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## Time for Indecision

There is time for decision. There is also a time for indecision. This last is proper at the moment for the large number of voters whose swing will finally determine the result of the November election. Each candidate has a sure block of voters: The party regulars who vote with the party, rain or shine, through thick and thin. Then there are party-deviates who may be registered in one party but give it only nominal allegiance. Many of these just go with the tide—or are part of the tide. Finally, there are the independents who make serious business of their voting. Their numbers are relatively few, and their influence is not a great as they like to think it is. They are apt to be intellectuals, regarded as highbrow by the so-called masses. It is the second group whose numbers are large and whose votes probably will be decisive. They will be influenced by a variety of causes: Their own personal interest; and the impression they get of the two leading candidates.

At the moment, General Eisenhower's name is far better known and that gives him a certain advantage. On the other hand, Governor Stevenson is a smoother talker. His flow of ideas and words is more original and fresher. His glibness of speech makes him a formidable opponent on the stump; and yet it might prove his undoing.

Both candidates have had their troubles. The Portland Journal got Stevenson into the "Washington mess." Senators Mundt and Nixon got Ike's feet in the McCarthy tanglefoot. Eisenhower also has had more trouble perfecting his organization, with a great deal of pulling and hauling from party factions. His cause sagged in this period of sparring for position. Both candidates have their organizations pretty well perfected now; and both are on the stump seeking to win votes.

This is the time for indecision in that great group of independents and those with unstable party convictions. Attention well may be given to the size of the "undecided" reported in the professional polls from week to week.

This is September and elections are not won in September. Harry Truman reversed the tide in the last weeks of the 1948 campaign. Now is the time for voters to hear what the candidates have to say and see how they perform. The time for decision is November 4 or shortly before.

## Slow Signal on Special Election

The Memorial Auditorium association has been very patient in getting its project out for definite support from the public; but in our judgment they need to exercise still more patience. To call a special election for a vote on a bond issue would be an expense in itself; and we have serious doubts that the issue would be approved.

This school district has just voted a big bond issue for a new high school. Marion County will need to continue an extra levy to get funds for finishing the courthouse. These projects have right of way. To pile another layer of city bonds for auditorium purposes would not be welcomed by taxpayers at the present time. Our advice is to keep the auditorium idea in cold storage for a few years until we can digest some of the other burdens which have been assumed and which are of prime urgency.

## He's Dead Wrong

Oregon quite frequently loses Crater Lake to California and Mt. Hood to Washington, when the pundits and promoters get over-enthusiastic and careless. And many's the howl that has gone up about it. But in Oregon's case, the situation can't be too serious because Crater Lake and Mt. Hood are where they are and that's that.

In Iowa, however, the situation's different. And we'll hold our ears while the Midwestern

## Exiled Leaders of 'Captive' Nations Secretly Hope for Western Armies to Liberate Homes

By J. M. ROBERTS JR., Associated Press News Analyst

What exiled leaders from Middle Europe don't say but really want is for Western armies to liberate their countries. They are in favor of pay-pv shrdunuu o h o l o g e t.

This leaves the field open for adjustment to the course of events, as candidate Eisenhower did before the American Legion Convention when he promised continuing support but no specific action for liberation. Dulles has since explained that he and Eisenhower are not talking about fomenting armed revolt.

The reason Dulles and Eisenhower are pushing the subject at this time, of course, is an effort to convince the American voters that the stalemate in Korea extends to American policy everywhere, and that containment is stalemate.

The administration has always represented it as an interim policy, designed to prevent further Russian aggression pending the attainment of a balance of power through which pressure can be applied directly on Russian policy itself.

There is a tendency, however, among the exiles to accept containment as stalemate insofar as their countries are concerned. Even though they advocate no outbreaks at home now.

They want people to be conditioned to the idea of active liberation when the time does

come that the Allies have the military strength to put hell behind their representations to Russia. In the meantime, even the political talks does not mean that there is or going to be any immediate effort to incite revolts in the satellites. Right now such moves would run both the risk of war, which everyone is trying to put off or avoid, as well as of failure.

As President Truman says, it might make the Kremlin trigger-happy.

state settles with the United Press writer who waxed too poetical in telling about "the little country girl from Kansas, out where the corn grows tall."

The story pertained to Errol Flynn's wife and is of no particular moment in itself. But that comment about corn — well, who hasn't heard that song, "I-o-way, lo-way, That's where the tall corn grows?"

We aren't here to say the corn grows taller in Iowa than Kansas. In fact, we're not looking for trouble at all. But when the yell goes up from Iowa, we're not going to have too much sympathy with the UP writer. He should know better than to try to steal a state song's thunder. We won't tolerate anyone's pirating "My Oregon." So we'll go along with Iowa in this controversy and hope the guy who did the pirating will drown in the same remorse we are saving for those who try to steal our geographical wonders.

## Two More Days

A consensus of opinion, as reflected by comments from exhibitors, local residents and visitors from out-of-town, seems to be that the 1952 Oregon State Fair is one of the cleanest, most complete, most orderly and most enjoyable events on record.

The fair is in the wind-up stage now. Today and tomorrow will bring fins. And from all appearances, in attendance and "take," it will be classed as successful. Those who have not seen it certainly will want to do so before the gates clang shut Saturday night.

The Alsops in their column discount the striking power of the B-36 bombers in strategic warfare against Russia. New weapons make them more vulnerable. The San Francisco Chronicle, however, had the right idea on the B-36. It was "term insurance." As such it has paid off; at least knowledge that we had such a long-range bomber may have deterred Russia from precipitating war with the West.

A Nevada newspaper man surprised politics by defeating Sen. Pat McCarran's man in the race for Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. The McCarran machine took a beating, which shows Nevada has some political vitality left.

A Harvard psychologist says the results of a study of Russian humor have been placed on the "classified" list and cannot be made public. From the pictured countenances we have seen of the Politburo, we question whether there were any results at all.

James Mullally, former attorney in the justice department, denies it was wrong to accept \$750 from a firm which won dismissal of a criminal complaint, but says "I wouldn't do it again." If ever there is a Washington house-cleaning, he or his ilk won't get a chance.

St. Paul delays school opening two days so pupils can continue work in the hop fields, and Aumsville ditto because a school building is not finished. Hops and unfinished school buildings now can be the topics for the 1952-53 school year eulogies.

The National Farmers Union is building an office building in Denver which will be proof against atomic bombing, save a direct hit. We'd say, however, that its best protection is not the type of construction but its location in Denver.

President Truman accuses the GOP of slinging mud. Why, Harry, what's that on YOUR hands?

Ten years too late — they've found nickel in Curry County. Better make it dimes in these days.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "You can do like I do if you wish, and inside of a month you'll find it doesn't mean anything."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "distract"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Eugenics, eucalyptus, eucure, eulogise.  
4. What does the word "quell" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with bu that means "a pirate"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "You can do as I do, if you wish, and within a month you'll find it doesn't mean anything." 2. Pronounce distract, accent second syllable, and it is silent. 3. Eulogize. 4. To calm; to still. The militia was called to quell the riot." 5. Buccaneer.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Comrade wife is so busy informing on neighbors she is having no time to cook... is what comes of marrying a career woman..."

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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plants are started immediately. Power deficits under minimum water flow conditions will range from 600,000 kw in 1952 to over 2.5 million kw in 1960-61 even with the completion of the present federal projects.

Pacific Power and Light is building another dam on Lewis River in Washington, but Portland General Electric is stymied by state objection to its two projects on the Deschutes River. Idaho Power is taking care of its own territory but it is deadlocked with the Reclamation bureau over plant construction in Snake River Canyon.

Another deadlock occurs in steam plant construction which should be pushed to provide reserve generating capacity against just such periods of low water as we have now. Private companies are unwilling to build steam plants because of the higher unit cost of the energy they produce. Congress withholds authorization and money for federal steam plants in the Northwest.

Our reverence for low electric rates made possible by hydroelectric generation prevents erection of steam plants to supplement the hydro plants. Some way should be found to break this binding circle and furnish the balance with any large system needs of hydro and steam.

In spite of the fact that the power potential of the Northwest is the greatest in the country, the Northwest has suffered more from threat or reality of power shortage than other parts of the country. Private utilities elsewhere have done a better job of anticipating power needs than the federal government has out in the Northwest. It just hasn't kept ahead of demand. In part, this is due to local dissension; in part to reluctance of Congress to pour into the region the funds needed for large scale development. So the Northwest falls between the stools of federal tardiness and private utility unwillingness to make the major plant investments.

I feel that we must plan to develop our generating capacity to the maximum. This means steady work on hydroelectric plants. It means building a federal dam in Hells Canyon if that will produce more power at a practical cost than the low-level dams the private company wants to build. It means clearing the way for harnessing the Deschutes. It means building steam plants to carry peak loads. We should continue to treat the Northwest as a pool without discrimination between public and private utility systems.

Will the Northwest and Congress go ahead on such a program? Or will local factionalism and conflict of interest and congressional unfriendliness and private utility fear serve to retard expansion of generating capacity and thus hamstring Northwest development?

## Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sundeen

Bleeding from rectum is one of the most common complaints with which the physician has to deal. The average person usually thinks such bleeding is due to hemorrhoids or piles, and pays little attention to it. Contrary to this belief, bleeding from the rectum may be due to many other causes besides hemorrhoids. A bleeding stomach or a duodenal ulcer may be the cause of bright red blood from the rectum. The use of the new antibiotics, streptomycin, chloramphenicol, and tetracycline may also cause bleeding.

If a person has hemorrhoids, the blood seen is usually bright red and, in most cases, no pain accompanies the bleeding. Sometimes bleeding is due to a rectal fissure, which is a crack in the rectal membranes. In this case, pain generally follows the bowel movements and lasts a long time. Blood is usually found on the toilet tissues.

Small growths in the rectum known as polyps can cause bleeding, but generally there is also much mucus with the blood. When pus is mixed with the blood, it is usually due to inflammation of the colon (colitis), or perhaps to amebic dysentery. Of course, there is always the possibility that a cancer or tumor of the bowel is the cause of



WATER TIGHT — This portable 4,750-gallon aluminum-plastic swimming pool, 48 feet in circumference and five feet high, was built by Pat Petrie of North Hollywood, Cal.

## Dr. McCulloch Retained by Forest Group

Dr. W. F. McCulloch, dean of Forestry at Oregon State College, was retained as chairman of the advisory board, Salem forest district of the U. S. Bureau of Land Management, at a meeting in Salem Wednesday. Clay Cochran, manager of Salem Chamber of Commerce, was elected vice chairman.

District Forester Rodney O. Fety said the board reviewed progress under the 1952 timber sale plan and studied parts of the 1953 proposed plan. It recommended inclusion of six additional sales this year, for bug-infested, fire-killed and salvage timber.

Other members of the newly appointed board for 1952-53 are Linn County Judge E. G. Arnold, Clackamas County Judge Wallace R. Telford, Joe Crabane, O. K. DeWitt, Robert F. Dwyer, Eddie Ahrens, Jodie Eggers, Roy Gibson, Frank Hoyt, Gene D. Knudson and E. A. Linden. They represent the interests of timber owners, loggers, mill operators, agriculture, recreation, labor and the public.

## Union Activity Told to Lions

The clothing workers union of the CIO has developed apartment housing projects and insurance programs for its 375,000 members, Salem Lions Club was told Thursday in a luncheon talk by Jesse Bell, Oregon executive of the union.

Bell emphasized that social and cultural projects of the modern day union are as important a part in the union movement as bargaining over working conditions and organizing for political action.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE RISE OF SIMON LACHAUME, by Maurice Druon, translated from French by Edward Fitzgerald (Dutton; \$3.50).

There's a Zeppelin overhead, and relatives are trying to pretend they are not scared but farewell for the moment to Jacqueline, who's just had her second child in the maternity clinic, and walk off as slowly as they dare toward underground shelter.

At this bedside have been gathered representatives of two big families, Schouder, with money, and de La Monnerie, with blood, who inadvertently make possible the career of Simon Lachaume. Old Siegfried Schouder founded the family fortunes; his son Baron Noel runs them, the bank, newspaper and factory; his grandson Francois is off at the front, Jacqueline, Francois' wife, as the daughter of Jean de La Monnerie, poet and member of the Academy.

Noel's wife is the former wife of Lucien Maubian, who starts off richer than all the others. There are also a diplomat and a soldier and, outside the immediate families, politician, nightclub singer, servant, mistresses and so on.

Simon has two encumbrances: Peasant parents, dowdy wife. He leaves his parents in the country, parks his wife at home, and with de La Monnerie as one crutch and Schouder as the other hurries in search of fame and fortune. A humble high school teacher, he has nevertheless been writing his thesis on Jean, the poet. That introduces him to Isabella, Jean's niece; Lartois, his doctor; Mme. Eterlin, his mistress; Rousseau, of the ministry; Baron Noel, newspaper magnate. He bounces from ballroom to bureau to bed to success; if he can't be charged with outright dishonesty or with ignoble scheming, at least he can be credited with knowing better than most people which side his bread is buttered on.

Winner of the Prix Goncourt, Druon is made available to American readers for the first time in this novel. You'll enjoy this stocky, substantial story, these forceful characters, this sound writing.

## Lecturer Wilsonville Bridge Steel Bids Sought



Sydney R. Montague, lecturer, adventurer and former Royal Canadian Mounted Police member, will appear in Salem, Sept. 25 as speaker for a Salem Kiwanis and Fork Club dinner in the Marion Hotel. He will be the club's first speaker of the season.

Bids on structural steel for the new Wilsonville bridge will be opened at the Sept. 22-23 meeting of the State Highway Commission, it was announced Thursday by the commission. The bridge will replace the Wilsonville ferry on the new Hubbard-West Portland cutoff highway. At last month's meeting, the highway commission awarded contract to Guy F. Atkinson, Portland, for piers, approaches and steel decking for the bridge. His bid was \$1,112,370. Other September bidding in connection with the Wilsonville route will be on grading and paving 2.11 miles of the new four-lane road near the Marion County line.

## Stocks Decline Slightly; Rails Mostly Down

NEW YORK (AP) — A meager decline was registered Thursday by a stock market that gave ground grudgingly.

Trading volume was boosted considerably by the movement of a larger number of sizable blocks of stocks, but trade was brisk none the less.

Railroads were generally lower with only a few plus signs among leaders. Steels and motors were narrowly mixed. Many coppers and chemicals were definite lower. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks lost 10 cents at \$108.70. The industrial component was down 10 cents and railroads were down 20 cents while utilities remained unchanged.

## \$10,000 Prize Goes To Medford Housewife

MEDFORD — The \$10,000 cash first prize in a 27-state contest sponsored by the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Sales Company was awarded here to Mrs. Joe O. Killingsworth of Medford, mother of three children, for her 25-word essay on Snowdrift. Ten second-prize washing machines went to winners in California, Colorado, Washington, Alabama and Tennessee.

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