaran herself could be proud of it.

HEAD AGAINST THE WALL, by Herve Bazin, translated from the French by W. J. Strachan (Prentice-Hall; \$3.95)

The French, the novel suggests, have heard about the popularity of the lunatic in literature, so here is a book with a family of four of whom one is definitely insane, another on the borderline, a third a suicide. The father is small-minded provincial Judge Gerane; his wife seems to have killed herself; his daughter Roberte turns into an idiot; his son Arthur, the principal character, is socially irresponsible. You may call Arthur a criminal, for he violates the law, or a nit-wit for he rebels against his father and rejects the easy but dull career which the family's status promises. The father has him put away, as it is said, and he's in again out again as the story progresses, or

DEER BLOCKS ROADS

FT. FRANCIS, Ont. (P)—Large numbers of deer are a menace on the highway from Ft. Francis to Kenora. Motorists report the animals so tame this spring that they stand in the middle of the highway in groups, refusing to move until cars are within a few feet of them.

LIQUID SALES RESTRICTED CHARLOTTETOWN, C. a. d. a. (P)—Police reported a considerable reduction in sales of shaving lotion and similar drugstore liquids since provincial restrictions on such purchases went into force. In former years the liquids were used as intoxicants by homeless beggars.

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Congressional Quiz GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichy

Q—Has Congress decided on any get-tough legislation to discourage future tax irregularities?
A—Rep. Cecil R. King (D Cal.), Chairman of the House group which probed tax scandals, May 16 offered a bill to stiffen record-keeping requirements, extend government enforcing powers and penalize influence peddlers, tax "fixers" and taxpayers who don't tell enough on their tax returns. At hearings May 26 and 27 the bill won support of Treasury Department officials.

Q—Can WACs become mothers and still be WACs?
A—No, but there's a move afoot to change that situation. At a May 27 hearing before Senate Armed Services Subcommittee, Mrs. Alba M. Thompson, East Orange, N. J., a former WAC major who lost her commission when she had a baby, said Congress should lift the ban on military service for mothers. Sen. Russell B. Long (D La.), presiding, agreed with her.

Q—How is U. S. production of planes coming along?
A—It is "far behind" Soviet production, especially in the field of jet planes, according to John D. Small, Chairman of the Munitions Board, who testified May 26 before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. But Small said our production was "pretty well off the ground."

Q—Is the government going to subsidize American production of jet airliners?
A—A Senate Committee is studying that problem. At a hearing May 12, the Civil Aeronautics Board proposed a multi-million-dollar government loan program to step up U. S. jet-propelled transport development. But the Defense Department said this might interfere with military aircraft production. Sen. Pat McCarran (D Nev.) predicted May 13 that U. S. airliners would begin using British planes unless the U. S. subsidizes construction of American jets.

Q—Is Congress going to grant hazard pay to soldiers in the front lines in Korea?
A—Sen. Monroney (D Okla.), Sparkman (D Ala.) and Moody (D Mich.) announced May 30 they would press for early approval of a hazard bonus. They said there are nine kinds of hazard pay, but none for ground fighters. They questioned whether any service is "more hazardous than that of the GI in the foxholes." Rep. Lane (D Mass.) May 26 also called for extra pay to front-line troops. A senate



"Did you give that 'Bees and Flowers' story a political slant, Shmedley? ... Junior is blaming the administration for his new baby sister ..."

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He brought three men, neither of whom had been there previously."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "encore"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Stationer, coronor, governor, mariner.
4. What does the word "sublimation" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with fa that means "jocular, or given to pleasantry"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "none of whom had been there previously." 2. Pronounce ang-kor, a as in ah, e as in core, accent second syllable. 3. Coronor. 4. That which is sublimed, or uplifted; the product of a purifying process. "Religion is the sublimation of morality." 5. Facetious.

amendment adding a combat bonus to the military pay raise bill was struck out before the measure became law May 19. (Copyright 1953, Cong. Quarterly)

MOLE CONTROL TIP

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (P)—The best way to get rid of ground moles is to kill white grubs on which the moles feed, says John C. Schread, entomologist at the Connecticut agricultural experiment station. His tests have shown that either chlordane or DDT applications are effective in controlling the grubs. Moles cannot survive long without a constant food supply, he said.

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Taft Managers Devise Steamroller Plan to Let Phony Delegates Legalize Themselves

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON—The strategy for Chicago adopted by the forces of Sen. Robert A. Taft is now being clearly revealed. It has no parallel in the history of American national politics. But it is precisely the strategy by which the Ohio Senator captured—or stole—would be a more accurate word—the crucial Texas delegation.

In brief, the Taft-controlled Texas State Executive Committee used its power to decide contests, in order to pack the state convention with phony Taft delegates. The packed convention, meeting under the protection of heavily armed deputies thoughtfully provided by the Taft leaders, then elected a pro-Taft temporary chairman, L. J. Benckenstein.

Benckenstein quickly ruled that all the phony delegates could vote on all contests. The packed convention thereupon voted to legitimize itself, and dutifully named a pro-Taft delegation to the national convention at Chicago. It was just as simple as that. Obviously, if you can pack the hall with phony delegates, and you then let the phony delegates vote that they are not phony after all, you can control any convention on earth.

This is the way the Taft forces now expect to control the Republican National Convention at Chicago. Two recent developments are tip-offs too flagrant to be ignored.

On the one hand, the Taft-controlled Republican National

Committee has nominated the Taft stalwart, Walter Hallanan of West Virginia, for the key post of temporary chairman. Putting an avowed and open partisan of one of the candidates into this theoretically judicial post was once tried, without success, by the Pennsylvania gang in 1880. Even in 1912, Elihu Root was not an overt supporter of William Howard Taft. In short, the choice of Hallanan for temporary chairman is without precedent in Republican history.

On the other hand, the Taft-controlled National Committee is even now at work, packing the convention for Sen. Taft. The device being used is simple. The Taft managers have included a very special gimmick-rule in the provisional rules of the national convention. Under this gimmick-rule, the convention is to hear no contests except for delegates-at-large. Contests for district delegates are to be referred to the appropriate state organizations, for judgment in the states.

The two states where there are major contests are Texas and Louisiana. The Texas and Louisiana organizations of the National Committee men Henry Zweifel and John E. Jackson are like very small, very exclusive, rather disreputable Taft-for-President clubs. In Texas, there are thirty-two district delegates and six delegates-at-large; and in Louisiana there are eleven district delegates and four at large. Thus the gimmick-rule allows Zweifel and Jackson to sit on judgment on forty-three out of the fifty-three delegates they themselves have stolen.

By this system, the preliminary packing of the Republican National Convention is to be easily accomplished. Hallanan is then to march grandly to the rostrum, in the Benckenstein manner, and declare that all delegates on the temporary roll may vote on the convention's permanent rules.

The permanent rules are of course to include the gimmick-rule, giving Jackson, Zweifel and

others like them the power to legitimize their stolen district delegates. The convention's faked majority is to approve the gimmick-rule. With four out of five of the phony Southern delegates thus seated "under the rules," the convention is to hear the remaining contests for delegates-at-large. And Hallanan will rule that the phony delegates already seated by the phony majority can vote on these few remaining contests; and so the phony majority will perpetuate itself and gain full control.

Such is the blueprint, which is so clear that it might as well be posted on the public noticeboards. What Sen. Taft's father did in 1912 looks pale and almost most prim compared to this design for a steamroller prepared by his son's managers.

It is hard to believe that when the final test comes, Sen. Taft will choose to use the steamroller his managers have designed and built for him. Quite aside from the Senator's reputation for sterling honesty, there is the practical politics of the problem. The steamroller may get the Senator the nomination. But the nomination will hardly be worth very much after the scenes that will be enacted at Chicago, before the watching eyes of the entire American electorate, if the steamroller goes into action as now planned.

More over, even if the passions of this long struggle cause the Ohio Senator to persist, it is almost impossible to believe that all his friends will follow him. In the Taft delegations from the Northern states, there are many men and women whose main aim is not to nominate the Senator, but to elect a Republican President. Such as these, while ready to vote to give Sen. Taft the nomination, are unlikely to vote to steal it for him. Fortunately, even the most hardened organization politicians still feel some concern for appearances. (Copyright 1953, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

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