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Something Smells

Something smells regarding the state fair horse show and it isn't the horses. Now that it has been decided there will be no horse show this year, perhaps the source of the odor can be traced.

The pavilion where the show was held has been condemned by the state fire marshal for some time, but several months ago it was determined the fire hazard could be corrected by the expenditure of \$30,000 for ramps. Later, the state fair commission voted, instead, to ask the state emergency board for \$100,000 for a new barn so that animals could be taken out of the pavilion and the state fire marshal's objection could be answered.

The emergency board turned down the request.

Since then it has been determined that for \$3,500 in construction and \$1,300 in extra maintenance payroll the pavilion could be made suitable for horse shows—a total of \$4,800. And yet, instead of asking the emergency board for that amount, or instead of the fair itself absorbing such expense, the horse show is summarily cancelled.

The question arising is why it was deemed worth \$100,000 to assure a horse show and why it isn't deemed worthwhile to ask for \$4,800 to achieve the same end. It is said the horse show lost \$3,453 last year. Well, it still had lost that much when \$100,000 was requested to make possible another. Why the change of pace?

We aren't herewith arguing for or against the horse show. We just don't like the subterranean rumbles which apparently are dictating a very inconsistent course of action. It looks very much like out-and-out pressure for a fair building fund.

Matter of Law and Conscience

Senator Richard L. Neuberger has initiated a proceeding to oust Robert L. Elfstrom from his office as member of the state liquor control commission because he is a candidate for the House of Representatives. The proceeding is by petitioning the circuit court of Marion County to issue a writ of mandamus directing Gov. Douglas McKay to dismiss Elfstrom from his post. The provision on which the action is based is that which says that any employee of the commission who shall engage in promoting or opposing the candidacy of any person for office shall be dismissed.

The legal ground seems rather weak, but of course the courts will have the final word. Elfstrom is not an employee of the commission but a member of it. Moreover, it is doubtful if Neuberger's case can stay in court. The plaintiff can show no personal damage; and if precedent in former cases still holds such a case would need to be sponsored on relation of the state through the Marion County district attorney. That is something for the lawyers to fight out before the judge.

As far as Elfstrom is concerned he has been anxious to quit the liquor board. He took office only on the persistent urging of Governor McKay and with the understanding his tenure would not be long. He has continued to serve at the insistence of the governor. Before filing for the legislature he had competent legal advice that he could do so without resigning the commission post.

The intent of the liquor law was to divorce politics from administration, which is sound policy. Knowing Elfstrom, we are sure he is anxious to quit.

Military Aid to Separate Indo-China States Rather Than France Seen as Wise Policy

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press Analyst

Increased U. S. aid for the anti-Communist forces in Indo-China is going primarily to the three young national states there rather than to France.

Insofar as conduct of war is concerned, that doesn't mean a thing. Laos, Cambodia and the chief belligerent, Vietnam, although given some technical autonomy in 1949 as members of the French Union, actually are completely controlled by France in all war matters and in most other things too.

Their governments were imposed by France and their leaders owe their jobs to France. Opposition to French colonialism was the beginning of and still is the chief strength of the rebellious Vietnamese party, new Communist controlled.

Thus many of the rebels are of a type which once were called patriots in the United States. The United States could hardly enlist in a war against them except that they first accepted Communist aid, and now have been taken over as one of the weapons of imperialist Communism in the Russian effort to dominate the world. The complexity has a close parallel nearby in British-controlled Malaya.

France shows some signs of a desire to improve Indo-China's situation as soon as she can without turning the area over to the Communists.

It's just a cold fact, though, that the more involved the United States becomes, the more she is considered throughout Southeast Asia—throughout the

Orient—as a partner of imperialism.

The effort, then, to act as far as possible through native rather than European institutions, is an important one. It tends to strengthen the local states for their eventual time of real autonomy and diminishes the talking points of the opposition.

By building up the armies of the three states the drain on France will also be reduced, and she will be able to contribute more to the European defense program which the U. S. considers so vital.

The United States is now contributing about one third of the material, costing a billion dollars, which goes annually into

the Indo-China war. This is about three times what it was two years ago, when France was primarily holding on rather than trying to clean up the situation once and for all.

That effort is now being made, and both French and American authorities are expressing optimism that it can be done. Vietnam has been badly kicked around this year. It will resemble its forces during the next few rainy months, but the Allies are hoping one more campaign season will do the job.

Then, if the job is to remain done, France, with considerable American help, is going to have to start doing for Indo-China what the U. S. did for the Philippines.

Literary Guidepost

By JOE WING
WINSTON CHURCHILL, AN INFORMAL STUDY OF GREATNESS, By Robert Lewis Taylor (Doubleday; \$4.50)

Robert Lewis Taylor laments at some point in his 433-page biography that Winston Churchill has no Boswell. After reading the book one concludes that Taylor, an American, has made no mean attempt at supplying the lack. He seems to have read nearly everything Churchill has written and nearly everything written about him, and talked to a great many people who could supply information and anecdotes verbally. The end product is a very readable, superficially irreverent but deeply respectful book.

"When comes such another?" is his final line and quotation. He finds 433 pages none too many to record the comings and goings of a poor but well born boy who in the course of 78 years has helped fight six wars, held ten cabinet offices, made

speeches by the thousand, written numerous magazine articles (many at \$2,500 each), and several monumental biographies and historical works.

It was Churchill, Taylor notes, who fathered the Royal Air Force, fitted the navy's warships with guns big enough to outshoot the Germans, illegally mobilized the navy to have it ready for the outbreak of World War I, created the tank, established a "peace at any price" reputation as a young man, yet got tagged as a "warmonger" when an elder statesman.

It was Churchill who wrote in advance an amazing timetable for the Kaiser's war machine, who alone sounded the tocsin on Hitler, and who finally, after being rejected by the British for a decade, made almost a one man show of saving Britain from the Nazis. All that and much more to the tune of gargantuan meals, Brobdignian drinking bouts and Paul Bunyanesque working hours.

THE IKE-CONOCLAST



Comes the Dawn by Conrad Prange

Oregon delegates who met with Ike in Denver say the Man With the Grin and his backers are letting no grass grow under their ballot boxes when it comes to the matter of public relations. During the 80 minutes the Oregon men politalked with Ike a series of stenotype operators recorded the whole thing. And about an hour after the interview a complete mimeographed record of who said what was handed delegates. Backstopping the interview was a full gallery of press, radio and newsreel men.



Ike showed his patience in one scene of a newsreel shot. It was when Ralph Calk of Portland, retiring GOP national committeeman, was telling the ex-general about what happened at the recent GOP arrangements committee debacle. Finicky newsreel men had Calk and Ike repeat the conversation three times before the final shot was made. No "I Like Ike" buttons in evidence—unless you count the shining eyes of Mamie Eisenhower as she watched her husband in action. Mamie, it seems, is as much a part of the campaign as is Ike.

Batter up... At least two men will compete with the gals in the YWCA cake-baking contest Tuesday. District Judge Val Sloper and Joey Tompkins, local flog, say they will enter their favorite bakery concoction. Judge Sloper modestly admits to having copped a few state fair ribbons for his culinary comestibles. Tompkins, on the other hand, says he is noted more for speed and quantity than quality. Gov. Douglas McKay will receive the winning cake as a birthday present. So guess who else is entered in the contest. That's right—Mrs. McKay who has more than once brought home the bacon powder for her batter-than-ever sweets. Now wouldn't it be a scream if.....

Whereee! Are those bonus checks ever arty? They sport an outline map of Oregon replete with outdoor scenes including Bonneville Dam, Vista House, Crater Lake, Timberline Lodge and State Capitol. Most beautiful part, though, are those lovely, rounded, fully-packed digits which spell out the amount of loot.

If Drew Pearson keeps on getting clobbered by imperfect strangers he oughta surround himself with a ring and charge admission to his public pugilisms. He could buy a pair of gloves and enter the ring under the handles "Draw One" Pearson or the "Cloak Room Kid." If this display of hostility toward Drew continues he soon will have so many fists in his puss he won't have room to put his foot in it anymore.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"We made a mistake electing Figsbe chairman of the employee grievance committee...he's utterly lacking in imagination!"

The Safety Valve

The Soap Box Derby

To the Editor: Oregon folks touring around on July 13 can get a free look-see at what now appears is going to be the biggest Soap Box Derby race ever held in the state.

If all the Willamette valley boys registered for the race—just 132, that's all—hit that specially constructed course in Salem's famous Bush Pasture, park on that Sunday afternoon, it'll be something to see.

The course, a community production that is to be an almost exact replica of the All-American track in Akron, Ohio, represents over \$15,000 in donations. One firm alone is giving \$5,000 worth of paving.

It is anticipated that 20,000 people in the Salem area will be in attendance.

Since the date falls in the general vacation period, many of you folks may want to take it in.

There is no admission charge and no charge for parking facilities. Winner of the Salem race receives a free trip to the All-American Soap Box Derby under sponsorship of Salem's Capital Journal and the Douglas McKay Chevrolet Motor Company.

A specialty feature is to be a "funny bug" race between Salem's Mayor Al Loucks and some of the 28 other mayors he has challenged in an official proclamation. They'll be racing in bath tubs with wheels, and what.

A cordial invitation is extended for any who wish to see that spectacle of young boys, ages 11 to 15, whizzing down a hill in home made "Soap Boxes."

By Roy Gemmell
Soap Box Derby Director

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