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Names Make News . . .

Harry Dorman, director of the Department of Finance and Business Administration, was upheld by the attorney general in his authority to control state printing. What Dorman wants to do is to eliminate as much as possible name printing which wastes a lot of forms and stationery if a change is made in the holder of the office. For instance after the death of Robert S. Farrell Jr. thousands of blanks in the office of the Secretary of State were either discarded or were run through the printing press again for blotting out his name and substituting that of his successor.

It would be silly however to push this denial to an extreme. Letterheads very properly may carry the names of state officials as a means of identification. Official reports should carry the printed names of those responsible for administering the affairs of the department. Oregon government should not be depersonalized. It should be kept personal as far as possible so that citizens may know the official in charge of a particular segment of state service.

Name ballyhoo for political propaganda purposes is not to be condoned, but we trust Dorman will not through the deletion of personal names of state officials usher us into the fog-belt of bureaucratic anonymity.

Besides, printers must live.

Palace for King of Iraq

Iran kicked the British out and this brought its treasury to the point of bankruptcy for lack of revenues from royalties. Its neighbor Iraq made a deal with the British which brings in huge revenues from its oil production. Now the king is spending \$3,000,000 for a new palace.

Even a king has to have a place to live, but it is such display of splendor which is at last exciting the wrath of the homeless and landless. The smart rulers will share the public wealth with the people and institute economic reforms which will lift by a few degrees the standard of living. King Farouk failed to do this, so he lost his throne. The mills of justice grind slowly, but eventually they will work out the grist in the backward countries, and end or diminish the abuse of privilege which usually contributes to their backwardness.

Death Claims Senator McMahon

Still under 50 when he died Sen. Brien McMahon was one of the ablest men in the new membership of the Senate. Without brassiness in that august body he had risen to prominence through his mental alertness and his moral earnestness. His biographers have stressed the burden he carried as chairman of the committee on atomic energy—the realization of its enormous potential for weal or woe to the human race. In early 1950 McMahon made a plea for renewed effort toward settling the cold war by negotiation about the same time that Senator Tydings of Maryland urged negotiations looking toward disarmament. Both were appalled at the thought of another world war with the weapons now in hand or in prospect.

McMahon met with no success in his appeal, and he went on to help direct from the legislative standpoint the development of atomic energy. Recently in a letter to the Democratic convention of his own state which had offered his name for the presidential nomination he

virtually revealed that the H-bomb was within our grasp.

A malignant disease has claimed him; but the whole country joins in praise for his contributions as a public servant and in deep regret over his untimely passing from the scene.

China Boy Gets Into Court

The courts still are the refuge of the oppressed in this country. Over the protest of an assistant U. S. attorney Judge Gus Solomon in the federal court in Portland ordered the Secretary of State to issue travel papers permitting a youth in China, who claims to be an American citizen to come and appear in court to prove his claim. The father, a Portland cook, is a citizen. The state department put on brakes because, the attorney said, several hundred similar cases are pending.

If the youth is a citizen of the United States he certainly enjoys freedom of movement. If he is not he can be returned to Hong Kong. He can hardly prove his case in court without being present.

The State Department may be trying to administer the law, but the immigration laws seem to rely too much on administrative opinion. The courts do well to intervene if either State's opinion or its procedures work injustice on those with a color of claim to citizenship. Judge Solomon is deeply steeped in the principles of civil rights, and will see they extend even to a China boy a long way from the USA.

To the Ladies, God Bless Them

Footnote on women in politics, from New York Times comment on the national conventions:

"Many a masculine observer, noting how restful to the eye a lovely lady on the screen can be, may have wished that the sound effects could have made some lovely ladies' voices more restful to the ear. But whatever is done about this, the televisualization of the national convention has certainly made male observers wish that more—and even younger—women would go into politics."

The Southern Pacific will institute centralized train control (CTC) on its line between Klamath Falls and Crescent Lake, Ore. This does away with the dispatcher system with orders flowing from the dispatcher to the station operator for delivery to the train crew. Instead a central office controls the movements of each train on its section, which means of course controlling the switches used in shunting trains on and off the main line. This central control permits a speed up of train movement and gives better safety control. The installation cost is heavy—over \$2,000,000 for this proposed stretch of track; but the cost is justified in the higher operating efficiency and lessening of train wrecks. The change shows again that while railroading is an old business it is steadily being made over in important respects.

Italian scientists have succeeded in achieving fusion of hydrogen atoms to form helium. How practical their method is awaits appraisal by scientists. Their success, however, points up the importance of the interchange of information. It is quite indispensable for general progress. No one country has a monopoly on brains. The atom bomb was the result of discoveries made by German, Italian and Danish scientists as well as American scientists and engineers.

Commie-Backed Fanatic, Mullah Kashani Moves Nearer Complete Power in Iran

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — As usual when Presidents are being nominated foreign affairs are forgotten. And as usual, like any unwatched pot, the world situation is coming to a boil again.

The British economic situation is increasingly appalling, and the world situation is coming to a boil again. The British economic situation is increasingly appalling, and the world situation is coming to a boil again.

The meaning of what has been happening in Iran is simple enough. In the first place, the young, Hamlet-like Shah, once counted upon in the West as offering re-insurance against a Soviet take-over in Iran, has lost his power to Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadeq and his extreme Nationalist followers. In the second place Mossadeq himself is in turn in grave danger of losing his real power to the religious fanatic and violent Nationalist Mullah Kashani, who has made an open alliance with the Communist underground.

This has happened in two stages. When old Ahmed Qavam, who had promised to reach an oil settlement with the British, was arrested last week after only four days in office, the Shah's power was in effect, destroyed. For the Shah faked his chance to use his power, and now has almost no power left to use.

If the Shah had used the then still loyal army and security forces to suppress the largely

Communist-inspired anti-Qavam riots, he would now rule Iran in fact as well as name. But his more timid advisers warned of civil war, and the Shah drew back. As a result, the army and the security forces are now wholly controlled by Mossadeq's National Front. Mossadeq's deputy, Hussein Makki, has warned the Shah that the fate of Marie Antoinette awaits him if he now attempts to interfere. The exile over Egypt's King Farouk, who was also once hopefully regarded as re-insurance for the West, has lent point to this warning. For all practical purposes, the Shah is no longer a force to be reckoned with.

The second stage was reached last week, when Mossadeq again took power. His first act was to call in British and American ambassadors, and to talk much more sense than he ever had before.

Far more calmly than is his custom Mossadeq discussed terms of a possible settlement. He talked of reasonable compensation for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, with the company to have worldwide distribution rights, and with the details to be settled by a three man board, headed by a neutral. These conversations in turn gave rise to long, anxious discussions in Washington and London.

The British were at first reluctant to start negotiating again. But just as they were on the point of agreeing with the Americans to accept the half loaf offered by Mossadeq rather than risk losing the whole Iranian oil to the Soviet, Mossadeq did a sudden complete about-face. Last weekend he saw the Western representatives again, and this time he reverted to his familiar mood of fearful unreason, refusing seriously to discuss a settlement.

What happened was obvious. While the Qavam episode caused the star of the Shah to wane almost to the vanishing point, it also caused the star of the small, sharp-eyed, ruthless Mullah Kashani to rise higher than ever.

Kashani's murderous band of Moslem fanatics, in open alliance for the first time with the Communists, were chiefly responsible for the fall of Qavam.

Kashani is a tough and almost insanely ambitious man. If there is no settlement with Britain, Iran will soon be engulfed in total chaos. Then, with the help of the Communists, Kashani can take power, either in person or through a stooge. With this prospect before him, Kashani has nothing to gain and everything to lose from a settlement. Thus Mossadeq's sudden reversal is reliably interpreted as a response to the most violent pressure from Kashani and his powerful allies in the National Front.

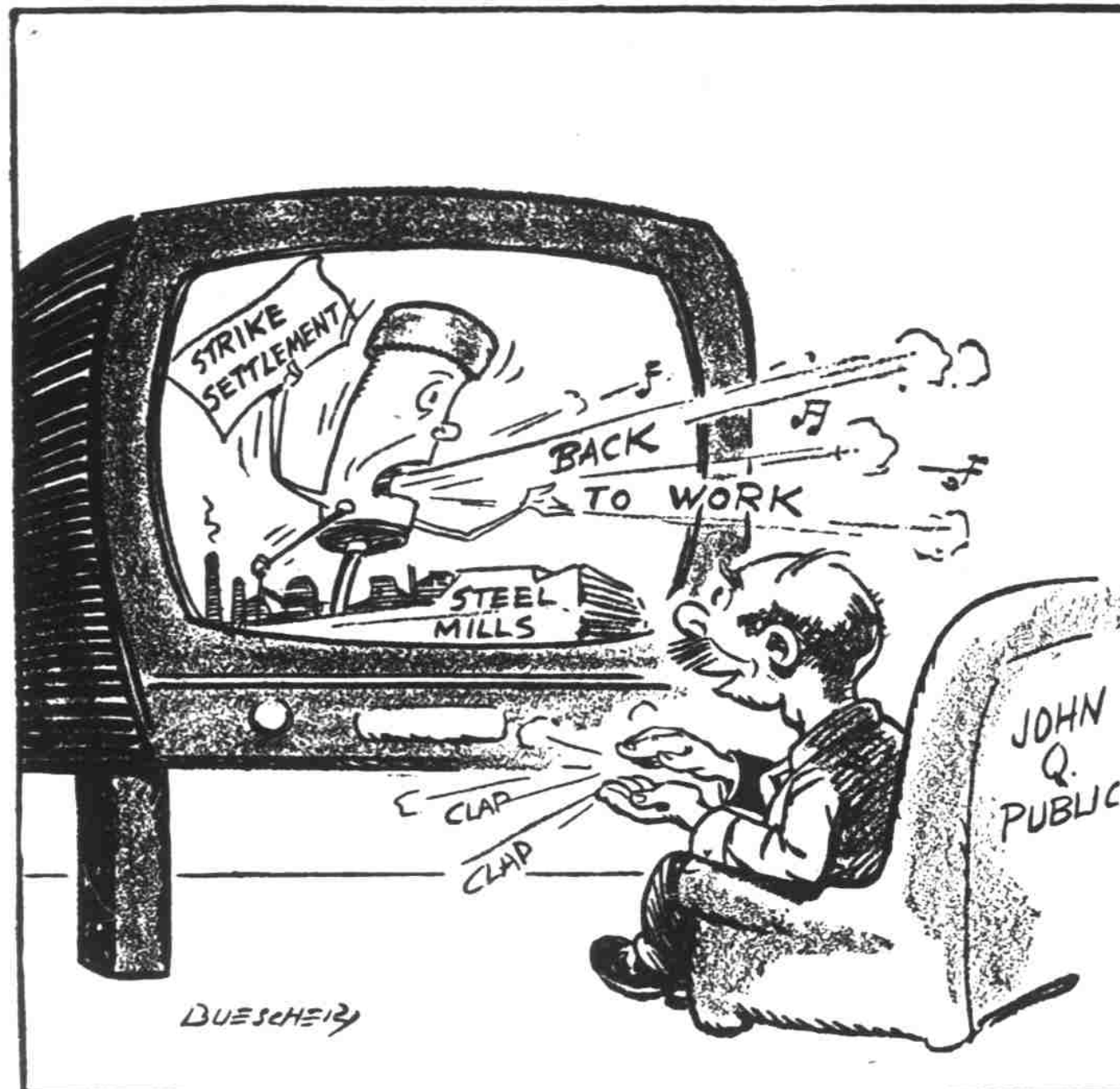
The coming to power of Kashani could only be a Kerenki-like prelude to a full Communist seizure of power. Mossadeq is no Communist, and this can hardly be a pleasing possibility to him. It is possible that Mossadeq's sudden reversal is only a device for buying time, so that he can gain full control of the security forces in order to be in a position to defy Kashani and negotiate a settlement.

Obviously, this is a moment of knife-edge decision for the whole Middle East. Iran is the key to the Middle East, and if a rational settlement can be at least negotiated with Mossadeq, the situation in Iran and elsewhere in the Middle East can no doubt be kept glued together.

Otherwise, this country may be faced with the choice of allowing Iran to go the way of China, or intervening forcefully to support any anti-Communist forces in Iran, however reactionary and blindly nationalist. It is believed in Washington that a Communist take-over in Iran must be averted at whatever cost, even the cost of a break with Britain on Middle Eastern policies. This in itself is a measure of the danger to the Western alliance of the crisis now reaching the boiling point in Iran.

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BEST KEYNOTE YET!



(Editor's note: "Dawn" will be home from fishing next week and there will be no further taking his name in vain for awhile. The staff member who has been trying to fill in for him during vacation hopes to be far away himself before Dawn finds what's been happening to his column.)

George Peabody Jr., writing in the Catholic Digest, says: "If a man would show his wife the same attention and courtesy he gives elevator operators, waiters, and even passing pedestrians, most of her grievances would evaporate" . . . yeah, she'd either rush him to a psychiatric ward or hire a private dick to find out what he'd been up to . . . or maybe those radar specks over Washington, D. C., were wives who had blown sky-high when their husbands brought home a box of candy for no apparent reason.

The Oregon edition of the Department of Commerce's 1950 population breakdown has a lotta interesting statistics and enough footnotes to build up an instep . . . most populous precinct in Marion County (4,420) is Salem one which includes state hospital, precinct 20 . . . most populous one in county outside of Salem is Pringle (2,967), precinct 54 . . . Salem's greatest percentage growth was 1900-1910—a total of 231 per cent (from 4,258 to 14,094).

Operative nine reports a "fascinating inexorability" in the slowly-mounting waters of Detroit Lake . . . says drove car down-stream on river-level road from Camp Mongold, parked it near point where lake was starting to cover road, and couple hours later noted considerable more forever under water . . . public information office at Fort Lewis waxing something-or-other in big way—at end of story about an OSC cadet now at camp, news release said: "As summer camp draws to a close, Cadet—will soon depart, enriched by new experiences and friendships, and with even the trials and tribulations of a training course becoming a fond memory of pride and humor" . . . any further comments?

Looks like a fine time upcoming in The Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for 1953—Yamhill County to have probably 10 school entries, too . . . that makes it a tri-county affair . . . nearly 4,000 7th and 8th graders to compete . . . can they spell? Well, this year's winner survived such words as clairvoyance, naturitum, raucous, etc. . . . Did you fail to register for the May primaries? . . . county clerk's office reminds that registration, to permit voting in November, now is open and will continue to be available through October 4, whether you want to vote for Eisenhower or Stevenson.

Anyone know what's at 170 N. Church St.? . . . Hah! That's the address of the new Oregon Statesman building now under construction . . . They're bringing back balloon ascensions and parachute jumping to the State Fair, a la 40 years ago, and what's the matter with bicycle racing, corn husking contests and Old Time Fiddlers? . . . maybe what we've had hasn't been all progress, after all . . . A Fall Roundup is to be the autumn counterpart of the Downtown Merchants' Association's Spring Festival, Sept. 12-Oct. 11, and we expect to get back in Dawn's good graces by that time and come home.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Come, come, gentlemen . . . let's be forced to lower our prices with the cheerful regret with which we were forced to raise them . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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exclusive, and that sooner or later one or the other ideology will triumph. He may be correct; but history does not justify that prediction. On the contrary it shows that centrifugal political forces are more powerful than centripetal. For example after the first world war the arrows were set toward "self-determination of peoples" by which a number of separate states were spawned out of older consolidations: Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the Baltic states, Finland. Looking farther back we see the regular disintegration of empires: Persian, Alexandrine, Roman—and more recently the British.

Nor does history support the thesis of the triumph of a single ideology (religion). The major aggressive (missionary) religions have been Christianity and Mohammedanism. They seemed locked in mortal combat for some ten centuries but finally reached an "angle of repose." The Christian religion itself has been fragmented into several hundred churches or sects. Mohammedanism also has its schisms.

In fact if we are to accept the lesson of history (which admittedly is dangerous) we might assume that sooner or later the great bolshevik empire will disintegrate through heresy, political rivalry, internal decay. The more confident we are that bolshevik socialism rests on false principles of social, political and economic organization the more confident we should be of its collapse.

We can set no timetable for that, and we Americans are quite as impatient over the prospect of having to face bolshevik socialism indefinitely as almost any people. Actually the western Europeans have accused us of being trigger-happy as regards Russia.

I do not think we need to with va that means "dull; stupid."

ANSWERS
1. Say, "I am very much disappointed," and omit together.
2. Pronounce mes-ket, fist e as in mess, second e as in me, accent second syllable. 3. Ecstasy. 4. To make or become less severe. "Time will mitigate your grief."
5. Vacuous.

throw out the comics and start sounding the chant of hate against the USSR. (We would need them for psychological relief if we started that). Nor do we want a regimented educational system (which Benes himself abjured). We do need to be on the alert, and surely events in Czechoslovakia, China and Korea have put us on alert. Adoption of selective service, appropriation of \$46 billion for rearmament, active participation in NATO are proof of our awareness.

Americans cannot be expected to launch a holy war for the rescue of the entrapped peoples of the satellite states. To try to restore Chiang Kai-shek to power in China would be a foolish adventure. We have taken part in the U.N. undertaking to repel aggression in Korea but purposely seek to avoid widening that conflict.

Bolshevik socialism has been a world menace for forty years. Islam was a threat to Christian Europe for ten centuries. While events move more swiftly now than in the middle ages we may need a time-scale of centuries instead of decades to compass the endurance of this Russian menace. And barring some spark to set off the powder (and the atomic bombs) now scattered about, the liberation of the peoples of Russia and its captive countries must come from within rather than without. Counter-revolutions rarely succeed. Valmy (1792) sealed the fate of the "gentlemen of Coblenz," the French nobility who thought they would be restored in the wake of a conquering Prussian army. Time may prove our best ally.

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