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## World Oil Cartel

The timing of the release of a Federal Trade Commission report may be attributed to politics. It has been in the hands of government officials for a year. The suppression was said to be due to complications of international relations. They are no more favorable now than when the report was completed; but Senator Sparkman, Democratic vice presidential candidate, has secured its release after some passages were toned down.

Seven big companies, five of them American, are accused of setting up a cartel for the handling of petroleum products, particularly those from the Middle East. The FTC accuses the cartel of price-fixing and overcharges of oil delivered to Western Europe. Standard of New Jersey, one of the companies named, promptly denied it had committed any wrongful acts or participated in any cartel. Since the report is only a report and not a formal grand jury indictment there is no immediate way in which the charges may be proved or disproved in a court of law. It will, however, make political propaganda during the campaign.

The Statesman thinks that American interests have been served by the foreign investments of these big companies. For instance petroleum from Saudi Arabia and from Sumatra is now being imported to this coast for refining for use in local markets. The Middle East fields have proven of enormous value in supplying Europe with energy fuel, and our Navy and Air Force with fuel oil and gas.

Moreover those Middle East resources are so vast and the capital requirements so large that it seems inevitable that it would be the big companies which would exploit them. When Standard of California and Texas Company cut in Standard of New Jersey and Socony-Vacuum for shares in their Saudi Arabian concessions they divided the risk and the capital requirements and obtained access to markets being served by the latter. It would seem there would have to be negotiations and certain operating agreements in joint enterprises of such magnitude.

Whether any law has been violated we do not know; or whether the companies have indulged in nefarious practices. What we do know is that American companies have a large stake in what is the richest petroleum deposit in the world, the Middle East, due to the enterprise, the investment of American capital and employment of American technical knowledge, through these American companies. Our government encouraged them in exploring the fields and developing them. During the war Secretary Ickes proposed that our government build a pipeline across Arabia to bring this oil to the Mediterranean. This paper opposed such an investment by the government and predicted the companies themselves could and would finance it, which they did. The companies should be brought to book if they have been extortioners or law violators. On the other hand they deserve commendation for bringing this huge store of petroleum into use at a time when our domestic supplies are being drained off at a rapid rate. And the oil companies have done a better job developing Middle East oil than the army engineers have building air bases in that portion of the globe.

## Aluminum Plant at Skagway

Sleepy old Skagway, almost forgotten since it was the entrepot to the Yukon in the days of the Klondike gold rush of 1898, sprang to life when real estate men started taking options on property. The curious did not have long to wait, for the Aluminum Corporation of America, Alcoa, admitted it plans a \$400 million plant near Skagway for smelting aluminum. The initial output will be 200 million pounds annually, which later would be doubled. Skagway, with a recent population of only a few hundred—it boasted of some ten thousand at the height of the gold rush—will double that former peak if the project goes through and it is revamped by Alcoa into a modern city.

Another great project for production of aluminum is under way near Prince Rupert, B. C. It is being built by the Aluminum Co. of Canada, once an affiliate of Alcoa but made separate to conform to a U. S. court order.

These great plants, with others newly built in the U. S. add greatly to the aluminum production capacity of North America. The demand has multiplied many times in recent years and will continue to expand in this aviation, light metal age.

Once again destiny has put its finger on Skagway.

Our insulation from TV will end in a few months. Construction work began Monday on a televising station in Portland with a tower on Council Crest. Soon there will be "no place to hide."

A big brown envelope came in the mail Monday, bearing the imprint "United States Senate—Public Document—Free" and the facsimile signature of "Joe McCarthy—U S S" as frank. Enclosed, however, was not a "public document" but the reprint of an article from the magazine The Freeman. The article was a laudatory review by John Chamberlain of McCarthy's book "McCarthyism." On the last page is advertising for additional copies of the reprint, for other reprints and for the magazine. Which prompts the question, just how far can a U. S. Senator go in using or abusing the congressional frank?

Col. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune advises people not to vote for either of the two big party candidates. We usually disagree with the colonel, so feel like recommending both Eisenhower and Stevenson as capable, honorable men. And they do not suffer from cataracts over their political vision as does the colonel.

Senator McCarran of Nevada says conservative Republicans and Democrats may form a new party if Eisenhower and Stevenson do not affirm a strong program of "Americanism." That might appeal to the four Mcs: McCarran, McCormick, McCarthy and MacArthur.

Headlines the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier: "No VE Disease in County; Officials Say." Now don't get confused on those initials. VE is vesicular exanthema, a swine disease.

It is estimated that insects destroy enough wheat in the USA to feed 16 million people. And still we have a surplus for export.

## SMOOTH HIGHWAY ENDS



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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rather than by any personal organization. And the new grouping may be throwing out a challenge for future political control in Oregon. Those first to launch the ship and unfurl its sails to the political winds profess their continued loyalty to the cause. There is a report the Portland master minds would like to get Phillips aboard now as "honorary chairman"; and probably Hatfield and Emmons can sign on as deckhands. But others are going to walk the bridge and sit at the captain's table. Those who wore the biggest I LIKE IKE buttons now have cause to wonder, Does Ike Like Me? The real question though is whether under the new crew the ship will safely make port in November.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "My wife and myself plan on attending the two first meetings."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "entrepreneur" (an employer)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Beneficence, benignity, benevolent, Benzidine.
4. What does the word "irreconcilable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ap that means "a short, pithy sentence"?

### ANSWERS

1. Say, "My wife and I plan to attend the first two meetings."
2. Pronounce an-tre-pre-nur, a as in ah, both e's as in her, u as in fur, principal accent on last syllable.
3. Beneficence. 4. Not capable of being friendly or in harmony. "Their divergent views and opinions were irreconcilable."
5. Aphorism.

## Hollywood on Parade

By GENE HANDSAKER  
HOLLYWOOD—"The Big Sky" is a big, pretentious, outdoor drama marked by rugged scenery and little suspense. A slim character actor named Arthur Hunnicutt, who retains the drawl of his native Gravelly, Ark. (population 200), steals the picture.



Kirk Douglas is nominally the star of this two-hour film. The story of fur traders plying up the Missouri River into Blackfoot-infested Montana Territory. But Hunnicutt, as the expedition's shrewd and seasoned leader, emerges as a big-time player of the salty, good-in-any-emergency character. The film was photographed largely in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park. Douglas and newcomer Dewey Martin, a former theater user here, are adventurers who join the excursion. Elizabeth Threault, a half-Cherokee New York fashion model, plays a Blackfoot hostage who is supposed to guarantee safe passage through Indian country.

Little occasional skirmishes and minor crises fail to generate much excitement in this more than two-hour film. The supporting cast includes Buddy Baer as a member of the expedition, Jim Davis as leader of the villains, and Hank Worden as a friendly, dimwitted Blackfoot. But Hunnicutt, who had smaller parts in "Broken Arrow," "Red Badge of Courage," and other films, is the brightest star of "The Big Sky." Marilyn Monroe, of the much-discussed figure, shows she can act, too, in "Don't Bother to Knock." In this she is a distraught young woman who babysits in a Manhattan hotel one evening for a couple of visiting out-of-towners.

Across the courtyard, from opposite rooms, Marilyn and Airline Pilot Richard Widmark spy each other. Presently he is in her room with a bottle of rye. Marilyn, recently released from a mental hospital, takes him for her fiercer sweetheart who died in a crash. Seeking to keep others from in-

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
THE LIFE AND DEATH OF STALIN, by Louis Fischer (Harper; \$3.50)

Already the author of several books about Russia, where he spent 14 years, Fischer now writes about the chiefest Russian of them all. Stalin is in the title, and in these pages, too, but the sun never sets, you might say, on the man, his Russia, his influence and his menace, now together grown so very big, and there is a great deal here about the Stalin circle, or aura, or shadow. The last part of the book deserves to be mentioned first. It is concerned with what will happen when Stalin is laid to rest... perhaps beside the shrunken remains of Lenin in the mausoleum in Moscow's great Red Square. It's guesswork, of course, but here it is: Fischer thinks that, as between army and police, the latter have the inside track and that Beria of the dreaded NKVD is in line for a top place; with him there might be two others, Malenkov, a younger man like Beria, and the veteran Molotov. But Stalin will leave his heirs three red-hot problems: A hostile peasantry over 100,000,000 strong, dissatisfied national minorities, and a suspicious outside world. Fischer thinks Stalin has led Russia up a dead-end street. He has kept out of another war, he has not made a friend anywhere, and by these two feats he has made the dictatorship prosper and the Russian people suffer. If the democratic world doesn't waste all its energies in hatred of everything Communist, if in short it can secure 20 or 30 years of "tranquility, prosperity and progress," it would just naturally choke Communism out like a noxious weed... so this author supposes.

The earlier chapters go over ground already very familiar. Stalin turned revolutionary at an early age. He swears; likes dirty stories; has had three wives; has two toes grown together and an arm that doesn't function normally; "outranks" all the autocrats in history; outsmarted Allied leaders at Yalta, Tcheran, Potsdam, or so Fischer, like some other commentators, believes. Some of his opinions about pre-war Stalin run counter to some authoritative contemporary estimates.

## River Claims Fisherman

EUGENE (AP)—A fisherman from San Francisco drowned Sunday in the Willamette River near Halsey. He was Cornelius H. Houston, 41, who was fishing with John Patapoff, Halsey. The latter said he was baiting a hook and when he turned around Houston was being carried downstream. There were three other drownings, two fire deaths and six highway fatalities in the state over the week-end.

## Crooked Dice in Pocket of Slain Crapshooter

PORTLAND (AP)—A crapshooter with nine crooked dice in his pocket was shot to death Sunday and Detective R. R. Chappel said Monday it was pretty definite that the man was a fugitive from Pittsburgh, Pa.

The dead man was known here as William M. Powell, 36. Chappel said only a checking of fingerprints remained to make positive his identification as Frank Sneed, wanted for Mann Act violation and for jumping \$13,000 bail on that charge in Pittsburgh.

Held here under a first degree murder booking is Alex Rainey, 46, a railroad car cleaner. Chappel said Rainey had signed a statement saying he made a toss of the dice and won \$20, but got a threat from Powell—backed up by a knife blade—when he tried to pick it up. His statement said that in defense against the knife threat he shot Powell in the chest with a .32 caliber pistol.

The detective said the crooked dice in Powell's pocket had certain numbers missing so all combinations could not be thrown. Chappel said the Geraldine Smith, living here as Mrs. Powell, was held as a material witness and also was wanted for jumping bail in Pittsburgh on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. The detective said all three are Negroes.

## Billy Rose's Wife Calls for Dates, Places

NEW YORK (AP)—Eleanor Holm Rose Monday called upon her estranged husband, showman Billy Rose, to give the dates and places of the alleged misconduct he charges in his suit for divorce. The former swimming star moved in state supreme court for a bill of particulars.

The motion comes up for argument Tuesday morning. Mrs. Rose's suit for a separation and Rose's suit for divorce have been joined and are scheduled to go to trial Sept. 10. Adultery is the only ground for divorce in New York state. On June 28 Rose was granted the right to serve an amended complaint listing additional adulteries he attributes to his wife.

Mrs. Rose's motion for a bill of particulars, as well as other papers in the case, have been sealed by the court.

## Jake Bennett Plans to File

PORTLAND (AP)—Jake Bennett, recalled as Portland city commissioner last May, Monday said he would file for re-election to the same post. Mr. Boddy has held the post since Bennett's recall. Boddy is one of nine who have filed for the office.

Meantime Dave Goldman, manager of the Recall Bennett Committee, reported that he will start court proceedings to test Bennett's right to re-enter the race for the office from which he was recalled.

## REDS CLAIM KILLINGS

TOKYO (AP)—The Communist Peiping radio Tuesday claimed without confirmation that 15 Korean War prisoners were killed and more than 40 wounded at an Allied prisoner of war camp Aug. 15. The location of the camp was not given. The Red account did not say how the prisoners were killed.

## Hermiston Asks State Approval Of Hospital Plan

HERMISTON (AP)—The Hermiston Community Hospital Association has \$50,904 in cash and \$18,000 in pledges toward its \$110,000 goal and it was ready for a go-ahead signal.

Martin K. Ransom, association president, took a certified check for the cash to Portland to bolster the request for approval from the state Health Board. Only \$35,000 in cash had been set as the goal before state approval could be sought. State approval is a step toward getting federal aid.

## Legion Chief Pictures U.S. as 'World Chump'

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of American Legionnaires were told by their national commander Monday the United States has fallen into the role of an international chump that is afraid to speak the blunt truth.

Commander Donald R. Wilson said the nation has lost its old simple honesty and developed a "sophisticated, super-modern approach" that has gained us "scorn at the conference table."

"We have in less than ten years," he declared, "talked ourselves into the position of an international dupe of fantastic proportions." Speeches by Wilson and other notables—including Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, AFL President William Green and defense mobilizer John Steelman—highlighted the opening day of the Legion's 34th annual convention.

Commander Wilson's criticism of national policies came shortly after he read a message from President Truman, urging the Legion to "put all the facts before the people" in the current political campaign.

In what Truman termed "my last message to you from the White House," the President told the Legionnaires that after he leaves office he will continue to work for a secure America at peace.

"Despite passing reverses and discouragements, we have been making rapid headway in this course," recent years," the President said. "Yet much remains to be done."

## Canada Forest Closure to End

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—The 20-day-old forest closure, in the Vancouver forest district, with the exception of Seward forest on the northern part of Vancouver Island, was to be lifted at midnight Monday.

Heavy rains during the weekend brought practically all fires under control and after a morning survey the Forestry Services announced lifting of the closure order. It was established Aug. 5 when forests were closed to travel and logging throughout the district.

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## Allies Refuse to Be Maneuvered Into Signing Peace Treaty With Red-Dominated Germany

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.  
Associated Press News Analyst

The latest Russian note about Germany tends to confirm the belief that she is only trying to confuse the minds of West Germans over cooperation with the Allies while actually intending to segregate East Germany into a more firmly behind the Iron Curtain.

It is typical Russian tactic to negotiate a German peace with the Big Three while ignoring Germany. She got away with it at Yalta regarding China and the Eastern European states, and now she has them in thrall. That's exactly her aim with regard to Germany.

The Allies are not going to be maneuvered this time. They are going to make an all-German peace only with all Germany. Prerequisite to that is liberty among Germans in the Western sense, which involves, about everything else, free elections.

They are not going to have an all-German government until it is secure from Communist subversion. And they are not going to sign away German rights to defensive alliances or permit Russia to try to turn it into a buffer state through any fictitious neutrality. The Russians want first to impose a peace treaty and then an all-German government, just as they did in Poland, and then have a cowed populace go to the polls and confirm the whole business, just as they did in Poland.

It isn't going to work this time, even if it means recognition of the division of Germany for all the time that it is going to take to get an eventual settlement. Through war or a change in Russian policy — of the whole East-West dispute. The Allies will reply to the latest note, and the exchange may continue for some time. But it is obvious now that no basis for settlement exists.

The Russians just about have time for one more demarche on the subject before the Western

German parliament takes up ratification of the new political and defense agreements with the West. The death of Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Socialist leader and most dynamic of the opponents of the Western cooperation program, has just about assured the ratification.

After that, Russia is likely to give up all the pretense she has been making about care for a reunited Germany. She probably will move promptly to solidify East Germany as a Communist satrapy, perhaps giving it the same standing as a nationalist state among the other European satellites.

This very act, however, will mark the climax of Russia's greatest postwar defeat. Seven years ago she thought she would be able to subvert not only all of Germany, but all of France and Italy as well. To settle for East Germany only, and that because of military occupation, the same weapon used farther East, is for her to admit the failure of her whole ideological campaign in Europe.

## Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sundesen

While we all know that penicillin has proved to be a life-saving discovery, the public should be alerted to the fact that penicillin, when misused, can cause really severe illness—and at times even death. Sometimes I overhead people say, "Science has made it easy for the doctor nowadays. All he has to do is fall back on penicillin or the sulfa drugs for almost anything in the medical books."

Unfortunately, it isn't as easy as that. Penicillin, while a great boon, is no cure-all, but a powerful drug that can easily be misused, if not taken under the directions of a physician. The increase in the number of severe reactions and fatalities from penicillin has been alarming, and it is high time for the general public to heed this warning. Penicillin should be taken only when necessary, and, of course, the doctor is the best judge of its adequate use. Penicillin reactions usually occur in persons who have had prolonged treatment with penicillin, perhaps at some previous time. These people may develop an allergy to the drug. Still others are allergic to it by nature. One of the worst complications of penicillin in those allergic to it is a form of serum sickness. It does not occur very often in children, but is seen to a great extent in adults, more often in women than men. Serum sickness from penicillin usually occurs from seven to

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